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Ninety-Fifth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 5, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

F. L. Peterson, N. W. Dunn, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, J. E. Edwards, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, W. J. Harris, M. Carol Hetzell, J. O. Iversen, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, G. M. Mathews, E. L. Minchin, J. R. Nelson, Lawrence M. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, A. H. Roth, J. V. Scully, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, G. E. Vandeman, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

A. W. Cormack, H. T. Elliott, W. A. Fagal, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

F. L. Peterson, Chairman, read Psalms 37: 3: "Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." In the revised version it reads, "and feed on His faithfulness." Elder Peterson said there was once a lady of his racial group who was a very poor and hardworking woman. Another lady accosted her and said, "You seem to be a very good Christian, but what will happen to you in the future, is the thing that you ought to think about; and I believe it would sober you up." And then she said, "Suppose you were to lose your job, and suppose nobody else would hire you, and suppose--." The Christian woman said, "Hush your supposing. 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' and 'I shall not want.'" Then she went on to say: "I never supposes, and it is these supposes that is making you miserable. I trust in the Lord. I know He has a job for me." It is a wonderful thing, to put your trust in God.

Elder Peterson further said: "I was sitting in the back of a little church in Los Angeles, when I was just a young fellow, wishing that I could go to college. I was reading my Bible and waiting for the MV meeting to begin. I was reading the 37th Psalm. When I got to the 4th verse, 'Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart', I closed my Bible and thanked the Lord that I had the opportunity to go to college, because all I needed to do was to delight myself in the Lord. When September came, I matriculated at Pacific Union College. It is a wonderful thing never to let anybody discourage you, but to keep your trust in the Lord. He will bring all things to pass."

Opening prayer by G. M. Mathews.

MINUTES of the meeting held February 27, 1964, were approved.

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE--APPROPRIATION:

A request has come from the Lake Region Conference through the Lake Union Conference for financial assistance in a large effort they are planning to undertake in Chicago. This will be an important meeting.

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VOTED, To authorize an appropriation to the Lake Region Conference from the General Conference Evangelistic Fund to the extent of \$10,000 for an evangelistic campaign in Chicago, the funds provided to be matched equally by the Lake Union Conference.

HAROLD L. REINER--"IT IS WRITTEN" PROGRAM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences a call for Harold L. Reiner, to connect with the General Conference as Assistant in the "It Is Written" Program.

FAR EASTERN DIVISION--HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY:

A call has been placed with the General Conference for a Home Missionary Secretary for the Far Eastern Division. H. E. McClure, who has been serving as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary in the Far Eastern Division, is continuing as Sabbath School Secretary. On recommendation of the General Conference Officers, it was

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and Ontario-Quebec Conferences be requested to release Daniel Skoretz, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Home Missionary Secretary. It was further

VOTED, That Daniel Skoretz be elected as Home Missionary Secretary for the Far Eastern Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Division Travel Committee and General Conference Officers be approved as follows:

M. V. Campbell--Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Board, March 22-24 (in connection with trip to Central Union, authorized); Boulder, Colorado, MV Quadrennial Meeting, November 2-6 (en route to Loma Linda University Board);

E. W. Dunbar, K. H. Emmerson--Detroit, Michigan, General Conference Session business, March 12, 13 (E. W. Dunbar en route to Ohio, authorized; K. H. Emmerson en route to West Coast, authorized);

K. H. Emmerson--Chicago, Illinois, Inter-Church Transportation Council Executive Committee, March 25 (returning from West Coast);

J. O. Gibson--Chicago, Illinois, speaking appointments, March 13-16;

J. S. Laughlin--Kettering, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Parkersburg, West Virginia, Insurance business, March 8-13;

H. M. S. Richards, Jr.--Eugene, Oregon, series of Youth Evangelistic Meetings, April 11-25;

E. W. Tarr--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College, conduct Public Relations Seminar, September 28-October 8;

G. E. Vandeman--Southeastern California Conference, "It Is Written" Reaping Meetings, April 2-8; Southern California Conference, "It Is Written" Reaping Meetings, April 9-24;

E. R. Walde--Hawaii, Radio work and Workers' Meeting, September 23-October 7 (already on West Coast);

H. E. Rice, A. I. Kugel, M.D., of Loma Linda University, and Dr. E. Hedrick, of Kettering Memorial Hospital, to serve as the Committee on Internship Survey of Medical Institutions in the North American Division, during the months of June and July, 1964; Harrison Evans, M.D., of Los Angeles, California, to assist in the survey of the Loma Linda University and White Memorial Medical Center.

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WILLIAM V. WIIST--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of William V. Wiist from the Central American Union Mission, on his request because of a family problem; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division. Brother Wiist has given twelve years of successful service in the field.

L. E. TUCKER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. E. Tucker from the Philippines, on his request because of a family educational problem; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

W. H. MATTISON--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a furlough extension of two months for W. H. Mattison, to enable him to take further studies; in harmony with the request of the Southern Asia Division.

L. A. WALLINGTON, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That L. A. Wallington, M.D., be released from deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, on his request.

