

## INFORMAL MEETING

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 5, 1917.

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At an informal meeting of the members of the North American Division Committee, called by Elder Knox, it was voted to approve of an action taken in a meeting of the Publishing Department members, in which it was arranged for the following representatives of the Publishing Houses to meet at Minneapolis two or three days previous to the Fall Council, to consider matters pertaining to the Publishing work:

From the Review and Herald: E. R. Palmer, J. W. Mace, L. W. Graham, E. L. Richmond.

From the Pacific Press: C. H. Jones, H. G. Childs, J. J. Cochran, S. N. Curtis.

From the Southern Publishing Assn.: R. L. Pierce, W. A. Harvey, J. L. McConaughy.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman.

W. W. EASTMAN, Sec. pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING  
 NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 9, 1917.

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PRESENT: W. T. Knox, G. B. Thompson, F. Griggs,  
 C. S. Longacre, M. E. Kern, W. W. Eastman, F. W. Paap,  
 Mrs. L. Flora Plummer; also, W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw,  
 Miss E. M. Graham, N. Z. Town, T. E. Bowen, L. A. Hansen.

Prayer by Professor Griggs.

BENSON -- BERRIEN SPRINGS COLLEGE:

Owing to the failing health of Professor O. J. Graf, Principal of Berrien Springs College, which makes it necessary that he take a vacation for some months, it is necessary that some one be chosen to act as Principal during the absence of Professor Graf. Telegram having been received from Professor W. E. Howell stating that all members of the Emmanuel Missionary College Board at Berrien Springs were favorable to Professor C. L. Benson being called to take the principalship of the College during the absence of Professor Graf, it was --

VOTED, That we ask Professor C. L. Benson to take charge of Berrien Springs College during the absence of Professor Graf.

HELP FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS:

The following recommendations from the Missionary Volunteer Department, in reference to furnishing some spiritual help for our young men who are drafted, were considered and approved:

VOTED, --

(1) That the names and addresses of all our soldier boys be secured by the Union Secretaries through their local conference Secretaries, and that a list of the same be sent to the general office.

(2) That Professor Kern and Elder Spicer prepare a leaflet on "Living by Principle" which should be suitable for general distribution at any time. It will contain examples of men and women who have stood staunchly for God under severe trial.

(3) That we look with favor upon providing a special edition of "Steps to Christ" for our own soldier boys and others.

(4) That a fund be opened through the Review and Herald from which to supply our boys with the special Soldiers' Edition of "Steps to Christ," and also with the leaflet on "Living by Principle" which is to be prepared. From this fund, the special Temperance and Anti-Tobacco numbers of the Instructor will also be furnished for distribution in the camps.

(5) That our larger churches be asked to supply sets of books for various camp libraries, these sets to contain such books as "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Christ's Object Lessons."

(6) That the Union Conferences arrange to supply each of our soldier boys with the Review and Herald, Youth's Instructor, and their Union paper.

(7) That we urge each Union Conference to make provision for personal work to be done for our soldier boys with reference to their Christian experience.

It was further --

VOTED, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take up the financial matters involved in the foregoing recommendations and bring some suggestions to the Committee.

Committee appointed: W. T. Knox, F. Griggs, M.E. Kern.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 16, 1917.

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PRESENT: I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, G. B. Thompson, F. Griggs, F. M. Wilcox, F. W. Paap, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, W. W. Eastman, C. S. Longacre, M. E. Kern; also A. G. Daniells, N. Z. Torn, W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, Miss E. M. Graham, T. E. Bowen, L. A. Hansen.

Prayer by F. Griggs.

EVANS -- FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

There being a vacancy in the superintendency of the Florida Sanitarium, it was unanimously --

VOTED, That we ask the Boulder Sanitarium to release Dr. T. J. Evans to take the superintendency of the Florida Sanitarium.

DR. MILLER -- ST. HELENA:

In response to a telegram from E. E. Andross, asking that Dr. H. W. Miller be released to connect with the St. Helena Sanitarium, it was --

VOTED, That, while it would give us great pleasure to comply with this request, owing to the urgent need of the Washington Sanitarium for the services of Dr. H. W. Miller, we cannot see our way clear to release him for work in the St. Helena Sanitarium.

DR. SAFFORD -- ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Elder Chas. Thompson having stated that Dr. Safford, of Minneapolis, would be glad to address the Fall Council on the subject of Temperance, it was --

VOTED, That we invite Dr. Safford, President of the Anti-Saloon League of Minnesota, to address the Council at Minneapolis, and that Elder Chas. Thompson arrange with Dr. Safford for any evening during the Council except Friday or Sunday evenings.

ENTERTAINMENT - COUNCIL: JOINT ACTION

VOTED, That the General and Division Conferences join equally in providing entertainment of committee men and those invited to attend the Autumn Council at Minneapolis, at the rate of \$1 per day.

