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## THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

## NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Held at Loma Linda, California,

March 24, 1914.

I. H. Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by M. C. Wilcox.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, R D Quinn, Chas. Thompson, E E Andross, O Montgomery, S E Wight, B G Wilkinson, G F Watson, H S Shaw, F Griggs, W A Ruble, M N Campbell; also W A Spicer, C H Jones, M C Wilcox, W D Salisbury, A O Tait, H G Childs, W L Burgan, W C White, E W Farnsworth, J A Burden, C McReynolds, and C Santee.

## H ARVEST INGATHERING:

The question of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign 1914 being given careful consideration, it was

VOTED, That the rallying cry be "One Hundred Thousand Dollars for Missions," and further

VOTED, That the promotion of the Campaign remain in the General Conference Treasury and Mission Board departments, as at present.

## CAMP-MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of six to take under consideration the plans, time of holding and help for the coming camp-meetings.

This committee was announced as follows: Charles Thompson, G F Watson, B G Wilkinson, S E Wight, C W Flaiz, and H S Shaw.

## MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN:

A tentative plan for an advanced move along home missionary lines was laid before the committee. After considering the question at some length it was referred to a committee consisting of G B Thompson, W A Spicer, M C Wilcox and A O Tait, for further study in some of the details.

## FINANCIAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Elder E E Andross, President of the Pacific Union, presented verbally a plan adopted at their recent Conference, looking toward the relief of the educational institutions in their Union, and asked that the Committee approve of this plan, and relieve them from the plan adopted by the General Conference for the relief of our institutional indebtedness. The question of the continuance of the twenty-cent-a-week plan in its present form being involved in the proposed plan, it was

VOTED, That the matter be referred to a committee for consideration.

W T Knox, E E Andross, O Montgomery, R D Quinn, I H Evans, C H Jones, and F Griggs were appointed as this committee.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman  
G B Thompson, Secretary.

FORTIETH MEETING NORTH AMERICAN  
DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Held at Loma Linda, California

March 25, 1914.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by C W Flaiz.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT: C W Flaiz; also C E Weaks, L M Bowen, Claude Conard, G W Reaser, Dr. D D Comstock, J W Adams.

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN:

The committee to whom was referred the plan for the proposed missionary campaign, rendered their report, which was adopted as follows:-

Believing that the hour has come when our people must devote themselves most earnestly to "the finishing of the work," and desiring that every Seventh-day Adventist in the North American Division Conference shall take an active part in getting the Third Angel's Message before the people of this Division, we recommend the following:-

1. That, a special missionary campaign, beginning with October 1, 1914, and continuing until the following spring, be definitely planned for by all our people.

This does not mean that we are to in any way slacken our missionary work during the interval between the present time and the date set; but that due preparations be made so that when the special campaign begins the entire working force of our people may be utilized to the best advantage.

We earnestly solicit the cooperation of all union, local, and church officers, and pray that the Spirit of God may move upon our people everywhere to unite in making this plan a mighty factor in the giving of the message to the people of this Division.

As a working basis on which we may all unite, we suggest the following:-

(a) That each church be organized into missionary bands

with suitable department leaders.

(b) That these bands carry forward cottage meetings, Bible studies, medical missionary work, missionary correspondence, the selling and loaning of our small books and the distribution of tracts, pamphlets, periodicals and magazines, and all other lines of missionary endeavor.

(c) That we encourage every church member to engage daily in definite prayer for the salvation of some particular person or persons for whom the Lord may give a special burden.

(d) That during the Sabbath services of the coming year we unite in prayer, beseeching the Lord's blessing upon the communities in which we live, praying that the Lord may lead souls to himself,-- and also for our ministry, that there may be a large ingathering of souls.

2. That we urge the home missionary secretaries in the territory of the North American Division Conference and the union and local conference executive committees to unite their efforts in effecting the organization of our churches into missionary bands, and to give definite instruction regarding field work.

That when possible, a suitable leader and organizer visit the churches, and set before them in detail the purpose and plans of our coming missionary campaign.

(a) By organizing the churches into missionary bands, and helping to select and instruct suitable leaders.