ROSALIE HAFFNER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Rosalie Haffner be released from appointment to serve as a Bible Instructor in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, she having declined the call because of her health condition, and also her desire to take further school work.

MARIE HALLOWAY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marie Halloway be released from appointment to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as a Teacher, since for personal reasons she was not clear in accepting the call.

GLENN A. PATCHEN, M.D.--RELEASED;
DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Glenn A. Patchen, M.D., be released from appointment to the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital, in Trinidad, on request of the Inter-American Division. It was further

VOTED, That Glenn A. Patchen, M.D., be placed again under deferred appointment.

REGINALD D. RICE, M.D.--GUAM:

VOTED, That Reginald D. Rice, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Far Eastern Division, be assigned to service in Guam.

SIMON ELLOWAY, M.D.--TRINIDAD:

VOTED, That Simon Elloway, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be assigned to Trinidad.

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DAVID G. SMALL, M.D.--MEXICO:

VOTED, That David G. Small, M.D., now under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be assigned to Montemorelos, Mexico.

MR. AND MRS. JEROME--TAHITI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Australasian Division for Mr. and Mrs. Jerome, students soon to graduate from the French Adventist Seminary, in Collonges, France, to connect with the work in Tahiti, in the French Polynesia Mission, he to serve as an Evangelist and/or Departmental Secretary, and she as a Teacher in French.

MYRNA SHULTZ--NYASALAND:

VOTED, That Miss Myrna Shultz, a student at Walla Walla College, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as a Nurse for the Blantyre Clinic, in Nyasaland.

THORKILD PEDERSEN--NYASALAND:

VOTED, That the Northern European Division and West Nordic Union Conference be requested to release Thorkild Pedersen, of Denmark, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Station Director at Mitanda, Uganda; the call to be processed by the Northern European Division.

ERNEST T. GACKENHEIMER--EAST AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Chesapeake Conferences be requested to release Ernest T. Gackenhimer, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as a Departmental Secretary in the East African Union.

D. LOIS BURNETT--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

On request of the Far Eastern Division, it was

VOTED, That the Loma Linda University be requested to release Miss D. Lois Burnett, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division, as Consulting Coordinator of Nursing Service and Education, in Bangkok, Thailand, for a two-year term.

JOSEPH ESPINOSA--CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences be requested to release Joseph Espinosa, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as an Evangelist for the Central American Union Mission.

RUBEN BRINCKHAUS--CENTRAL NORTH CHILE CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Ruben Brinckhaus, of Andrews University, an invitation from the South American Division for him to connect with the Austral Union Conference, as Pastor of the Porvenir Church, in Santiago, Chile, in the Central North Chile Conference, on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

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ERNESTO SANTOS--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and Florida Conferences be requested to release Ernesto Santos, and that we pass on to him an invitation from the Inter-American Division to serve as a District Pastor in Puerto Rico, on the basis of a national returning to his home division.

ARTHUR A. EWERT, D.D.S.--BENGHAZI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Arthur A. Ewert, D.D.S., of Sacramento, California, an invitation to connect with the Middle East Division as a Dentist for Benghazi Hospital.

HARVEY L. RITTENHOUSE, M.D.--MALUTI HOSPITAL:

Harvey L. Rittenhouse, M.D., of Riverdale, Maryland, has offered to go as a relief Doctor to the Maluti Hospital in South Africa, he and Mrs. Rittenhouse to pay the transportation expense involved.

VOTED, To accept the offer made by Dr. Harvey L. Rittenhouse to fill the emergency appointment at the Maluti Hospital, in South Africa; with the understanding that they will be at the Bella Vista Hospital, in Puerto Rico, by September 1, 1964, to fill their regular appointment.

OLIVE C. DAVIES--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On request of the North Pacific Union and Oregon Conferences, it was

VOTED, To approve a leave of absence this Summer, according to the policy, for Miss Olive C. Davies, a Bible Instructor, to the Northern European Division, her home division. She has served in the North American Division since 1954.

D. J. HANDYSIDES--ONTARIO-QUEBEC CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division, the British Union and the South England Conferences, the call from the Canadian Union Conference for D. J. Handysides to connect with the Ontario-Quebec Conference as Pastor-Evangelist in charge of the Kingston (Ontario) District. Inasmuch as D. J. Handysides is moving his permanent residence to North America, this call is extended to him on the basis that he is waiving the leave-of-absence privilege to England; but his service in the denomination is continued in the regular way, and the Northern European Division is responsible for his sustentation support when due.

ELLA MAY STONEBURNER--PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING COURSE:

On suggestion of the General Conference Medical Department, it was

VOTED, That Miss Ella May Stoneburner be authorized to take a one-month intensive training course in public health that is offered by Kern County, California, June 1-30, 1964; the Treasury Department to make arrangements with her regarding the salary that is being offered. There will be no additional travel expense involved, since Miss Stoneburner is to be on the West Coast at the time.