## EDITORS TO ATTEND COUNCIL:

VOTED, That we invite Elder A. O. Tait, editor of the Signs of the Times, L. A. Smith, editor of The Watchman, to attend the Council; Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the Review, being at present a member of the Committee.

## ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCIL - STENOGRAPHERS AND OTHERS:

VOTED, That W. L. Burgan, H. E. Rogers, S. E. McNeill, L. A. Hansen, Miss Ethel Edwards, Miss E. E. Heebner, and Mr. C. L. Rogers attend the Council: the action in reference to Miss Edwards, Miss Heebner, and Mr. C. L. Rogers being considered a joint action of the General and Division Conferences.

## J. H. SCHILLING NOTE:

Elder J. H. Schilling having signed a note several years ago to secure funds for the erection of a German church at Cleveland, Ohio, some \$400 of which is still unpaid, and as Brother Schilling is being held personally responsible for this and urged to settle the remainder of the note, after careful consideration, it was --

VOTED, That in order to liquidate this note we suggest the following arrangement: The North American Division Conference to pay \$100, that we ask the Ohio Conference to pay \$100, and the Columbia Union \$100, and ask Elder Schilling to assume the responsibility for the remaining \$100.

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## FOOD CONSERVATION BLANKS:

VOTED, That we supply report blanks for the Food Conservation Campaign for our people.

I. H. EVANS, Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 19, 1917.

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PRESENT: I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, F. Griggs,  
M. E. Kern, F. W. Paap, F. M. Wilcox, W. W. Eastman;  
also A. G. Daniells, W. A. Spicer, L. A. Hansen, J. L. Shaw.

Prayer by W. A. Spicer.

TRANSFER - U. S. Willis:

A request having been received from Elder R. A. Underwood, President of the Central Union Conference, that U. S. Willis (colored), of Washington, D. C., be transferred to his Union with a view to laboring in St. Louis, it was --

VOTED, That we concur in this request and ask the Columbia Union Conference to arrange for his release.

HOOPER - SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, That we concur in the request of the Southern Publishing Association asking that Brother C. E. Hooper connect with the Circulating Department of the Association.

LOCAL PRESIDENTS ATTENDING COUNCIL:

Request having been presented by the Presidents of the North Pacific and Western Canadian Unions that the local presidents of these conferences be permitted to attend the Fall Council, it was --

VOTED, That we do not invite them to attend, but offer no objection, leaving responsibility with the brethren in the field.

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## DONATION - ENTERTAINMENT W. C. T. U. DELEGATES:

VOTED, That in response to a request from Dr. Loretta E. Kress for a small donation to assist in the entertainment of the delegates to the National W. C. T. U. Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., December 1-7, we appropriate \$10 to this fund.

## TRANSPORTATION - DR. W. C. DUNSCOMB:

VOTED, That in view of the large bill for transportation incurred in the removal of Dr. W. C. Dunscomb from South Africa to this country, and inasmuch as this bill should not be borne entirely by the General Conference, we suggest the following settlement of this transportation: The General Conference bear one-third, the North American Division one-third, and the Lake Union Conference one-third.

I. H. EVANS, Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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## FALL COUNCIL

## TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Minneapolis, Minn.

October 26, 1917, 3 P. M.

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First Meeting of Council

## JOINT SESSION

The first meeting of the Council convened in joint session in the Unitarian Church, Minneapolis, Minn., at 3 p. m., October 26, to arrange a daily program for the conduct of the Council.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. Prayer was offered by S. N. Haskell.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, R. D. Quinn, B. G. Wilkinson, A. V. Olson, L. H. Christian, C. Thompson, W. H. Branson, J. W. Christian, W. T. Knox, Steen Rasmussen, P. E. Broderson, F. M. Wilcox, M. E. Kern, C. B. Stephenson, C. S. Longacre, C. F. McVagh, G. F. Haffner, F. Griggs, W. W. Eastman, F. W. Paap.

ALSO: A. G. Daniels, S. N. Haskell, N. Z. Town, W. C. White, Miss E. M. Graham, S. E. McNeill, C. E. Hooper, S. N. Curtiss, J. W. Mace, E. L. Richmond, J. L. McConaughy, G. W. Caviness, S. A. Ruskjer, L. A. Smith, L. W. Graham, G. A. Skinner, L. A. Hansen, W. L. Burgan, C. H. Jones, A. O. Tait, E. R. Palmer, H. H. Hall, M. F. Knox, G. W. Wells, J. R. Ferren, R. L. Pierce.

## DAILY PROGRAM:

It was arranged that meetings of the Council be held in the Unitarian church during the day, and in our own church in the evening; and that the evening services be devoted largely to preaching.

