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SPRING MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 27 - May 4, 1948

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## SPRING MEETING

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## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D.C., April 27, 1948, 10 A.M.

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The Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee was held in Takoma Park, April 27 to May 4, 1948, the sessions being held in the Theological Seminary Chapel.

## MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

J L McElhany, L K Dickson, J J Nethery, W B Ochs, A V Olson, N C Wilson, E D Dick, W P Bradley, A W Cormack, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, W E Nelson, W H Williams, Roger Altman, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, E J Johanson, W A Spicer, M L Andreasen, H M Blunden, L H Christian, Frederick Griggs, W K Ising, M E Kern, Meade MacGuire, W E Read, Claude Conard, W E Phillips, H W Barrows, H P Bloum, W A Scharffenberg, E E Cossentine, L R Rasmussen, K J Reynolds, L Halswick, E J Lorntz, H F Brown, W A Butler, Dr T R Flaiz, Miss Lois Burnett, Miss Winifred McCormack, G A Roberts, L E Froom, M K Eckenroth, Miss Louise Kleuser, G E Vandeman, G E Peters, W P Elliott, G A Huse, D A McAdams, Paul Wickman, H H Votaw, C S Longacre, F H Yost, J A Stevens, E B Hare, H W Lowe, D E Rebok, E W Dunbar, T E Lucas, L A Skinner, M L Rice, H L Rudy, M V Campbell, D A Ochs, L E Lenheim, J D Smith, C A Scriven, C L Bauer, V G Anderson, E F Hackman, W E Murray, E E Andross, G W Bowers, J R Ferren, C B Haynes, J J Ireland, G Eric Jones, Dr W E Macpherson, H C Kephart, H A Morrison, F D Nichol, Dr C E Parrish, Dr E A Sutherland, F H Robbins, M C Taft, W H Teesdale.

J.C.Kozel represented the Southwestern Union in the absence of J.W.Turner, whose condition of health prevented his attending.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Among others present were the following: H M S Richards, W E Atkin, E R Walde, C L Torrey, H J Shaw, A W Johnson, A C Nelson, I J Woodman, H O Olson, Dr J W McFarland, M R Thurber, J D Snider, Miss Lora Clement, L W Graham, J L Shuler, J A Buckwalter, Charles Keymer, D E Robinson, W A Benjamin, W A Nelson, G S Rapp, Dr C W Heald, H E Schneider, C V Anderson, R H Nightingale, C V Leach, Dr H N Mozar, J H Nies, and Seminary teachers and students in attendance at the Seminary.

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"Let Every Lamp Be Burning Bright" was sung to open the first meeting, at 10 A.M., Tuesday, April 27, and prayer was offered by H.M.S.Richards.

Elder W.A.Spicer led in a short devotional service, stressing the certainty of the soon coming of the Lord. He took as the keynote of his talk the next to the last verse in the Bible, in which John the Revelator says, "He which testifieth of these things, saith, Surely I come quickly," and then the response of the church, "Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

"I wonder what would happen," said Elder Spicer, "if half a million Seventh-day Adventists prayed earnestly every day for the Lord Jesus to come." "I believe no man can pray earnestly," he said, "with sincere desire in his heart for the coming of the Lord Jesus, without realizing anew each day the necessity of being ready for Him when He comes.

"We are in danger in our thinking," he continued, of putting off the coming of the Lord, of setting up mileposts that must be passed before He can come. We think of the great work yet to be done, of the unentered fields, of the need of workers and money, forgetting that the Lord has said that He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. However, the knowledge that God is the one who will finish the work does not release us from the responsibility of doing our part. It was when the disciples gave to Jesus all the material resources they had at hand that He blessed the loaves and fishes and fed the multitude. So we are to go, and to give, and to preach. Then the Lord has promised that He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and He will reach every honest soul. The Lord who made the world in six days can reach the whole world with the warning message in six days if that should be necessary. We are reminded again and again that the end will come suddenly, and that there is danger of our being surprised. We are not to be so busy about the work of the Lord that we have neglected to keep our hearts in readiness to meet Him when He comes. Our attitude constantly should be, Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

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#### DAILY PROGRAM:

Taking up the business of the forenoon, the following Daily Program was adopted:

Devotional	9:00 -- 9:30 A.M.
Session	9:30 -- 12:30
Committee Work	1:30 -- 3:00 P.M.
Session	3:00 -- 5:00
Session	7:30 -- 9:00

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## MEMORIAL FROM AUSTRALASIAN UNION COMMITTEE:

Elders McElhany, Dick and Blunden reported on their visit to Australia, and concerning their study with the brethren there of the problems in their field. They told of the large work being carried forward in evangelistic, institutional and health food lines and in their mission program. The Australian Union was the first union conference organized in our system of organization. Now the work has outgrown that union organization.

At the 1945 Autumn Council a plan was suggested for the organization of this territory, with the inclusion of certain portions of the Far Eastern Division, into a Southern Pacific Division. When this came to be studied more in detail, it was found impractical to put it into effect because of certain legal aspects of the change. After further study during the visit of the General Conference representatives in Australia, of the conditions and the legal aspects of the situation, the following Memorial was drawn up for presentation to the General Conference:

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTISTS RE THE PROPOSED AUSTRALASIAN INTER-  
UNION CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, The political situation in the world and particularly in Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies makes it impossible at this time to add additional territory to this field; and

WHEREAS, Unforeseen legal difficulties prevent the formation of the division as originally planned; and

WHEREAS, After discussion with the General Conference representatives present we are satisfied that it will be advantageous for the growth and development of the work in the territory at present comprising the Australasian Union Conference to organize this field as an Inter-Union Conference and thus bring the Australasian Field into closer relationship with the General Conference; be it therefore

Resolved, 1. That we request the General Conference at the forthcoming 1948 Spring Council,

(a) To approve of a plan for the development of the present Australasian Union Conference to be known as the Australasian Inter-Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

(b) To approve of the proposed constitution of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference which is hereto attached.

2. That the territory of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference be comprised of the present territory of the Australasian Union Conference.

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3. That this territory be divided into the following Union Conferences, Union Missions, and unattached missions:

(a) The Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference comprised of the West Australian, South Australian, Victorian, Tasmanian and South New South Wales Conferences.

(b) The Trans-Tasman Union Conference comprised of the North New Zealand, South New Zealand, Greater Sydney, North New South Wales and Queensland Conferences, the North Queensland Mission, Northern Territory, Norfolk Island, and Lord Howe Island.

(c) The Coral Sea Union Mission comprised of the Papua-Northeast New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and Solomon Island Missions.

(d) The Central Pacific Union Mission comprised of the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Tonga, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Fiji, Cook Islands and Samoan Missions.

(e) Unattached missions comprised of the Society Islands Missions and Pitcairn Island.

4. That the Australasian Conference Association Limited continue as the Trustee and Holding body of the denomination in the Australasian Inter-Union Conference; and

Further, That in order for the Australasian Conference Association Limited to function as the Trustee of all organizations within the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, it be an organization of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, acting as Trustee in the temporalities of the Cause in this section of the field.

5. That the Australasian Missionary College, Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Signs Publishing Company, the Voice of Prophecy, and the Advent Correspondence School be operated by the Australasian Inter-Union Conference. All other institutions (except those operated by the A.C.A. Ltd.) shall be operated by the respective Unions in which they are located.

6. That we suggest to the General Conference that this Inter-Union Conference organization take effect as from January 1, 1949.

Should it meet the mind of the General Conference to grant the requests outlined in this memorial, we would further request the General Conference to appoint two of their officers to visit Australia and attend the special session of the Australasian Union Conference to be held in August when this matter



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is to be placed before the constituency, and further, if it be possible that two of those who have been working with this Committee be the delegation.

[Signed] W.G. Turner  
President

[Signed] Reuben E. Hare  
Secretary

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VOTED, That we hereby receive the Memorial from the Australasian Union Conference Committee, and that we approve of the general plan submitted for the reorganization of their field, referring the matter to the coming Autumn Council for final action, as provided by the recommendation of the 1946 General Conference session.

VOTED, further, that in bringing this important matter to a satisfactory conclusion, the General Conference Minority Committee be authorized to make such adjustments or changes in the submitted copy of a Constitution (which was approved by the Australasian Union Conference Committee in counsel with the General Conference visiting representatives) as may be mutually agreed upon by the General Conference Committee and the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference.

Adjourned to 2 P.M., with the closing prayer by E.E. Andross.

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

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## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 27, 1948, 2:00 P.M.

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After the opening song for the second session of the Spring Meeting, prayer was offered by M.L. Andreasen.

#### TEMPERANCE JOURNAL:

At the 1947 Autumn Council authorization was given for the launching by the American Temperance Society of a Temperance Journal, to be published by the Pacific Press. During the intervening months and while arrangements have been going forward for the publication of the journal, considerable study has been

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given to the question of a name. At a meeting of the General Conference Committee in March, The Challenge was suggested as a name. On later consideration it was deemed inadvisable to adopt this name, and the matter was referred to this Spring Meeting.

After a full discussion in connection with various suggestions submitted, it was

VOTED, That the name of the Temperance Journal be Listen with "A Journal on Better Living" as a sub-title.

MESSAGE TO J.W.TURNER:

The Secretary referred to the fact that Elder J.W.Turner, president of the Southwestern Union, has been ill and not yet sufficiently recovered to be with us. It was

VOTED, To send a message of greeting from this Spring Meeting to Elder J.W.Turner.