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W. R. LAWSON--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association a call for W. R. Lawson, Assistant Treasurer, to serve as Business Manager and Treasurer of Faith for Today.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

F. L. Peterson, Chairman
N. W. Dunn, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Ninety-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 12, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

W. E. Murray, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., W. J. Harris, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, D. S. Johnson, W. J. Keith, M. E. Loewen, H. W. Lowe, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, J. R. Nelson, Lawrence M. Nelson, F. D. Nichol, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, M. H. Reader, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, J. V. Scully, A. F. Tarr, E. W. Tarr, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

A. W. Cormack, H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

The Chairman, W. E. Murray, said he wished to read the very wonderful words, the thrilling words that are used in the Bible in describing the incidents that occurred in the time of Queen Esther. He then read Esther 4: 13-16.

In this little passage of three or four verses is told a very heroic story. It is a story that reminds us of the difficulties that many times obstruct a path in God's work; not just this kind with the same circumstances and the same characteristics, but others. The framework is different, but the foundation, or the main essence, of the experience is the same. You will notice how many times is mentioned the word "time," this time, such a time. Then you will notice it says here that if she did not stand heroically at this time, there would be deliverance from some other source. It means a great deal for us to meditate on a little experience like this, which has been of such importance to the Jews. It was a great experience to them, which they look back to and celebrate as an experience that circled around the hearts and lives of their--I suppose--unsung heroes. God help us every day in our experiences to stand firm in His truth, recognizing the obstacles, but also confiding in His grace.

Opening prayer by E. R. Walde.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 5, 1964, were approved.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH--ELLA MAY STONEBURNER DELEGATE:

VOTED, That Miss Ella May Stoneburner, Assistant Secretary in the General Conference Medical Department, be appointed as the denominational delegate to the National Council on Children and Youth, to be held in Washington, D.C., April 5-8, 1964.

JEWISH WORK IN NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

On January 23, 1964, the General Conference Committee authorized the North American Division Missions Committee to assume responsibility for the direction

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of the work among the Jews in North America. On recommendation of the North American Missions Committee, and with the approval of the General Conference Officers, it was

VOTED, That the Hebrew Scripture Association be dissolved, and its activities, functions and operations, including budget arrangements, be transferred to the North American Missions Committee.

HEROLD WEISS--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

Herold Weiss is an employee of the Greater New York Conference. He came to the United States from South America, and the South American Division has invested money in his education. He has attended several universities and has obtained his doctoral degree. Andrews University desires to call him to connect with their staff.

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conferences a call for Herold Weiss, to connect with Andrews University, with the understanding that the South American Division be reimbursed by the Greater New York Conference and Andrews University in proportion to the time he has served or will serve each organization, on the basis of twenty per cent of the bill for each of the five years of service given after his graduation.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION--R. R. FIGUHR TO VISIT:

VOTED, To authorize R. R. Figuhr to make a trip to the Central European Division, to meet with the Central European Division Committee on a number of administrative problems, for several days, beginning March 12, 1964.

DR. R. G. MANALAYSAY--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To approve the arrangements made by the Far Eastern Division and Walla Walla College for Dr. R. G. Manalaysay, President of Philippine Union College, to come to Walla Walla College for a two-year Inservice Training period, with the understanding that the General Conference will negotiate with the Far Eastern Division with regard to the expense of bringing any of the children to the United States.

FRITZ O. MARTINSEN--RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUSTENTATION:

Fritz O. Martinsen is a Norwegian who, at his own expense, traveled from Norway to South Africa and attended Helderberg College. He is not a citizen of South Africa. He was married to an American citizen, Martha Jean Vail. After having been a worker in the Congo, he came to the United States on a leave of absence. Circumstances developed causing the Southern African Division to recommend his permanent return to the United States. Action was taken by the General Conference Committee on September 3, 1959, authorizing his permanent return to the United States, with the understanding that the Trans-Africa Division would be regarded as his home base. The Trans-Africa Division requested the reappointment of Fritz O. Martinsen to the Ikizu Training School in Tanganyika. On June 13, 1963, the appointment was voted, with the understanding that the North American Division would be regarded as his home base. The Trans-Africa Division desires clarification regarding the Sustentation responsibility and rate.

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VOTED, That inasmuch as Fritz O. Martinsen entered the work in the Trans-Africa Division and labored there from 1949 to 1957, the Trans-Africa Division would be responsible for his Sustentation; and should he retire in the North American Division he would be paid at the rate applying in the North American Division.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

J. V. Scully--to Middle East (change of date), April 23-June 21, 1964 (instead of April 1 to May 31, 1964, as authorized by the General Conference Committee on October 10, 1963);

That requests from the Southern European Division for visits of workers from the Central European Division be passed on as follows:

E. Berner--Salzburg, Lintz, and Vienna, May 1-3, 1964 (with the understanding that the Austrian Union Conference will be responsible for hotel expense while in Austria);

F. Hazel--Florence, Italy, July 30 to August 4, 1964, to attend Book Evangelist Leaders' Convention.

LINDA BUHLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

Miss Linda Buhler was given a leave of absence from India in 1960 to take graduate work. Because of her personal plans, it was

VOTED, That Miss Linda Buhler be permanently released from returning to India,

WALTER BOZAK, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Walter Bozak, M.D., from the Far East, on his request, to take effect about June 1, 1965, as he plans to take a residency; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

MARJORIE GRIEVE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Marjorie Grieve from Singapore to Australia, her homeland, as of August 1, 1964, because of the age and status of health of her mother; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

R. E. KEPKEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of R. E. Kepkey from Nicaragua, at his request, for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division. He has given very acceptable service in the South American and Inter-American Divisions for a number of years.