(b) By carrying on a vigorous correspondence, keeping before the churches the importance and possibilities of this home missionary work.

(c) By soliciting large clubs of the campaign number of "The Signs of the Times," endeavoring to reach the goal of not less than an average of two copies of the paper for each church member.

(d) By encouraging the church to order in time so that a good supply of literature may be on hand for this work.

(e) That monthly donations be taken from now until the campaign closes, in order that ample funds may be in hand to pay for our missionary literature.

(f) That each person who is to canvass for our home workers books, carefully study these books during the summer, so that he will be able to handle the same to advantage; and that special instruction be given by the Home Missionary Secretaries on

selling the small books.

(g) That the following named persons be appointed as a committee on literature, and that they be requested to give careful study to the special literature to be circulated during the missionary campaign: G B Thompson, Miss E M Graham, W T Knox, O A Tait, R L Pierce, I A Ford, W A Spicer, H H Hall, and F M Wilcox.

3. That our pioneer missionary paper, "The Signs of the Times" be made a more active agent in our Home Missionary effort for the finishing of the work, as follows:-

(a) The publishers and editors plan for the contents of the paper to carry the Third Angel's Message in its various phases twice a year.

(b) That the six month's issue of "The Signs of the Times," beginning October 1, 1914, and ending March 1, 1915, be known in our correspondence as "The Home Missionary Series of the Signs of the Times."

(c) That for this special missionary series, strong and forceful writers be secured from various parts of the field to present the truth through the columns of this paper in such a way as will appeal to the people.

(d) That our work in the mission fields be written up and well illustrated in each issue of the paper, so that the people may be able to understand more fully the magnitude of the work we are doing.

(e) That the publishers of "The Signs of the Times" make the club-rate for six months of the "Missionary series" 60 cents to our people.

(f) That large clubs of "The Signs of the Times" be solicited from our churches by those in charge of the work, and that we make the goal for the circulation of this paper not less than an average of two copies per church member.

(g) That in addition to the use of the mails, we organize our churches for effective house to house work, territory being assigned to individuals as in the book work.

(h) That during the fall and winter a canvass be made of the territory where our missionary papers have been circulated in order to secure annual subscriptions for them at the regular subscription price.

4. That in conferences where there are a large number of foreign speaking people, and our foreign papers can be used to advantage, we recommend that they be circulated, and that the publishers be urged to prepare these papers with special reference to this campaign, filling these periodicals with live matter dealing with the vital principles of Christianity and the great fundamental doctrines of the Third Angel's Message.

5. That we accept of the generous offer made by the Pacific Press Publishing Association to donate to our foreign mission work the entire net gain on the "Signs of the Times;" and that we request them to distribute said profits to the respective conferences on a pro-rata basis according to the number of the copies of the "Signs," and similar missionary papers printed in foreign tongues, taken in each local conference; said profits to be applied the same as other regular offerings on the raising of the definite weekly sum for missions according to the plan adopted by the denomination, it being understood that this gift from the Pacific Press Publishing Association is designed to augment the mission offerings of the conferences as long as the standard remains at fifteen cents a week. But if the standard is increased to twenty cents the amounts : appor- tioned are to assist in attaining this amount.

6. That this campaign be kept before our people by articles in the "Review and Herald" and "Church Officers' Gazette," by correspondence and earnest talks at camp-meetings and other public gatherings,-- in order that our people may be fully aroused to active missionary work during this coming campaign.

#### TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN:

Elder Flaiz spoke of a great temperance campaign to be carried forward in the territory of the North Pacific Union in behalf of the suppression of the liquor traffic, and asked counsel as to the preparation of temperance literature that could be used.

VOTED, that we request the Pacific Press Publishing Association to issue a special Temperance number of the "Signs of the Times" for use in the temperance campaigns which are to be carried forward in various parts of the United States and Canada during the coming summer and autumn.

#### EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY:

The chairman called attention to the vacancy which will exist in the Educational Department through Professor J L Shaw being called to the presidency of the Washington College.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of three to consider this question, and bring in a nomination.

This committee was announced as follows: C W Flaiz, G F Watson, and W A Spicer.