The following general Daily Program was agreed to:

8:45 to 9:45	Bible Study
10 to 12	Conference
2 to 5	Conference
7:30 p. m.	Preaching

INVITATION TO ATTEND COUNCIL:

VOTED, That we invite the members of our Publishing Houses who are present to remain and take part with us in the Council.

VOTED, That all local Conference Presidents, the Editors of our papers, and such other brethren who may be present, be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Council.

JOINT SESSION:

VOTED, That a joint session of the Council be held in the S. D. A. church the evening of October 27, beginning at 7 p. m.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM:

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed to arrange the daily program.

Committee named: A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, W. A. Spicer, G. B. Thompson.

Adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

G. B. THOMPSON, )  
W. A. SPICER, ) Secretaries.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1917, 7 P.M.

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Second Meeting of Council

Additional Members Present: W. A. Spicer, S. E. Wight, E. E. Andross, R. A. Underwood, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, H. W. Miller, S. E. Jackson, P. G. Stanley, James Cochran, W. A. Harvey, J. L. Shaw, J. T. Boettcher, H. G. Childs, F. W. Stray, Lars Neilson.

JOINT ACTION:

Elder L. H. Christian laid before the Council the sad news of the death of Elder Wm. Covert. The following telegram was sent, expressing the sympathy of the Council to the relatives and friends of our beloved fellow worker:

"Mrs. Wm. Covert,  
295 Grant Ave.,  
Aurora, Ill.

As we assemble in Autumn Council, the sad news comes of the death of our brother and fellow worker, Elder Covert. The brethren in Council assure you and all the family of our sympathy and prayers in this sorrow. We place upon record our tribute of love and respect for a faithful comrade in service, whose personal qualities endeared him to all his associates. His works will follow him.

For the General and Division Committees,  
A. G. DANIELLS,  
I. H. EVANS,  
L. H. CHRISTIAN."

ORGANIZATION:

The remainder of the evening was spent in consideration of our system of organization, special study being given to the advisability of continuing, in its present form, the organization of the North American Division Conference.

Pending consideration of this question, the Council adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS; Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, ) Secretaries.  
W. A. SPICER, )

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Oct. 28, 1917, 10 A. M.

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Third Meeting of Council

JOINT SESSION

Additional Members Present: R. W. Parmele, H. H. Humann,  
W. H. Anderson.

Prayer by E. E. Andross, F. M. Wilcox, B. G. Wilkinson.

Minutes read.

VOTED, That Mrs. S. N. Haskell, Mrs. W. T. Knox,  
and Mrs. Chas. Thompson be invited to attend the Council.

ORGANIZATION:

Further study was given to the question of organiza-  
tion under consideration at the previous meeting.

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--Recess was taken to 2 p. m.--

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Following recess, J. W. Christian led in prayer.

Further time was given to free discussion of plans  
of organization.

VOTED, That the question of organization be  
referred to a committee of nine, to consider and report  
to the Council, this committee to be appointed by the  
chairman.

Committee named: L. H. Christian, J. T. Boettcher,  
I. H. Evans, C. W. Flaiz, W. T. Knox, R. A. Underwood,  
C. F. McVagh, S. E. Wight, A. G. Daniells.

GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCES - MARCH 29 to APRIL 21:

Continuing in joint session, the matter of arrangements for the General and Division Conferences was considered.

E. E. Andross made a statement as to the facilities offered in the Pacific Auditorium, Civic Center, San Francisco.

C. H. Jones described the building and its appointments, offering halls and committee rooms. The building is placed at our disposal, including all room required, for one month, free of charge, heated and lighted.

The offer has been accepted by the Committee.

ENTERTAINMENT OF DELEGATES:

It was reported that within a few blocks of the Auditorium were rooming houses and hotels affording sufficient accomodation for all delegates, at moderate rates.

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to secure information regarding rooms; and that we ask the various Unions and general organizations to report the accomodations required, reports to be made through the General and Division secretaries.

Committee named: C. H. Jones, E. E. Andross, J. L. McElhany, H. S. Shaw, C. E. Ford.

EXPENSE OF ENTERTAINMENT:

VOTED, That the organization employing the delegate supply expense of room, and make allowance for board to the amount of \$1 per day, the expense for entertaining foreign delegates, however, being met by the General Conference treasury.

DELEGATION:

VOTED, That in choosing delegates in the North American Division for the General and Division Conferences, there shall be, so far as practicable, such selection that the one body of delegates shall serve for both conferences.

Adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

G. B. THOMPSON, )  
W. A. SPICER, ) Secretaries

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Oct. 29, 1917, 10 A. M.

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Fourth Meeting of Council

JOINT SESSION

Additional Members Present: C. W. Flaiz, A. R. Ogden,  
A. C. Gilbert, Dr. W. A. Ruble.