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The Chairman stated that a number of items of Committee routine business needed to be brought on at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

VOTED, To approve the minutes of meetings of the Committee held April 19 and 22.

W.P.ELLIOTT--RELEASED FROM OVERSEAS TRIP:

VOTED, That because of his condition of health, W.P. Elliott be released from the assignment to visit the West African Union and the Southern African Division this summer.

H.T.TERRY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with his request, and on recommendation of the Southern Asia Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of H.T.Terry from India.

PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

Request was received from the Far Eastern Division that the Philippine Union College, which has been operating as a senior college, be permitted to offer some classes above the senior college level. A small committee had been appointed by the officers to give study to this request. This committee submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

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We recommend, 1. That provisional authorization be granted for the Philippine Union College to offer in the summer session of 1948 a limited number of advanced courses in education and religion to students who have already received the bachelor's degree; it being understood --

a. That this will not add to the teaching staff or otherwise increase the financial burden of the college.

b. That this permission is not to be construed as authorization to formulate courses leading to a graduate degree or to set up a graduate program.

2. That before consideration is given to the offering of further advanced courses in the future, a complete outline of the teaching schedule of the college be submitted for study by the General Conference, showing the teaching load of all members of the faculty, size of classes (Filipino and foreign), together with assigned extra-curricular activities both during the regular school year and during the summer session.

3. That the college provide a statement of the annual operating subsidy granted to the college through the Philippine Union Mission, including --

a. Support of the foreign staff.

b. Additional general operating subsidy.

IVAGENE ELLISTON--SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Ivagene Elliston to connect with the Southern New England Conference as a church school teacher.

P.D.GERRARD--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union the call from the Central Union for P.D.Gerrard to connect with that union as Publishing Department Secretary.

B.M.HEALD--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the College of Medical Evangelists for B.M.Heald to connect with the College to assist in the fund-raising campaign.

C.M.GRUESBECK--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Lake Union for C.M.Gruesbeck to

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connect with the Michigan Conference as principal of a three-teacher school.

BERTEL BOER--MADISON COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call for Bertel Boer, of Forest Lake Academy, to connect with Madison College.

CARL THOMPSON--HAWAII:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Carl Thompson to connect with the Hawaiian Mission as a colporteur.

PAUL EVERS--ASHEVILLE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL:

VOTED, To pass on to Paul Evers, returning from Haiti, the call to connect with the Asheville Agricultural School as dean of boys.

R.G. CAMPBELL--SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union the call from the Southwestern Union for R.G. Campbell to connect with that union as Publishing Department Secretary.

MILDRED SUMMERTON--UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Mildred Summerton, of Bethel Academy, to connect with Union Springs Academy as dean of women and to teach French.

LOUISE LARMAN--UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Louise Larmann, of Bethel Academy, to connect with Union Springs Academy as head of the Music Department.

MILDRED OSTOICH--CHINA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference the request from the China Division for the services of Miss Mildred Ostoich, to assist in the summer school of the China Training Institute in the summer of 1948.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

L.A. Skinner, Union College and Platte Valley Academy the week end of May 15.

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M.E.Kern, Union College in connection with trip to Northern Union camp meetings.

L.K.Dickson to assist in Health Evangelism course at the College of Medical Evangelists in August.

L.R.Rasmussen, Northern Union Conference, early May.

H.P.Bloum, Southwestern Junior College, ten days in May, exact time to be arranged.

G.Eric Jones, Missionary Volunteer Program Topic committee meeting in Washington, D.C., May 10-12.

#### PACIFIC UNION--OFFICE BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union for approval of the erection of a union office building on the lot they have purchased in Glendale, at a bid cost of \$115,137, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the office building for the Pacific Union, as proposed.

#### NEVADA-UTAH CONFERENCE:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Nevada-Utah Conference for approval of the erection of an office building for the conference, in Reno, at an estimated cost of \$23,000. The necessary funds are in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed office building for the Nevada-Utah Conference.

#### FORT SMITH CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Southwestern Union on behalf of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the Fort Smith church in Arkansas, at an estimated cost of \$17,750, which is provided for by \$13,750 in cash and \$4,000 in pledges. Assurance is given that they will proceed only as these pledges are paid.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church building for the church at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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Consideration was resumed of items on the Spring Meeting Agenda.

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## DENOMINATIONAL BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

Question has arisen relative to the interpretation of the action of the 1947 Autumn Council, which provides that in carrying out the plan for the placing of denominational books in public libraries, the expense shall be shared equally by the publishing houses, the General Conference, and the union and local conferences. The question is as to whether the one fourth of the expense is to be borne by the publishing houses and the union and local conferences as the books are delivered in their respective territories, or one fourth of the total expense each year regardless of where the books are placed.

VOTED, That we interpret the language of the action as meaning that the total expense each year is to be divided equally between the four organizations.

## CAMP MEETING PLANS:

Recommendations from a Committee on Camp Meeting Work were submitted, and adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to make suggestions for camp meeting work in the North American Division submit the following report:

We recommend, 1. That in an endeavor to make camp meetings a great spiritual uplift to our members, the General Conference staff members attending the camp meetings be hereby counseled to give principal importance to presenting messages of general interest, suggesting that matters related to promotion features for which the worker may be responsible be given secondary emphasis.

2. That members of the General Conference staff follow the requests of the Union Conference President as to the length of time to be spent at each camp meeting.

3. That we encourage union and local conference presidents to regard the General Conference men who attend their camp meetings as primarily burdened to carry along with union and local workers responsibility for the general spiritual needs of our believers, and assign responsibilities of this nature to them

4. That representatives of publishing houses, sanitariums and schools be encouraged to make spiritual work for the people primary in their endeavors, cooperating in every appropriate way with the general work of the camp meetings.

## CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

Inasmuch as a question has arisen regarding credentials and licenses of workers transferred from General Conference

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employ, and of workers placed on Sustentation and receiving credentials from other sources, it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to give study to the questions raised, and report.

Committee appointed: A.W.Cormack, L.K.Dickson, Claude Conard, E.F.Hackman, C.L.Bauer, W.A.Butler, H.L.Rudy,

#### MOVING ALLOWANCE POLICY:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to give study to the present Moving Allowance Policy of the General Conference.

Committee appointed: W.H.Williams, J.J.Nethery, H.H.Cobban, D.A.Ochs, C.A.Scriven, W.E.Nelson, L.R.Rasmussen.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., L.H.Christian offering the closing prayer.

J.L.McElhany,  
A.V.Olson, Chairmen.

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

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#### TWO HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 27, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

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The third session of the Spring Meeting, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 27, was opened with song, followed by prayer by C.B.Haynes.

#### SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES--FUNERAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That the funeral expense allowance for Sustentation beneficiaries be raised from \$175 to \$250.

#### COLORED WORK IN THE STATE OF IOWA:

Request was presented from the colored believers in the Iowa Conference, which is in the Northern Union, to be allowed to unite with the Central States Mission, which is a part of the Central Union, thus transferring the colored work in the State of Iowa from the Northern to the Central Union Conference.

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VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to give study to any problems that might be involved in making such a transfer.

Committee appointed: N.C.Wilson, M.V.Campbell, J.D.Smith, G.E.Peters, C.A.Scriven, H.T.Elliott, J.C.Kozel, W.P.Bradley, H.H.Cobban.

#### SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR SELF-SUPPORTING ENTERPRISES:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to nominate the personnel of a committee to give consideration to the question of the solicitation of funds for self-supporting enterprises.

#### PROMOTION OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER:

VOTED, That the officers be asked to nominate a committee to plan with the field for the promotion, through articles in our papers and by other appropriate means, of the significance and importance of the coming Week of Prayer, looking forward to bringing to our people a great spiritual uplift through the services of the week.

Adjourned to 9:30 Wednesday morning, with the closing prayer by M.L.Rice.

J.J.Nethery, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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#### TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

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"I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung to open the devotional service at the beginning of the fourth session of the Spring Meeting, and prayer was offered by G.E.Vandeman.

Elder L.K.Dickson spoke on the Christian's resources as recounted by Peter in his Second Epistle: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity." "If these things be in you," said Peter "they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful." He also tells us how we can check out on our bank account,--



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through God's "exceeding great and precious promises." By these we are made partakers of power and glory and virtue, the highest characteristics of the divine nature. Peter is really telling us that whatever we need for victory, for triumph in the Christian life, and for the service of God, is ours by way of the promise.

"It is the glory of God to give His virtue to His children. He desires to see men and women reaching the highest standard; and when by faith they lay hold of the power of Christ, when they plead His unfailing promises, and claim them as their own, when with an importunity that will not be denied they seek for the power of the Holy Spirit, they will be made complete in Him."  
--Acts of the Apostles, p. 530.