CLARA SWEENEY--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

On request of the Far Eastern Division, it was

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VOTED, To authorize a transfer of appointment of Miss Clara Sweeney, a Teacher, from Saigon, to Tokyo, Japan.

EDITH GILLHAM--FURLOUGH EXTENSION;
REASSIGNMENT:

On request of the Trans-Africa Division, it was

VOTED, To authorize a three-months' extension of furlough for Miss Edith Gillham, from Nyasaland, to enable her to complete graduate studies. It was further--

VOTED, That Miss Edith Gillham be reassigned from Songa to Malamulo.

EDWARD T. MOON--ILE-IFE, WEST NIGERIA:

On request of the Northern European Division, it was

VOTED, That Edward T. Moon, a former missionary in West Africa, be reappointed to serve in Ile-Ife, West Nigeria, for nursing and administrative work.

AILI AUVINEN--RWANDA; HOME BASE:

Miss Aili Auvinen entered denominational work as a Bible Instructor in Helsinki, Finland, in 1952, and continued service as a physiotherapist and nurse in Finland and Sweden until 1953. At her own expense she migrated to Canada in 1953, taking up work in the Rest Haven Sanitarium, in British Columbia. She continued her service there until 1955, when she was called to the Trans-Africa Division, where she served as girls' worker until her furlough was due in 1959. She was given a furlough in North America, and located at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital for work and further training. On recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division, it was

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital be requested to release Miss Aili Auvinen, and that she be invited to return to the Trans-Africa Division to serve as a Nurse at the Rwankeri Dispensary, in Rwanda. It was further--

VOTED, That in view of the fact that Miss Aili Auvinen transferred to the North American Division in 1953, and subsequently served in North America, and was called into overseas service from this country, this service from North America totaling ten years, the North American Division be considered as her home base; and the provisions of paragraph 10, page 290 of the Working Policy would apply.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Division Travel Committee and General Conference Officers, as follows:

R. A. Anderson--Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College, counsel with ministerial students, April 7-9; Lumberton, Mississippi, union-wide Academy Music Festival, April 10, 11; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Andrews University Executive Board and Daniel Research Committee, March 15-22;

Theodore Carcich--Spokane, Washington, Conference Committee Meeting, March 26;

E. E. Cossentine--College Place, Washington, Walla Walla College Survey, October 13-15;

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Ralph Davidson--Portland and/or Pendleton, Oregon, auditing business, March 22-25 (extension of trip to Pacific Union Conference already voted);

R. R. Figuhr, C. L. Torrey--Loma Linda, California, Loma Linda University Board, March 23, 24;

T. R. Flaiz, M.D.--Dayton, Ohio, Kettering Hospital, March 11; Beeville and San Antonio, Texas, new hospital opening and speaking appointment, March 13-15; Denver, Colorado, Porter Hospital Open House, May 9, 10;

J. O. Gibson--Norfolk, Virginia, speaking appointment, March 28; Ashtabula, Ohio, Temperance work, March 17 (from Chicago);

J. H. Hancock--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Eastern Colleges MV Officers' Seminar, April 21-25;

R. R. Hegstad--Madison College, Tennessee, Religious Liberty work, (change of date) March 13-16;

Mazie Herin--Berrien Springs, Michigan, study curriculum and graduate program between Columbia Union College and Andrews University, March 16; Boston, Massachusetts, National League for Nursing, April 1-3;

Harry House--Southern Union Conference, Insurance business, March 16-24;

G. A. Huse--Miami Beach, Florida, Southern and Southwestern Union Book and Bible House Managers' Meeting, April 7-9;

M. A. Jones--Detroit, Michigan, Listen editorial appointments, March 18, 19; Columbus, Wisconsin, Wisconsin Academy Temperance Youth Rally, March 20, 21;

Lowell Litten, J. R. Nelson, Clark Smith--Grand Ledge, Michigan, Medical Cadet Corps Camp, June 7-23;

H. W. Lowe--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Geo-Science Consultant Group and Daniel Research Committee, March 20-22 (extension of dates voted);

T. E. Lucas, J. R. Nelson, Clark Smith, J. H. Hancock, Lowell Litten, Mildred Johnson--Boulder, Colorado, MV Quadrennial Council, November 1-7;

D. A. McAdams--Southwestern Union Conference, Dallas, Texas, for counsel re a publishing problem, March 16 and 17;

Louise Meyer--Syracuse, New York, Sabbath School Workshops, April 5-13;