Prayer by C. H. Jones.

Minutes were read.

Elder and Mrs. E. Hilliard, formerly of Australasia,  
were invited to sit with the Council.

GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCES - PROGRAM  
AND ORDER OF MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the program and order of meetings be  
referred for action to the members of the two committees  
able to get together in Washington.

VOTED, That a daily "Bulletin" of the Conference  
be published, reporting the proceedings.

VOTED, That the arrangements necessary for the  
production of the "Bulletin" be referred to the officers.

DELEGATION BASIS:

VOTED, That the delegation from the North American  
Division Conference to the General Conference be based on  
the statistical report for 1917.

CAMP-MEETING LESSONS:

Consideration was given to a question in the agenda  
paper: Should the providing of Children's and Kindergarten  
lessons for the camp-meetings rest with the Sabbath-School  
or Missionary Volunteer departments?

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of five to prepare recommendation regarding this matter.  
 Committee named: E. R. Palmer, M. E. Kern, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Chas. Thompson, W. C. White.

Adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, }  
 G. B. THOMPSON, } Secretaries.

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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING  
 NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 29, 1917, 2 P.M.

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Fifth Meeting of Council

Prayer by W. C. White.

REPORT OF COMMISSION:

C. S. Longacre, Secretary of the Commission appointed at the Spring Council on the military situation, submitted a report of what the committee had done in an effort to assist our young men who are drafted.

The Chairman stated some of the difficulties our young men are experiencing in the army in reference to being excused from work on the Sabbath.

W. H. Branson mentioned experiences in the South.  
 C. W. Flaiz mentioned experiences in Camp Lewis.  
 J. W. Christian spoke of the need of some one to give counsel to our young men in cantonments.

F. Griggs suggested the preparation of some general instruction for our young men who are drafted.

L. H. Christian and Dr. W. A. Ruble thought we ought to send some one to France to help our young men. Others spoke to the question.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the chair to take the question under consideration and bring in recommendations.

Committee named: F. M. Wilcox, A. G. Daniells, E. E. Andross, C. S. Longacre, B. G. Wilkinson, F. Griggs, M. E. Kern, W. H. Branson, E. R. Palmer.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That the chair appoint the necessary standing committees. The following were appointed:

Committee on Distribution of Labor: The officers of the General and Division Conference Executive Committees, all Union Conference Presidents, and the Secretaries of Departments.

Committee on Finance: W. T. Knox, E. E. Andross, C. W. Flaiz, Chas. Thompson, E. R. Palmer, R. A. Underwood.

Committee on Plans: L. H. Christian, B. G. Wilkinson, R. D. Quinn, H. W. Miller, F. Griggs, M. E. Kern, C. B. Stephenson, W. C. White, S. Rasmussen, F. W. Paap, Miss E. M. Graham, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, R. L. Pierce, C. F. McVagh, A. R. Ogden, W. W. Eastman, C. S. Longacre.

Auditors: C. H. Jones, E. R. Palmer, A. R. Ogden, F. W. Stray, A. C. Gilbert, S. E. Jackson.

#### WAGE SCALE:

Consideration was given to the question of the present wage scale of workers. The discussion indicated a general feeling that, because of the increased cost of living, there was need of an advance in wages. The suggestion was made that a per cent increase on the present agreed scale be made to meet the present emergency occasioned by the war.

VOTED, That a committee of nine be appointed by the chair to bring before the Council recommendations on this question.



Committee named: W. T. Knox, C. W. Flaiz,  
R. A. Underwood, C. H. Jones, S. E. Wight, J. T. Boettcher,  
R. D. Quinn, J. W. Christian, Chas. Thompson.

Adjourned.

I. H. EVANS, Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 30, 1917, 10 A.M.

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Sixth Meeting of Council

Prayer by Dr. W. A. Ruble.

Minutes were read.

JOINT SESSION

Joint session of the two committees was called to consider a report of the Publishing Department, which was amended and adopted, as follows:-

"The representatives of the Publishing Departments respectfully submit the following:

(1) That the prices on our standard subscription books, such as "Bible Readings," "Daniel and Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Prophets and Kings," and "Practical Guide," be increased from \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50, to \$4.00, \$5.00, and \$6.00.

(2) That the prices on "Desire of Ages" and "Easy Steps" be fifty cents higher in each binding than the corresponding binding of the standard subscription books; - viz., \$4.50, \$5.50, and \$6.50.

(3) That on "United States in Prophecy" a half-leather binding be added, and that the prices be \$2.50, \$3.50, and \$4.50.

(4) That we co-operate in keeping down the prices on World's Crisis Series and Current Event Series, and suggest the following methods:

(a) Where subject-matter will justify, that the number of pages be reduced from 128 to 96.

