

## FIFTEENTH MEETING

The fifteenth meeting was called at 9:30 A.M., May 19, G.A. Irwin in the chair. Prayer was offered by J.M.Rees, and minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The service was devoted to further reports from delegates and people on the "Washington Surprise Party" movement.

Brethren from all parts reported for conferences, churches, and individuals, the treasurer and assistants taking down names and amounts. These minutes cannot report details. The gifts came from east and west, from the South and from Canada. Of larger gifts, Western Oregon sent nearly \$1000. East Michigan, \$1050. W.B.White, in behalf of the Pacific Union Conference, laid down \$3,000 on the table for missions, amidst <sup>hearty</sup> ~~loud~~ amens. The California Conference gave from its conference funds \$1000 for missions. West Michigan reported \$250 taken up but not received yet from the Battle Creek church for Washington, while the conference gave \$1000 for missions. I.H.Evans reported \$67 from employees in the Review and Herald branch at Battle Creek. A.G.Daniells laid down \$1000 for Washington, from J.J.Wessels, of South Africa, who desired in his letter to join in coming up to the help of the Lord in the right move at the right time. The Wisconsin Conference, as a conference, \$500. Western Washington, \$397, Arkansas, \$81, South Dakota, \$161, Southern California, \$274, Indiana, \$544, Mexico, \$51. Brother J.H.Gilmore pledged \$1000 on condition of carrying through some business in hand.

Not as anything to be included in the cash offering on the desk but as a matter of interest, L.F.Starr reported that Iowa had set out last year to raise \$15,000, half for Washington and half for missions. The fund had reached \$13,000 and they mean soon to complete it. Reports of some of the smaller gifts, as from Melrose Sanitarium workers (just having

suffered by the fire), and from schools, sanitariums, etc., in needy fields, were much appreciated by the conference.

While the treasurer was reckoning the amount given in, Sister White spoke feelingly and powerfully of the meaning of this united effort, thanking God on behalf of those who have given, and on behalf of the conference for the joy of knowing that hearts everywhere are touched by the needs of God's cause. She then led the congregation in an earnest prayer of thanksgiving .

The treasurer then announced that the total in cash this morning was \$9,964.31, in pledges, \$1,357.25, of which \$6,484.78 was for missions. The Washington fund was now at about \$87,000.

The meeting adjourned.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.

*Approved*

SIXTEENTH MEETING

The sixteenth meeting was called at 2:30 P.M., May 19, G.A.

Irwin in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Smith Sharp, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations submitted a further partial report, as follows:--

Deputation to the President

15. Resolved, That the following named persons constitute the deputation to wait upon President Roosevelt:--

A.G.Daniells, (President) Washington, D.C.	W.H.Thurston, Canada.
W.W.Prescott (Vice-Pres.), Washington, D.C.	N.P.Nelson, Texas.
W.A.Spicer (Secretary), Washington, D.C.	E.E.Andross, England.
I.H.Evans (Treasurer), Washington, D.C.	W.J.Stone, Indiana.
S.N.Haskell, General Missionary.	W.C.White, California.
G.A.Irwin, Australia.	W.A.Westworth, Scotland.
O.A.Olsen, England.	M.C.Wilcox, California.
G.I.Butler, Tennessee.	E.W.Farnsworth, England.
A.T.Jones, Michigan.	C.H.Edwards, New York.
L.R.Conradi, Germany.	J.N.Anderson, China.
H.W.Cottrell, Massachusetts.	J.L.Shaw, India.
J.N.Loughborough, California.	F.W.Field, Japan.
R.M.Kilgore, Georgia.	J.W.Westphal, South America.
A.I.Breed, Washington State.	W.H.Wakeham, Egypt.
R. Underwood, Canada.	A.J.Haysmer, West Indies.
W.S.Hyatt, South Africa.	K.C.Russell, Washington, DC
J.O.Corliss, California.	W.A.Colcord, "
E.T.Russell, Nebraska.	J.S.Washburn, "
Luther Warren, Chicago.	G.B.Thompson, "
J.E.Jayne, New Jersey.	S.B.Horton, New Orleans, La.

Malay Mission Territory

16. Resolved, That we include the Straits Settlements, the federated Malay states and the kingdom of Johore in the territory of the Malaysia Mission Field, under the Australasian Union Conference.

The report was adopted.

On motion, it was--

Voted, That the executive committee be asked to appoint a committee as was called for in the report of the Southern Union Conference, to look into the financial affairs of the Southern Union Conference and its institutions. such

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The chair called for the report of the Lake Union Conference, which was presented by Allen Moon, the president. A brief summary follows:--

Lake Union Conference

The five States of the Union have a population of 15,985,581. The eight conferences report 456 churches, with a membership of 16,044. The tithe for 1904 was \$131,987.72, or about \$8.22 per capita. Its offerings for missions reported from all sources, was \$22,476. There was some decrease in tithe last year attributable to damage to crops in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. The Northern Peninsula had been a separate mission field, but has now been included in the territory of the North Michigan Conference. This conference has received aid from the East and West Michigan, and Union Conferences.

There is a good degree of spiritual life among believers in the conference. Ministers, 98, licentiates, 39, besides Bible workers and canvassers. As a result of all the labors in this territory, over 16,000 souls have been gathered out of a population of fifteen millions. There has been inequality in the distribution of labor; for instance, Illinois has one-third of the population of the Union Conference, but has only one-tenth of the membership, and the Illinois staff of laborers is correspondingly small.

