

Second meeting of Council.

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FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1914, 2:30 P. M.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by S Mortenson.

Minutes read and approved.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. L Flora Plummer, W A Ruble, G F Haffner.

LETTER - LONGACRE:

Before taking up the regular business of the Council the Chairman read a very encouraging letter from Prof. C L Longacre, giving an account of his work in Ohio in the interests of temperance.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING HOUSE:

The following Memorial, making requests regarding the future of the International Publishing Association, of College View, Nebraska, was laid before the Council by the Secretary:-

"THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

"Beloved Brethren: -

"In the interest of strengthening the foreign publishing work, in giving the message to the many foreign people of this and other lands, we, as the board of trustees of the International Publishing Association, of College View, Nebraska, would respectfully request,-

"First, That the North American Division of the General Conference give favorable consideration to the advisability of transferring the International Publishing plant, with its assets and liabilities, to one of our large publishing associations, to be owned and operated by it.

"Second, In view of the fact that the Pacific Press Publishing Association is already doing considerable publishing of books in foreign languages, and that the International is located in the same territory, we look with favor upon the Pacific Press Publishing Association taking over the plant.

"Third, We further suggest that favorable consideration should be given to the plant remaining in College View, as it is

centrally located among our foreign people, and has become widely known as the address of our foreign papers.

"Fourth, We request the North American Division of the General Conference to take steps immediately by which this question shall receive consideration at the coming council in October.

"The assets of the International Publishing Association are about \$58,000, and its liabilities are about \$38,000, leaving its net worth about \$20,000.

"The advantages are so many and obvious in favor of transferring this printing plant to a large publishing house that is able to develop and enlarge the foreign publishing work as the demand arises, that we feel it unnecessary to further discuss the question at present.

"BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R A Underwood, President

J C Madison, Secretary."

Elder R A Underwood, Chairman of the International Association Board, explained briefly the request made in the Memorial, and

MOVED, That we recommend that the Pacific Press Publishing Association take immediate steps to take over the International Publishing Association at College View, Nebraska, with all its assets and liabilities, and conduct its business in some place to be designated by the North American Division Conference."

C H Jones thought there was much involved in the request for the Pacific Press to take over the business of this Association. He favored the appointment of a committee to give the question careful study.

VOTED, That the resolution requesting that the Pacific Press take over the assets and liabilities of the International Association and conduct its business, be referred to a large representative committee, to take under careful advisement the whole question, and report back to the Council.

The Chair named as this Committee; O A Olsen, (Chairman,) C H Jones, H H Hall, R A Underwood, W C White, Charles Thompson, G F Haffner, W W Eastman, S N Curtiss, E R Palmer, I A Ford, R L Pierce, N Z Town, M N Campbell, S Mortenson, G F Watson, L H Christian, I H Evans, W T Knox, H G Childs.

RECOMMENDATION--AUDITORS' CONVENTION:

Some recommendations from the Auditors' Convention, for action, were laid before the Council by the Secretary.

VOTED, That these recommendations be referred to the Committee on Plans, for consideration.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AMONG THE FRENCH:

Elder M N Campbell called up for consideration the question of training workers to labor among the French in Canada. In his judgment something should be done in this line. He favored this educational work being done in Canada. Elder Olsen mentioned the need that existed among this nationality, and the efforts being made to develop the French work.

VOTED, That this question be referred to the Committee on Plans for consideration.

SESSION OF THE DIVISION CONFERENCE:

The question of whether the next session of the Division Conference should be held in the Fall of 1915, or postponed until the time of the next session of the General Conference, was carefully considered. The Chairman explained to some extent the reasons for the consideration of this question. He mentioned the practically unanimous sentiment that prevailed in the late sessions of all the Union Conferences favoring the postponement of the first session of the Division Conference till the time of the next General Conference. He favored this. The Secretary, the Treasurer, G F Watson, C W Flaiz, Charles Thompson, R A Underwood, E E Andross, O Montgomery, H S Shaw, B G Wilkinson and others spoke to the question. All were unanimous in the opinion that it would be advisable, everything considered, to postpone this session and hold it at the time of the next General Conference in 1917; also that it would be best for the Union Conferences to hold their sessions once in four years instead of biennially as at present. All were not so clear that the local conferences hold biennial sessions instead of annually as at present. After careful consideration of the question a "straw vote" was taken, in which all present were asked to express themselves. The vote was unanimous in favor of the Division Conference session being postponed; also that the union conference sessions be held quadrennially. The matter of holding the local conference sessions biennially was favored by a majority. Some delegates, however, were not in favor of this. It was then

VOTED, That the question of postponing the Division Conference; the question as to whether the Union Conference period be extended to four years, and local conference sessions to two years, be referred to the Committee on Plans to place in proper form, and report back to the Council.

SPRING COUNCIL:

Consideration was given to the question of whether a Council of the Executive Committee should be held in the spring of 1915. Elder E E Andross favored such a meeting to be held at Loma Linda in connection with the meeting of the Loma Linda Medical College Board in March, 1915. C H Jones favored holding a Spring Council, and suggested that it convene in Mountain View in March in connection with the proposed Bookmen's Convention to be held at that time.

The Chairman stated that so far as the officers of the Division Conference knew there would be no special need of a Spring Council. He favored one not being held, but that a larger Council be held in the Fall of 1915, at which time a number of conference presidents and others be invited to meet with the Committee and participate in the deliberations of the Council.

Professor W W Prescott suggested that as we were making provisions that there be fewer sessions of our various conferences, that it would be consistent for the Executive Committee to hold as few councils as possible. After further consideration it was

VOTED, That it is the sense of this Council that there be no Council of the Executive Committee held in the spring of 1915, unless some special developments and unforeseen circumstances make such a Council necessary.

Adjourned.

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

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FIFTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1914, 2:30 P. M.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by E E Andross.

Additional member: Allen Moon.

Minutes approved.

The Committees on general plans and for the Missionary Volunteer Department work, rendered reports. These will appear later as passed.

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

The Chairman called up the question of the Washington Sanitarium. He stated that the financial condition was such as to require careful study and assistance at once. W T Knox, the present business manager, presented the following statement concerning the founding and operation of the Institution:-

"I apprehend that the history of the establishment by the denomination of the medical work in Washington is sufficiently familiar to the members of this Council, that it will not be necessary to more than allude to a few points in connection with its development, to bring it fully to the memory of all.

"From the very beginning of the movement to establish the headquarters of the General Conference at Washington, definite instruction came to the Committee, through Sister White, that there provision should be made for the medical and educational work. The following is taken from the record of the Sanitarium Association.

"During the latter part of July, 1904, the committee appointed to select a location for the General Conference office, met in Washington, D. C.

"W W Prescott, H W Cottrell, A G Daniells, I H Evans, and S N Curtiss, of the committee were present, and also Brethren W C White, C H Jones, R A Underwood, J S Washburn, J H Neall, M D., J H Howard, M D., O O Farnsworth, L C Sheafe, A Kalstrom, and W M Lewis.

"After having searched diligently for a suitable location in the vicinity of New York, the committee were studying the advantages of Washington, as a location for the General Conference headquarters, a place for the publication of the Review and Herald, and

a place to locate a sanitarium, and a school for the training of Christian workers.

"After several days' search, there were found within the District of Columbia, several good sites for the General Conference offices, and the Review and Herald, and just outside the District, but within the city limits of Takoma Park, there was found a fifty-acre tract, that we could purchase for six thousand dollars, or at the rate of one hundred and twenty dollars an acre. Some years ago this tract was selected by a Boston physician for a sanitarium site. He is said to have expended several thousand dollars in the purchase price, and in clearing it of all the underbrush, logs, and rubbish. Financial difficulties prevented him from carrying out his plans, and the tract passed into the hands of a gentleman who was willing to sell it to us at the aforementioned price.

"The tract of land is seven miles north of the Capitol building. It is about a mile from the Baltimore and Ohio Railway station at Takoma Park, and the same distance from the electric street-car line running from the city to Takoma Park. It has an altitude of about four hundred feet above the Potomac, so that it overlooks the city of Washington. It is within the city limits of Takoma Park, and thus it will have advantages of the postal service, gas, water, sewerage, and streets, yet it is cut off from dwellings, and everything of a city appearance. It is covered with trees and underbrush.

"It is proposed by the locating committee and their brethren in council, that this tract be purchased by the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and held for sanitarium and school purposes until legal organization should be formed to take over the property. Those composing the council were unanimous in their adoption of their proposition.

"During the meeting of the Seventh-day Adventists General Conference Committee, held in Washington, October 7 - 21, 1903, the entire delegation visited Takoma Park, and gave the place a careful inspection, and the advantages and the disadvantages were quite fully canvassed. The plans for the sanitarium and school were explained by those who had given them the closest study. Criticisms, suggestions, and counsel were solicited.

"After thorough discussion, the council heartily voted that one hundred thousand dollars should be raised for the purpose of opening a sanitarium, a school, and General Conference offices at Takoma Park, D. C.; that a corporation should be created to hold and manage the sanitarium, and that this corporation should be a non-dividend paying, and a non-stock company. A constituency was also recommended, including the General and Atlantic Union Conference Committees, and the executive committees of various surrounding conferences, together with the board of management of local district work.

"Arthur G Daniells, James R Scott, John H Neall, and Judson S Washburn were appointed by authority of the General Conference committee, as incorporators of the Sanitarium Association."

"The minutes of subsequent meetings of the Association and General Conference Committee, show that it was proposed to provide the necessary money for these enterprises, mainly from general collections from the denomination, that afterward came to be known as the \$100,000 and \$150,000 Funds.

"In harmony with this action, a corporation was legally created February 4, 1904, with the following as a Board of Trustees: Arthur G Daniells, William C White, George A Hare, Amos P Needham, James R Scott, John N Nelson, and John H Neall. On February 10, this Board effected a permanent organization by the election of its officers, as follows: Chairman, W C White, Vice-President, Dr. G A Hare, Treasurer, J N Nelson, Secretary J R Scott. As early as May 5, 1904, the following appears in the record:

"VOTED, That we concentrate our efforts this summer in developing the institutions at Takoma Park, and at the same time keep a lookout for a suitable place in the city for treatment rooms, and restaurant.

"From this on, the minutes evidence that diligent attention was given to the establishment of the work in the city of Washington, the property known as 1 and 2 Iowa Circle finally being selected and equipped, and eventually becoming known as the City Branch of the Washington Sanitarium, leases for the property being entered into in October 1914.

"In the meantime arrangements for the work on the Sligo were going forward, and the Sanitarium building finally completed was dedicated June 12, 1907.

"From the books of the Association, the following Investment Statement is taken:

WASHINGTON D. C. SANITARIUM ASS'N.

INVESTMENT STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

\$100,000 Fund	40,667.30	
150,000 Fund	48,631.72	
Donations, Miscellaneous,	1,727.22	
Sligo Sanitarium Gain,	2,586.04	
Cash, for which we have issued our notes,	167,901.53	
Cash, for which we have given our Bond,	<u>5,200.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS,		\$266,713.81

DISBURSEMENTS:

Annuity,	518.67	
Cash in Bank,	119.00	
City San. Investment	28,297.46	
Expense, General,	1,372.02	
Elevator Accident,	1,125.00	
Farm	817.46	
Interest,	35,441.99	
Insurance,	3,068.92	
Miscellaneous Items,	3,656.02	
Real Estate	157,540.98	
Sligo Bridge,	1,250.00	
Sligo San. Investment	<u>33,506.29</u>	
DISBURSEMENTS?		\$266,713.81

January 1, 1914, the resources and liabilities were as follows:

WASHINGTON D. C. SANITARIUM ASS'N.

Resources & Liability Statement

RESOURCES:

City Sanitarium,	4,681.01	
Sligo Sanitarium,	33,506.29	
Insurance Premium		
Unearned,	1,118.44	
Real Estate,	157,540.98	
Cash in Bank,	<u>119.00</u>	
Total Resources,		196,965.72

LIABILITIES:

Interest Accrued,	6,937.57	
Annuity Accrued,	1.67	
Bills Payable,	167,901.53	
Annuity Bonds,	<u>5,200.00</u>	
Total Liability		<u>180,040.77</u>

PRESENT WORTH, January 1, 1914,

16,924.95

The losses and gains for the same period have been:

LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT

LOSSES:

City Sanitarium	23,616.45	
Annuity,	520.34	
Elevator Accident,	1,125.00	
Expense, General,	1,372.02	
Farm,	317.46	
Miscellaneous Items,	3,656.02	
Interest,	42,379.56	
Insurance,	1,950.48	
Sligo Bridge,	1,250.00	
Total Loss,		76,687.33

GAINS:

\$100,000 Fund,	40,667.30	
\$150,000 Fund,	48,631.72	
Donations, Miscellaneous,	1,727.22	
Sligo Sanitarium Gain,	2,586.04	
Total Gain,		93,612.28

PRESENT WORTH, January 1, 1914, 16,924.95

The Association Books reveal the following record of its business in the City Branch:

WASHINGTON BRANCH SANITARIUM

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WITH WASHINGTON D. C. SAN. ASS'N.

Appropriation from \$100,000 Fund,	9,653.93	
Advance from Association Funds,	18,643.53	
Total Appropriation,		28,297.46
LOSS, Fiscal Year, 1905	7,120.96	
LOSS, " " 1906	2,581.02	
LOSS, " " 1907	2,359.11	
LOSS, " " 1908	7,313.43	
LOSS, " " 1909	4,003.56	
LOSS, " " 1911	347.77	
LOSS, " " 1912	856.87	
Total Loss,		24,582.72
GAIN, Fiscal Year 1909,	966.27	
Net Loss, December 31, 1913,		23,616.45
DEFICIT, December 31, 1913,		4,681.01
DEFICIT on operating account,		2,514.83
NET DEFICIT, August 10, 1914,		7,195.84

The operating Losses and Gains for the Sligo Sanitarium for the years 1907 to 1913, without taking into account the interest charges of the Association, have been as follows:

SLIGO SANITARIUM

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WITH WASHINGTON D. C. SANITARIUM ASS'N.

Advance from Association Funds, \$30,920.25

	Losses	Gains
LOSS, Fiscal Year 1907,	44.17	
GAIN, " " 1908,		909.90
LOSS, " " 1909,	509.17	
GAIN, " " 1910,		4485.30
GAIN, " " 1911,		4221.82
LOSS, " " 1912,	6033.69	
LOSS, " " 1913,	<u>443.95</u>	
	7030.98	9617.02
		<u>7030.98</u>

NET GAIN 2,586.04

DEFICIT, December 31, 1913. \$33, 506.29

During this period of years, the Association has paid out in interest:

1907	\$3,105.38
1908	4,381.66
1909	5,292.46
1910	7,482.62
1911	7,069.05
1912	7,065.59
1913	<u>7,905.34</u>

Total \$42,302.10

In the City Branch there has been a slight loss shown in the past two years' operation (1912 and 1913). These losses, I believe, have largely been an inheritance from pervious years' operation. The old quarters at Iowa Circle have been closed, and treatment rooms at 1713 I Street have been opened. This removal will of necessity make an unfavorable showing for the present year, as a heavy loss will be entailed in the inventories by reason of removal. In the new quarters, however, this feature of our work should become profitable, both as a money earner itself, and also as a feeder to the Sanitarium.

The Sligo Sanitarium has during its life, suffered greatly

by the frequent changes in medical and business management. If in the future these changes can be avoided, a much more favorable showing should be made. While the patronage during the present year has not been large, it has been more uniform than in previous years, and has shown some increase, and the profit has been greater than in previous years. But, notwithstanding this, it is clearly evident that it is useless to expect that the earnings of the institution can be increased sufficiently to overcome the heavy interest charges now amounting to over \$7000 annually. And, therefore, unless some relief is found, we can only expect the present indebtedness to continue to increase until the present worth of \$16,924.95 will be entirely consumed.

"On account of the history of the establishment and development of the institution, it has come to be considered a General Conference institution, and no local field has appeared to take much interest, or feel much responsibility in this situation. Different plans have from time to time been suggested, looking toward the liquidation of the indebtedness, but as every Union Conference has its own financial problems and burdens, there seems to be but little, if any, prospect of the Sanitarium being able to inaugurate any measure that will bring relief. The Board of Directors therefore request the present Council of the General and Division Conferences to devise such plan as seems proper to it to liquidate the indebtedness of the Association."

He supplemented the above statement with additional remarks. He felt that with the present medical staff, and a continuous business management, that aside from the interest which the Institution is compelled to pay, the institution would be self-supporting.

Elder W C White gave a brief survey of the history and work of building the school and sanitarium.

E L Workman, the accountant at the Sanitarium, stated that the net gain for the first nine months of 1914 was about \$5,000, not counting interest.

E Andross thought the Institution should have some territory, the same as other institutions, and that some plans for financial relief should be devised which would reduce its indebtedness at least to a safe basis. He suggested that something might be done by soliciting gifts.

B G Wilkinson said that the Columbia Union had endeavored to cooperate very closely with the Institution, and had given the workers from the Sanitarium a cordial invitation to visit their territory.

R A Underwood thought that wills and legacies could be secured and that some one should be chosen to solicit funds in behalf of the institution.

After further discussion it was

VOTED, That the question of furnishing relief for the Washington Sanitarium be referred to a Committee of nine persons, of which the Chair shall be one, to bring some definite recommendations before the Council.

The Chair subsequently named the following as this Committee: W T Knox, Charles Thompson, C W Flaiz, B G Wilkinson, E E Andross, F M Wilcox, I H Evans, W A Spicer, O Montgomery.

THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The partial report of the Committee on Plans was taken up, and after consideration was adopted as follows:-

By request of the Auditors' Convention, which has been in session in connection with this Autumn Council, we recommend that the following resolution, adopted by the convention, be spread upon our minutes:--

Resolved, That, as auditors, we do hereby express to the members of the North American Division Committee, the officers of the union and local conferences, the managers and managing boards of institutions within our territory, our great appreciation of the cooperation they have given to us in the prosecution of our work.

In order that better service and greater economy may be secured for conferences and institutions in their insurance business,--

We recommend, 1. That each union conference appoint its own insurance agent, preferably its auditor, whose business it shall be to give careful study to the insurance of all conference and institutional property within its territory and see that all policies are properly written; and we recommend the different conferences and institutions to place their insurance through the union insurance agent.

2. That the basis of computing the amount to be paid by the tract societies into the Sustentation Fund shall hereafter be one per cent. of sales of merchandise and periodicals as recorded upon their books.

3. That our church treasurers be instructed to remit to the conference treasurer not later than the first Monday after the last Sabbath in each month, and that conference treasurers remit to the union conference treasurer not later than the Monday following.

In view of the swift progress of events betokening

the soon coming of the Lord, and the necessity of economizing both time and means in order that every sou resource may be devoted to winning souls to Christ, we feel that at this stage of the growing work the number of conference sessions may profitably be reduced, thus enabling conference laborers to give themselves more uninterruptedly to evangelistic efforts. We therefore recommend,--

4. (a) That the first regular session of the North American Division Conference, which was appointed for 1915, be postponed, and that the meeting be held at the time of the next General Conference, in 1917.

That part of the recommendations referring to the time of holding the sessions of our Union Conferences was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:

The recommendations concerning the Young People's Work, after consideration, were adopted as follows:

1. WHEREAS, There is such great need of well qualified workers for our young people,

RESOLVED, That we approve of the plans of the General and North American Division Missionary Volunteer Departments to institute in our colleges and advanced academies, as can be arranged, a special course of instruction for the training of Missionary Volunteer Secretaries.

2. WHEREAS, Our young people constitute an important factor in the working force of this denomination, and should be in sympathetic accord with all lines of missionary work,

RESOLVED, That special efforts be made to enlist, organize, and train all our children and youth, both the isolated and those in our churches, to take an active part in the great missionary campaign beginning this fall.

3. WHEREAS; Notwithstanding all our efforts, many of our young people are still drifting out of the truth annually,

RESOLVED. That a special effort be made in all our conferences, for the salvation of the unconverted young people, both isolated and those in our churches, during the Week of Prayer, and that Friday, December 18, be set apart for earnest prayer and labor for this class.

4. WHEREAS, It is through the studies given in local societies that the Missionary Volunteer Department can have direct influence in the development of our Advent youth and in their training for God's service, and

WHEREAS, The Missionary Volunteer Societies in c.r

colleges and academies constitute one of the greatest forces in moulding the society work in the whole field,

5. RESOLVED, That the Missionary Volunteer Department make a special effort to prepare programs adapted to the needs of our youth, everywhere, and

6. RECOMMENDED, That all our Missionary Volunteer societies, including those in our schools, follow these programs, adding such topics, of course, as may be necessary for the consideration of their local work.

Adjourned.

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

SIXTIETH MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1914, 10:30 A. M.

W T Knox in the Chair.

The General Conference Committee adjourned, and a meeting of the Division Conference was called to hear the report of the Auditors' Convention. J J Ireland was called upon to present the report. He stated that it was the mind of the Convention that as few changes as possible should be made in the present plan, but it is recommended that a few columns be added to the Cash Journal in order to show special items, as for example how much a conference salary expense is, etc., also for the South,-- a column is given showing the tithe received from the colored missions.

Explanations were made of the Cash Journal and the way in which all funds would be classified, and how laborers' accounts would be kept. While some of the auditors may have differed in some details, the system presented is practically the unanimous conclusion of the Convention, arrived at after careful study. It was,--

VOTED, That we approve of the system presented, and that it is the sense of this Council that it is the duty of union conference auditors to urge the use of the uniform system of conference accounting adopted by this Council in their respective territories, irrespective of any personal preference which the auditors themselves may have for some other system.

We further request the Review and Herald Publishing Association to have the sheets ready and in the hands of the treasurers of the local conferences by the first of the year,

Adjourned.

W T Knox, Chairman,
B G Thompson, Secretary.

SIXTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1914, 2:30 P.M.

C W Flaiz in the Chair.

Prayer by F C Gilbert.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS: Elder and Mrs. S N Haskell, F C Gilbert,
J N Anderson.

Minutes read and approved.

HARVEST INGATHERING:

The following recommendations passed by the General Conference were presented by Elder I H Evans, with the request that they be approved and become a part of the records of the Division Conference:

VOTED, That we concur in the recommendation of the General Conference Committee, that the medium for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1915 be either the Signs Magazine or the Signs Weekly.

VOTED, That the plan of the harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1915 be as follows:-

1. That the promotion of the campaign be under the North American Division Treasury and Home Missionary Departments.

2. That we ask the publishers of the foreign periodicals to bring out an Ingathering number of the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish papers.

3. That the general goal be fixed 25% higher than the receipts on the current year's campaign, it being understood that the goal shall not be less than \$100,000.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION:

Elder S E Wight asked that the Council give consideration to the financial situation of the Southern Union Association. This Association has liabilities of \$113,748.82, resources \$42,143.43, leaving a net insolvency of \$71,605.39. He requested that the Council take the affairs of this Association under careful advisement, and give counsel as to how to handle this large debt and insolvency.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to whom this matter can be referred, for study and recommendations.

Committee appointed: W T Knox and all Union Conference presidents.

LOMA LINDA MEDICAL COLLEGE:

Elder E E Andross stated that the Council should give consideration to the work of the Loma Linda Medical College before we adjourn, and give counsel concerning its work.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans presented a further partial report which will appear later.

SURPLUS TITHE:

Consideration was given to the question of the surplus tithe appropriated to the Division Conference by local conferences. The Chairman stated that a memorial was presented from the North Pacific Conference at the Spring Council held at Loma Linda, California, asking that some adjustment be made in the basis of tithe appropriated from the local conferences. Consideration of this Memorial was postponed to this meeting and should now receive consideration. He raised the question of how we could carry on the work in this country among the colored people and the great centers of population if this income is cut off.

The president of the Northern Union said he favored leaving the plan as it is at present, and that no extra collections be asked for in the field.

R A Underwood favored the plan in its general features, but thought that there should be some adjustment in the plan, also in the scale of wage between those conferences which receive appropriations and those which do not.

G F Watson said he was in love with the plan and did not wish to see a change.

B G Wilkinson thought there should perhaps be some adjustment in the present plan and then all conferences adhere strictly to the arrangement.

Elder Flaiz stated the difficulties which they had encountered in their field in turning over so large a per cent. of their tithe. Some conferences had been unable to do so without creating a deficit. He said they had been hindered on account of funds in developing a strong force of young men in their field. He felt there should be some adjustment made.

After further discussion it was,--

VOTED, That a committee consisting of the Treasurer of the Division Conference and all Union Conference Presidents be appointed to take the question of the surplus tithe appropriated by the local conferences under advisement, and recommend to the Council such adjustments as in their judgment seemed best.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FINANCIAL GOAL:

The committee appointed to recommend a financial goal for the Missionary Volunteer Department for 1915 suggested that it be \$25,000, the same as last year. It was, therefore,-

VOTED, That this recommendation be adopted, and the goal be \$25,000.

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VALENTINER'S SALARY:

A request was presented from F F Byington, Manager of the International Publishing Association, requesting that the North American Division Conference pay one-half the salary of Theodore Valentiner while attending camp-meetings in the Northern and Central Union Conferences. In the consideration of this request the question was raised as to the proper arrangements that should be made for laborers attending camp-meetings. The consensus of opinion was that if the Division Conference was called upon to pay the expenses of those who attended these meetings there should be some consultation and a proper understanding arrived at before the bill for their expenses was presented. The Treasurer spoke of the criticism that had come from some conferences concerning the help attending their camp-meetings. Some had too much help, while others did not have enough. This condition was caused by some being sent to these meetings without proper arrangements being made. He explained that in the office at headquarters no one attended meetings without being advised to do so. It was,-

VOTED, That the request for the Division Conference to pay one-half of Theodore Valentiner's salary while attending camp-meetings be granted, and that we appropriate \$100 to the International Association in payment of the amount requested.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

O A Olsen presented the work and needs of the Foreign Department, and gave a very interesting report, showing how the Lord is working among the foreign nationalities. An Italian church has been organized in Chicago, a Rumanian church in Cleveland, a Rumanian company raised up in Warren, Ohio, a Servian church organized in St. Louis, a Russian company developed in Virginia, a Servian-Rumanian church organized in Saskatchewan. He felt encouraged with these results, as well as others which he mentioned. He called attention to the large immigration of many nationalities to this country, and spoke of the responsibilities to give them the message. He hopes a school can be started in Chicago where work-

ers can be trained from several nationalities. In view of the many openings, and the need of helping in various places, he thought the Department should have an appropriation to assist these calls. He spoke also of the great need of literature in many of the languages. A need is felt for some means of communication between the various nationalities. In response to this, a six teen -page quarterly has been started in Italian. Some tract s are also being printed in different languages. More large books are also needed. In his judgment a strong center should be built up in New York City where there is such a large foreign population.

VOTED, That a Committee of five be appointed on the foreign work, the Chair to be one.

This Committee was subsequently announced as O A Olsen, L H Christian, W T Knox, I H Evans, F Griggs, W C White.

Adjourned.

C W Flaiz, Chairman,
G B Thompson, Secretary.

SIXTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1914, 2:30 P. M.

W T Knox in the Chair.

Prayer by C W Flaiz.

JOINT MEETING:

A joint meeting of the General Conference and the North American Division Executive Committees was called at 2:30 P. M. to hear a report of the committee appointed to make recommendations regarding the financial relief of the Washington Sanitarium. After hearing the report of the Committee the joint meeting took a recess and the regular business of the Division Conference was taken up.

MEDICAL WORK:

The work of the Medical Department was given consideration. Dr. H W Miller emphasized the advisability of nurses having a thorough training. He favored the limiting of our nurses' training classes to our larger sanitariums where better facilities and more capable instructors are found.

Dr. W A Ruble believed we should carry forward our work as a part of the Third Angel's Message and not from a monetary standpoint; also the need of some medical councils where physicians and nurses can be gathered to study the medical work. He believed in a strong denominational policy for our institutions, and expressed some fears that some of them were being sapped by wrong influences which were surrounding them, tending to draw them away from true Seventh-day Adventist principles.

Elder Evans thought one or more medical conventions should be held to give study to sanitarium problems and the real object and goal which should be aimed at in sanitarium and medical work. B G Wilkinson, E E Andross, F M Wilcox, L A Hansen, Dr. Newton Evans, R A Underwood and S Mortenson spoke to the question, urging the revival of the principles of health reform.

Following the discussion, it was,

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a Committee of five to which the topics before the Council regarding medical work can be referred for study, and bring in a report.

The Chair announced as this committee: H W Miller, W A Ruble, F M Wilcox, L A Hansen, J L Shaw.

MERRELL - BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Some recommendations received from Mrs. Florence Welthy Merrell concerning a "Bible and Testimony Study Club and Prayer League" was laid before the Council, also a letter from Elder J N Loughborough in reference to this question.

VOTED, That these recommendations be referred to the Committee on Plans.

Adjourned.

W T Knox, Chairman,
E B Thompson, Secretary.

Seventh meeting of Council.

SIXTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

(Joint meeting)

October 29, 1914, 4:30 P. M.

The joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the North American Conference Committee which took recess at 2:30 P. M. was called at 4:30 P. M.

W T Knox in the chair.

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

The following report, submitted by the committee appointed by the North American Division Council to study the question of relief of the Washington Sanitarium, was considered:

"Your committee to suggest financial relief for the Washington Sanitarium would respectfully submit the following:-

"Whereas, The Washington Sanitarium, located on the Sligo, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., was provided because of the removal of the denominational headquarters from Battle Creek, Michigan, to Washington, D. C., and, notwithstanding the incorporators provided a constituency and local Board of management, the denomination has ever regarded the Sanitarium as a General Conference institution; and,--

"Whereas, At the present time it is greatly embarrassed

financially, and from time to time has received large loans from the General Conference Corporation; and,--

"Whereas, Its Board of Management appeals to the General Conference for financial help in liquidating its indebtedness of more than \$180,000; therefore,

"We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists take title to the real estate equipment, and all belongings, whether real or personal, of the Washington Sanitarium Association; and,--

"2. Provide for the liquidation of its indebtedness; and,--

"3. That the North American Division Conference provide for the appointment or election of a Board of Management."

After the reading of the report, a recess was taken of the joint meeting, in order to allow the regular Division Council to go on with the discussion of unfinished business on the Agenda Paper.

At 4:30 the Division Council adjourned, and the joint meeting was continued. The report on the Washington Sanitarium was considered, and it was,-

VOTED, That the report be adopted.

Adjourned.

W T Knox, Chairman,
G B Thompson, Secretary.

SIXTY-THIRD MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

October 30, 1914, 10:30 A. M.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Minutes read and approved.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS:

The question of ordaining ministers was given consideration. The Chairman reviewed the present plan, stating some of the difficulties that are met. Each local conference having the power to ordain to the ministry any one it wishes, friendly influences, rather than mature and experienced judgment, often decided who should receive ordination. He raised the question whether it might not be better, instead of having the power of ordination in the hands of the local conferences, to have the Union Conference Executive Committee the final arbiter in the matter. The matter he thought merited study.

Elder O A Olsen expressed interest in this question, hoped it would receive careful consideration, and that advanced steps would be taken to elevate the ministry.

B G Wilkinson was glad the question was before us for study.

E E Andross said from his experience the question of ordaining ministers was one requiring careful study. He thought some standard should be adopted.

W C White felt that the matter of ordination and renewal of credentials should be based on a high standard. Instruction should be imparted and an educational work carried forward to build up this branch of the work.

Allen Moon concurred in the sentiments expressed in reference to the need of an improvement in the ministry. He thought committees appointed to deal with the matter of ordination should not be laymen, but ordained men of experience.

R A Underwood suggested that back of ordination there should be more care given to the matter of granting licenses. He thought that young men, qualified by education and consecration for the work, should be given preference over older men with families, who, because of advanced years, are not so likely to make the ministry a success.

S N Haskell said a man should not be ordained until he had raised up churches, and demonstrated by fruit that he was called to the ministry. He considered this the surest evidence that the Lord had called a man to preach. After further consideration it was,-

VOTED, That the question of the ordination of ministers and church elders be referred to a committee of seven to bring in a report.

Committee announced: W C White, O A Olsen, Allen Moon, R A Underwood, S N Haskell, C S Longacre, F M Wilcox,

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

The Chair stated that experience had made it apparent that in order to carry forward the Home Missionary work as it should be that it be operated as a separate Department, rather than as a branch of the Publishing Department. After some discussion it was,-

VOTED, That it is the sense of this Council that the Home Missionary Work be separated from the Publishing Department, and organized into a separate department.

It was further-

VOTED, That F W Paap be chosen as secretary of the Department.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

A partial report of the Committee on plans was taken up, and as amended was passed as follows:-

WE RECOMMEND, 5. That at the next session of the union conferences, to be held during the winter of 1915-16, the union conference term be extended to four years.

6. That the question of the location of the French Training Department be referred to the Foreign Department for investigation, to report to the North American Division Conference Committee.

In view of the reduced fares obtainable to points westward next year, we recommend,--

7. That the next Autumn Council of the North American Division Conference be held at some point in the Pacific Union Conference.

Whereas, The publication of quarterly reports showing the state and progress of the work throughout the Division Conference is a means of greatly strengthening the hands of local

union, and Division officers, and a source of encouragement and an incentive to earnest service to all our churches, therefore we recommend,--

8. That the church clerk be urged to forward complete quarterly reports to the conference office not later than the eighth day of the month following the close of the quarter, and that the conference secretary send his report to the union office not later than the fifteenth of said month, thus enabling each union secretary to furnish complete reports to the general office before the close of the month.

The resolution in reference to clubbing the Review and Herald with Union Conference papers was referred back to the Committee on Plans for further consideration.

Adjourned.

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