(b) Use half-tones, 100-line screen.

(c) Use a cheaper grade of paper, with a good finish.

(d) Where circumstances, in the judgment of those in charge of the field, seem to justify, that prices on these books be increased to 30 or 35 cents in paper binding, and 60 to 75 cents in cloth binding.

(5) That the prices on English tracts remain as they are at present, but with the following discounts:

To Publishing Houses -----	60%
To Tract Societies -----	50%
To individuals in unbroken packages	40%

(6) That the subscription price of The Watchman and Signs Magazine be \$1.50 per year, and fifteen cents per copy.

(7) That magazine prices to agents be as follows:

5 to 40 copies -----	8 cents each
50 or more copies -----	7 cents each
With 40% commission on yearly subscriptions.	

(8) That where six months' subscriptions are received for the Watchman or Signs Magazine, the price charged be 60% of the yearly subscription rate.

(9) That the prices on the Review and Herald, Youth's Instructor, and Church Officers' Gazette for 1918 be changed to conform to the following schedule:

(a)	<u>Review and Herald,-</u>	
	One Year -----	\$3.50
	Six Months -----	\$1.50
	Two Years -----	\$4.50
	Three Years -----	\$6.00
(b)	<u>Youth's Instructor,-</u>	
	One Year -----	\$1.75
	Six Months -----	\$1.00
	CLUBS:	
	5 or more--	
	1 year-----	\$1.25
	Six Months	.75
	Three Months	.40
(c)	<u>Church Officers' Gazette,-</u>	
	One Year -----	.60
	In Clubs -----	.45

(10) That Present Truth be issued monthly at the subscription price of fifteen cents per year.

(11) That the rates on the Signs of the Times, Weekly, for 1918 be changed to the following schedule:

Yearly subscription,	\$1.50
5 or more, to one address, for 1 yr.,	\$1 each
5 or more; to separate addresses,	\$1.15 each;
5 or more, to one address, 6 mo.,	60¢ each
5 or more, to separate addresses,	70¢ each.

(12) That the above schedule of prices go into effect January 1, 1918."

Further report from the Publishing Department was considered and adopted, as follows:

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE LITERATURE

"Whereas, Many urgent appeals have been made during the past few years for small books and tracts in such languages as the Syrian, Italian, Bohemian, Roumanian, Polish, Yiddish, and others; and, --

"Whereas, These publications must be of a class that will readily circulate among the many foreigners in our large cities, and should be of a pioneer nature; therefore,--

(13) We Recommend, That small books, similar in style to the World's Crisis Series be prepared or selected by the North American Foreign Department in counsel with the North American Division Publishing Department and the Foreign Department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association for early publication, and treating in a simple, forceful manner on the fundamental truths of the message.

(14) That these books be issued in these various languages in such order as they are most needed in the judgment of the North American Foreign Department, in counsel with the General and North American Division Publishing Departments.

(15) That the financial side of the project be handled as follows:

(a) That authors be asked to forego royalty on these foreign editions.

(b) That the General Conference and the North American Division Conference be invited to unite in raising a fund of \$10,000 during the year 1918, with which to pay for the necessary translations, type-setting, proof-reading, and making of plates.

(c) That this work be done under the direction of the North American Foreign Department and the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

(d) That plates of such publications be used by the International Branch at a plate rental of two per cent of the retail price in the cheapest binding, this amount to be turned over to the Treasurer of the North American Division."

Further report from the publishers' meeting was presented, relating to the publishing side of the Home Missionary Department's work. The report was adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

"Whereas, The Home Missionary Department of the North American Division is developing so rapidly that more help is needed in the field to give it effective direction, -

(16) We Recommend, That Union Conferences which do not have Home Missionary secretaries giving their entire time to this work, be urged to secure them as quickly as possible, and that the Publishing Houses be invited to continue to pay half the wages and expenses of these Union secretaries whose time is devoted to this one line of work.

(17) That local Conferences be urged to appoint Home Missionary secretaries to give their entire time to the practical training of the members in soul-winning service.

(18) That during the winter of 1917-18 an institute be held in each Union Conference for the local Home Missionary secretaries.

(19) That institutes be held in local conferences with ministers, tract society secretaries, and church officers."

Adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, ) Sec'ys.  
G. B. THOMPSON, )

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TWO HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 30, 1917, 3 P.M.

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Seventh Meeting of Council

Prayer by B. G. Wilkinson.

Minutes were read.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

H. E. Rogers placed before the Council the financial statement for 1916. The time was devoted to a study of a number of items in the report. The report showed that the resources in the North American Division were \$7,887,482.33; liabilities, \$3,381,732.18; present worth, \$4,505,750.15; gain during the year \$643,119.20.