L. M. Nelson--Kansas City, Missouri, United Evangelism Congress, August 11-15;

R. L. Odom and W. E. Read--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Daniel Research Committee, March 19-22;

Harold Reiner--Michigan to Washington, D.C. (and return) re moving arrangements, March 11-16;

H. E. Rice--Dayton, Ohio, Kettering Memorial Hospital, May 4-10;

F. A. Soper--Shelton, Nebraska, Platte Valley Academy Oratorical Rally, March 27, 28 (returning from West Coast).

DERWOOD WILDMAN--UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Faith for Today Board a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for Derwood Wildman, to connect with the New York Conference as Treasurer of Union Springs Academy.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY WEISS--LOMA LINDA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences a call for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Weiss, Medical Technologists in the White Memorial Medical Center, to connect with Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital as Medical Technologists.

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ERIC KREYE--PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences a call for Eric Kreye, of Lodi Academy, to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association in the Art Department.

O. L. DRISKELL--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association a call for O. L. Driskell, Associate Manager of the Book Department, to be Associate Manager of the Book Department in the Southern Publishing Association.

JOHN MOFFATT--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Columbia Union College a call for John Moffatt, to serve as an Editorial Assistant in the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

W. E. Murray, Chairman
N. W. Dunn, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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Ninety-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 19, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, N. W. Dunn, Wesley Amundsen, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, M. V. Campbell, E. W. Dunbar, J. E. Edwards, A. C. Fearing, R. R. Figuhr, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, R. R. Hegstad, M. Carol Hetzell, D. S. Johnson, W. J. Keith, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, W. E. Murray, J. R. Nelson, L. M. Nelson, W. L. Pascoe, J. W. Peeke, W. E. Phillips, L. B. Reynolds, A. H. Roth, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, C. L. Torrey, E. R. Walde, R. S. Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee, N. W. Litchfield

Commenting on Psalms 50: 23, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me," Theodore Carcich, Chairman, remarked "that Christian service, in order to be effective, should be accompanied by gratefulness and thanksgiving. The obedience we owe to God," he continued, "should be rendered with gladness and not as a burdensome duty. Such a testimony has a positive influence on others and brightens the lives of all who cross our path." He read paragraphs from Christ's Object Lessons, page 299, regarding our need to rejoice and show gratitude because we are the heritage of the Lord and we appreciate the love of God for fallen humanity.

Opening prayer by T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 12, 1964, were approved.

R. DETTMAR--RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

R. R. Figuhr, who has recently returned from a trip to the Central European Division, made a statement concerning R. Dettmar, who for personal reasons has tendered his resignation as President of the Central European Division.

VOTED, To accept the resignation of R. Dettmar as President of the Central European Division.

OTTO GMEHLING--PRESIDENT CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

On recommendation of the Central European Division Committee, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was

VOTED, That Otto Gmehling, at present Secretary of the Central European Division, be elected President of the Central European Division.

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SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--EXCHANGE RATES:

On recommendation of the South American Division, it was

VOTED, To authorize exchange rates, effective April 1, 1964, as follows:

Brazilian Cruzeiro, from 950.00 to the U.S. dollar, or .001052631; to 1250 to the U.S. dollar, or .0008;

Uruguayan Peso, from 14.00 to the U.S. dollar, or .071428; to 16.50 to the U.S. dollar, or .060606.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To authorize appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee, as follows, with the understanding that the requests for the services of Dr. Edward Heppenstall and Dr. Earle Hilgert will be referred to the Andrews University for their consideration:

Wesley Amundsen--Chicago, Illinois, speaking appointment and Yugoslavian work, March 28; Battle Creek, Michigan, re arrangement for North American Foreign Language Workers' Meeting, March 29 (on return from Chicago); Detroit, Michigan, re Rumanian work, March 30 (from Battle Creek);

T. Carcich--Portland, Maine, Northern New England Conference session, April 19;

H. E. Clasing--Soquel, California, Laymen's Congress, July 8-11; Kansas City, Missouri, Laymen's Congress, August 11-15;

E. E. Cossentine--South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Atlantic Union College speaking appointment, March 23, 24;

A. O. Dart--Atlanta, Georgia, Youth Congress (appointments and counseling), April 5, 6 (in connection with trip to Collegedale); Collegedale, Tennessee, Southern Missionary College Christian Home Week, April 9-16 (already voted, in Carolina, April 18-23); Lumberton, Mississippi, Bass Memorial Academy, Christian Home Week, April 26-May 2;

John Hancock--South Dakota, re Junior Camp site business, April 26, 27 (from Berrien Springs) (change of date);

Dr. Edward Heppenstall--College Place, Washington, Walla Walla College Autumn Week of Prayer, October;

Mazie Herin--South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Committee on Graduate Education and Quadrennial Session special training program for educators, August 18-26;

Dr. Earle Hilgert--College Place, Washington, Walla Walla College Spring Week of Prayer, April 4-11;