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Following prayer by Meade MacGuire, the Council proceeded with the consideration of business items.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statements of the General Conference, the General Conference Corporation, and the General Conference Association for the year ending December 31, 1947, together with auditor's statement for each organization, and a statement concerning the North American Corporation, and these were by vote accepted, as follows:

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1947

ASSETS

Current		
Cash and Banks	2 234 733 59	
Security Investments	9 581 017 50	
Accounts Receivable	1 637 675 61	
Purchasing Department		
Working Capital incl. Invest.	256 849 84	
Accrued Interest on Securities	20 505 43	
Supplies and Prepaid items	<u>147 024 32</u>	
Total Current Assets		13 877 806 29

LIABILITIES

Current		
Accounts Payable	262 364 22	
Trust Funds	<u>2 086 154 21</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2 348 518 43</u>
Net Worth December 31, 1947		<u><u>11 529 287 86</u></u>

ANALYSIS OF NET WORTH

Restricted Reserve Funds:			
Rehabilitation Funds for Foreign			
Missions	4 794 813 84		
Foreign Exchange Reserve	182 605 47		
Home-Foreign Bureau	10 652 80		
Securities Contingency Fund	115 461 91		
Reserves assigned for 1948			
Special Appropriations	<u>2 044 340 00</u>		
		7 147 874 02	
Authorized Capital			
Operating Capital (20% of 1947			
Appropriations)	2 703 337 37		
Capital Reserve	<u>1 678 076 47</u>		
Total Capital on Hand		<u>4 381 413 84</u>	
Total Net Worth, December 31, 1947			<u><u>11 529 287 86</u></u>
Full Authorized Capital			
(40% of 1947 Appropriations)	5 406 674 75		
Authorized Capital on Hand	<u>4 381 413 84</u>		
Shortage of Authorized			
Operating Reserves, Dec. 31, 1947	<u><u>1 025 260 91</u></u>		

(See next page for further detail of Net Worth)

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1947

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

Operating Surplus, January 1, 1947		4 778 646 55
Add: Reserves set aside for 1947 Special Appropriations Returned to Operating Surplus	2 048 500 00	
Transfer from Security Reserve to cover:		
1947 Depreciation of Securities	197 177 50	
Less: 1947 Security Earnings in Excess of 2%	<u>74 377 57</u>	122 799 93
Transfer from Sustentation Surplus	600 000 00	
Transfer from Exchange Reserve	<u>300 000 00</u>	<u>3 071 299 93</u>
		7 849 946 48
Less: Transfer to Rehabilitation Reserve for Foreign Missions	441 682 57	
Operating Loss, 1947	982 510 07	
Transfer from Surplus to a Special Reserve the amount authorized by the Autumn Council to cover 1948 Special Appropriations	<u>2 044 340 00</u>	<u>3 468 532 64</u>
Leaving Operating Surplus, December 31, 1947		4 381 413 84
Reserves:		
On Hand, January 1, 1947	8 451 211 01	
Decrease during 1947	<u>1 303 336 99</u>	
Total Reserves, December 31, 1947		<u>7 147 874 02</u>
Total Net Worth		<u>11 529 287 86</u>

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## OPERATING STATEMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1947

INCOMETITHENorth America

Union Conferences	173 057 36	
Per Cent of Tithe Regular	3 350 414 31	
Per Cent of Tithe Special	1 642 415 68	
Miscellaneous Tithe	<u>15 943 99</u>	5 181 831 34

Foreign Tithe

10% European Union Tithe	4 239 06	
25% European Local Conf.	16 716 85	
Tithe from Other Divisions	<u>48 549 73</u>	<u>69 505 64</u>

Total Tithe Receipts

5 251 336 98

MISSION OFFERINGSNorth America

Sixty-cent-a-week Funds	6 550 882 31	
Missions Miscellaneous	15 782 57	
Specific Mission Offerings	24 052 96	
General Conference Session	<u>16 950 00</u>	6 607 667 84

Foreign

Europe 25% Non-Revertible	67 740 30	
Other Divisions Non-Revertible	728 728 77	
Revertible Mission Funds	<u>1 405 324 78</u>	<u>2 201 793 85</u>

Total Mission Offerings

8 809 461 69

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Denominational History	1 500 80
Department of Purchase & Supply	363 82
Funds Returned & Reclaimed	1 826 13
Interest & Dividends	270 144 89
Journal of True Education	622 59
Royalties	23 571 08
Securities Sales Gains	15 862 94
Welfare Films & Film Rentals	<u>1 079 06</u>

Total Miscellaneous Income

312 971 31

Total General Conference Income Year 1947

14 373 769 98

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## OPERATING STATEMENT -- Continued

Year Ending December 31, 1947

EXPENSESAPPROPRIATIONS

## Foreign:

Regular	5 697 017 43
Reverted Funds	1 405 324 78
Special-Autumn Council	1 208 436 41
Emergency	190 177 53
Specific Mission Funds	24 052 96
Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow	132 362 93
Special Sick Relief	20 970 64
Appointees' Expense	4 879 11
Spring in Tithe & Offerings	114 027 93
Missions Advance	4 381 14
Mission Appointees-Allow.on Debt	1 426 47
Contingency-Workers	6 555 92
Contingency-General	47 563 25

Total Foreign Appropriations

8 857 176 50

## Home:

Regular	575 430 00
Reverted Funds - Hawaii etc.	62 163 10
Reverted Funds - Non-Tithe	1 642 415 68
Special Appropriations	834 095 32
Emergency Appropriations	69 879 55
Institutional Relief Comeback	913 425 95
Camp Pastors	3 203 97
Madison College	500 00
Bible Societies	6 250 00
Miscellaneous Travel	8 339 74
Appropriation to Sustent. Fund	70 323 27
Appropriation to P.R.W. Fund	49 642 71
Ingathering Overflow	914 668 64
Special Sick Benefit	10 361 87
Contingency - Workers	10 033 15
Contingency - General	32 692 00
General Conference Session 1950	5 000 00
Spring in Tithe & Offerings	1 250 93

Total Home Appropriations

5 209 675 88

Total Appropriations Year 1947

14 066 852 38

## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## OPERATING STATEMENT -- Continued

## EXPENSES (Continued)

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSEAdministrative & Departmental

Salaries	406 921 47	
Rent Subsidy	42 308 94	
Ministers' Quarters	15 195 29	
Travel	252 533 94	
Office Expenses	71 937 50	
Total Administrative & Depart. Expense		788 897 14

Regular Operating Expense

Blue Cross Insurance	894 38	
Cables and Telegrams	4 782 80	
Employees' Medical Examinations	716 71	
Entertainment	5 703 28	
General Expense	5 207 61	
Ingathering Promotion Expense	164 240 87	
Insurance	2 001 43	
Ministry Magazine, Net Loss	2 488 82	
Missions Promotion Expense	14 353 20	
Rent, Heat and Light	15 643 61	
Retired Laborers	10 947 26	
Transportation Agencies	42 141 41	
Year Book	580 67	
Total Regular Operating Expense		269 702 05

Miscellaneous Operating Expense

Advent Source Expense	500 00	
Autumn & Spring Council Expense	5 265 55	
Bad Debts Provision-E.J. Urquhart	350 00	
Bible Readings Campaign	3 644 01	
Cafeteria Loss, 55%	1 748 61	
Calendar Revision	617 00	
Council on Industrial Relations	49 19	
Defense Literature Commission	10 50	
Home Study Institute Expense	2 267 58	
The Informant	1 004 50	
Mohawk Hotel Expense	1 067 00	
Religious News Service	337 35	
Security Values, 1947 Reduction	197 177 50	
Unassigned Workers	15 414 91	
Youth's Congress Expense	1 374 78	
Total Miscellaneous Operating Expense		230 828 48

Total General Operating Expense

1 289 427 67

Total Expense - Year 1947

15 356 280 05

Total Expenses for year 1947

15 356 280 05

Less: Total Income Year 1947

14 373 769 98Decrease Transferred to Operating  
Surplus982 510 07

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENT

Years 1946 &amp; 1947

	Year <u>1946</u>	Year <u>1947</u>	1947 Increase or <u>Decrease*</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
<u>Tithe</u>			
Home Field	3 387 627 67	3 539 415 66	151 787 99
Foreign Fields	<u>119 088 47</u>	<u>69 505 64</u>	<u>49 582 83*</u>
Total Tithe Receipts	3 506 716 14	3 608 921 30	102 205 16
<u>Mission Offerings</u>			
Home Fields	6 789 270 67	6 607 667 84	181 602 83*
Foreign Fields	<u>2 636 687 16</u>	<u>2 201 793 85</u>	<u>434 893 31*</u>
Total Mission Offerings	9 425 957 83	8 809 461 69	616 496 14*
Miscellaneous Income	<u>489 078 32</u>	<u>312 971 31</u>	<u>176 107 01*</u>
Total Income	13 421 752 29	12 731 354 30	690 397 99*
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Appropriations</u>			
Foreign	8 069 464 54	8 857 176 50	787 711 96
Home Field	<u>3 626 464 19</u>	<u>3 567 260 20</u>	<u>59 203 99*</u>
Total Appropriations	11 695 928 73	12 424 436 70	728 507 97
<u>General Operating Expense</u>			
Administrative & Departmental	544 641 94	788 897 14	244 255 20
Regular Operating Expense	217 174 00	269 702 05	52 528 05
Miscel. Operating Expense	<u>122 392 57</u>	<u>230 828 48</u>	<u>108 435 91</u>
Total General Operating Exp.	884 208 51	1 289 427 67	405 219 16
Total Expenses	12 580 137 24	13 713 864 37	1 133 727 13
Gain or Loss	841 615 05 Gain	982 510 07 Loss	

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have examined the accounting records of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1947. Cash was in hand as called for by the records and bank accounts were in reconciliation with statements from the respective banks. The securities owned by this organization have been verified by actual inspection and are valued in the Balance Sheet at cost or at market rates December 31, 1947, whichever was lower.

We hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet, showing a total Net Worth of \$11,529,287.86, and the related Operating Statement are in agreement with the books of account, and, in our opinion, present fairly the financial position of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1947, and the results of operating during the year then ended.

*H. W. Barrows*  
*R. H. Adair*

Associate Auditors General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park, D. C.  
February 18, 1948



GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1947

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Banks	22 966 78
Securities	1 953 247 71
Accounts Receivable	110 154 28
Real Estate Contracts Rec.	33 405 49
Accrued Interest Receivable	14 189 28
Unexpired Insurance	1 439 23

Total Current Assets

2 135 402 77

Deferred Items

Seminary Apartment Building

11 710 00

Fixed Assets

Real Estate	178 539 99
Buildings Less Depreciation	304 741 52
Equipment Less Depreciation	92 055 00

Total Fixed Assets

575 336 51

TOTAL ASSETS

2 722 449 28

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable & Deposits	216 405 40
Notes Payable, Trust Agreements, & Certificates of Deposits	834 118 17
Annuity Agreements	584 027 53
Accrued Interest & Annuities Pay	841 30
Trust Funds	68 174 11

TOTAL LIABILITIES

1 703 566 51

NET WORTH

Reserves:

For Insurance Fund	25 000 00	
For Security Contingency Fund	253 005 23	
For Seminary Apartment Building	<u>32 000 00</u>	310 005 23

Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1947

708 877 54

Total Net Worth, December 31, 1947

1 018 882 77

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

2 722 449 28

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1947

SURPLUS STATEMENT

Regular Net Worth, January 1, 1947			702 261 64
Add: Amount recalled from Reserve for Fluctuation of Securities to set up a reserve equal to the drop in security values below cost at December 31, 1947 per inventory, Security Values under Market		84 877 24	
Less: Reserve previously set up	17 991 22		
Excess Income above 2% on Securities for year	<u>33 906 39</u>	<u>51 897 61</u>	<u>32 979 63</u>
			<u>735 241 27</u>
Deduct: Net Loss for year 1947			<u>26 363 73</u>
Regular Net Worth, December 31, 1947			708 877 54

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Reserve for Insurance Fund:

Balance, December 31, 1947 25 000 00

Reserve for Security Contingency Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1947 285 984 86

Less: Amount recalled to meet drop in value of Securities of Market below cost 32 979 63 253 005 23

Reserve for Seminary Apartment Building:

Appropriation received during year from General Conference 32 000 00

TOTAL SURPLUS RESERVES 310 005 23

TOTAL NET WORTH, December 31, 1947 1 018 882 77

STATEMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>Decrease*</u> <u>Increase</u>
Net Worth, December 31	1 013 246 50	1 018 882 77	5 636 27
Deduct: Fixed Assets	<u>439 710 33</u>	<u>575 336 51</u>	<u>135 626 18</u>
Working Capital	573 536 17	443 546 26	129 989 91*

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For year ending December 31, 1947

INCOME

Interest Income - Miscellaneous	336 71	
- Banks	75 00	
- Dividends	39 684 79	
- Securities	32 867 16	72 963 66
Gain on Sale of Securities		2 932 65
Net Gain on Sale of Equipment		370 66
Building & Equipment Rental		13 200 00
Matured Annuities, Wills, Legacies		3 928 48
901 Domer Ave., Operating		3 11
7 Elm Ave., Operating		52 85
310 Longbranch Parkway Operating		195 74
12 Sherman Ave., Operating		190 41
Washington Clinic Gains		1 734 44
Trailers Project		409 30
Total Income		95 981 30

EXPENSES

35 Carroll Ave. Operating	877 12
41 Carroll Ave. Operating	147 93
107 Carroll St. Operating	433 98
Christian Record Bldgs. Operating	29 51
East Ridge Bldgs. Operating	113 76
810 Houston Ave., Operating	103 76
Salaries	4 132 64
Annuities Expense	14 478 09
Interest Expense	9 748 36
Depreciation, Buildings & Grounds	4 413 48
Depreciation, D. C. Clinic Bldgs.	2 203 86
Depreciation Equipment	6 848 42
Donations of Used Machines to Various Organizations	134 70
General Expense	783 88
Ground Expense	432 00
Insurance	701 76
Repairs, Buildings	8 031 78
Repairs, Equipment	1 698 05
Taxes	141 73
Jose Bertran Hill Estate	4 20
Depreciation in Value of Securities	66 886 02
Total Expenses	122 345 03
NET LOSS (Carried to Surplus Account)	26 363 73

## AUDITORS' STATEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have examined the accounting records of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1947, and in connection therewith checked vouchers representing receipt and disbursement of cash together with supporting evidence and authorization for payment. Investments in securities were verified by actual inspection of these documents and are valued in the Balance Sheet at cost or market whichever was lower at December 31, 1947. Cash deposited with the banks was in reconciliation with statements from the respective banks.

In our opinion, based upon this examination, the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Operating Statement present fairly the financial position of the General Conference Corporation at December 31, 1947, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

*W. E. Phillips*  
*R. N. Anait*

Auditors

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Takoma Park, D.C.  
February 24, 1948

## GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

Balance Sheet - - December 31, 1947

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable		
General Conference Corporation		2 818 43
U. S. Treasury Bonds		30 000 00
Accrued Interest		31 25
Real Estate	200 00	
Less: Reserve	<u>200 00</u>	<u>          </u>
Total Assets		32 849 68

LIABILITIES

Thompson Monument Fund	60 00	
Total Liabilities		60 00

NET WORTH

Net Worth, January 1, 1947	32 041 68	
Increase Year 1947	<u>748 00</u>	
Net Worth, December 31, 1947		<u>32 789 68</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Worth		<u>32 849 68</u>
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## GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF S. D. A.

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Year Ended December 31, 1947

INCOME

Interest on U. S. Bonds	750 00
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EXPENSES

Filing Non-Profit Corporation Report	2 00
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Income Exceeds Expense by	748 00
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## Exhibit 1- Securities

U. S. Treasury Bonds -

Accrued Interest

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 72 - 67      June 15 - December 15,

27254 D	10 000 00
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27255 E	10 000 00
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27256 F	10 000 00
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30 000 00 - - $\frac{1}{2}$ mon.	\$31.25
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## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have examined the accounts of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1947, and based upon this examination, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and the Income and Expense Statement present fairly the financial position of the Association at December 31, 1947.

*WEP Phillips*  
*R. H. Giddens*  
Auditors

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Takoma Park, D. C.  
February 24, 1948.

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, has no known assets or liabilities. The corporation is being continued in order to care for wills, legacies, or bequests which may have been written in favor of this organization; and to adjust property interest which may still exist in the name of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

(Signed) W. E. Nelson,  
President, Treasurer

(Signed) H. H. Cobban,  
Secretary

Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1948

Certified to by:

W. E. Phillips

Auditor of the General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists



April 28, 1948

The Council recessed, and a meeting of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation was called by N.C. Wilson, the Chairman, to receive the financial statements of the Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1947; which were accepted by vote, after which the Voice of Prophecy Corporation adjourned, and the Council resumed.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER PROMOTION:

VOTED, On nomination by the officers, that the following persons constitute the Committee on Week of Prayer Promotion, called for by action in the last meeting: L.K. Dickson, W.B. Ochs, M.L. Rice, J.I. Robison, F.D. Nichol, M.V. Campbell, H.L. Rudy, E.E. Roenfelt, F.H. Robbins, M.K. Eckenroth, E.W. Dunbar.

Adjourned to 3:30 P.M., with prayer by Frederick Griggs.

W.B. Ochs, Chairman.  
E.D. Dick, Secretary.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

#### TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1948, 3:30 P.M.

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"Jesus Calls Us" was sung to open the fifth session, and prayer was offered by M.V. Campbell.

Some statistical material was distributed, and special attention called to certain features in the material by Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary.

#### WORKING POLICY FOR LISTEN MAGAZINE:

A general working policy for Listen, the temperance magazine, was submitted from the officers and representatives of the Pacific Press, the Publishing Department, and the American Temperance Society, and this was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the following be the general working arrangements between the American Temperance Society and the Pacific Press Publishing Association with respect to the publication of Listen, A Journal on Better Living:

a. Listen is the organ of the American Temperance Society and its spokesman in promotion of the Temperance cause. The Society is to provide manuscript for the Journal and assume the responsibility of the general editorial work as more specifically described in detailed arrangement between the Society and the Publishers.

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b. The Pacific Press Publishing Association are the publishers assuming the manufacturing and distributing responsibilities as such, including the office editing, and sharing in promotional activities that pertain directly to the Journal; it being understood that the illustrating is a part of the manufacturing responsibilities.

c. That the relationship between the General Conference and the Pacific Press Publishing Association on matters related to the publication of Listen be substantially the same as that now existing between the General Conference and the Review and Herald Publishing Association in connection with the journal Liberty.

d. That on subscriptions which are included in membership dues the publishers are to receive a minimum of 45 cents. Any change in the price of the Journal or adjustment in rate allowed the publishers on membership subscriptions to be effected by mutual agreement between the Publishers and the Society.

e. That for the first two issues, specifically the third and fourth quarter of 1948, the American Temperance Society guarantees the publishers a minimum of 50,000 copies each quarter at a specially arranged price of \$9,330.00 for the two issues. It is understood that this sum will be paid from receipts of membership fees.

f. That the General Conference be requested to underwrite \$9,330.00 covering the cost of 100,000 additional copies of the Journal to be used in initiating the program of the American Temperance Society.

#### AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY--MEMBERSHIP FEES:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to make recommendation relative to the handling of the membership fees of the American Temperance Society.

Committee appointed: H.H.Cobban, D.A.Ochs, J.C.Kozel, H.E.Schneider, C.L.Bauer, W.P.Elliott.

#### LABOR RELATIONS WITHIN OUR INSTITUTIONS:

This item was introduced by C.B.Haynes, who stated that the matter had arisen out of a number of instances that have occurred in connection with inquiries regarding labor conditions in our publishing houses, as for instance, inquiries as to why the union label does not appear on our publications, etc. After some discussion, it was

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VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to give study to this question.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by W.E.Murray.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

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At the opening of the sixth session, prayer was offered by N.W.Dunn, and Charles Keymer sang, "The Name of Jesus is so Sweet."

## SELF-SUPPORTING DOCTORS FOR MISSION FIELDS:

There was some discussion of the question of possible assistance to doctors going to the mission fields on a self-supporting basis, in the way of helping them to meet the expense of taking necessary qualifying examinations. It was

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee to give study to this matter, and report to the coming Autumn Council.

Adjourned to 9:30 A.M., April 29, W.A.Butler offering the closing prayer.

N.C.Wilson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

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"Abide with Me," was sung to open the devotional service, Thursday morning, April 29. Prayer by H.L.Rudy.

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Jesus abiding in us, or "The Indwelling Christ," was the subject of the study by W.B.Ochs, based on Luke 24:29, where two of the disciples constrained Jesus, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." These three words, "Abide with us," offer the remedy for the ills of a dark and troubled world. They reveal the only safety for the child of God. Christ abides with us through His Word. We cannot reject any fundamental truth of that Word and expect the indwelling Christ. We have many needs as a denomination,--churches, members, money,--but our greatest need as a people and as individuals is the indwelling Christ. Without His abiding presence we shall utterly fail in the things we undertake to do for Him. Without Him we cannot live the truth.

The disciples said, "It is toward evening and the day is far spent." They were talking of the twenty-four-day. We are living in the last day of the world's history, and that day is almost gone. There will be a last night for this world, and that night will usher in the coming of Jesus. We must be prepared for that great event. Our only hope, and the only hope of the remnant church is the abiding Christ.

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At the conclusion of the devotional study and the beginning of the seventh business session, prayer was offered by E.E.Andross.

#### DOCUMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

A document prepared by a committee that had been giving study to questions relating to the separation of church and state was presented, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for discussion of this document.

At the noon hour recess was taken to 7:30 P.M., for resumption of the discussion.

A.V.Olson, Chairman,  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

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After the opening song for the devotional service Friday morning, April 30, G.A. Roberts offered prayer.

The speaker was J.J. Nethery, who stressed the necessity of our being certain of those things which we believe, of the things wherein we have been instructed, as stated in Luke 1:1-4. There are many things, said Elder Nethery, that we will never understand in this world, for "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God;" but we ought to keep reviewing the things that we do know. We ought to keep stressing the great fundamentals. "There are many statements in the Testimonies," he said, "that we need to review, and to read and ponder at this time." A number of extracts from the Testimonies were read, among them that one which says:

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. . . Everything in our world is in agitation. . . The nations are angry. . . Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, remains."

Reference was also made to the kind of men and women needed in the cause of God at this time, as emphasized in the Testimonies:

"Those who have a large capacity for work; those who possess warm, kind hearts, cool heads, sound sense, and unbiased judgment; those who are sanctified by the Spirit of God. . . those who strive to uplift and restore fallen humanity."

And we were reminded of God's unchanging promise in the following words:

"Christ made full provision for the prosecution of the work entrusted to the disciples, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. . . He is with us today as truly as He was with the disciples, and He will be with us 'even unto the end.'"

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Prayer was offered at the conclusion of the devotional service and the beginning of the eighth business session.

## SCHOOL OF TROPICAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE:

The first item of business was the presentation of a proposition with reference to a School of Tropical and Preventive

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Medicine, to be conducted at Loma Linda. The recommendations were presented by Dr. H.N.Mozar, of the College of Medical Evangelists. After some discussion, it was

VOTED, To refer to the coming Autumn Council the question of conducting a School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists.

#### SUSTENTATION AND RETIREMENT PROBLEMS:

A committee was appointed some time ago, composed of the following, to study the question of assistance to workers not eligible to sustentation benefits, and sustentation to workers formerly connected with self-supporting institutions: W.E. Nelson, H.H.Cobban, E.J.Johanson, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, H.M. Blunden, H.H.Votaw, W.P.Elliott, J.J.Nethery, D.A.Ochs, C.V. Leach, C.L.Bauer, L.E.Biggs, A.Karlman, M.L.Rice, C.O.Franz, J.E.Nies, C.H.Kelly, H.A.Morrison.

VOTED, That there be added to this committee all the officers of the General Conference, all the union conference presidents, and all heads of institutions present, and that this item of Sustentation and Retirement Problems be referred to this committee to make recommendation.

#### COLORED WORK IN THE STATE OF IOWA:

The committee that was appointed on the colored work in the State of Iowa submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

Your committee, after careful consideration, recommends that the colored work in the State of Iowa be transferred to the Central States Mission in the Central Union Conference.

#### MOVING ALLOWANCES FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS:

The committee appointed on moving allowances for General Conference workers, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the General Conference Policy relating to moving allowances for General Conference workers be amended to read as follows:

1. When the General Conference calls or transfers any of its workers within the North American Division and the worker has an established home, and having his own furniture, he be granted the cost of shipping five tons of household goods at the railway freight rate carrying a released valuation of 50 cents a pound for less than carload lots.

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That when a worker ships his goods at the freight rate carrying a released valuation of 50 cents a pound and suffers a loss which is not covered by the insurance granted on this rate, the General Conference be responsible for the difference.

That when a worker elects to sell a part of his goods instead of shipping them and ships less than five tons, then the General Conference will allow the worker the equivalent of what he would have paid had the five tons been shipped.

2. That when a worker ships his goods by rail he be granted an allowance of \$150 toward the cost of packing, crating, etc.

3. That when a worker with an established home and having his own furniture is transferred by the General Conference, an allowance of \$25 be granted in addition to cartage, packing, freight, etc., to cover incidental expenses.

4. That where a worker may find that it is advantageous to move by truck rather than by rail, negotiations be entered into with the General Conference, and if authorized to move by truck, then the General Conference will meet the entire expense of moving in this way. In case the move is made by truck, allowance for actual expense of barrels and boxes will be granted.

When a worker moves by truck or van it will be the responsibility of the worker to make certain that his goods are property insured, and the cost of such insurance will be considered a reportable expense.

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Adjourned to 9:30 Sunday morning, with the closing prayer by J.D.Smith.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 2, 1948, 9:30 A. M.

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Following prayer by M.L.Rice for the opening of the devotional service Sunday morning, May 2, N.C.Wilson read Rom.1: 9-16 and 1 Cor. 9:16-23, in both of which passages Paul stresses the importance of the preaching of the gospel. The great purpose of every one of our councils should be, said Elder Wilson, to strengthen the work of the church, and the work of the church is the winning of souls. Elder Wilson then gave opportunity for the union conference presidents to tell what they have been doing in the way of putting into effect the call made at the last Autumn Council for an evangelistic advance. The presidents responded, telling of workers' meetings called in which workers were urged to gain a spiritual fitness to do all-out soul-winning work for God; of large city evangelistic efforts held, and the gratifying results; of soul-winning work by the laity; and of evangelistic efforts being conducted by the young people.

Elder Rudy had enlisted the support of his workers to double the accessions in the Canadian Union over the previous year. Thirty-six efforts were in progress in the field. A number of new churches have been organized.

Elders Rice and Ochs said they felt they were seeing the fulfilment of the statement made by Sister White, that the time would come when the message would return with power to the cities of the East. During the past three years Elder Fagal has held meetings in Brooklyn, baptizing approximately 100 each year. The Atlantic Union is planning this year on large efforts in Buffalo, Syracuse and New York City.

Elder Ochs reported a large number of old-fashioned tent efforts held last summer, with very great success. The interest was so great in the effort conducted by one young man that after he had baptized forty-five persons and the tent was taken down, the high school auditorium was opened to him, and he is holding meetings there at the present time.

Elder Anderson, the new president of the Southern Union, said he found the membership in that union had increased from 12,000 when he was there in 1932, to 25,000 at the present time, and he believes it will double again in a short time as the result of their soul-winning program. He spoke of the success of the colporteurs in placing many thousands of dollars worth of our literature in the homes of the people, and of the nearly 1000 interests in the union created by the Voice of Prophecy alone.



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J.C.Kozel, speaking for the Southwestern Union, said the year 1947 was the greatest year in soul-winning activity in the history of that union. Large efforts were held in Dallas, Fort Worth, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Baton Rouge. In Tulsa the effort cost \$20,000, but the increase in tithe during the past two-year period has covered the entire \$20,000.