The report indicated that if the same percentage relation were now in effect in this Division as was the case in 1910, our liabilities would be over one million dollars greater than they are. Various tables and summaries were explained to make clear the classes of institutions making this splendid improvement. On the whole the report was of an encouraging nature.

Some time was devoted to a discussion of how to meet the operating losses in our colleges and academies.

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

Adjourned.

I. H. EVANS, Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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October 31, 1917, 3 P. M.

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Eighth Meeting of Council

Additional Present: J. H. Schilling, W. A. Westworth,  
C. S. Wiest.

Prayer by F. Griggs.

Minutes were read.

## JOINT SESSION

## ORGANIZATION:

A joint session of the General and North American Division Conference Committees was held, to receive the report from the Committee on Organization. The report was adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee appointed to make recommendations concerning the reorganization of our work, would respectfully submit the following:

"In order that the unity of our world-wide work may be preserved; that economy of administration may best be served; that the largest possible amount of funds may be made available for the prosecution of our work, both at home and abroad; that the believers everywhere may be constant contributors of their means to the regions beyond; that the General Conference may have direct control and management of its chief base of supplies, both of men and of means, we would recommend,--

"1. That the General and North American Division Conferences at their next session, arrange for eliminating the North American Division Conference, and that the territory comprised in the North American Division Conference be thereafter under the direct administration of the General Conference.

"2. That provision be made that all believers be direct contributors to the work carried on by the General Conference, by donating weekly an amount according to their ability, and that sub-treasuries be established in various division or union conferences which shall hold the gifts of the people for mission work, and that the same be distributed by action of the General Conference Executive Committee.

"3. That a standing committee of nine be appointed during this Council to draft plans of organization to be presented to the next session of the General Conference for consideration.

"4. That this standing committee, after having perfected their plans as far as possible, submit the same to the members of the General and North American Division Executive Committees for approval or criticism; that each member of the Executive Committees return his criticism to this committee, that they may have the benefit of all suggestions."

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, W. T. Knox, submitted his Annual Report, as follows:--

## REVENUE STATEMENT

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

FOR EIGHT MONTHS ENDING

Sept. 30, 1917.

INCOME

Tithe ----- \$ 14164.31

Atlantic Union Conference	1271.05
Central Union Conference	1478.82
Columbia Union Conference	1425.73
East Canadian Union Conference	271.54
Lake Union Conference	1976.52
Northern Union Conference	1136.40
North Pacific Union Conference	1324.17
Pacific Union Conference	1751.87
Southeastern Union Conference	446.34
Southern Union Conference	263.95
Southwestern Union Conference	530.49
Western Canadian Union Conference	583.72
Miscellaneous	<u>1703.71</u>

Surplus Tithe ----- \$ 162951.42

Atlantic Union Conference	13058.53
Central Union Conference	15020.21
Columbia Union Conference	20757.65
Eastern Canadian Union Conf.	948.65
Lake Union Conference	28705.05
Northern Union Conference	19268.42
North Pacific Union Conference	19302.68
Pacific Union Conference	29644.28
Southeastern Union Conference	1589.28
Southern Union Conference	1518.16
Southwestern Union Conference	4186.32
Western Canadian Union Conference	<u>8952.19</u>

<u>Colored Work</u> -----	\$ 1232.10
<u>Foreign Department Work</u> -----	511.00
<u>Interest on Deposits</u> -----	1512.24
<u>Religious Liberty Fund</u> -----	81.15
<u>Miscellaneous Donations</u> -----	1782.66

TOTAL INCOME----- \$ 182,234.88



EXPENSESADMINISTRATIVE

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Travelling Expenses</u>	<u>Office Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Auditing	707.43	263.44	3.47	973.34
Educational	1756.20	451.85	370.02	2578.07
Executive	3673.94	1428.39	571.13	5673.46
Home Missionary	1000.88	354.64	148.11	1503.63
Medical	558.27	175.11	225.83	959.21
Missionary Volunteer	3354.60	788.46	314.61	4457.67
Negro	1041.97	651.66		1693.63
No.American Foreign	5778.92	1743.52		7522.44
Press Bureau	1048.22	50.36	172.13	1270.71
Purchasing Bureau			49.04	49.04
Publishing Department	970.04	434.51	59.09	1463.64
Religious Liberty	1180.87	212.24	162.14	1555.25
Statistical	510.00		223.98	733.98
Gen'l Field Laborers	1648.52	921.85		2570.37
	<u>23,229.86</u>	<u>7476.03</u>	<u>298.55</u>	<u>33,004.44</u>
General Expense-----				823.90
Rent, Lawn, etc.-----				221.78
APPROPRIATIONS: Regular -----				69,026.06