M. H. Jensen--Grand Ledge, Michigan, Laymen's Congress, August 12-15;

Harold Messenger--Central Union, property appraisals, April 27-June 30;

C. E. Moseley, Jr.--New Haven, Connecticut, Week of Prayer, March 18-21;

J. R. Nelson--Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Servicemen's Retreat and Operation White Coat, April 7-18; Texas and Louisiana, military bases, April 19-25; Southern Union, military bases and Medical Cadet Corps Academy appointments, April 25-May 13; Mount Vernon, Ohio, speaking appointments and Pathfinder Fair, May 16-18; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Emmanuel Missionary College and Andrews University, military, May 19-21;

L. M. Nelson--Providence, Rhode Island, Youth Congress, May 2;

H. D. Singleton--Huntsville, Alabama, Constituency Meeting, March 22;

E. W. Tarr--Los Angeles, California, American College Public Relations Association, July 5-8; Loma Linda, California, Public Relations business, July 9; Berrien Springs, Michigan, Church Public Relations Course, July 12-August 13 (on return from West Coast);

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES (concluded):

E. R. Walde--Los Angeles, California, Voice of Prophecy Board and Voice of Prophecy business, May 18-28.

ELIEZER G. BENAVIDES--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Eliezer G. Benavides be released from appointment to the Central American Union Mission as Union Evangelist, he having declined to accept the call.

HARDIN DELAFIELD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Hardin Delafield, son of Elder and Mrs. R. E. Delafield, in the East African Union, for further education; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

MRS. MILDRED MARIE WERNER--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Mrs. Mildred Marie Werner, a junior medical student at Loma Linda University, School of Medicine, a widow of Julian Werner, a former teacher in Medellin, Colombia, be placed under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division; it being understood that no financial assistance will be required.

JOSEPH C. JOHANNES, M.D.--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Joseph C. Johannes, M.D., of St. Helena, California, be placed under deferred appointment. He plans to take the practice of Dr. Mark Fowler, in Atlanta, Georgia, while Dr. Fowler serves as a relief Doctor for three months in Trinidad. Following that, Dr. Johannes will be open to overseas appointment up to three years, with the possibility of his being sent to British Guiana.

THEODORE JOHNSTONE, M.D.--WEST NIGERIA:

VOTED, That Theodore Johnstone, M.D., of Hanford, California, be invited to connect with the Northern European Division, for service at the Adventist Hospital, in Ile-Ife, West Nigeria.

BEVERLY PALADENI--UGANDA:

VOTED, That Miss Beverly Paladeni, a student at Walla Walla College, who is to receive her B.S. degree in June, 1964, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division, for nursing work at the Ankole Hospital, in Uganda, East Africa.

JULIA BONNEY--INDIA; HOME BASE:

Miss Julia Bonney came to the United States from England on her own expense, and taught church school at Sacramento, California, and at Pacific Union College. At present she is in England temporarily, at her own expense, to study and gain further experience, with the intention of returning to the United States to resume work here. The Southern Asia Division has placed a call for Miss Julia Bonney.

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VOTED, That Miss Julia Bonney be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division for elementary teaching at Salisbury Park, Poona, India, for a two-year term, with the understanding that the North American Division is to be regarded as her home base.

RAQUEL GENANIAN--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association a call for Raquel Genanian, who formerly served a number of years in the Inter-American Division office, at Miami, Florida, to connect with the Inter-American Division as Translator and Office Secretary.

TULIO ROBINSON--GUATEMALA MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to Tulio Robinson, of Riverside, California, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to be Treasurer of the Guatemala Mission, on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

PEDRO C. ROQUE--CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences be requested to release Pedro C. Roque, of La Puente, California, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Central American Union Mission, on the basis of a national returning to his homeland.

KENNETH WILSON--PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences a call for Kenneth Wilson, a Teacher, to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association as Assistant Copy Editor.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To authorize visits to overseas fields as follows:

- T. E. Lucas--Northern Europe, July 15-September 15, 1965;
- E. R. Walde--Northern Europe, February 17-March 28, 1966;
Southern Europe (Paris), March 29-April 6, 1966;
Middle East, April 7-May 3, 1966;
- G. A. Huse--Trans-Africa, January 1-March 15, 1965;
Sabbath School Department Representative, Far East, September 15-December 15, 1966;
- W. E. Murray--Trans-Africa, May 18-June 15, 1964;
Southern Europe, West Africa, June 16-30, 1964;
Northern Europe, West Africa, July 1-15, 1964.

VOTED, To approve the following requests and pass them on to the organizations concerned:

1. B. F. Perez and King's Heralds Quartet of Voice of Prophecy--Inter-America (Mexico), November 15-December 15, 1964, with the understanding that the travel expense for this group will be paid by Inter-America;
2. E. Denkert of Central Europe to Trans-Africa, July 19-September 24, 1964;

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VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS (concluded):

3. O. Brozio of Central Europe to Trans-Africa, year-end Division Committee, 1964, and field trips as may be arranged;

4. C. D. Martin of Far East to Australia, December 24-January 1, 1965.

GERHARD SCHUELER--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Madison College a call for Gerhard Schueler, Head of the graphic Arts Department at Madison College, to connect with the Southern Publishing Association, for service in Quality Control.