Elder Campbell told of efforts to establish evangelistic centers in a number of cities in the Central Union, referring especially to St. Louis, where a large church building has just been purchased, in which it is planned to carry on evangelistic efforts continuously. He referred also to Kansas City, where a young man who is supporting a family by earning his own living, is conducting an effort four nights a week, assisted by a large number of other young people in the church. This is one of the results of the Share-Your-Faith program inaugurated at the Youth's Congress.

J.D.Smith reported 180 persons baptized as the result of an effort conducted by Elder Eckenroth in the city of Minneapolis and about 100 baptisms as the result of an effort by Elder Shuler in Des Moines. There are not many large cities in the Northern Union, he said, but they are endeavoring to carry on a consistent evangelistic program. They count strongly on the Voice of Prophecy and Bible Correspondence School follow-up work. They are also pushing the "Dark County" program, which is yielding results, two new churches having been organized the past year as the result of that work.

The North Pacific Union, Elder Scriven said, had found it difficult to find suitable places for the holding of evangelistic efforts, but they have been able to bring a good number into the truth during the past year. Baptisms were about 1600. The young people in that union are also active, conducting various efforts and bringing souls into the message. The growth in membership has been the result of all working together.

C.L.Bauer referred to the series of efforts held by Elder Knox in Los Angeles during the past four or five years, using a theater as an evangelistic center, the offerings taken practically caring for the expense. Elder Bauer was particularly pleased with the way the departmental men in the union and the local conferences are cooperating with the evangelists in the soul-winning campaign. All around the circle of the union, he said, there is one objective, and that is the baptism of souls into the message.

Elder Lenheim said that in the Lake Union they are stressing evangelism in all their workers' meetings, and that in preparing their budgets they have tried to carve out a little more for evangelism, though having to cut down in some other ways. The city of Chicago, he said, is their major problem, but he was

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glad to report that for a solid hour each Sunday Seventh-day Adventists are on the air in that city, the Voice of Prophecy broadcast being followed by a half hour by one of the local evangelists. A large effort was held in Detroit by Elder Shuler, resulting in 244 baptisms to date, with anticipation that the number will be increased to 300 by the follow-up work.

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At the close of the devotional period and the beginning of the ninth business session, prayer was offered by C.B.Haynes and E.D.Dick.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROBLEMS:

The Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for further discussion of the document from the Committee on Religious Liberty Problems.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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#### TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 3, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

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"Break Thou the Bread of Life," was sung to open the devotional service Monday morning, May 3, and prayer was offered by E.D.Dick.

The subject of the study, conducted by H.T.Elliott, was "Some Resources of the Christian Worker." 2 Peter 1:2-3 assures the Christian worker that he has been given "all things that pertain to life and godliness." All that gives meaning and understanding to life, belongs to the Christian worker. Whatever may add to his purpose, or to the glory of his achievement, is contained in the promises that are found in various places in the Word of God.

The greatest work which Jesus did was not the work of performing miracles, but it was releasing to His disciples the power of the Word of God. He tore off the shackles of rabbinical restriction and limitation, and gave to them the deeper meaning and significance of God's Holy Book. So, today, the minister of Christ must deal with spiritual certainties. The advances of

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Christianity have been made on the power of a doctrinal understanding of the Word of God. The minister must qualify for this work by prayer and Bible study. He should guard jealously the hours for prayer and Bible study as admonished by the Spirit of prophecy.

When Jesus met with His disciples in the upper room, he said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." (John 20:22) They were to receive power after receiving the Holy Ghost. There was a conscious receiving of the Holy Ghost on their part. They knew when it had been received. Quotations were read from the Spirit of prophecy, assuring us that if we are willing, all may be filled with the Holy Spirit. A new endowment of physical and mental power came to the early disciples through the Holy Spirit. It accomplished more for them in a short space of time than they could have accomplished for themselves in a life time. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who opens his heart to the power of the Spirit of God. We cannot use that Spirit; it must use us.

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Beginning the tenth business session of the Spring Meeting, prayer was offered by H.A.Morrison and T.E.Lucas.

#### DEATH OF D.FLETCHER TARR:

Word was received through W.F.Tarr, of Washington Missionary College, of the death of his father, Elder D.Fletcher Tarr, on Sunday, May 2, in South Africa. Elder Tarr was one of the pioneers of the work in Africa.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Brother W.F.Tarr, at the College, to A.F.Tarr, of India, and to other members of the family, an expression of our sincere sympathy in the loss of their father.

#### EXCHANGE:

VOTED, 1. That the fixed rate of exchange for the Colonial franc be .0056, as from April 1, 1948.

2. That the fixed rate for the tical, in Siam, be .05, as from January 1, 1948.

3. That the fixed rate for the piaster, in French Indo-China, be .085, from January 1, 1948.

4. That the fixed rate for the zloty, in Poland, be .0025, as from January 1, 1948.

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## DOCUMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

At this point the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to continue discussion of the document from the Committee on Religious Liberty Problems. At the noon hour the Committee recessed to 3:00 P.M. for resumption of the discussion.

N.C.Wilson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 3, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

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"'Tis Almost Time for the Lord to Come," was sung to open the eleventh session, at 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 3, and prayer was offered by E.E.Andross.

## DOCUMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

Opportunity having been given in the Committee of the Whole for all who wished to do so to express their convictions regarding the document which was submitted by the Committee on Religious Liberty Problems, it was

VOTED, That the officers be asked to nominate the personnel of a committee to take this matter under further advisement, and to prepare something to bring to the officers for study at their meeting preceding the Autumn Council when representatives from overseas will be present, with the understanding that the matter will then be brought before the Council.

## CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

The committee that was appointed on questions relative to Credentials and Licenses, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That immediately upon being placed on the Sustentation Fund, workers be granted honorary credentials or other suitable papers by the union conference in which they reside.

2. That the present policy on Credentials and Licenses be interpreted as providing that credentials issued to General

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Conference workers are valid until such time as the status of the worker changes or he connects with some other organization.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER PROMOTION:

The Committee on Promotion of the Week of Prayer submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

Believing that the Week of Prayer has in it far larger possibilities for blessing and spiritual uplift than have yet been seen; and believing also that the increasing seriousness of the times demands that we use to the fullest extent every spiritual agency that exists among us with a view to producing in the hearts of our people a revival of true godliness; therefore

We recommend, 1. a. That conferences do their utmost to make <sup>it</sup> possible for all ministers to devote themselves exclusively, and other workers as far as possible, to the interests of the Week of Prayer during the whole week.

b. That careful plans for the Week of Prayer be laid well in advance by conference leaders, pastors, and church elders covering such matters as providing special meetings for the children, appropriate music, items of special appeal to young people, etc., so as to make this week of maximum spiritual interest and value to all classes and ages in the church and also for others not of our faith who may attend.

c. That effective publicity be given to the objectives and plans for the Week of Prayer by announcements in the churches Sabbath schools, Young People's meetings, in church papers, and where advisable in the secular press, and by visitation to the homes of the church members.

d. That with a view to making the Week of Prayer an effective evangelistic endeavor, our church members be urged to bring to the services their young people and children and their friends and neighbors.

2. a. That as far as possible a minister be appointed to each church for the entire week to lead out in the spiritual exercises, and that where this is not possible, the church elder be counseled to make this his definite responsibility.

b. That in the case of a district where the care of several churches is under one minister, the time of the Week of Prayer be staggered so that as far as possible, each church may receive ministerial help for a week.

c. That earnest efforts be put forth by conference leaders and workers to visit as far as possible all isolated members during the Week of Prayer, counseling with them concerning their spiritual condition, praying with them, and encouraging

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them to make this season one of entering into a deeper experience in the things of God.

d. That our publishing houses, sanitariums and other institutions be urged to set aside extra time during the Week of Prayer for spiritual exercises, management and staff uniting in seasons of earnest prayer, supplication and reconsecration.

3. a. That the Review and Herald office mail to the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in the North American Division who is not a subscriber to the Review, the Week of Prayer issue of this journal, taking advantage of the address list of all Adventist homes that is now in the Review and Herald office; the cost to be met on the same proportional arrangement set up for the quarterly color edition; namely, one third of the cost to be borne by the General Conference and two thirds by the local conferences. (See note at end of recommendations.)

b. That a letter prepared by the president of the North American Division be included in the Week of Prayer issue of the Review, emphasizing the importance of the Week of Prayer, and making earnest appeal that all of our members prayerfully read and study the prepared articles.

4. a. That in all churches to which a minister is not appointed for the Week of Prayer, the prepared articles be read, and that those who present these articles be encouraged to study them carefully beforehand so that they may read the articles clearly and intelligently or else present their content extempore.

b. That while our ministers be encouraged to hold to the main themes and to draw upon the salient features of the Week of Prayer readings, they be urged to move out in the preaching of brief, soul-stirring revival and consecration sermons, allowing ample time for prayer and testimony meeting.

5. a. That in order to afford all of our people an opportunity of praying with others, our larger congregations be divided into local groups, each under a leader whose responsibility will be to work with and for the members of his group, and that if possible short meetings of these groups for prayer be arranged for the early morning, noon, or any convenient time during the day, these meetings to be in addition to the general meetings held in the churches.

b. That during the Week of Prayer one or more definite appeals for acceptance of Christ, surrender, and reconsecration be made with a view to obtaining clear decisions from the people.