#### DANISH-NORWEGIAN SEMINARY:

The president of the Northern Union Conference stated that the Danish-Norwegian Seminary needed an addition to its buildings in order to properly accommodate the students which are in attendance. The proposed addition is estimated to cost approximately \$8,500. The proposition of the Seminary Board is to build on a strictly cash basis, in harmony with the plan set forth by the General and North American Division Conferences, the money to be raised before the addition is built, and no debt to be incurred.

VOTED, That we concur in the plans of the Danish-Norwegian Seminary Board in making this proposed addition, with the understanding that the money will be raised before the building is put up, and no debt be incurred.

#### DOCTOR JESPERSON AND WIFE:

VOTED, That the request received from the President of the Broadview Seminary for Dr. Jespersen and wife to connect with the institution as teachers, be granted.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of three as a committee on distribution of labor, to whom the various requests for laborers can be referred. This committee was announced as follows: O Montgomery, R D Quinn, M N Campbell.

#### CONVENTION MEMORIAL:

The secretary laid before the Council a memorial received from the Educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath-school Departments in reference to the delegation to be sent to the Convention which it is planned to hold July 15 - 29, 1914. Careful consideration was given to the memorial.

Different members spoke of the expense involved in sending such a large delegation as was proposed in this memorial, to the Convention, and stated that it would be impossible for them to comply with the request through lack of funds. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the time had come to somewhat minimize the number of large gatherings, and devote our energies more fully to winning souls. And being so soon after the General Conference, and following so closely on the Union Conferences, it did not seem to be the most favorable time for the holding of so large a gathering.



VOTED, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a night letter to be sent to the Educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath-school Departments, conveying to them as fully as possible the consensus of opinion in reference to the advisability of holding this proposed convention, and await a reply before taking definite action.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,  
G B Thompson, Secretary.

FORTY-FIRST MEETING NORTH  
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Held at Loma Linda, Cal.

March 26, 1914.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by M N Campbell.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY:

The committee appointed to nominate an educational secretary, reported as follows, which was adopted:-

"Inasmuch as Professor J L Shaw having been elected president of the Washington Missionary College, will be compelled to give his entire time to the building up of the College, it is anticipated that he will resign from the Educational Secretaryship of the North American Division Conference,--

"We would hereby nominate Professor F. Griggs to fill the vacancy, requesting Professor Griggs to take the Educational work not later than the time set for the Educational Convention in July.

"We would recommend that Professors Shaw and Howell continue in the departmental work until the close of the Educational Convention, and that Professor Griggs take up his duties as Educational Secretary immediately following the Convention.

"We further recommend that Professor Howell continue as assistant secretary of the Educational Department."

DAVID GULDBRANDSON:

The secretary laid before the Committee a letter from Elder L H Christian in reference to the return of Brother David Guldbrandson from Iceland, to labor in the North American Division Conference among the Icelanders.

VOTED, That we pay the transportation of Brother Guldbrandson and wife from Iceland to Winnipeg, and that we pay his salary until December 31, 1914.

BROTHER MIKKONEN:

A letter was read by the secretary from Elder O A Olsen concerning the return from Finland of Brother Mikkonen, to labor in this country among the Finns.

The matter was carefully considered, but there seemed to be no place at present where he could be located.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented a report which was adopted as follows:-

(1) We recommend that the North Pacific Union be requested to release Elder A V Cotton to labor in the Atlantic Union.

(2) That the Southeastern Union be requested to release Elder R T Nash of Florida to labor in North Dakota.

(3) That the Pacific Union be requested to release Elder J H Behrens to connect with the North Carolina Conference as president.