C. L. BAUER--DEATH; SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Information has come of the death of C. L. Bauer, in St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, Sanitarium, California, March 16, 1964. Brother Bauer served as a worker in the denomination from 1920 to 1957. This service included fourteen years in the South American Division, and eleven years as President of the Pacific Union Conference. He was for many years a member of the General Conference Committee.

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the service of C. L. Bauer, and to express our Christian sympathy to the members of the family.

H. G. CHILDS--DEATH; SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

The death of H. G. Childs occurred at the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, Sanitarium, California, March 16, 1964. He first entered the denominational work in 1896. His total length of service in this cause was fifty-five and one-half years. For a number of years he was General Manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and a member of the General Conference Committee.

VOTED, To record our appreciation for the service of H. G. Childs, and to express our Christian sympathy to the members of the family.

Adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
N. W. Dunn, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

Ninety-Eighth Meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 26, 1964, 10:00 A.M.

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PRESENT:

R. S. Watts, D. S. Johnson, K. F. Ambs, Wesley Amundsen, R. A. Anderson, W. R. Beach, E. L. Becker, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, W. P. Bradley, E. E. Cossentine, E. W. Dunbar, A. A. Esteb, A. C. Fearing, T. R. Flaiz, M.D., J. O. Gibson, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, G. A. Huse, J. O. Iversen, J. C. Kozel, M. E. Loewen, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, F. R. Millard, W. E. Murray, J. R. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, J. R. Spangler, A. F. Tarr, C. L. Torrey

OTHERS PRESENT:

H. T. Elliott, C. D. Forshee, Harry House, N. W. Litchfield

Speaking of Psalms 1 and 2, R. S. Watts, Chairman, said these two Psalms are an introduction to the theme of the Psalms--man is in trouble, and God gives him relief. One finds statements in the Psalms which indicate this, all the way through. It is the cry of the universal man, not just the Hebrew; and we see the hand of Omnipotence reaching down to help and to bring relief. Elder Watts then read from the Revised Version of the Scriptures Psalms 1 and 2.

Opening prayer by A. A. Esteb.

Information was given by E. W. Dunbar that Miss Maybelle Vandermark, at present Dean of Women in Southern Missionary College, has accepted our call for her to connect with the General Conference Home Missionary Department as Assistant Secretary.

MINUTES of the meeting held March 19, 1964, were approved.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION--USE OF AIRPLANE:

The Australasian Division desires to operate an aircraft in the Coral Sea Union Mission. The Division Committee has given attention to the General Conference policy (General Conference Working Policy, pages 42, 43, 1963 edition) with regard to the operation of denominationally owned aircraft, and on January 30, 1964, took action giving assurance to abide by those principles. The Secretary of the Australasian Division, in a letter dated February 3, 1964, has given details as to the plan for the operation of this aircraft, meeting the stipulations of the policy and the regulations of the Department of Civil Aviation of Australia and Australian territories. The plane was a gift to the Australasian Division.

VOTED, That the Australasian Division be granted approval for the operation of the aircraft in the Western Highlands Mission and the Sepik Mission of the Coral Sea Union Mission in the Papua-New Guinea area, inasmuch as the policy and all flight safety precautions are being complied with by the Australasian Division and the Coral Sea Union Mission.

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ALMA BINDER--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On recommendation of the Northern European Division, it was

VOTED, To authorize a leave of absence for approximately a year beyond the regular furlough, without salary, for Miss Alma Binder, Director of Nursing Service and Education in the Empress Zauditu Sanitarium and Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at her request for personal reasons.

WAYNE E. OLSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Wayne E. Olson, Ministerial Secretary in the Middle East Division, because of family educational problems; in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

CAROL LEE SCHUBERT--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Carol Lee Schubert from appointment as a Teacher for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, she having requested to be released from the call; and in the meantime the call has been filled.

DOROTHY MAY TURNER, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dorothy May Turner, M.D., be released from appointment to Southern Asia, inasmuch as a visa is not available for entry into Burma, and she does not see her way clear to accept a call to India.

VALRIE I. RUDGE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Valrie I. Rudge be released from deferred appointment to the Australasian Division, she having recently accepted a call to another location.

ESTHER KANDT--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Esther Kandt be released from deferred appointment, since for personal reasons she is not free to accept an overseas call at this time.

EVELYN LINDBERG--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Evelyn Lindberg be released from deferred appointment.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--CALL FOR NURSES:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for three nurses, two to serve at the Ankole Hospital in Uganda, and one at the Ngoma Hospital in Rwanda; the calls to be processed by the Australasian Division.