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c. That on the closing Sabbath when the Week of Prayer offering is taken the thought be emphasized that dedication of our means is a part of the surrender of our lives to God and His service.

6. That we bring to the attention of ministers and elders the solemn fact that a period of revival and reformation has to be nurtured if it is to bring forth fruits unto life everlasting, and that they be urged to follow up the work of the Week of Prayer by encouraging the reclaimed backsliders, gathering new converts and young people into baptismal classes, and generally fostering the continuance of a spirit of devotion, prayer and supplication.

7. That the General Conference publish these recommendations in the form of a leaflet to be sent to all union and local conference presidents in sufficient quantity to provide a copy for each conference worker and local elder; and that the instruction to church elders and leaders be included in this leaflet instead of in the Week of Prayer Review.

(Note.--In comment on 3a. In former years the North American conferences have ordered about 40,000 copies of the Week of Prayer Review delivered to their churches in bulk, to hand to nonsubscribers who attended the church services. Under the recommended plan about 65,000 copies would be mailed singly to supply directly to each nonsubscribing home a copy. The Review and Herald is prepared to cooperate as in former years in supplying copies of this issue as a special service at actual cost of manufacture and shipping. The cost would be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents net per copy direct to the homes, of which the General Conference would pay  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents net and the local conferences 3 cents net.)

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Adjourned to 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, with the closing prayer by W.A. Butler.

N.C. Wilson, Chairman.  
E.D. Dick,  
E.E. Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 4, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

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Elder J.L. McElhany spoke earnestly in the devotional service Tuesday morning, May 4, on the subject of the "Sudden, Unexpected Coming of Christ," taking as his text Mark 13:36, "Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping," and verses 32 and 33: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man. . . Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is."

"Jesus was not here addressing an audience of unbelievers," said Elder McElhany, "he was talking to His own disciples. He does not say, 'lest coming suddenly he find the world sleeping,' but 'lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.' I believe that Jesus must have been looking down to the end of time when He spoke those words: that he had us, the remnant church, in mind. How important it is that in these days when the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, there should be no spiritual slumbering, but rather that there should be a great spiritual arousement."

"There is a type of philosophical preaching in the churches of the world today," continued the speaker, "that I believe has no place in our work, and that we ought to encourage our workers to turn aside from. We need to keep before ourselves a vivid sense of the reality of the coming of the Lord. I believe if we could impress upon our people the fact that there is a reality to the coming of the Lord and that they must prepare for it, it would work a great reformation in all our churches."

"The more I think about the Lord's coming, His sudden, unexpected coming, the less interested I am in talking to our people about some of the current issues of the day, that make very little difference in this matter of our being prepared for His coming. I think the emphasis in our preaching today ought to be on the need of our being awake. It is not enough simply to believe in the advent doctrine as a theological proposition. What we need today is the advent experience."

Elder McElhany concluded with a quotation from Special Testimony, p. 37:

"This blessed hope of the second appearing of Christ needs to be presented often to the people, with its solemn realities; looking for the soon appearing of our Lord Jesus to come in His glory will lead to the regarding of earthly things as emptiness and nothingness. . . . 'Watch ye therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come' "



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To close the devotional service and open the twelfth business session, prayer was offered by M.L.Andreasen and G.Eric Jones.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING AND  
MEDICAL CADET CORPS TRAINING:

VOTED, That the General Conference Executive Committee be authorized, in the light of present proposed legislation, to take under consideration the recommendations on Military Training of Seventh-day Adventist youth as adopted by the 1947 Autumn Council; that they keep in touch with the situation as regards Universal Military Training as it develops before Congress, and that they be authorized if and when it becomes necessary, to take appropriate action to protect the interests of our young men who may be called into the service.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The committee that was appointed on the Handling of American Temperance Society Membership Fees, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, . . . That the following procedure/adopted in the handling of the American Temperance Society membership fees: be

1. That the local church treasurer receive from the church temperance secretary all membership fees, as well as the membership blanks.
2. That the church treasurer forward the membership dues, together with the membership blanks, to the local conference treasurer.
3. That the local conference treasurer, after checking the blanks with the remittance, turn the blanks over to the local conference temperance secretary, forwarding the funds on to the General Conference through the regular channels. The temperance secretary will be responsible for forwarding the blanks on to the American Temperance Society.
4. That subscriptions to the new temperance journal, Listen, secured by colporteurs and other lay workers, be handled in the same manner as all denominational periodicals; namely, through the Book and Bible House.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOOK AND  
BIBLE HOUSE MANAGERS' COUNCIL:

Recommendations from the meeting of the Book and Bible House Managers, held April 11-15 in Omaha, were presented, and adopted as follows:

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF SPIRIT OF  
PROPHECY BOOKS AT CAMP MEETING:

WHEREAS, The writings of the Spirit of prophecy are a definite help to us in deepening our Christian experience and in preparing us for citizenship in God's kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Many of our people do not have these books in their homes,

We recommend, That the importance of studying these published works be presented in at least one principal meeting other than the early morning hour at each camp meeting, and that at this gathering the Testimonies and other writings of the Spirit of prophecy be offered to our people at special prices.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS AND DISCOUNTS  
ON SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOKS:

We recommend, That consideration be given by our publishing houses and Book and Bible Houses to special campaigns for the sale of the Spirit of prophecy books at which time special discounts are to be given as arranged between publishers and Book and Bible Houses.

CHANGE IN COLPORTEUR INTERNSHIP PLAN:

In the present policy regarding the colporteur internship plan it is now required that the publishing department secretary spend forty hours with the intern during the first week.

We recommend, That this be changed to read as follows: "That the publishing department secretary spend an equivalent of one week or forty hours with the colporteur in actual selling, delivery, and collecting from house to house within the first thirty days of service; that the initial training period be a minimum of two days or sixteen hours, and that the remainder of the forty hours be put in during the same thirty day period with special emphasis on collecting and delivery."

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COLPORTEUR REPORTS DURING ILLNESS:

We recommend, That our regular colporteurs be encouraged to send in a report each week when they are ill, that there may be definite proof of illness on file and the colporteur credited with these reports when he makes application for sustentation; that a record of such lost time be added to the annual report to the General Conference.

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES AS DISTRIBUTING AGENCIES:

We recommend, That Book and Bible Houses in the North American Division be recognized as the only distributing agencies for our denominational publishing houses within their respective territories.

DISCOUNTS TO COLLEGE, ACADEMY  
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONAL BOOK STORES:

We recommend, 1. That Book and Bible Houses grant to General and Union Conference institutional bookstores the following discounts:

Subscription books	50%
Home Workers books	40%
Trade books	20%
Textbooks	10%
Song books	net*
Tracts	net

(Note.--Through an oversight in preparing the song book rate the following clause was omitted: "5 or more copies at one purchase 5%." This discount naturally applies the same as in the case of the academy book stores. --W.P.Elliott.)

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2. That Book and Bible Houses grant church depositories and academy bookstores the following discounts:

Subscription books	50%
Home Workers books	40%
Trade books	15%
Text and Songbooks--less than five copies	net
5 copies or more at one purchase	5%
Tracts	net

#### DISCOUNTS TO WORKERS:

We recommend, 1. That the following discounts apply to conference and institutional workers, including colporteurs, it being understood that trade books purchased under the discount here allowed are for personal use and are not to be resold at a discount:

Subscription books	50%
Home Workers books	40%
Trade books	15%
Text and Songbooks	net
Tracts	net

2. That sustentation beneficiaries receive the same discounts as regular workers.

3. That the question of discounts to publishing-house employees be determined by each publishing house board, it being understood that proper precaution will be taken by the publishers that books sold to employees at special discounts should be for personal use or gifts only, and that in no case are they to be resold to others, or supplied to churches or missionary organizations for general missionary endeavors.

#### DISCOUNTS, CAMP MEETING AND SPECIAL CHURCH SALES:

We recommend, 1. That discounts granted at camp meetings not exceed a thirty-day period in duration during any one year; holiday season to be considered as November 15 to December 31.

2. That camp-meeting discounts be allowed at the time of special displays held in churches at any time during the year.

#### CHANGE IN 2% DISCOUNT TO COLPORTEURS:

(Note.--Exception to Sec. 6 to Cash Reserve Plan, page 25 of Publishing Department Recommendations.--Revised to Nov. 1, 1936.)

We recommend, That the 2% for cash discount be allowed following unusually large deliveries by colporteurs providing

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the money in payment for the required books is received by the Book and Bible House within ten days after the delivery is completed--such exception to the 2% for cash discount policy to be approved in advance by the conference publishing committee.

HANDLING OF WEEK OF PRAYER REVIEWS:

WHEREAS, There has been some confusion in the handling of Week of Prayer Reviews,

We recommend, That orders for these papers to the General Conference, and invoices for them from the General Conference shall be passed through the Book and Bible House.

DRAWING ACCOUNT--EASY PAYMENT PLAN:

WHEREAS, After careful observation and experiment it is believed a change in the basis for the drawing account as provided for at present in the Easy Payment Plan will be of decided advantage to both the colporteur and the Book and Bible House;

We recommend, 1. That Section 6 of the Easy Payment Plan as passed by the Autumn Council of 1941, and amended by the Spring Council of 1942, be changed to read as follows:

The colporteur selling on the Easy Payment Plan, as stated in section 3, must remit to the Book and Bible House all deposits and collections received from his customers placed under contract, including all cash received from cash sales, and may draw on account up to 40% of the total amount of all such monies thus remitted; and further,

That where advisable the amount of withdrawal may be limited by a maximum ceiling agreed upon between the conference publishing committee and the colporteur.

