

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

April 3, 1917.

PRESENT: I H Evans, W W Prescott, M E Kern, G B Thompson,
Mrs. L F Plummer, F M Wilcox, also J J Ireland, H E Rogers,
E R Palmer, T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

TWO-PAGE LEAFLET:

VOTED, That the two-page leaflet entitled, "Teachings of Seventh-day Adventists" be revised and turned over to the Review and Herald to be printed and sold the same as other tracts. Committee on Revision, H E Rogers, J L Shaw, G B Thompson.

MEDICAL DAY:

There having been some misunderstanding in reference to the former date for a Medical Day, and the Medical department having requested that another day be selected, it was,

VOTED, That Sabbath, June 2, be selected as Medical Day.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES:

VOTED, That we concur in the requests for Prof. C. S. Longacre to give addresses in connection with the graduating exercises at the following schools: Emmanuel Missionary College, Mt. Vernon Academy, the Danish-Norwegian Seminary, and the Broadview Swedish Seminary.

VOTED, That we approve of Brother F M Wilcox responding to the invitation to give the graduating address to the nurses at the Hinsdale Sanitarium about July 1.

ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS - SPRING COUNCIL:

Requests having been made that persons be permitted to attend the spring council from the Central, Atlantic, Southern, and Southeastern Unions because of important questions to be considered at the council which pertain to these unions, it was,

VOTED, That we suggest to the presidents of these unions that they arrange for such persons to attend the spring council from their unions as will be really necessary to the proper presentation of the special matters to be considered at the council that pertain to their unions.

FORD CAR - INDIAN WORK:

VOTED, That we approve of Brother Orno Follett securing a Ford Car for his work among the Indians.

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 8, 1917.

PRESENT: I. H. Evans, W. W. Prescott, G. B. Thompson, C. S. Longacre, F. M. Wilcox, also T. E. Bowman, R. W. Parmele, J. J. Ireland, B. F. Machlan, E. R. Palmer.

Prayer by W. W. Prescott.

BROWN - GEORGIA:

A telegram was considered from W. H. Branson stating that the president of the Georgia Conference had resigned to take up evangelistic work and asked that Elder B. W. Brown of Kentucky be secured as president of Georgia.

VOTED, That we concur in this request and ask the Southern Union Conference to secure the release of Elder B. W. Brown from the Kentucky conference with a view to taking charge of the work in Georgia.

I. H. Evans, Chairman.

G. B. Thompson, Secretary.

SPRING COUNCIL

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 12, 1917.

First Meeting 2 P. M.

The Spring Council of the North American Division Executive Committee met in the dormitory of the Oakwood School at Huntsville, Alabama, 2 p. m. April 12, 1917.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, J J Ireland, R D Quinn, R A Underwood, A V Olson, Chas. Thompson, C W Flaiz, W H Branson, SE Wight, J W Christian, C F McVagh, W WEastman, W E Howell, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, C S Longacre, C B Stephenson, E F Haffner, E E Miller, P E Broderson, W W Prescott, F M Wilcox, F W Paap, Miss E M Graham, also J L Shaw, M N Campbell, J T Boettcher, H W Carr, L D Randall, W E Aberhathy, R I Keate, J L Shuler, G H Curtis, J A Tucker, A N allen, J B Locken, R W Parmele, B W Brown, C J Suhalts, A L Miller, C J Boyd, B M Heald, V R Neall, H E Rogers.

I H Evans in the chair.

PRAYER:

R A Underwood, C W Flaiz, and R D Quinn led in an earnest season of prayer.

C B Stephenson and C J Boyd announced the arrangements for the care and entertainment of members of the council.

The chairman referred to the very unusual and perplexing situation which surrounds us at this time, and the need of seeking God for wisdom concerning many questions. He mentioned especially

1. The perplexity caused by the war.
2. Proper counsel concerning institutional expansion.
3. How to increase the efficiency of our ministry.
4. The liquidation of our indebtedness.
5. The awakening of our people for work.
6. Location and time of next session of the General and Division Conferences.

PROGRAM:

The following was agreed to as a daily program:--

- Breakfast 7-8 A.M.
- Devotional meeting 9-10 A.M.

Recess 10-10:15 A. M.
 Business 10:15-12 A.M.
 Dinner 12:30-1:30 P. M.
 Business 2:30-5 P. M.
 Supper 6-7 P. M.
 Business 7:30-9. P. M.

To lead in devotional meetings:

Friday, W. W. Prescott.
 Sabbath, F. M. Wilcox.
 Sunday, E E Andross.
 Monday, C W Flaiz.
 Tuesday, R A Underwood.
 Wednesday, R D Quinn
 Thursday, J T Boettcher.

JOINT ACTION.

NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCES:

A joint meeting of the General and Division Committees was called to consider the time and place of the coming quadrennial session of the General and Division Conferences.

The Chairman stated the investigation E.E.Andross, C.H. Jones and he had made while in California, looking up the best location for this important meeting. Los Angeles and San Francisco were visited. The "Shriner Temple" could be secured in Los Angeles at a rental of \$2500 for twenty-one nights, light and janitor service extra.

San Francisco extended a very cordial invitation to hold the meeting there. The use of the Civic Auditorium, seating 10,000 is offered free. It contains a pipe organ, numerous committee rooms; was well lighted. Light and janitor service also free.

The following letters containing the propositions, from the Secretary of the San Francisco Convention League, were submitted to the Committee:--

"March 2, 1917.

"Mr. I. E. Evans,
 General National Conference, Seventh Day Adventists,
 Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--

"The San Francisco Convention League, representing the citizens of San Francisco, takes great pleasure in ex-

tending an invitation to the members of the General National Conference and the North American Division Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, to hold their 1918 convention in San Francisco.

"San Francisco has the greatest hotel facilities of any city in the world, aside from New York. Rooms can be procured in modern hotels at reasonable rates.

"Our Convention Auditorium is especially equipped for conventions such as yours. The main hall contains a huge pipe organ which is seventh in size in the world, and should be very appropriate for your night sessions, when, you will, no doubt, be desirous of having music. There are innumerable committee rooms and halls which will be turned over for your convention free of any expense whatever.

"San Francisco is situated in the center of the Pacific Coast, and is accessible from all points of the compass. Delegates from foreign countries will land direct in the convention city, if it is held in San Francisco, without having to make an extra railroad trip.

"The San Francisco Convention League will assume the responsibility to the end that your convention will be successful in every detail, and you may be assured that our citizens will take great pleasure in entertaining the delegates.

"If you contemplate meeting in San Francisco, we would advise that you come to an early decision in order that we may reserve the Auditorium for the night sessions.

"Trusting we may have the pleasure of greeting your members at your next convention in San Francisco, we are,

Yours very truly,

San Francisco Convention LEAGUE,
R. L. Webb,
Secretary."

"March 2, 1917.

"To the members of the
General National Conference and the North American
Division Conferences Seventh Day Adventists.

"Gentlemen:--

"The San Francisco Convention League representing the citizens of San Francisco, has the honor to extend to you

herewith a cordial invitation to hold your 1918 meeting in San Francisco, and pledges you such a hearty and enthusiastic welcome you will be glad you came, and you will come again.

"Your delegates are certain to be accorded the generous terms the transportation companies have granted upon previous occasions of this kind, and the journey here over any route you may choose will bring you through many natural wonders.

"For your hours of leisure you will find an infinite variety of entertainment; you will be extended every courtesy, and made to feel at home.

"Trusting your decision may be in favor of San Francisco, we are,

Yours very truly,

SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION LEAGUE,

R. L. Webb,
Secretary."

The chairman stated that a cable had been received from Elder Daniells, favoring the holding of the meeting in San Francisco, California. After further consideration of the question, it was,

VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the Chair, to bring before the council definite recommendations concerning the time and place of holding the next session of the General and Division Conferences.

Committee appointed: C W Flaiz, E E Andross, G B Thompson, R A Underwood, J L Shaw.