JOSEPH C. JOHANNES, M.D.--OKINAWA:

VOTED, That Joseph C. Johannes, M.D., of St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital, who is under deferred appointment to the Inter-American Division, be assigned to Okinawa; this arrangement being agreeable to the Inter-American Division, and the Far Eastern Division having requested his services.

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PETRA SUKAU--RWANKERI DISPENSARY, RWANDA:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Michigan Conferences be requested to release Miss Petra Sukau, who previously served for a number of years in the Southern Asia Division, and that she be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division, for nursing work at the Rwankeri Dispensary, in Rwanda.

JOHN C. MATTINGLY--NORTH CONGO:

VOTED, That the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conferences be requested to release John C. Mattingly, of Lynn, Massachusetts, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Principal of the Rweze School, in the North Congo.

DR. HERMAN CURTIS--NIGERIA:

VOTED, That Dr. Herman Curtis, of San Diego, California, be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as Pharmacist for Ile-Ife, in West Nigeria.

MARY NOBLE--BANGKOK, THAILAND:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences be requested to release Miss Mary Noble, of Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, and that she be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Physical Therapist for Bangkok, Thailand.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT C. DEMING--GUAM:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Central California Conferences be requested to release Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Deming, of Merced, California, and that they be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as elementary Teachers for Guam.

ARNOLD N. WHITE--SOUTH INDIA:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union Conference and Newfoundland Mission be requested to release Arnold N. White, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Principal of the E. D. Thomas Memorial High School in South India.

PETER D. DURICHEK, JR.--EAST PAKISTAN:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences be requested to release Peter D. Durichek, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio, and that he be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Principal of the Kellogg-Mookerjee High School, in Jalirpar, East Pakistan.

LILLI YANKE, M.D.--RANCHI, INDIA:

VOTED, That Lilli Yanke, M.D., of Lodi, California, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a Doctor for Ranchi, provided satisfactory financial arrangements can be made.

LAVERN JEWELL--RUSANGU SCHOOL:

VOTED, That Lavern Jewell, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as a Teacher for the Rusangu School.

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EUGENIA KUBE--ANDREWS UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a call for Miss Eugenia Kube, Teacher at Orangewood Academy, to join the staff at Andrews University to teach English.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

W. R. Beach--Lincoln, Nebraska, Union College Board, April 8; Nashville, Tennessee, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference session, April 19;

E. W. Dunbar--Oshawa, Ontario, Spring Union Committee, April 20-23; Syracuse, New York, New York Conference session, May 17;

T. Carcich, W. P. Bradley--Denver, Colorado, Southern Publishing Association Board, October 5;

E. E. Cossentine--South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Atlantic Union College appointment, July 6-8 (change of date);

J. E. Edwards, A. A. Esteb, C. E. Guenther, V. W. Schoen--Soquel, California, Union-wide Laymen's Congress, July 8-11; Keene, Texas, Union-wide Laymen's Congress, August 24-28, 1965;

A. A. Esteb--Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Laymen's Congress, April 10-12 (change of date);

J. O. Gibson--Los Angeles, California, Loma Linda Institute of Scientific Studies, July 6-15 (following camp-meeting appointment);

R. R. Hegstad--Berrien Springs, Michigan, speaking appointments, April 17-19;

H. R. House--Northern and Central Unions, Insurance business, May 12-15;

M. H. Jensen--Syracuse, New York, Conference Dorcas Federation, April 26-May 3;

D. S. Johnson--Lake Union Conference, Andrews University, Detroit, Chicago, recruitment, March 30-April 6;

Theodore Lucas--Grand Ledge, Michigan, Medical Cadet Corps, June 19-23; San Diego, California, Chaplains' Conference, August 17-20; Southern California Conference, Master Guide Council, etc., November 12-21 (appointment in Boulder previous);

G. M. Mathews--Florida Conference, Workers' and Teachers' Meetings, September 6-10; Colorado Conference, visit schools, November 1-7; 14-17 (appointment in Boulder, November 8-13);

E. L. Minchin--Los Angeles, California, in connection with "It Is Written" meetings, April 20-26;

L. M. Nelson--Pontiac, Michigan, Youth Rally, April 24-26; Missouri, Bible Camps, June 2-7;

B. Noland--Madison, Tennessee, counsel on Madison Foods, week following March 29, one or two days;

R. L. Odom--Baltimore, Maryland, re Religious Liberty film preview, April 12;

V. W. Schoen--Carolina Conference, Laymen's Congress, April 17-19;

J. V. Scully--Chicago, Illinois, Temperance Rally, April 3-5;

H. D. Singleton--Huntsville, Alabama, re church property purchase, March 23 (extension of date); Cassopolis, Michigan, Workers' Retreat, October 5-7;

Miss Maybelle Vandermark--Collegedale, Tennessee, to Lansing, Michigan, April 20-22, for a Dorcas Leaders' Convention; return to Collegedale, Tennessee, via Washington.

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S. WALTER DAHL--REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Columbia Union College a call for S. Walter Dahl, of the Columbia Union College Press, to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association for work in the composing room.

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

R. S. Watts, Chairman
Duane Johnson, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary