

JOINT MEETING OF GENERAL
CONFERENCE AND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEES

September 21, 1914.

PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Prescott, E R Palmer, N Z Town, C S Longacre, Dr H W Miller, J L Shaw, F Griggs, W A Spicer; also L A Hansen, W W Eastman, F M Wilcox, F W Paap, W E Howell.

The Chairman called a joint meeting of the North American Division and General Conference Committees to discuss plans for the autumn council, opening October 25, and to consider requests from the Washington Missionary College. The following actions were taken:-

BIBLE TEACHER IN COLLEGE:

VOTED, That we comply with the request of the Washington College, that the Division Conference meet the salary of the Bible teacher in the College.

AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That, in harmony with the general consensus of opinion, as expressed in correspondence from union conference presidents, we do not invite local conference presidents to attend the approaching autumn council.

VOTED, That we invite Elder Allen Moon and Elder E T Russell to be present at the autumn council, provided the respective union conferences concur and provide transportation.

VOTED, That the council meetings be held in the chapel of the General Conference office.

VOTED, That the following named be a committee on entertainment of delegates: F W Paap, C S Longacre, H E Rogers.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
W A Spicer, Secretary.

FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Assembly Room, Sept. 27, 1914.

PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, F Griggs, B G Thompson, W. W Eastman, C S Longacre, W W Prescott, H W Miller; also W A Spicer, M E Kern, E R Palmer, W E Howell, L A Hansen, C L Benson, N Z Town, F M Wilcox.

Prayer by B G Thompson.

MACGUIRE - COUNCIL:

The committee appointed to make suggestions concerning Elder Meade MacGuire coming to the Fall Council recommended favorably, and it was

VOTED, That he be invited to attend the Council.

Adjourned.

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

FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Assembly Room, October 6, 1914.

PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, B G Thompson, C S Longacre, W W Prescott; also M E Kern, C L Benson, W E Howell, E R Palmer.

Prayer by W T Knox.

COLE - TRANSFER:

During a recent meeting of the Atlantic Union Executive Committee action was taken requesting Brother V O Cole, from the Southwestern Union, to connect with that Union as general colporteur agent.

VOTED, That we approve of the transfer of Brother Cole from the Southwestern Union to the Atlantic Union to take up this line of work.

TOLF - FLORIDA:

VOTED, That we recommend Brother C J Tolf to the Florida Conference to take the oversight of the colporteur work in that Conference.

Adjourned.

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

First meeting of Council.

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FALL COUNCIL
FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN
DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held in the General Conference Assembly
Room, Takoma Park, D. C., Oct. 25, 1914.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by C W Flaiz.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, O A Olsen, G B Thompson, W T Knox, R D Quinn, R A Underwood, B G Wilkinson, Charles Thompson, E E Andross, O Montgomery, S E Wight, G F Watson, W W Eastman, F Griggs, C B Stephenson, W W Prescott, L H Christian, H S Shaw, H W Miller, C W Flaiz, M N Campbell, S Mortenson; also C H Jones, E R Palmer, F M Wilcox, M E Kern, Miss E M Graham, C L Benson, A J Haysmer, J L Shaw, F W Paap, W L Burgan, W E Howell, L A Hansen, H G Childs, W C White, Meade MacGuire, V O Cole, W H Williams, H H Hall, S N Curtiss, J W Mace, L W Graham, E L Richmond, H H Cobban, W H Edwards, A N Anderson, Claude Conard, T E Bowen, S J Lashier, A H Brigham, T D Gibson, G G Roth, J J Ireland, I A Ford, C L Kilgore, W J Huffman, R T Dowsett, C E Smith, W A Harvey, R L Pierce, Gaylord Curtis, C C Lewis, C Sorenson, A J S Bourdeau, I D Richardson, and D W Reavis.

The auditors of the various Union Conferences and a number of members of the publishing committee being present in Takoma Park, it was

VOTED, That the auditors, members of the Publishing Committee, the editor of the Review and Herald, and persons closely connected with the various departments, be invited to meet with the Council.

PROGRAM:

VOTED, That we adopt as a program: The General Conference Committee to meet 9 - 12 A. M. The Division Conference Committee 2:30 to 5:30 P. M. The evenings to be given to committee work.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer rendered his report covering the time from June 1, 1913, to January 20, 1914, as follows:-

REVENUE STATEMENT

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE S.D.A.

FROM

JUNE 1, 1913 to JAN. 20, 1914.

I N C O M E

Surplus Tithe	96,249.63
Tithe	8,688.78
Religious Liberty Fund.	258.98
Colored Work Fund.	3,506.64
Miscellaneous Donations	749.75
General Conference Appropriation	15,000.00
Gain on Educational Dept. Supplies	2.83
Gain on Stock Room Supplies	<u>1.82</u>
Total Income	124,529.50

REVENUE STATEMENT - Continued

EXPENSES

APPROPRIATIONS

Atlantic Union Conference	14,141.05
Columbia Union Conference	12,727.42
Eastern Canadian Union	7,341.85
International Pub. Assn.	875.00
Jewish Department	875.00
Loma Linda Medical College	5,832.98
Negro Department	15,526.83
North American Foreign Dept.	2,837.30
South Missouri Conference	700.00
Southern Union Conference	7,420.00
Southeastern Union	4,235.00
Southwestern Union	<u>3,280.75</u>

75,493.18

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Bible Teachers' Institute	
Room Rent	25.00
Stenographic Help	<u>24.29</u>
	49.29
L. M. Bowen-part salary	151.43
B. J. Cady-labor and expense	169.73
H. Hansen-allowance June-Dec.	530.46
T. L. Theumler-transportation	282.00
G. F. Watson-Salary & Expense	80.00
Chas. Thompson-Expense	21.35
Anderson and Reppe-Salary & Expense	289.31
J. N. Anderson-Salary & Expense	415.49
E. W. Webster	80.00
Eugene Leland-Salary & Expense	253.88
H. S. Prener-Traveling Expense	95.83
Dr. D. H. Kress--R.R.fare	57.00
H. C. Lacey & Family $\frac{1}{2}$ Transportation	146.67
W. W. Prescott- $\frac{1}{4}$ Salary	102.13
M. E. Cady-Salary	220.00
Fall Council Expense	190.55
Donation of Books to Rev. Lobenstine of China-	<u>3.25</u>

3,138.47

Total Appropriations

78,631.65

REVENUE STATEMENT - Continued

Footing brought forward 78,631.65

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Traveling</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Total</u>
Executive Dept.	2491.97	701.92	456.19	3650.08
Educational Dept.	278.69	105.33	50.42	434.44
Finance Commission	211.42	434.88		646.30
Jewish Department	550.26	211.90		762.16
Medical Department	377.56	6.75	5.65	389.96
Miss. Vol. Dept.	1457.01	429.06	185.60	2071.67
Negro Department	657.91	245.80	3.35	907.06
Foreign Department	3903.53	1599.94		5503.47
Press Bureau Dept.	1045.72	96.42	147.48	1289.62
Publishing Dept.	672.45	307.14	53.56	1033.15
Religious Liberty	1002.14	178.99	273.45	1454.58
Sabbath-School Dept.	20.00		25.82	45.82
Gen. Field Laborers	<u>1124.32</u>	<u>286.55</u>		<u>1410.87</u>
Total	13792.98	4604.68	1201.52	19599.18

Total Administrative Expense 19,599.18

MISCELLANEOUS

Tithe to General Conference	868.86	
Sustentation Fund to General Conference	434.43	
Deficit on Missionary Volunteer Supplies	21.58	
General Expense	35.44	
Depreciation on Office Furniture	9.43	
" " Typewriters	<u>10.00</u>	<u>1,379.74</u>

TOTAL FOR EXPENSE 99,610.57

Income in Excess of Expense 24,918.93
124,529.50

Total Income 124,529.50
Less Total Expenses 99,610.57

Present Worth 24,918.93

BALANCE SHEET

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OF

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE S.D.A.

January 20, 1914

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and in Bank		27,605.10
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
W. L. Burgan	43.34	
W. W. Eastman	139.88	
I. H. Evans	77.03	
C. S. Longacre	50.00	
H. W. Miller	100.00	
J. H. Schilling	47.85	
G. B. Thompson	110.39	
Southern Pub. Assn.	<u>.80</u>	569.29
CONFERENCES AND TRACT SOCIETIES		
California Bible House	.72	
Central Union Conference	187.70	
Maritime Conference	1.03	
Massachusetts Tract Soc.	4.70	
N. Car. Tract Society	.52	
N. Amer. Conf. Corporation	1.70	
Oklahoma Tract Society	1.45	
S. Dak. Tract Society	.50	
S. Oreg. Tract Society	.50	
E. Texas Tract Society	1.40	
Upper Columbia Tract Soc.	3.00	
West. Wash. Miss. Society	<u>4.98</u>	208.20
INVENTORIES		
Office Furniture & Equipment	192.11	
Typewriters	145.80	
Mileage	9.56	
Stock Room	<u>129.04</u>	476.51
ADVANCED ON: APPROPRIATIONS		
Eastern Canadian Union	2508.00	
Negro Department	<u>300.00</u>	<u>2,808.00</u>

TOTAL RESOURCES

\$31,667.10

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

General Conference S.D.A.	6699.05	
Matilda Erickson	11.05	
Review & Herald Pub. Assn.	12.04	
Treas. Credit Checks out	<u>6.50</u>	
		6,728.64

RESERVE FUNDS

Office Furniture Reserve		
Fund	9.43	
Typewriter Reserve Fund	<u>10.00</u>	
		<u>19.43</u>

Total Liabilities 6,748.17

Present Worth (Net Gain for Period) 24,918.93

31,667.10

Total Resources: 31,667.10

Total Liabilities- 6,748.17

Present Worth 24,918.93

STATEMENT OF THE AUDITOR

June 28, 1914.

To I H Evans, President and
 W T Knox, Treasurer
 North American Division Conference:

Dear Brethren: - -

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the books of account, with the vouchers on file, for the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the period from June 1, 1913 to January 20, 1914. The attached Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet presents a correct report of the condition of the business as at the close of the period, January 20, 1914, as disclosed by said books of account.