Appropriations to Conferences

Atlantic Union Conference	13,649.94
Columbia Union Conference	9,974.97
E.Canadian Union Conference	7,084.46
Missouri Conference	2,187.50
No.Pacific Union Conference	1,000.00
Southeastern Union Conference	13,762.47
Southern Union Conference	14,095.72
Southwestern Union Conference	6,021.00
Western Canadian Union Conf.	<u>1,250.00</u>

Miscellaneous Institutions and Departments --- 50,792.48

Clinton German Seminary	749.97
Christian Record	2,999.97
Danish Norwegian Seminary	749.97
Loma Linda College	7,499.97
Negro Department	33,850.91
Foreign Department	2,814.34
Indian Work	1,183.38
Swedish Seminary	749.97
Text Book Appropriation	<u>194.00</u>
Carried Forward -----	<u>\$153,868.66</u>

Brought Forward -----	\$153,868.66
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS: -----	26,227.03
Washington Colored Church	8000.00
Worthy Students in Oakwood	200.00
Savannah Church	2500.00
Italian Church, Chicago	2000.00
Colored Evangelist, Southwestern	750.00
For Evangelistic Effort, Southeastern	1400.00
South: Jr. College, Assisting	
Students	5000.00
Mobile Church	500.00
Miscellaneous Salaries & Expenses	<u>5877.03</u>
Tithe to General Conference -----	1,413.94
Paid to General Conference on Sustentation -----	855.36
Total Expenses for Eight Months-----	\$182,364.99

## S U M M A R Y

Total Expenses for Eight Months -----	182364 .99
Total Income for Eight Months -----	<u>182234 .88</u>
Deficit for period-----	130.11
Present Worth January 20, 1917 -----	133,492.06
Expenses in excess of income for period ending Sept. 20, 1917-----	<u>130.11</u>
Present Worth Sept. 20, 1917 --	\$133,361.95

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand -----	37,233.50
Accounts Receivable ---	<u>108,137.91</u>
	145,371.41

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable ----	8,631.57
Trust Funds on hand----	<u>3,377.89</u>

PRESENT WORTH, September 20, 1917----- 12,009.46 \$133,361.95

## BALANCE SHEET

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE FOR 1916

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ASSETS

CASH -----		\$ 127,786.56
Commercial National Bank, Checking	76058.99	
"                    "            "            Savings	50000.00	
Cash in drawer	<u>1727.57</u>	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-----		4,984.92
<u>Conferences</u>		
Columbia Union	569.71	
Southeastern Union	300.00	
Southern Union	1000.00	
North Pacific Union	1000.00	
General Conference	<u>3115.21</u>	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
North American Division Corp.	6.20	
Washington Missionary College	124.68	
North American Foreign Department	250.00	
Purchasing Bureau	32.08	
Personal Accounts	<u>640.75</u>	
Total Assets -----		\$ 133,825.19

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ----		
Review and Herald -----	24.62	
Personal Accounts -----	124.76	
Trust Funds -----	<u>183.75</u>	
Total Liabilities -----		<u>333.13</u>

PRESENT WORTH January 20, 1917 ----- \$ 133,492.06

Present Worth January 20, 1916----- 84539.65

Surplus for Year 1916 ----- 48952.41

PRESENT WORTH January 20, 1917 ----- \$ 133,492.06

REVENUE STATEMENT  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

January 20, 1917.

INCOME

Tithe ----- \$ 18,984.79

Atlantic Union Conference	1,647.56
Central Union Conference	2,100.37
Columbia Union Conference	1,918.31
East Canadian Union Conference	366.12
Lake Union Conference	2,580.88
Northern Union Conference	1,741.30
North Pacific Union Conference	1,769.51
Pacific Union Conference	2,393.50
Southeastern Union Conference	587.53
Southern Union Conference	406.62
Southwestern Union Conference	928.31
Western Canadian Union Conference	711.46
Miscellaneous	<u>1,833.32</u>

Surplus Tithe ----- \$235,136.77

Atlantic Union Conference	18,573.93
Central Union Conference	23,816.31
Columbia Union Conference	32,734.14
East Canadian Union Conference	1,172.67
Lake Union Conference	38,387.66
Northern Union Conference	28,022.19
North Pacific Union Conference	27,306.00
Pacific Union Conference	37,630.71
Southeastern Union Conference	2,108.49
Southern Union Conference	2,033.35
Southwestern Union Conference	11,557.17
Western Canadian Union Conference	<u>11,794.15</u>

Colored Work	6,049.22
Interest	955.96
Religious Liberty	127.02
Sale of Typewriter	10.00
1/2 Gain on Stock Room	4.16
1/2 Gain on Correspondence School	22.58
Miscellaneous Donations	<u>582.40</u>

Total Income For Year ----- \$261,872.90

EXPENSES

## ADMINISTRATIVE

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Traveling Expenses</u>	<u>Office Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Educational Dept.	2433.16	613.23	579.96	3626.35
Executive Dept.	6355.87	2191.05	691.64	9238.56
Home Missionary Dept.	1669.12	348.70	274.54	2292.36
Medical Dept.	1241.04	198.66	232.18	1671.88
Missionary Vol. Dept.	4159.38	1156.20	323.47	5639.05
Negro Dept.	1184.19	408.13		1592.32
No. Am. Foreign Dept.	7699.64	2456.28		10155.92
Press Bureau	1669.69	181.94	437.32	2288.95
Publishing Dept.	1391.50	299.99	72.65	1764.14
Purchasing Bureau			12.61	12.61
Religious Liberty Dept.	1326.73	403.03	312.05	2041.81
Statistical Dept.	301.59		330.25	631.84
Gen'l Field Laborers	811.99	157.42		969.41
	<u>30243.90</u>	<u>8414.63</u>	<u>3266.67</u>	<u>41925.20</u>
General and Office Expense				2707.45

## APPROPRIATIONS: Regular

Appropriations to Conferences ----- 93367.64

Atlantic Union Conference	20286.00
Columbia Union Conference	14300.00
East Canadian Union Conference	8499.96
Southeastern Union Conference	11000.00
Southern Union Conference	33531.68
Southwestern Union Conference	<u>5750.00</u>

Miscellaneous Institutions & Departments --- 50498.22

Christian Record	1999.98
Loma Linda College	10000.00
Negro Dept.	33932.74
North American Foreign Dept.	2996.61
North American Indians	1253.89
Text Book Appropriations	<u>315.00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ----- 20731.53

Mississippi Conference	750.00
Southern Union Conference	3158.50
New York City Church	6000.00
Maine Conference	1000.00
No. Illinois Conference	500.00
D. C. Conference	44.87
Georgia Conference	500.00
Shenandoah Valley Academy	750.00

Brought Forward -----\$209,230.04

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS - Continued

Brought Forward	12703.37
North Texas Conference	100.00
Columbia Union Conference	323.22
Chesapeake Conference	1000.00
Bohemian Church, N. J.	500.00
Missouri Conference	400.00
St. Thomas Hurricane Fund	50.00
Miscellaneous Salaries & Expenses	<u>5654.94</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ----- 652.88

1/2 loss on Mailing Dept.	70.01
1/2 Loss on Duplicating Dept.	84.52
1/3 Auditor's Salary & Expense	<u>498.35</u>

TITHE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ----- 1898.48

SUSTENTATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ----- 1139.09

TOTAL EXPENSE FOR YEAR ----- 212920.41

Total Income for the Year 261872.90

Total Expenses for the Year 212920.49

Net Surplus to Capital Account \$ 48,952.41

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE:

The certificate of the Auditor, S. E. McNeill, was submitted, 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 submitted,

S. E. McNEILL,

North American Division Auditor."

VOTED, That the report be accepted; also the Auditor's Certificate.

## WAGE SCALE:

The committee appointed to give consideration to the wage scale of our workers submitted a report, which, after some amendments, was adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee appointed to bring in recommendations for relief of employees made necessary by excessive war prices, respectfully submit the following:

"1. We find that as a result of the war, prices on staple commodities of life have increased from 40% to 100%.

"2. Our laborers have been working on a missionary rate which barely supplied them with the necessities of life under normal conditions.

"3. And especially during the last year this provision has fallen far short of meeting actual needs.

"In view of this situation, -

"4. We recommend, That our regular wage scale remain unchanged;

"5. That a temporary war supplement amounting to twenty per cent of the regular weekly wage recommended by the General and Division Conferences be paid all laborers.

"6. We suggest this provision go into effect July 1, 1917."

As the foregoing action recommending the increase in the wage of workers will bring additional burdens upon our educational institutions, it was --

VOTED, That the Finance Committee take into consideration the matter of relief for our colleges and academies occasioned by the contemplated increase in wages.

## NEGRO RATE - TWENTY-CENTS-A-WEEK:

VOTED, That we refer the question of the amount per week our Negro brethren in Virginia and the South shall be asked to raise on the Twenty-Cents-A-Week fund, to the Committee on Finance, for recommendation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: V

The Committee on Finance submitted a partial report, which was adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee appointed on Finance, respectfully submit the following recommendation:

"That the arrangement for local conferences to pay a percentage of their tithe receipts to the North American Division Conference be revised so as to stand as follows:

"Conferences having tithe receipts amounting to \$15,000 or less should pay to the North American Division Conference two per cent of their total receipts; those receiving \$16,000 should pay three per cent, and so on, adding one per cent with the increase of each \$1000 of their tithe receipts, to a limit of seventeen per cent on tithe receipts amounting to \$30,000 or more."

Adjourned.

I. H. EVANS, Chairman.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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