#### CAMP-MEETINGS:

The committee appointed to suggest plans, dates, etc., for our coming camp-meetings, rendered the following report, which was adopted:-

- (1) Atlantic Union . . . . . June 15 to Sept. 10.
- (2) Central Union:-
  - Nebraska . . . . . May 25 - June 7
  - Wyoming . . . . . June 4 - 14
  - W. Colorado . . . . . June 16 - 22
  - Colorado . . . . . Aug. 13 - 23
  - E. and W. Kansas . . . . . Aug. 27 - Sept. 6
  - N. " S. Missouri Aug. 20 - 30
- (3) Columbia Unipn . . . . . June 11 to Oct. 3.
- (4) Lake Union:
- (5) Northern Union:
  - Iowa . . . . . May 28 - June 7
  - Minnesota . . . . . June 5 - 14
  - S. Dakota . . . . . June 12 - 21
  - N. Dakota . . . . . June 19 - 29
- (6) Pacific Union. . . . . April 25 - Oct. 15
- (7) N. Pacific Union . . . . . May 9 to June 29
  - S. Oregon . . . . . May 14 - 23
  - S. Idaho. . . . . May 21 - 30
  - Upper Columbia . . . . . May 28 - June 6
  - W. Oregon . . . . . June 2 - 13
  - Montana . . . . . June 11 - 20
  - W. Washington . . . . . Aug. 14 - 24

## (8) Southeastern Union:

Georgia . . . . .	July 16 - 26	
S. Carolina . . . . .	July 30 - Aug. 9.	
N. Carolina . . . . .	Aug. 13 - 23.	
Cumberland . . . . .	Aug. 27 - Sept. 6	
Florida . . . . .	October or November.	

## (9) Southwestern Union:

S. Texas: . . . . .	July 17 - 26	
Arkansas . . . . .	July 24 - Aug.	2
North Texas . . . . .	July 31 - Aug.	9
West Texas . . . . .	Aug. 7 - 16	
Oklahoma . . . . .	Aug. 14 - 23	
New Mexico . . . . .	Aug. 21 - 30	

## (10) Southern Union:

Tennessee . . . . .	July 9 - 19	
Mississippi . . . . .	July 23 - Aug. 2	
Alabama . . . . .	July 31 - Aug.	9
Kentucky . . . . .	July 13 - 23	
Louisiana . . . . .	July 27 - Sept, 6	

## (11) E. Canadian Union:

Maritime and Union . . . . .	June 4 - 14	
Quebec . . . . .	June 16 - 23	
Ontario . . . . .	June 25 - July 25	

## (12) W. Canadian Union:

British Columbia:		
(Coast meeting . . . . .)	June 2 - 7	
(Okanagan . . . . .)	9 - 14	
Alberta . . . . .	June 18 - 28	
Saskatchewan . . . . .	June 25 - July 5	
Manitoba . . . . .	July 2 - 12	

We recommend that help for the various camp-meetings be left to the officers of the North American Division Conference.

**TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK-FUND:**

The committee to whom was referred the question of the twenty-cent-a-week fund, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"The twenty-cent-a-week-fund, twenty-five per cent of which is to apply on the institutional indebtedness, was recommended by the General Conference in open session, and the same policy was reaffirmed during the Fall Council, and was voted that said policy should continue until the next session of the North American Division Conference; and,

"Whereas, this policy has been operative only from last July, and has not been given a sufficient test to determine whether we can find relief through it or not, we therefore recommend the following:-

1. "That we continue this policy of twenty cents per week until the next session of the North American Division Conference, and that all union conferences unite in raising their full amount.

2. "That in the distribution of the five cents per week per capita relief fund, we work on the following basis:-

(a) That all funds be sent to the North American Division Conference treasurer.

(b) That the full fifteen cents for foreign missions be paid monthly to the General Conference treasury out of this twenty cent fund.

(c) That each union conference can adopt such plans as they deem advisable in securing additional funds with which to liquidate their indebtedness.

(d) That at the end of the year, that part of the five cents per week which may remain after making up any deficit, which may be in the whole field, in a full fifteen cents per week for foreign missions,-- shall be returned to the union conferences on a pro-rata basis of the amounts received from each union above the fifteen cents per week.

(e) That the proceeds received from the self-denial week appointed at the Fall Council, be returned to each union conference, the same to be applied on institutional relief in the union conference."

( The recommendation passed at the Fall Council, was as follows:-

"That as a means of bringing special help in the campaign for lifting the burden of debt from our institutions, a self-denial week be appointed, and that all conference and institutional workers be asked to dedicate that week's salary to this purpose, in

special token of the dedication of our hearts and lives to the work of rolling away the reproach of debt from the cause of God; and that we invite all our people to make that week a week of self-denial for the benefit of our institutions; and further, that the last week in May be the time for this united endeavor and consecration of life and service.")

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY:

Professor B G Wilkinson asked counsel concerning a proposed plan in the Columbia Union Conference for the relief of Mt. Vernon Academy by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" on a subscription basis.

VOTED, That if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the author, we concur in the proposed plan of selling "Christ's Object Lessons" on a subscription basis for the relief of the Academy.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,  
G B Thompson, Secretary.

FORTY-SECOND MEETING NORTH  
 AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE  
 COMMITTEE

Held at Loma Linda, Calif. March 28, 1914.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by G F Watson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, E E Andross, C W Flaiz, G F Watson, R D Quinn, L M Epwen, H S Shaw, W A Ruble, S E Wight, Charles Thompson, G B Wilkinson, M N Campbell, O Montgomery; also, E W Farnsworth, Claude Conard, W C White, W A Spicer, J J Ireland, D W Reaser, J H Behrens, F M Burg, C H Jones, M E Cady, J A Burden.

C C JENSEN:

VOTED, That we request the General Conference to pay the salary of C C Jensen, furlough rate, for the months of February and March.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION:

The following telegram received in response to one sent to the Educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath-school Departments, was laid before the Committee:-

"We deeply regret the serious blow to the interests of our young people that postponement would mean. Our responses from local conferences generally favorable. We think the Convention ought to be held, but if we can not have good delegation and hearty support, we favor postponement till next year. Wire decision.  
 (Signed) Shaw, Kern, Plummer, Howell, Erickson."

After a most careful and prayerful consideration of the advisability of holding the Convention, it was

VOTED, That the proposed Educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath-school Convention be deferred for the present.

FALL COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the Fall Council of the North American Division Conference Executive Committee be held at Takoma Park, D.C.,

October 25 to November 3, 1914.

It was suggested that all the members plan to be present so that Sabbath, October 24, might be spent in a devotional meeting together.

MEMORIAL FROM THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

Elder C W Flaiz, President of the North Pacific Union Conference, brought before the Committee the following memorial from his executive committee:

"To the brethren of the General and North American Divisional Conference Committees in session assembled, Greeting:

"WHEREAS, the local conferences comprising the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are in very straightened financial circumstances which, if continued any great length of time, will hinder aggressive work and bring discouragement upon our constituency, and

"WHEREAS, under existing circumstances it will become necessary for each of the several local conferences involved to greatly reduce their wage rates to employees, and drop from the pay-roll a goodly number of workers, and

"WHEREAS, this financial condition came to us as the result of the division of the tithe with the General and Divisional Conferences in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference relative to this matter, and

"WHEREAS, during the first nine months that the twenty-five per cent was forwarded for the work in eastern cities of the United States, three of our larger conferences operated at a loss, approximately \$10,000, and

"WHEREAS, we greatly regret our inability to forward the twenty-five per cent without greatly crippling our work, and prohibiting us from encouraging young men to enter the work of the ministry, and

"WHEREAS, we believe that the conferences in the confines of our territory which have not yet reached the sum of twenty cents per week for their membership for foreign missions will hereafter be able to join the ranks of those in our Union which reached the goal this year; so we wish hereby to assure you that our constituency will do their utmost to reach the twenty cents per member,

"WE THEREFORE earnestly request that the three larger



conferences of our Union be released from the payment of fifteen of the twenty-five per cent required by the General Conference recommendation, and further, that the unpaid portion of the twenty-five per cent, which has accumulated to date be cancelled.

Signed

North Pacific Union Conference  
Executive Committee."

VOTED, That we acknowledge this petition from the executive committee of the North Pacific Union Conference; and after careful consideration of all that is involved in this petition, and the effect it would have upon the finances and work of the Divisional Conference, making it impossible to operate and carry out the promises made to various unions for appropriations for this present year, we request all local conferences to continue the present basis of distribution of the tithe, with the understanding that we will make this question one of special consideration at the coming Fall Council, when there will be time to give full consideration to the matter, and adjust our appropriations for the coming year in harmony with whatever decision may be arrived at by the Council.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,  
G B Thompson, Secretary.