2. That section 4 of the Policy be changed to read as follows:

That a carrying charge of 10% on the unpaid balance be charged the customer purchasing literature under an Easy Payment contract.

3. That a beginning colporteur who meets all the requirements of his contract with the Book and Bible House be guaranteed a minimum weekly wage ranging from \$25 to \$35 as may be approved by the conference publishing committee --this guarantee not to exceed thirteen weeks.

PUBLICATIONS TO BE STOCKED AND PROMOTED

BY BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES:

WHEREAS, As custodians and promoters of the literature of our denomination, we, as Book and Bible House managers desire

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that the line of books and periodicals we carry in stock and promote shall be kept clean, pure and uplifting, that they may correspond with and uphold the high spiritual standards and doctrinal teaching of the message we are proclaiming to the world; and realizing that the trend of many lives have been and shall be determined by the reading of Adventist literature; therefore

We reaffirm our belief in and pledge ourselves to put into effect the policy of the denomination that we shall stock and promote through our Book and Bible Houses only those books and periodicals which have been approved by a duly-constituted publishing committee of the denomination, and are currently furnished by our publishing houses.

We recommend, That the following exceptions be made:

1. School books, until such time as textbooks are approved by the General Conference.
2. Sabbath school supplies suggested by the General Conference Sabbath School Department.
3. Special songbooks for solos, duets, and special group singing, but no other general songbooks be stocked or promoted in competition to our own.
4. That our publishing houses carry Bible dictionaries, concordances, and commentaries in stock to be supplied to Book and Bible Houses on a trade basis.
5. That the Book and Bible Houses order direct from the original publisher, books which may be requested for personal use by workers or other individuals.

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES NOT TO ACT AS JOBBERS:

WHEREAS, Through the years our literature has been channeled through our publishing houses, branches, and Book and Bible Houses to our colporteurs, our churches and our laymen;

We recommend, 1. That we adhere to this plan of literature distribution, and that our Book and Bible Houses do not act as jobbers of our denominational literature or the publications of outside publishers.

2. That where there is overstock in a Book and Bible House, this overstock be reported immediately to the branch or publishing house in its territory, which branch or publishing house shall seek the cooperation of other Book and Bible Houses in the territory in moving the stock. Orders may be placed by a Bible House with another Book and Bible House in the same publishing department territory, and the publishers, without charge, will bill one office and credit the other for this transaction.

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SPECIAL READING COMMITTEE FOR BOOKS  
BY OTHER THAN OUR OWN PUBLISHING HOUSES:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee in counsel with the Publishing Department set up a committee to read and pass on books suggested by the field that do not now come under the survey of established reading committees, so that when approved they may be put into the regular denominational book line and be handled by our publishing houses and Book and Bible Houses.

UNIFORMITY IN REPORTING:

WHEREAS, There is at present no uniformity in our practice of reporting the value of literature sold by our colporteurs;

We recommend, That all literature sales appear in our reports at actual list price, and that no carrying charges or other additional fees be included.

PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF BIBLES:

WHEREAS, Individual Book and Bible Houses purchasing Bibles direct from the original publishers, in order to secure desirable discounts, are often obliged to buy in much larger quantities than the demands of their respective territories would warrant and thus tie up their operating capital unnecessarily and in many instances for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, Our publishing houses buying for the needs of the whole field can secure the most favorable discounts from Bible publishers and are willing to undertake to stock Bibles and to supply the Book and Bible Houses in such quantities as their needs may require;

We recommend, That our denominational publishing houses stock and catalog such Bibles as may be agreed upon in counsel with the Book and Bible Houses and that the Book and Bible Houses purchase the Bibles which they stock and promote exclusively from our denominational publishing houses.

NATIONAL SALES ORGANIZATION:

WHEREAS, Our colporteurs have found it a substantial aid to be able to approach the public under the title of a sales organization, such as National Health Service or Home Health Education Service; and

WHEREAS, At present various titles are in use and it is believed it would be of advantage to have one such title for use throughout the United States; and

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WHEREAS, There should be sufficient reality to such an organization to insure confidence in our relationships to officers of the law, chambers of commerce and better business bureaus;

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee in counsel with the Publishing Department set up an organization to be known as the National Home Health Education Service with duly appointed officers and a proper outline of regulations regarding the use of its name by those who choose to sell under this plan.

CLARIFICATION IN WORDING OF COLPORTEUR  
COURTESY FUND FOR NORTH AMERICA:

WHEREAS, There has been considerable confusion over the proper interpretation of certain provisions of the Colporteur Courtesy Fund for North America, and in order to clarify the provisions of this policy;

We recommend, That the following changes and additions be made in the wording:

1. That in section b of number 2, the words "three calendar months" be made to read "three consecutive months."

2. That the first six lines of section c under number 2, which now reads:

"c. To be eligible for credentials a colporteur shall have held a license for at least one full calendar year. Within the limits of twelve consecutive calendar months before eligibility for credentials is established there shall have been turned in at least forty-four weekly reports, etc." be changed to read as follows:

"c. To be eligible for credentials a colporteur shall have held a license for at least twelve consecutive months. Within these limits of time before eligibility for credentials is established there shall have been turned in at least forty-four weekly reports, etc."

3. That number 1 under d of Basis of Distribution, which now reads:

"(1) The colporteur to have worked a full calendar year, turning in at least 45 weekly reports totaling at least 1,600 hours, with deliveries of \$2,000 or more, if a man, and at least 45 reports totaling at least 1,250 hours with deliveries of at least \$1,500 if a woman" be changed to read as follows:



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"(1) The colporteur to have worked a full twelve-month period, turning in at least forty-four weekly reports totaling at least 1,500 hours with deliveries of \$2,000 or more, if a man, and at least forty-four weekly reports totaling at least 1,200 hours with deliveries of at least \$1,500, if a woman. The year in which a colporteur establishes the record upon which he is granted credentials shall be (providing he has met the above financial requirements and his account is satisfactory to the Conference Publishing Committee) the year upon which his eligibility to a vacation is determined. In the case of a new colporteur meeting the requirements all along the way of a three-month period of service for license plus the twelve-month period of service for credentials and vacation is entitled under the provisions of this policy to receive his first vacation, after fifteen months of service."

4. That in section 8, the last sentence which now reads:

"In order to be eligible for this consideration the colporteur shall maintain the standard of service set forth under section 2, paragraph c of this policy, computed on a monthly basis" be changed to read as follows:

"In order to be eligible for this consideration the colporteur shall maintain the standard of service set forth under section 2, paragraphs b and c of this policy, computed on a monthly basis."

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Adjourned to 2 P.M., with the closing prayer by N.C. Wilson.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 4, 1948, 2:00 P.M.

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Prayer was offered by R.R.Bietz at the opening of the thirteenth session of the Spring Meeting, at 2 P.M., Tuesday, May 4.

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**ACADEMY AND COLLEGE FINANCE:**

A report from the committee that was appointed on questions pertaining to Academy and College Finance was submitted, and adopted as follows:

Operating Surpluses Colleges and Academies:

We recommend, 1. That each college and academy undertake to build and maintain its operating surplus to the amount of not less than twenty-five per cent of its gross annual expense, including all departments.

2. That at least twenty-five per cent of the operating surplus be in cash for operating purposes.

3. That, in addition to the cash thus provided for operating sufficient cash or securities be provided to cover the Liabilities and Surplus Reserves.

4. That the funds in the operating surplus shall not at any time be absorbed in capital expenditures.

5. That the "operating surplus" as used in this action be defined as the excess of current assets over total liabilities and surplus reserves.

Academy Finances:

We recommend, That each union conference appoint a survey committee to make an investigation at least annually of the academies and other institutions within the union conference, similar to the survey committee for conferences suggested in the General Conference Working Policy, under "Economy in Conference Administration," pages 218-220 inclusive, of the 1947 edition, suggesting that the union educational secretary be included in the survey committee; and suggesting that if the institution is found to be in difficulty, the committee follow up the matter.

College Finance:

We recommend, That the General Conference Executive Committee appoint a committee to study ways and means to effect reduction of operating expenses, reduction of faculty, and economy in building programs in our colleges, suggesting that the committee consist of a Vice-President, a representative of the Treasury Department and a representative of the Educational Department of the General Conference; the balance of the com-

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mittee to be chosen from among the following: the president of the board, the president of the college, the business manager of the college, the dean of the college, union conference secretary-treasurer, union conference educational secretary, union conference auditor, local conference president, and others as may be thought necessary.

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR  
SELF-SUPPORTING ENTERPRISES:

VOTED, On recommendation from the subcommittee appointed, that the question of the solicitation of funds for self-supporting enterprises be referred to the officers for study and direction.

SUSTENTATION AND RETIREMENT PROBLEMS:

VOTED, That the subcommittee appointed on Sustentation and Retirement Problems be requested to continue to function in association with the larger committee on Sustentation questions, report to be made to the Autumn Council.

The Spring Meeting adjourned, Elder J.L.McElhany dismissing with prayer.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick,  
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.