The Union territory has within it sanitariums at Battle Creek, Mich., Madison, Wis., Moline, Peoria, Chicago, and Hinsdale, Ill., and Connersville, Ind., while many are engaged in treatment room work in various cities.

There are schools doing college work at Berrien Springs, Mich., Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and intermediate schools at Cedar Lake, Mich., Bethel, Wis., Sheridan and DuQuoin, Ill., Boggstown, Ind., and Holly, East Michigan. An excellent class of young people are training for service in

these schools.

The laborers of the Lake Union desire unity in service on the basis of the truth of God, and then to inspire all to renewed zeal and consecration for the accomplishment of the work, not only in the local territory, but in all the world.

The chair called upon W.H.Thurston to present the report of the Canadian Union Conference. The following is a brief summary:--

#### Canadian Union Conference

The Union territory embraces the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. Area, 662,350 square miles, population, nearly 5,000,000. Conferences, Ontario, Quebec, Maritime (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island); mission field, Newfoundland. Churches, 39, isolated, 93, total members, 990. Ministers, 12, licentiates, 4, Bible workers, 4, canvassers, 8. There were 62 accessions to the membership during the term.

The Lornedale Academy is located in Ontario, fifteen miles from Toronto, and the Farmington Academy in the Maritime Conference, fifteen miles from Oxford Junction. These academies are in their second year. They were started amidst difficulties, but the brethren were determined to provide a way for the training of their young people. Church schools, 5 five.

In 1903 the Knowlton (Quebec) Sanitarium was established by the Quebec Conference, Dr. W.H.White in charge. About twenty-five patients can be accommodated, and the institution has been generally full of late. It is exerting a wholesome influence. It is a training center for workers also. Treatment rooms have been started in Lindsay, ~~South~~ S. Baker in charge. Dr. C.V.S.Boettger and wife have a hygienic institute in Ottawa, doing good work. A French sister, V.Gobell, <sup>successful</sup> has treatment rooms in Montreal.

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The tithe for 1904 was \$8,034, an increase of \$629 over the previous year. The book work requires attention. The retail value of books sold was \$11,481. On account of heavy freight duties, distances, and expense, it is recommended that the Union depository be discontinued, the local conference tract societies reestablished, dealing directly with the publishing house. Ministerial laborers are needed in various parts, and funds for the partial support of a French worker, who could be set into the field in Quebec if \$300 a year could be secured. The great French Catholic field is destitute.

Following a solo by Elder L.C. Sheafe, the report of the Central Union Conference was called for and presented by E.T. Russell, the president. A brief summary follows:--

Central Union Conference

The Union includes six states, the territory of New Mexico, and the Black Hills region of South Dakota. Area, 616,531 square miles. Population, 9,000,000. Churches, 355, membership, 12,042. Unorganized companies, 96. Total Sabbath-keepers, 14,136, an increase during the term of but 342. This low record is due to revision of church lists. During the term many additions were made and forty-three new churches were organized.

During the two years, three intermediate schools and two intermediate and industrial schools have been established. Ministers, 75, licentiates, 62, missionary licentiates, 100, canvassers, 55. Tithe for 1903, \$114,523.19, for 1904, \$112,242.98. Amount appropriated to fields outside the Union, \$29,804. Offerings to missions, \$70,434. Book sales, \$28,708.

Union College has had an average enrollment of from three hundred and fifty to four hundred students. Most of the industrial departments are more than self-supporting. Religious interests have been

excellent. The Stuart (Iowa) Industrial School has averaged sixty-five students. At the opening of the school year half the students made no profession of religion. By the middle of the year all had made such profession, and with two exceptions, the experience seems genuine. It has been wonderful to see the changes wrought, and this with no revival effort. Another industrial school has been established at Palisades, Colo. Intermediate schools are planted at Thayer, Kan., Hemingford, Nebr., Hygiene, Colo., and College View, Nebr.

The Colorado Sanitarium (Boulder) had last year one of the most successful years in its history, financially and religiously. The Iowa Sanitarium (Des Moines), has similarly prospered, graduating twenty-two nurses during the term. The Nebraska Sanitarium (College View) has had from thirty to forty patients on the average. The religious interest has been excellent. About fifty nurses are employed. The Kansas Sanitarium (Wichita) is not fully completed, but is receiving patients. The institution has twenty acres of agricultural land. There are four health food factories, and seven treatment rooms, in the Union, two private sanitariums, and four or five vegetarian restaurants.

Iowa is supporting twelve workers in other fields, and places half its staff and tithe at the disposal of the General Conference/ Nebraska voted five workers and their support for three years. Kansas offered two laborers, with support. Colorado is supporting two laborers in Africa, and offers two more for needy fields. Missouri offers two workers for mission service.

We praise God for putting it into the hearts of the brethren in this Union Conference to respond so liberally. At the same time we acknowledge that more should have been done in all departments. Our con-

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ference is located in rich agricultural territory, which gives us an abundance of resources to develop and use to the glory of God.

The meeting adjourned.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.



SEVENTEENTH MEETING

The seventeenth meeting was called to order by O.A.Olsen, at 9:30 A.M., May 21.

Prayer was offered by W.J.Stone, and minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The chair called for the report of the South African Union Conference. In presenting it, W.S.Hyatt stated that he brought the greetings of the South African believers, and their assurances that they are with us in heart, praying that this conference may give new impetus to the work. (The report appeared in last week's Review.) The conference was greatly stirred by the evidence that Ethiopia is indeed stretching out its hands to God.

Adjourned.

O.A.Olsen, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.