INSTITUTIONAL EXPANSION:

What is best to do at this time in the matter of enlarging our institutional facilities, was considered. The Chair stated that in response to correspondence asking counsel of the brethren abroad on this question, the following cable had been received from Elder Daniells: "Earnestly counsel against large building operations during war crisis."

Chas. Thompson spoke of the growth and needs of the Danish-Norwegian Seminary, at Hutchinson, Minn., and the need of a fourteen-grade school. The board had voted to enlarge by building on foundations already built. Estimated expenditure

approximately \$20,000. Plans for the contemplated buildings on strictly cash basis. The board wished counsel as to whether or not it was wise to build.

C W Flaiz considered it encouraging that the growth of the work required increased facilities. He mentioned the needs of Portland and College Place Sanitariums as well as other places where the boards had plans in mind for enlargement. He advised caution in movements along this line, owing to conditions in the world.

R A Underwood mentioned the needs of institutional expansion in the Central Union. He mentioned--

1. Nurses' dormitory for Boulder Sanitarium.
2. Boys' dormitory at Union College.
3. The proposition to build a school in Nebraska.
4. The school situation in Kansas.

He felt caution was wise in the matter of building at this time.

F. M. Wilcox mentioned the imperative needs of Washington Missionary College. He advised caution.

W.W. Prescott mentioned the stringent times reported in Europe caused by the war. He considered this an object lesson for us. He called attention to the meager facilities in Cuba, Brazil, Chile, and other places with which to train workers. He advised caution.

R.D. Quinn concurred in the sentiments expressed by others.

J T Boettcher spoke of the need of training schools in Russia and other places.

J W Christian said they had 1800 children of school age in the Southwestern Union Conference, and only one training school. They had been greatly blessed in paying off their indebtedness, and were hoping to increase the facilities and equipment. They were planning to delay somewhat building operations.

After further consideration of the question, it was,

VOTED, That a committee be appointed as a Finance Committee, to which the questions under consideration and such petitions as have been received for enlargement and requests for various appropriations could be referred. Committee appointed, Chas. Thompson, J W Christian, R A Underwood, R D Quinn, S E Wight, W C White, L H Christian, C F McVagh, E E Andross and J J Ireland.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brother J J Ireland, acting treasurer of the Division Conference, rendered the annual report, as follows:

REVENUE STATEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN

DIVISION CONFERENCE.

January 20, 1917.

INCOME.

Tithe - - - - -	\$18,984.79
Surplus Tithe - - - - -	235,136.77
Miscellaneous Donations - - - - -	582.40
Colored work - - - - -	6,049.22
Interest - - - - -	955.96
Religious Liberty - - - - -	127.02
Sale of Typewriter - - - - -	10.00
One-half gain on Stock Room - - - - -	4.16
One-half gain on Correspondence School	<u>22.58</u>

Total Income for the year. \$261,872.90

EXPENSES.

Administrative - - - - -	\$41,925.20
General and Office expense - - - - -	2,707.45
Appropriations to Conferences - - - - -	93,367.64
To Institutions and Departments - - - - -	50,498.22
To institutions - - - - -	15,073.59
To Individuals - - - - -	5,654.94
Miscellaneous - - - - -	52.88
Tithe to General Conference - - - - -	1,898.48
Sustentation to General Conference - - - - -	<u>1,139.09</u>

Total Expenses, \$212,920.49
 Net surplus to capital account 48,952.41

The balance sheet shows total assets of \$133,825.19; liabilities, \$333.13; present worth, \$133,492.06.

The Auditor's statement is as follows:--

"Having made careful examination of the books of the North American Division Conference, I can certify that the attached Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet is a correct showing of the North American Division books for the fiscal year ending January 20, 1917. The Division has had a very prosperous year, as is indicated by the Revenue Statement, showing a net surplus for

the year of \$48,952.41.

Respectfully yours,
S. E. McNeill,
North American Division
Auditor."

VOTED, That the report of the Treasurer and the Statement of the Auditor be accepted.

OOLETEWAH SCHOOL:

W. H. Branson, chairman of the Ooltewah School board, presented the needs of the educational work in the South, and spoke of the steps taken to establish a school at Ooltewah, Tenn. The Lord has greatly blessed. The indebtedness of some \$14,000 on the former school at Graysville has been canceled, the location for the new school paid for, and a number of thousand dollars raised for buildings. He laid before the council a request for \$10,000 with which to assist in erecting a dormitory, to be finished for the opening of the school this year.

S E Wight presented a request for \$3,000 to assist in the education of worthy young people in the South.

Requests referred to the Finance Committee.

Recess.

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

7:30 P. M.

Additional members present: E E Andross, L H Christian, S Mortenson; also S N Curtiss, A L Miller, C N Sanders.

Prayer by G F Haffner, J W Christian.

JOINT ACTION:

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

VOTED, That I H Evans, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, W W Prescott, the Union Conference Presidents, and the Secretaries of Departments, constitute a committee on Distribution of Labor.
Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Second Meeting of Council,

April 13, 1917. 11 A. M.

Additional Members Present: M E Kern, Dr. H. W. Miller, S. Rasmussen, also D U Hale, W L Bird, and W H Heckman.

I H Evans in the Chair.

Prayer by S Mortenson.

Minutes approved.

NORMAL COUNCIL:

Prof. W E Howell explained briefly the object of the Normal Council, and the need of fixing the time and place. After consideration of the matter, it was,

VOTED, That the Normal Council be held at College View, Nebr., August 1-8, 1917.

VOTED, That Miss Sarah Peck, Mrs. B. B. Davis, Florence Howell, Prof. E. G. Salisbury, and Esther Francis be invited to attend the Council as special delegates, their traveling expenses to be paid by the North American Division Conference, their salaries by those regularly employing these persons.

NON-COMBATANT:

Consideration was given to the serious situation which confronts us in this country, in view of probably compulsory military duties.

F M Wilcox placed before the council the statements and actions taken by our brethren at the time of the Civil War, which he had gleaned from files of the Review and Herald.

While considering this question, Council adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Third Meeting of Council.

April 13, 2:30 P. M.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by L H Christian. Minutes approved.

NON-COMBATANTS:

Further time was given to a discussion of the situation which confronts us in the matter of military training and service. Different members spoke on the question. A memorial was presented by Elder E E Andross, from the Pacific Union Executive Committee, asking that counsel be given.

H W Miller outlined the plans which the committee appointed at the last council were working out in the line of giving instruction in First Aid and Red Cross work.

VOTED, That the question be referred to a committee for study: Committee appointed E F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, H W Miller, C S Longacre, P E Broderson, E E Andross, M E Kern, R A Underwood, C F McVagh, C B Stephenson, W C White, W E Howell.

Adjourned.

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

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Fourth meeting of Council.

April 14, 1917, 7:30 P. M.

R A Underwood in the chair. Prayer by G F Haffner.

DORMITORY - UNION COLLEGE:

Prof. H.A Morrison spoke of the need of a boys' dormitory at Union College, and asked counsel as to the wisest course

to take.

VOTED, That this matter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

MELROSE SANITARIUM:

R D Quinn presented a memorial from the Atlantic Union Conference, setting before the Council financial plans for the enlargement of Melrose Sanitarium. Approval was asked to proceed with additional buildings.

H W Carr told of various gifts which a Sister Browning had made to the cause, and of her desire to assist in the enlargement of the Melrose Sanitarium by an annuity bond of \$30,000.

VOTED, That this request be referred to the Committee on Finance.

MISSOURI - FINANCIAL HELP:

D U Hale presented a memorial asking financial help for evangelistic work in the large cities of the Missouri Conference.

VOTED, That this memorial be referred to the Committee on Finance.

REQUEST FOR COLORED CHURCHES:

C B Stephenson, Secretary of the Negro Department, and J W Christian, presented requests for assistance in building negro churches in the Southwestern Union. The requests were as follows:

South Texas, (church)	\$500.00
Oklahoma, (church)	1000.00
Arkansas, (new tent)	750.00

VOTED, That these requests be referred to the Committee on Finance.

COLORED SCHOOL - BALTIMORE:

A memorial from the president of the Chesapeake Conference was presented by C B Stephenson, asking financial help for the colored school in Baltimore. C B Stephenson suggested that \$750.00 be appropriated, to be equally divided between the Division, the Columbia Union, and the Chesapeake Conferences.

VOTED, That this request be referred to the Finance Committee.

MEMORIAL FUND - BUILDING NEGRO CHURCHES:

W H Branson presented the following memorial from the Executive Committees of the Southern and Southeastern Unions:

"That we memorialize the North American Executive Committee to arrange for a general collection to be taken once each year, the same to constitute a fund to aid conferences in the South in building churches where the local church or the local conference is not able to finance the work alone, and that each church member be asked to contribute at least twenty-five cents toward this fund on the date set for the offering."

Special requests totaling \$22700 were also presented, asking help in the different conferences of the Southeastern Union for new colored churches.

VOTED, That this memorial, and these requests, be referred to the Committee on Plans.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

VOTED, That the following be a committee on Plans: W C White, (Chairman), F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, W E Howell, Steen Rasmussen, G F Haffner, F W Paap, W W Eastman, Mrs. L Flora Plummer, S Mortensen, C S Longacre, Miss E M Graham, C B Stephenson, H W Miller, M E Kern, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, M N Campbell, A V Olson, J J Ireland.

CORPORATION CLINTON SEMINARY:

R A Underwood presented a draft of a constitution for the reincorporation of the Clinton Seminary. Counsel was asked.

VOTED, That this draft of constitution be referred to the Committee on Plans.

R A Underwood, Acting Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1917, 10 A. M.

Fifth meeting of Council.

Additional Members Present: W.C. White, J. E. Jayne, R. L. Pierce, O. M. Hayward.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by B. W. Brown and J. E. Jayne. Minutes approved.

COLORED CHURCHES - SOUTHERN UNION:

Requests for assistance in building colored churches in the Southern Union, totaling \$8,000, were presented by S. E. Wight.

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

OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL:

C. B. Stephenson presented a memorial from the Oakwood Manual Training School board, asking---

1. That the school be raised to a junior college.
2. That the Division Conference provide funds for enlargement to the extent of \$50,000, \$10,000 of which to be raised by the colored people.

Prof. C. J. Boyd, principal of the Oakwood School, gave a thrilling sketch of the establishment of slavery in this country, and how ten millions of negro people came to be in our midst. He outlined the efforts we have put forth to give this race the truth, and gave an interesting and instructive history of the Oakwood Manual Training School and its work. After discussion of the needs of the school, it was

VOTED, That the resolutions and memorial from the Oakwood Manual Training School board be referred to the Committee on Finance.

TRANSPORTATION - PROF C L TAYLOR:

VOTED, That the request for adjustment of transportation of Prof. C L Taylor from Kansas to Nova Scotia, be referred for recommendation to a committee composed of J J Ireland and the representatives present from the Eastern Canadian and Atlantic Union Conference.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Sixth meeting of Council.
April 15, 1917. 3:30 P.M.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by Chas. Thompson.

OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL:

Prof. G. J. Boyd presented tentative plans for the proposed new buildings of the Oakwood Manual Training School. No action taken.

JOINT SESSION.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Secretary of the Sabbath school Department, placed before the council some of the needs and problems of the Department. She emphasized especially the following:--

1. The problem of getting the Sabbath school lessons to foreign fields.
2. Need of publishing a series of leaflets.
3. Object for Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for first quarter, 1918.

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

VACANCY DEPARTMENTAL MEMBERSHIP:

A committee previously appointed to suggest a name to fill the vacancy on the Sabbath School Departmental Committee, suggested the name of E R Palmer.

VOTED, That E R Palmer be elected as a member of the Sabbath School Departmental Committee.

JOINT SESSION.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

"The Committee on Distribution of Labor make the following partial report: That we ask the North American Division to secure the following workers:--

"1. M.M.Hare, of the Southern California Conference, to take the presidency of the Central-Southern London Conference in the Philippines.

"2. T. W. Steen, principal of the Adelpian Academy, to take the principalship of the Brazil School, South America.

"3. A. A. Cone, of California, to answer the call for a Home Missionary Secretary of the Austral Union, South America.

"4. A. J. Olsen, of Nebraska, to answer the call for Superintendent of the Bengal Mission, India.

"5. Herbert Griffith, of the Boulder Sanitarium, to answer the call for secretary-treasurer of the Brazil Union Conference."

These requests were agreed to in joint session.

TUITION IN OUR SCHOOLS:

Consideration was given to the rates of tuition in our schools. Prof. W. E. Howell stated that in response to a questionnaire sent out to all our schools, about one-half felt that an increase in tuition was necessary.

R D Quinn said the South Lancaster Academy Board had already voted to increase their rates.

Prof. H A Morrison and others spoke to the question.

VOTED, That the question of the tuition in our schools be referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair. Committee appointed: W E Howell, (Chairman), H A Morrison, G J Boyd, J J Ireland, J W Christian, L H Christian, E E Andross, G F Haffner, P E Broderson, C W Flaiz, R D Quinn.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

April 15, 1917. 7 P. M.

Seventh meeting of council.

I H Evans, in the chair. Prayer by G F Haffner, C W Flaiz, and G B Thompson.

NON-COMBATANTS - REPORT:

The committee appointed to draft a statement of our position in the matter of military service submitted a statement. After discussion of the question the statement was referred back to the committee for further study.

Adjourned..

I H Evans, Chairman.

G B Thompson, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Eighth meeting of council.

April 16, 1917. 10 A. M.

Chas. Thompson in the chair. Prayer by W C White.
Minutes approved.

COMMITTEE ON TUITION:

The Committee on rate of tuition in our schools submitted a report. Action deferred.

QUADRENNIAL SESSION:

The Committee appointed to bring in a report on the time and place of the next session of the General and Division Conferences presented a report. Action deferred.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans submitted a partial report. After being spoken to by H V Miller, F M Wilcox, W W Prescott, J L

Shaw, R A Underwood, and W. C White, the following recommendations on health reform were adopted?--

"Whereas, Seventh-day Adventists have regarded the health and temperance work as an important feature of their message from the very beginning of their denominational existence, teaching and practicing the laws of hygiene as an essential part of a Christian's duty to himself and to those dependent upon him; and --

"Whereas, The medical missionary work has been looked forward to as the field of greatest opportunity in the closing days of the message, and since the world today presents unparalleled opportunities to our people for the relief of human ills and suffering; and,--

"Whereas, At the autumn council of 1916 action was taken looking forward to the promotion of the health and temperance work through our schools and sanitariums by a course of instruction in first-aid and simple nursing, which action has resulted in the preparation of a course of study to be known as a course in "First Aid and Emergency Nursing," including fifty hours of class and demonstration work in hygiene, sanitation, bandaging, simple nursing, emergencies in disease and accidents, and kindred topics; and --

"Whereas, The Medical Department has now in almost complete preparation a series of lessons on such a course, and a suitable certificate to be issued to those successfully completing it; therefore,--

"1. We Recommend, That the Medical Department, in cooperation with the Educational Department, seek to organize through the Division Conference courses of study in "First Aid and Emergency Nursing" in our advanced schools and sanitariums, and at such other places as such a course can be adequately arranged for.

"Whereas, We recognize health as a prime essential for the conduct of all successful labor, a blessing resulting from obedience to natural law as exemplified in the laws of physiology and hygiene, and as the imperative need in reaching the highest degree of efficiency on the part of the ministry and people chosen to carry forward a world-wide proclamation of the message of salvation,--

"2. We Recommend, That great care be exercised in regard to the observance of health fundamentals as represented in the following statement of health principles, adopted by the Medical Convention, held in Madison, Wis., June 5 to 10, 1916:--

"a. The control of appetites and passions; self control instead of self-indulgence.

"b. The use of wholesome and nourishing foods, containing the necessary food elements in proper proportion.

"c. Abstinence from the use of alcohol and tobacco, tea and coffee, flesh meats, rich and highly seasoned foods, irritating spices and condiments.

"d. The limited use of sugar and pastry foods.

"e. Simplicity in variety and amount, and in the scientific combination and preparation of foods.

"f. Proper clothing of the body as relates to warmth, protection, simplicity, and modesty, avoiding constrictions and improperly adjusted weights.

"g. Sufficient and appropriate exercise, especially for those whose work is sedentary.

"h. Abstinence from the use of poisonous drugs, above all, avoiding the patent medicine habit; and an intelligent application of the principles of rational treatment, as represented in the proper use of water, air, food, electricity, massage, and other natural physiological stimuli and therapeutics.

"i. Strict cleanliness of person and premises.

"j. Proper and sufficient hours of sleep and relaxation.

"k. Proper and sufficient ventilation of churches, schools,

"l. Activity in the warfare against flies, mosquitoes, and all other disease-producing and disease-carrying insects."

Meeting adjourned.

Chas. Thompson, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Ninth Meeting of Council.
April 16, 1917. 2:30 P. M.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by J T Boettcher.
Minutes approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The committee on Finance submitted a partial report.
Action deferred.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

The Secretary called attention to the difficulties experienced in securing accurate and prompt quarterly reports from the field, the discrepancies in membership being the most perplexing. The Statistical Secretary also called attention to certain features in connection with these reports.

VOTED: That a committee be appointed, to give study to these reports, and bring recommendations. Committee appointed: H E Rogers, J E Jayne, G B Thompson, J T Boettcher, L H Christia, Miss E M Graham.

TUITION IN SCHOOLS:

The report of the committee on rates of tuition in our schools was considered. That part of the report asking that a per cent of sales of the books sold by students be returned to our training schools, was referred to the next session of the Division Conference.

Pending consideration of the report, Council adjourned.

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

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TWO HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Tenth Meeting of Council.

April 16, 1917, 7:30 P.M.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by C F McVagh and Steen Rasmussen.

NON-COMBATANT REPORT:

The Committee appointed to draft a statement regarding our duty in view of the military situation in this country, again submitted a report.

Prof. W. W. Prescott, a member of this committee, submitted a minority report. Another form of statement which had been prepared, was read.

Pending consideration of the statements before us, council adjourned.

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

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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Eleventh Meeting of Council.

April 17, 1917. 10.30 A.M.

Additional Members present: B G Wilkinson, J I Beardsley.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by C W Flaiz. Minutes approved.

NON-COMBATANT REPORT:

Prof. W W Prescott introduced another statement as a substitute for the statements before the Council on the question of military service. After some discussion of the question, action was deferred.

TUITION IN SCHOOLS:

The following recommendation from the Committee on Finance under discussion at a former meeting, was passed:--

2. That we refer the question of regulating the tuition and other charges of our advanced schools to the heads of our schools who shall attend our Normal Council this summer, with the view of preparing a report for consideration at the time of the next Division Conference.

(The recommendation asking that the salary of a minister in each of our fourteen- and sixteen-grade schools be paid by the North American Division Conference, was laid on the table.)

Pending consideration of the recommendation concerning Melrose Sanitarium, council adjourned. I H Evans, Chairman.
G B Thompson, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Twelfth Meeting of Council.

April 17, 1917. 2:50 P. M.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by W W Prescott. Minutes approved.

TIME AND PLACE OF SESSION OF GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCES:
JOINT ACTION:

The report of the committee on the location of the General and Division Conferences was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to consider the time and place for holding the quadrennial session of the General and North American Division Conferences, report as follows:--

The San Francisco Convention League having, through its Secretary, Mr. Robert L. Webb, kindly placed at our disposal the Exposition Auditorium in San Francisco, lighted and heated, and the use of its numerous committee rooms and pipe organ, free of charge, and having extended to our denomination a most cordial invitation to hold the quadrennial session of our General and North American Division Conferences in the City of San Francisco; we therefore recommend,---

1. That we accept this kind offer, and hold the quadrennial session of the General and North American Division Conferences in the City of San Francisco, California.

2. That the date of these sessions be March 29 to April 21, 1918.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The following recommendations from the Committee on Finance were passed:

INCREASING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES.

Whereas, The present facilities of many of our institutions are now greatly taxed in meeting the present demands made upon them, and must be greatly enlarged for next year's use if the increasing calls continue, as has been set forth by the memorials presented; and,---

Whereas, We believe that it is only right and proper for our institutions to maintain their work by keeping their buildings in a high state of repair and adding in the way of furnishings such facilities as will enhance their efficiency as their growing patronage demands; and,--

Whereas, The present unsettled political situation indicates that it will not be long until trouble and perplexity will be world-wide, and will ultimately greatly affect the financial interests of each and every country, and hence materially curtail our expenditures and funds for carrying on our work, unless we prepare now to face the situation; therefore,--

We Recommend, 1. That each proposition for increased facilities in additional buildings and improvements be considered upon its merits.

2. That in considering these calls we should study to see how we can ever husband our resources by planning in such a way as to limit our investments in institutions, and thus leave as much as possible of our funds for the great work we have before us,- the giving of the gospel to the world.

OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL,

Whereas, The time has come for the educational standards in our training-schools to be the same throughout the country, in order that there may be a more uniform state of efficiency of service in the ministry and other trained workers; and,--

Whereas, The present facilities of the Oakwood Manual Training School for the care and training of students are now taxed to their utmost capacity, and there is no room for increased patronage; and,--

Whereas, The ministry of the negro race have set as their goal the gathering in of ten thousand new converts during the next four years, which will mean an increased demand for facilities in training-schools for the education of the children of this people; and,--

Whereas, The colored people have signified their desire to cooperate in increasing the facilities of the Oakwood Manual Training School, by offering to contribute the sum of ten thousand dollars toward this work; therefore,--

We Recommend, 1. That the educational standard of the Oakwood Manual Training School be raised to fourteen grades, and that it be known henceforth as the Oakwood Junior College,

2. That when funds are in hand, the Negro Department, under advice of the North American Division Executive Committee, are hereby authorized to enlarge the facilities for educating our negro young people, in such way as the needs of this people will be best served.

3. That we approve of plans for extending the facilities of the school that will not exceed a final cost of sixty thousand dollars, the colored people to raise ten thousand dollars, and that these extended plans be completed within a period of four years.

4. That we appropriate annually from one-fourth to one-half of the required amount, according to the needs of the situation, from such funds as may be in hand for the extension and completion of this work, it being understood, however, that this work is to proceed only as rapidly as the funds will permit, without the institution incurring any indebtedness.

5. That we call, in our annual collection for our colored people, for a specific donation of one dollar per member from the membership of the North American Division Conference, for the purpose of financing this work, and providing a fund for church extension work among the colored people.

UNION COLLEGE.

Referring to the request of Union College asking for advice in regard to providing suitable dormitory for the boys,--

We Recommend to the Board of Union College that they meet this need by providing a suitable building, after they have obtained sufficient funds for the payment of the same.

MELROSE SANITARIUM.

Concerning the request from the Melrose Sanitarium for counsel on proposed improvements,--

We Recommend, That the plans of said Board of Trustees to improve their facilities be carried out.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans submitted a further partial report. After consideration, this report was adopted, as follows:--

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Whereas, We have been instructed that the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts to those of ministers and church officers,--

3. We Recommend, That the Home Missionary movement be greatly strengthened by --

a. Letting the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action.

b. Asking all conference laborers and church officers to cooperate with the conference officers in organizing and building up this campaign for universal service.

c. Encouraging all our churches to devote the fourth Sabbath of each month to the consideration of home missionary work.

d. Holding a weekly missionary meeting in each church.

e. Using subject-matter given in the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE for the fourth Sabbath and weekly missionary meetings.

f. Seeing that all church officers receive the GAZETTE.

4. That, in order to carry these plans into effect, Union Home Missionary Secretaries be provided in all Unions where this office is not already filled.

5. That each Union Secretary, as far as consistent, devote his entire time to the work of enlisting every member in service.

6. That the Home Missionary Department be authorized to prepare a set of twelve charts, 32 x 44 inches in size, outlining the organization of the church for work, and the various methods of soul-winning work, for the use of Union and local home missionary secretaries.

7. That a strong Harvest Ingathering campaign be inaugurated for 1917 on the following plan:--

a. That a committee be appointed in each Union and local conference to study the Division Plans, and provide for their use in this campaign.

b. That the thermometer device be used again for the church goal.

c. That goal cards be used in each church to encourage each member to set an individual goal.

d. That cards for weekly reports of the progress of the campaign to the conference home missionary secretary be provided.

e. That the month of October be the special campaign month.

f. That the general goal be \$150,000.

CIRCULATION OF FOREIGN LITERATURE.

Whereas, The message for this time must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and,--

Whereas, It is just as important that the various nationalities in America shall have the truth brought to their attention, as those who speak English; and,--

Whereas, The International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association is now publishing magazines and other publications in more than a dozen languages, including Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, Rumanian, Servian, Swedish, and Yiddish; therefore,--

We Recommend, 8. That Union and Local Conference officers give the same attention to the circulation of foreign literature, in proportion to the foreigners represented in their territory, as is given to the circulation of English Literature.

9. That our Home Missionary Secretaries make special efforts at camp-meetings and Home Missionary institutes this season, to enlist the fullest cooperation of all our English members, and especially the magazine workers, in the circulation of these foreign publications wherever foreigners are found in their territory.

FRENCH HARVEST INGATHERING PAPER.

Whereas, The demand for a Harvest Ingathering paper with which to solicit mission funds among the four million French-speaking people in the United States and Canada, has become apparent; and,--

Whereas, Such papers are already provided for in the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, Bohemian, Italian, Hungarian, and Russian; therefore,---

We Recommend, 10. That, in view of the earnestness always manifested by our French believers in this country and in Canada, we ask the Pacific Press Publishing Association to publish a French Harvest Ingathering paper for 1917, provided suitable arrangements can be made with the General Conference.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Whereas, The Missionary Volunteer Department has arranged a decennial program for Missionary Volunteer Day, May 5, in commemoration of the organization of the Department:--

We Recommend, 11. That all our churches shall give special attention to the proposed service, improving this

opportunity for a careful consideration of the needs of our young people and the plans of the Missionary Volunteer Department, and that this day shall be a day of prayer and work for our young people.

Whereas, There is great need of a constant and united effort for the salvation of our young people and their training in missionary service, and that this work in all our Unions should be strengthened,-- therefore,

Resolved, 12. That the Missionary Volunteer Department be authorized to arrange for a meeting of the North American Division and Union Conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries, during the summer or autumn of the present year, it being understood that transportation be pooled."

EDUCATING FOREIGN STUDENTS:

The committee appointed at the fall council to bring forward some recommendations in reference to educating foreign students, submitted a report through its Chairman, W.E. Howell. Action deferred.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The Committee on Finance submitted a further partial report. Action deferred.

TELEGRAM - BEDDOE:

Word having been received of the death of Elder B.E. Beddoe's wife, the following telegram of condolence was passed by the Council and forwarded to Elder Beddoe.

"Huntsville, Ala., April 17, 1917.

"B.E. Beddoe,
908 Broadway, Glendale, Cal.

"The North American Division Conference Committee assembled extend to you our sincere sympathy and unitedly pray that you may be supported in this severe affliction, and commend you to God and to the word of his grace. First Thessalonians four thirteen to seventeen, and Revelation twenty-one four to seven." (Signed) G. B. Thompson."

ADELPHIAN ACADEMY:

The following recommendation submitted by Prof. W. E. Howell, concerning the rank of the Adelpian Academy, was passed:--

"That we approve the plan of the Board of Adelpian Academy, indorsed by the Lake Union Executive Committee, to raise its rank from ten to twelve grades."

LOMA LINDA HOSPITAL:

Elder E E Andross called up the question of the Loma Linda Hospital. Counsel was asked whether the Board should proceed with the erection of one unit of the hospital, estimated to cost approximately \$8,000. After consideration of the matter, it was,

VOTED, That we approve of the Loma Linda Hospital Board proceeding with the building of one hospital unit, when the money with which to complete the unit is in hand.

Adjourned.

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

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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Thirteenth Meeting of the Council.

April 17, 1917, 7.30 P. M.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by D U Hale.

NON-COMBATANTS:

Further study was given to the military crisis which faces us in this country. Different statements submitted were carefully considered. After a very earnest discussion of the matter, there not being perfect unity in reference to the various statements under consideration, it was,--

VOTED, That I H Evans, J L Shaw, and G B Thompson be a committee to draft a statement, to submit to the council.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Fourteenth Meeting of Council.

April 18, 1917. 10 A.M.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by R A Underwood and
B G Wilkinson.

AUDIT - HINSDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That the Division Conference provide an auditor for the Hinsdale Sanitarium, in response to the request of the Board.

EVANS - LOMA LINDA:

As the Loma Linda Board is desirous of retaining Dr. T. J. Evans, who has resigned as Medical Superintendent, it was

VOTED, That we recommend the Board of Management of the College of Medical Evangelists to retain the services of Dr. Evans as medical superintendent, if possible.

NON-COMBATANT STATEMENT:

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting to draft a statement to present to the government, defining the attitude of our people in this country on the military questions which confront us, submitted a statement. Some verbal amendments were made. After careful consideration and an earnest season of prayer, the following statement was unanimously passed:

TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES:

In behalf of the Seventh-day Adventists in the United States of America, the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists respectfully submits the following statement:--

We believe that civil government is ordained of God, and that in the exercise of its legitimate functions it should receive the support of its citizens. We believe in the principles upon which this government was founded. We are loyal to its Constitution, which is based upon the principles of democracy, and guarantees civil and religious liberty to all

its citizens.

We deplore that our nation has been drawn into the horrors of war, and shall continually pray that the God of Heaven may speedily bring peace to our country.

We have been non-combatants throughout our history. During the Civil War our people officially declared:

"That we recognize civil government as ordained of God, that order, justice, and quiet may be maintained in the land, and that the people of God may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

"In accordance with this fact, we acknowledge the justice of rendering tribute, custom, honor, and reverence to the civil power, as enjoined in the New Testament. While we thus cheerfully render to Caesar the things which the Scriptures show to be his, we are compelled to decline all participation in acts of war and bloodshed, as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind."

We hereby reaffirm the foregoing declaration. We petition that our religious convictions be recognized by those in authority, and that we be required to serve our country only in such capacity as will not violate our conscientious obedience to the law of God as contained in the decalogue, interpreted in the teachings of Christ, and exemplified in his life.

The following further recommendations of the committee were voted.

"1. That this Council appoint a commission to place this document, with suitable representation, before the proper government officials.

"2. That the matter which appeared in the Review and Herald during the Civil War period be printed;

"3. That the publication of the statement to the government be left to the discretion of the commission above referred to."

COMMISSION:

VOTED, That the presidents of Union Conferences be a committee to select five persons as a commission to handle the foregoing statement.

EDUCATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS:

The report of the committee on the education of foreign students, was considered.

VOTED, That it be referred to the Educational Department for study, and that the question of funds suggested in the report be referred to the officers of the Division Conference.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The recommendations of the Committee on Finance submitted at a previous meeting, were considered and adopted, as follows:

We Recommend, 1. That the additional facilities asked for by the Lake Union Conferences, consisting of Library and recitation building costing \$10,000 for Emmanuel Missionary College, and other improvements and facilities costing \$10,000 for the academies, be provided by said Union Conference when the funds are in hand to pay for them.

2. That \$3,500 be appropriated for the extension of the work in the large cities in Missouri.

3. That \$750 be added to the Southwestern Union Conference Mission for negro evangelistic work.

4. That \$800 be appropriated for the Indian work in Ontario.

5. That \$2,000 be appropriated for evangelistic work in the Western Canadian Union Conference.

6. That we authorize the Southwestern Union Conference to draw on the Division Conference for \$1,500 when said Conference has reduced the debt of the Arkansas Conference to that amount.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following recommendations from the Committee on Distribution of Labor were passed:--

6. That we ask the Northern Union Conference to secure the release of Harry Gray of Iowa, to connect with the Eastern Canadian Union.

7. That we ask the Eastern Canadian Union to secure the release of Elder F. W. Johnston to take up work in the Lake Union Conference.

8. That we ask the Eastern Canadian Union to release

Elder G H Skinner, of the Maritime Conference, to go to the Western Canadian Union, with a view of taking the presidency of the Manitoba Conference.

9. That we invite John Thompson, of the Washington Missionary College, to take up work in the Southern Union Conference.

10. That we request the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of G A Davis, of the West Michigan Conference, to take up work in the Southern Union.

11. That J A Wilson take the presidency of the Maritime Conference, made vacant by the removal of G H Skinner.

12. That we invite G E Nord, of the Swedish Seminary, to connect with the Atlantic Union Conference.

13. That we request the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of Elder J M Hoyt, of West Michigan, to connect with the Eastern Canadian Union, with a view of taking up work in the Ontario Conference.

14. That we ask the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of Clinton Lee, of East Michigan, to take up work in Arkansas.

15. That we ask the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of F J Roland, of East Michigan, to take up work in the Southern Union Conference.

16. That we invite Elder J T Boettcher to connect with the Clinton German Seminary as Bible teacher, his salary to be paid by the Division Conference.

17. That we request the Pacific Union to arrange for the release of Miss Vivian Temple, of Southern California, to make the Southern Union her field of labor.

18. That we request the Central Union Conference to release Prof. J I Beardsley, that he may connect with the Oakwood Manual Training School as principal.

19. That we approve of an exchange of fields of labor between Elder J G Walker of the British Columbia Conference and A C Gilbert of the Saskatchewan Conference.

20. That we request the Pacific Union Conference to secure the release of Prof. J H Paap, of the Lodi Academy, to take the principalship of the school in Oshawa, Ontario.

21. That we request the Southwestern Union Conference and

the Central Union Conference to arrange for a change of fields between G H Gates and J W Allison.

22. That we ask the North Pacific Union to secure the release of H A Willoughby, to connect with the Southwestern Union as Educational Secretary.

23. That we ask the Southern Union Conference to secure the release of A C Chatman, to connect with the work in St. Louis.

24. That we request the Pacific Union to arrange for the release of Elder E J Hibbard, to connect with the Southwestern Junior College, as Bible teacher.

25. That we request the Columbia Union Conference to secure the release of J I Cassell, of Ohio, to connect with the Western New York Conference, as Secretary-Treasurer, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made.

26. That we request the Southwestern Union Conference to secure the release of L J Black to take up work in the Southern Union.

27. That we ask the Lake Union Conference to arrange for the release of J L Wilson, of Southern Illinois, to go to Georgia, and take up work of Field Secretary.

28. That we ask the Southwestern Union Conference to secure the release of Frank Weeks, of New Mexico, that he may connect with the Western Canadian Union Conference.

29. That we invite Elder E M Chapman, of Manitoba, to take up work in the Maritime Conference, and ask the Western Canadian Union Conference to arrange for his release.

30. That we invite John Hottell, a student in Washington Missionary College, to take up work in the Ontario Conference.

31. That we invite Hugh Williams, a student in Washington Missionary College, to connect with the Lake Union Conference, with the view of making Indiana his field of labor.

32. That we invite Prof. C J Boyd to take up the work of field solicitor for the Oakwood Junior College, and for the colored work in the South; it being understood that in visiting the various Union and local conferences proper arrangements will be made by correspondence so that no misunderstandings may arise.

JOINT ACTION

The following requests of the General Conference for workers was agreed to in joint session:

33. A. B. Russell and wife, of the Cumberland Conference, to the North Honduras Mission.

34. H.E. McWhinney, of Loma Linda, Cal., to the Asiatic Division, suggesting that he answer the call to India for evangelistic work.

35. M L Wilson of Alabama, to the North Latin field to labor.

36. Ernest Truitt, of Keene Academy, to answer the call as field missionary secretary in Korea.

37. L D Minner, of Union College, to the Austral Union as evangelist.

38. That, providing the Asiatic Division agree, we recommend R J Bennett go to India to labor.

QUARTERLY BLANKS:

The Committee on revision of quarterly blanks, submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:--

Your committee on revision of quarterly report blanks for use by our churches and conferences, respectfully submits the following report:--

Whereas, The quarterly report of the Division Conference is of great value in presenting a summary of funds received and work performed in each conference; and,--

Whereas, These reports are of value only as they are based upon accurate data; and,--

Whereas, Great difficulty is experienced in securing such reports promptly; therefore,--

We Recommend, 1. That blanks be prepared and furnished to local church clerks free of cost, that, in addition to items contained on the blanks now in use, will enable them easily to transmit information as follows:--

Membership at the beginning of the quarter.

ADDED

By Baptism

By profession of Faith

By letter
Total added during the quarter.

DISMISSED

By death
By apostacy
By letter
Total dismissed during quarter.

Membership at the close of the quarter.

2. That the church clerks forward their reports to the conference office on or before January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

3. That Conference secretaries forward their reports to the Union Conference office on or before January 20, April 20, July 20, and October 20.

4. That Union Conference secretaries forward their reports to the Division Conference office on or before January 25, April 25, July 25, and October 25.

5. That church clerks furnish the Conference secretary a complete list of all members of the church roll, with their addresses, and at the close of each quarter there be added to this list the names and addresses of those who have joined, or have been dismissed from, the church, this list to include date of baptism, the church from which the member added by letter has been received, and that to which the member dismissed by letter has been transferred; also the names of those who have died.

6. That the Conference secretary keep a card index directory arranged by churches, containing the names and addresses of all members belonging to the churches in the Conference, and that this list be kept up to date by the addition each quarter of the names and addresses of those received into, and those dismissed from, the churches; and that Conference secretaries supply Union Conference secretaries a copy of their membership lists.

7. That the clerks of churches at Conference headquarters, educational and other centers be very careful in providing conference officials with the names of students and others who remove from these centers into their conference territory, in order that such persons may be kept in church relationship in such conference.

8. That, to assist in securing data regarding new members added by baptism, each minister report to the president of his conference the name and address of every

person whom he baptizes, also the date and place of baptism, and the name of the church to which the member is added."

CAMP-MEETING HELP:

The following arrangement for help at our camp-meetings was approved:

ATLANTIC UNION:

Massachusetts: J E Jayne, C T Everson, F W Paap.
Northern New England: F Griggs, F W Paap.
Maine, F Griggs, F W Paap.
Eastern New York: F Griggs, F W Paap.
Western New York: F Griggs, F W Paap.

CENTRAL UNION:

Nebraska: R D Quinn, W W Prescott.
Colorado: R D Quinn, W W Prescott, John Isaac.
Wyoming: W W Prescott.
Missouri: C S Longacre, C F McVagh.
Kansas: J T Boettcher, C S Longacre, C F McVagh.

COLUMBIA UNION:

Virginia: F M Wilcox, F W Paap, J L Shaw.
Chesapeake: F M Wilcox, F W Paap, J L Shaw.
East Pennsylvania: F M Wilcox, J L Shaw.
West Pennsylvania: F M Wilcox, J L Shaw.
New Jersey: F M Wilcox, J L Shaw.
Ohio: W A Spicer.
West Virginia: No arrangement.

EASTERN CANADIAN UNION:

Ontario: F Griggs, K C Russell.
Quebec: F W Paap, F Griggs.
Newfoundland: W W Eastman.
Maritime: W W Eastman.

LAKE UNION:

West Michigan: W A Spicer, C S Longacre, W W Eastman.
East Michigan: W A Spicer, C S Longacre, W W Eastman.
North Wisconsin: W A Spicer, C S Longacre, W W Eastman.
South Wisconsin: W A Spicer, C S Longacre, W W Eastman,
B E Miller.
Northern Illinois, W A Spicer, C S Longacre, W W
Eastman, B E Miller.
Indiana: A G Daniells, C W Flaiz.
North Michigan: A G Daniells, C W Flaiz.
Southern Illinois: A G Daniells, C W Flaiz, Chas. Thompson

NORTHERN UNION:

North Dakota: I H Evans, J T Boettcher, J T Simon.
South Dakota: I H Evans, J T Boettcher.
Minnesota: I H Evans, J T Boettcher.
Iowa: W A Spicer, W W Prescott.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

Southern Oregon: A G Daniells, C L Benson, W H Anderson.
Western Oregon: A G Daniells, C L Benson, G A Grauer,
W H Anderson.
Western Washington: A G Daniells, C L Benson, G A Grauer,
W H Anderson.
Upper Columbia: A G Daniells, C L Benson, G A Grauer,
W H Anderson.
Southern Idaho: A G Daniells, C L Benson, W H Anderson.

PACIFIC UNION:

All the conferences: G B Thompson, A G Daniells to
first meetings, and W T Knox as he may arrange.

SOUTHEASTERN UNION:

South Carolina: J L Shaw, W T Knox.
North Carolina: M E Kern, W T Knox.
Cumberland: M E Kern, W T Knox.
Georgia: M E Kern, W T Knox.
Florida: M E Kern, W T Knox.

SOUTHERN UNION:

Kentucky: I H Evans, E E Andross.
Tennessee River: I H Evans, E E Andross.
Alabama: I H Evans, E E Andross.
Mississippi: I H Evans, E E Andross.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

South Texas: C L Benson.
North Texas: (Local) C L Benson.
North Texas: I H Evans, C L Benson.
Texico: (west) I H Evans, C L Benson.
Oklahoma: I H Evans, C L Benson, J T Boettcher.
Arkansas:
Texico: (east)

WESTERN CANADIAN UNION:

British Columbia: No arrangement.
Manitoba: I H Evans, J T Boettcher, Chas. Thompson.

Saskatchewan: I H Evans, J T Boettcher, Chas. Thompson.
 Alberta: I H Evans, J T Boettcher, Chas. Thompson.

ELDER DANIELLS:

We further recommend that Elder A G Daniells, on his return from the Far East, be invited to attend as many of the late camp-meetings as he may be able to arrange.

C B STEPHENSON:

That C B Stephenson be asked to attend camp-meetings in the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences.

FOREIGN SECRETARIES:

The matter of Secretaries of foreign departments attending various camp-meetings, was left with the officers of the Division, for counsel and arrangement.

Meeting adjourned.

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

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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Fifteenth meeting of Council.

April 18, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

I H Evans in the chair. Prayer by S M^Ortenson and J B Locken. Minutes approved.

JEAN B HENRY:

VOTED, That we ask the North Pacific Union Conference to secure the release of Jean B Henry to connect with the South Lancaster Academy as teacher.

GRAUER - NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, That we ask the Pacific Union to release Prof. G A Grauer, that he may attend such camp-meetings in the North Pacific Union as has been arranged.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans submitted a final report, which was adopted as follows:--

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We Recommend, That dates for special offerings in all our churches throughout the Division, be as follows:--

- The Midsummer Offering, Sabbath, July 14.
- For Rural Schools, Sabbath, August 11.
- For the Colored Work, Sabbath, October 20.

CORPORATION CLINTON SEMINARY.

We Recommend, That a new corporation be formed for holding and conducting the Clinton German Seminary, embodying the following suggestions:--

1. That the name of the Clinton German Seminary be changed to Clinton Seminary.

2. That the constituency consist of the following:-- President of the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; President of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; President of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; The field secretary or secretaries of the German Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the President of the Clinton Seminary; the Superintendents of the German work in the North American Division Conference; the Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the President of the Missouri Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the President of the Kansas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the President of the North Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the President of the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and four others, chosen by the members of the corporation.

3. That the articles of incorporation and by-laws be referred to the committee appointed by the trustees in February, 1917, to draft articles of incorporation and by-laws in harmony with these recommendations, and the laws of the State of Missouri.

BIBLE READING CLASSES.

We Recommend, That in order that our church members may be trained to open the Word of God to their friends and neighbors, the churches be urged to enlist at least five per cent. of their membership in Bible reading classes; the studies for the classes to be prepared and conducted by the Home Missionary Department; that upon completion of the course, which shall include the giving of the readings to persons not of our faith, a certificate be granted to each member who passes a satisfactory examination.

MISSIONARY READING COURSE.

Whereas, The three publishing and Home Missionary Conventions have made request for a reading course adapted to the field missionary, home missionary, and tract society secretaries:--

We Recommend, That these classes of workers be provided for in the plans for the ministerial reading course by including such books as will be especially valuable to them, perhaps enlarging the number of books and allowing different classes of workers to select books especially applicable.

ELECTION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARDS.

As there is much lack of uniformity in the method of electing elementary school boards:--

We Recommend, That such boards be elected according to the following plan: That the first board be chosen to consist of members whose terms of office should be for one, two, and three years; that after the first year, vacancies be filled by the election of members for three years; and, further, that the election be held at the close of the calendar year, the same as that of other church officers.

PUBLIC UTTERANCES BY WORKERS.

We urge upon our brethren and sisters throughout the field, and especially upon ministers, teachers, and writers, the necessity of safeguarding their public utterances and work from extravagance of speech, unwarranted statements and predictions, and sensational methods, and the cultivation of the spirit of unchristian partisanship.

ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AND NEGRO MISSION SCHOOLS.

Whereas, Our rural schools are in need of help to enable them to continue their important work; and,--

Whereas, The collection taken for them in 1913 fell far below the needs,--

We Recommend, 1. That greater efforts be made this year to obtain a more liberal offering for this work.

2. That the Christian help bands in our churches be encouraged to assist these schools by sending them suitable books, school supplies, and clothing.

3. That the children in our churches be enlisted to take part in this work by providing things helpful to the children in the rural schools.

4. That the articles provided by the Christian Help bands, and by the children, be distributed by or under the direction of the Union Conference Educational Secretaries, to those schools that are conducted in harmony with the recommendations of the Division Conference.

5. That our Negro Mission schools be given similar attention.

STUDENTS OAKWOOD SCHOOL.

Whereas, There have been misunderstandings in placing the students of the Oakwood Manual Training School in the field during vacation and at other times; and,--

Whereas, The Conferences nearest the school naturally send more students than those more remote, and not a few come from territory outside of the United States; therefore,--

We Recommend. That students be consistently distributed over the field.

2. That the Presidents of the Southeastern, Southern, and Southwestern Union Conferences, the Union Field Missionary Secretaries of the same Unions, the Manager of the Oakwood School, and the Secretary of the Negro Department be chosen as a committee on the distribution of student laborers.

3. That calls for student laborers be presented to this committee, and not to the students themselves.

4. That Union Conference presidents not mentioned above be consulted before students from their fields are assigned work.

HELP FOR FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Whereas, Very earnest and detailed representations have been made to this council by our foreign department secretaries of the urgent need of more ministerial help to develop the foreign work in many conferences:--

We Recommend. That our Executive Committee give faithful study to this question, and give advice to the local and Union Conference committees.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK.

Whereas, There is need of efficient teaching of our people

in medical missionary work, including first-aid and emergency nursing; and,--

Whereas, A course of study has been outlined and lessons prepared by our Medical Department:--

We Recommend, That our Medical and Educational Departments cooperate in the holding of schools of such instruction and in such places, as seem best prepared to do effective work.

WILLS AND ANNUITIES

Resolved, That we approve the action of the officers of the Division Conference in bringing out a booklet giving much information regarding the making of wills, annuity contracts, deeds, and other forms of -- gifts; and further, that we commend this little document to the faithful study of our people.

NON-COMBATANT COMMISSION:

The committee appointed to select a commission to handle the Non-Combatant Statement, announced the following, which was accepted: I H Evans, C S Longacre, W W Prescott, W E Howell, F M Wilcox.

WORKING POLICY - ALASKA:

VOTED, That the policy of operating the work in the mission field of Alaska be as follows:

That all expense above the income received from the field be shared equally by the North American Division and North Pacific Union Conferences.

2. That the bill for \$851.82, presented by the treasurer of the North Pacific Union, be paid, it being the share according to the above plan, of the North American Division Conference for operating the field for the year 1917.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Committee on Finance rendered a final report which was adopted as follows:

FINANCIAL.

We Recommend, 1. That \$500 be allowed the Eastern Canadian Union Conference for the transportation of workers recommended to its field.

2. That the rate of dividing the tithe receipts of the District of Columbia Conference with the North American Division Conference be changed from 33 1/3 per cent. to 28 1/3 per cent.

3. That \$250 be appropriated to the Columbia Union Conference for the Negro School work in Baltimore, Md., provided the Columbia Union and the Chesapeake Conferences each contribute a like amount.

4. That we refer all calls for colored church buildings; extension work to the consideration of the North American Division Executive Committee after the special collection taken for this purpose in the fall.

5. That all calls for aid for the erection of church buildings for white congregations, be deferred at present, there being no funds in hand for such work.

6. That \$500 be appropriated to the Southern Union Conference for the work in Louisiana, provided the Southern Union Conference raise a like amount for such purpose.

BUSINESS AGENTS

Whereas, There is a great need in all of our union conferences for the creation of educational and endowment funds to be used in connection with the support of our advancing work; and,--

Whereas, Many of our people of means are desirous of planning for the support and extension of our work by the making of proper wills and donations, and providing for special legacies from the property that they have in hand; and,

Whereas, Many of these individuals do not know the proper steps to take, or delay to make the necessary provision until it is oftentimes too late; therefore,

We Recommend, That each of our union conferences arrange to employ, as soon as they are able to do so, a business agent, to visit our people of means, and give them counsel with reference to the disposition of their property, so that they can provide for the needs of the cause by the making of proper wills and the granting of such donations and legacies as they may wish; also to give advice with reference to the proper drawing of legal papers. Where one union conference may not be able to meet the expense of such an agent, it is suggested that possibly two union conferences can unite in employing such a worker.

STENOGRAPHIC HELP- BRODERSON:

VOTED, That Elder P R Broderon be allowed \$3 per week for stenographic help for such time as may be necessary.

BEARDSLEY - TRAVELING EXPENSES:

VOTED, That the North American Division Conference pay the traveling and moving expenses of Prof. J I Beardsley from Nebraska to Huntsville, Alabama.

F C GILBERT:

VOTED, That we appropriate to the Atlantic Union Conference a sum sufficient to pay the salary of F C Gilbert at a weekly wage rate of \$20.00.

VOTED, That we insist on the auditor of the Division Conference making a thorough audit of the books of F C Gilbert, and request Brother Gilbert to furnish the auditor all possible assistance in this work.

JEWISH LITERATURE:

VOTED, That we appropriate to the Atlantic Union Conference the sum of \$250.00 for literature, postage, etc., for the Jewish work.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the management of Oakwood School for their cordial welcome to Huntsville, and for their kind hospitality during the session of this council.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Sixteenth Meeting of Council.

Held at Collegedale, Tennessee,

April 19, 1917. 9:30 A. M.

PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, R D Quinn, R A Underwood, W E Branson, C B Stephenson, S E Wight, P E Broderson, Steen Rasmussen, C S Longacre, B G Wilkinson, W W Prescott, F W Paap, A V Olsen, W W Eastman, G F Haffner, E E andross, S Mortenson, Mrs. L.F Plummer, C W Flaiz, L H Christian, Chas. Thompson, F E Howell, also J L Shaw, J T Boettcher, Miss E M Graham, J J Ireland, J E Jayne, W C White, H W Carr, J B Locken, A N Allen, Leo Thiel, A N Atteberry, G H Curtis, J A Tucker, W H Heckman, D U Hale, B H Heald, B W Brown, J S Marshall, W E Gorich, L H Wood, Dr. M M Martinson, J L Shuler.

Prayer by C S Longacre and B G Wilkinson.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

By arrangement this meeting of the council was held on the premises of the Ooltewah school. The chairman stated that the special object of the meeting was to consider the interests of the new school that was to be established at Ooltewah. He called upon W H Branson, President of the Southeastern Union, to make a statement of the needs.

W H Branson spoke regarding the school, stating that it is the only training school for seven thousand members located in ten conferences of the Southern and Southeastern Unions. In order to reach the students, plans must be laid for furnishing work to assist them through school. The School Board now has application from two hundred students for the next school year. The school farm consists of 380 acres. He spoke of the buildings they plan to erect, which work they desire to complete within the next three years.

Elder S E Wight also stated the conditions which must be met in the field, and that the brethren in charge of the school are determined to make no indebtedness in connection with their work.

The chairman also spoke of conditions in the South, and of the importance of taking hold of the education of our young people here.

After various methods of giving immediate relief to the situation were suggested, it was,

VOTED, To ask the North American Division Conference to appropriate Three Thousand Dollars from its available funds to assist students in connection with the Southern Junior College. (This was changed later to five thousand dollars.)

Further,

VOTED, That the Union Conference Presidents act as a committee to draft some recommendations to present at an adjourned meeting to be held in Chattanooga later in the day.

RECESS.

8. P. M.

Held at the Union Station, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Silent prayer was offered.

In behalf of the committee of Union Presidents named in a previous meeting to present recommendations regarding the Southern Junior College, B. G. Wilkinson presented the following recommendations, which after due consideration, were adopted.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE FINANCE:

That we favor the raising of \$60,000 for construction work of the Ooltewah Training School, to be secured in the following manner:--

(1) The Southern and Southeastern Unions to raise \$20,000 for one of the three main buildings, and also to provide the auxiliary buildings and all other improvements.

(2) That permissions be given to these two Unions to solicit in the territory of the other Unions of the North American Division,-- the Eastern Canadian Union excepted,-- Some person or persons who would donate as a Memorial another \$20,000 building.

(3) That the Unions of the North American Division with the Eastern Canadian, Southern, and Southeastern, excepted, raise for the remaining building \$20,000 to be paid, one-half by April 1, 1919, one-fourth by July 1, 1919, and the final one-fourth by October 1, 1919.

(4) That we request W. E. Collins to take under favorable consideration our desire that he erect the Memorial building proposed above. And that if he does not see his way clear, we do hereby declare that we continue to look in hope some one will do this.

RECONSIDERATION FORMER ACTION:

On motion a reconsideration of the action taken by which Three Thousand Dollars was appropriated for the benefit of students attending the Southern Junior College was voted. On motion it was,

VOTED, That the North American Division appropriate Five Thousand Dollars from its available funds to assist students attending the Southern Junior College.

W. H. Branson expressed his appreciation for the action taken by the committee.

S. Mortenson called attention to an item that he thought had been overlooked at the Huntsville meeting, requesting that the North American Division Conference appropriate One Thousand Dollars to assist in conducting Swedish work in the California Conference. This money to be paid to the Pacific Union Conference with the understanding that the California Conference will carry on the work among the Swedish people in that territory after this year.

VOTED, That the North American Division appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the purpose above named.

VOTE OF THANKS:

A vote of thanks and appreciation was taken for the royal entertainment that has been extended by the brethren in the South to the members of the Council.

Adjourned.

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