It is proper to note in this report that no charge or provision for light, heat, or rent expenses for the period covered appears, as the adjustment is still pending. The expenses of the Departments in Washington are up to January 17, 1914, while the expense of the field workers and the Departments away from Washington close with December 31, 1913.

The work of the accounting department is both neat and accurate.

J J Ireland,
 Auditor.

On motion the report of the Treasurer and Auditor were adopted.

FURTHER REPORT:

The Treasurer rendered a further report for the current year, covering the time from January 20 to October 20, 1914. The report wa not being audited, and submitted simply as a matter of information, is not made a matter of permanent record.

APPROPRIATIONS:

The question of appropriations to the various conferences for the coming year being a matter which requires careful study, it was

VOTED; That the appropriation budget be referred to a committee of seven persons of which the Chair shall be one. The following persons were appointed as this Committee: W T Knox, E E Andross, B G Wilkinson, C W Flaiz, S E Wight, I H Evans, Charles Thompson.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

A number of requests having been received by the Secretary involving the transfer of laborers, it was

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee on the distribution of labor to whom all requests for the transfer of laborers can be referred for study. The Chair announced as this Committee the Secretary of the Division Conference and the Presidents of the Union Conferences present.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

The following persons to act with the Division Conference officers and Union Conference Presidents were chosen as an auditing committee:- C H Jones, W H Edwards, S J Lashier, R L Pierce, W H Williams, R T Dow sett, S N Curtiss, O A Olsen.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

It being necessary to formulate and bring before the Council in proper form various plans, it was

VOTED, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair as a committee on plans. Subsequently this committee was announced as follows:- W A Spicer, E E Andross, O Montgomery, O A Olsen, L H Christian, W W Prescott, W T Knox.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT:

Goals Some careful study was given to the work of the Missionary Volunteer Department. Professor C L Benson called attention to the various goals proposed by the Department for the coming year. Consideration was given to the question of the advisability of dropping the financial goal from the work of the Department. The opinion prevailed that this would not be wise, and would prove detrimental to the work of the Department. Other goals proposed by the officers of the Department were considered, and the following were approved:-

1. That a financial goal be retained for the coming year.
2. The conversion of 2000 young people.
3. 1000 Standard of Attainment members.
4. 3000 Reading Course Certificates.
5. 2000 Bible readers.

VOTED, That the amount of the financial goal that we shall endeavor to attain be referred to a committee consisting of C L Benson, M E Kern, Meade MacGuire, W T Knox, and E B Thompson.

Secretaries

Brother Meade MacGuire and others called attention to the need of efficient field leadership in the work of the Department, and of maintaining, as far as possible, a more permanent and efficient class of secretaries in the field. The consensus of opinion prevailed that this was desirable in order to carry forward aggressive work for our young people.

Brother E E Andross felt that the frequent changes in secretaries was caused by lack of qualification by many who are asked to take up this work. He favored the appointing of secretaries rather than electing them.

Brother W C White expressed the opinion that the election of secretaries, all things considered, would not be the wisest plan.

Elder R A Underwood expressed it as his judgment that many of the changes in local conference secretaries were made because of the dearth of suitably qualified workers. He preferred efficient young men if obtainable.

Elder Watson believed in permanency as far as possible. He favored the plan of electing the secretaries in the local conferences.

Elder Flaiz expressed encouragement concerning the work in the North Pacific Union, and stated that they were endeavoring to educate and develop capable secretaries. He felt that in this way they would be able to avoid such frequent changes in the future.

Elder O Montgomery favored the election of secretaries. This plan was also favored by Brother Meade MacGuire, who thought that young married men were more preferable for this work, everything considered.

YOUNG PEOPLE - THE WEEK OF PRAYER:

Professor Benson called attention to the fact that we have some thing like 10,000 young people and children among us who are unconverted. He desired to see a special effort put forth during the Week of Prayer. He suggested that Friday of the Week of Prayer be devoted to a special effort in their behalf.

UNIFORMITY IN THE WORK:

Professor M E Kern spoke of the need of all Missionary Volunteer secretaries using the lessons, outlires, and programs sent out by the General Department. He thought uniformity in this matter would tend to greatly strengthen the work. Other members of the Council concurred in this matter.

FALL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN:

Professor Benson thought all our young people should be encouraged to enter heartily into the Fall Missionary Campaign which is being carried forward. Elder R D Quinn suggested that one day each month be set apart in our schools as a means toward encouraging all the young people to take part in this work.

Professor Kern stated that some classes in the Washington College went out each week in active missionary work. He favored the plan.

W C White expressed the opinion that the best education for our young people was obtained in this line of work.

Professor F Griggs thought that the young people who are not in our schools should also be encouraged to enter this work, hold Bible readings, visiting, etc.

Following the discussion of these topics, it was

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to bring in definite recommendations on the topics under consideration. This committee was announced as follows:- M E Kern, S E Wight, B G Wilkinson, R D Quinn, W A Spicer.

Adjourned.

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