

MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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Feb. 18, 1891.

According to announcement in REVIEW of December 2d, a meeting of the General Conference Committee was called Wednesday, February 18th, at 10:00 A.M.

Present, Elders O.A.Olsen, W.C.White, R.M.Kilgore, D.T.Jones.

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

The chairman stated that there were some things that should receive immediate attention. Editors should be appointed for the General Conference BULLETIN; a program should be arranged for the General Conference, and for the meeting of Presidents; etc.

D.T.Jones, W.A.Colcord, and M.C.Wilcox were named as an Editorial Committee for the BULLETIN, and A.O.Tait, F.M.Wilcox, and W.A.Spicer as assistants.

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Feb. 20.

Present, Elders Olsen, Underwood, Kilgore, White, and Jones.

Prayer by D.T.Jones.

Elders Olsen, Kilgore, and Jones were appointed as a committee to see that the proper ones, and only the proper ones attend the council of Presidents.

The opening meeting of Presidents' Council was set for February 26th, 10:00 A.M., in Tabernacle.

It was voted to issue delegates' credentials to the coming General Conference, to Geo.J.Butler, H.P.Holser, W.A.Spicer, Ellery Robinson, J.W.Watt, H.W.Cottrell, C.M.Kinney, L.F.Crisler, G.T.Wilson, U. Smith, A.R.Henry, C. Eldridge, W.W.Prescott, J.P.Kellogg, H. Lindsay, L.C.Chadwick, A.T.Jones, E.J.Waggoner, W.P.Edwards, W.H.Wakeham, H. Shultz.

During the meeting, Elder A.T.Robinson arrived, and took his place on the Committee.

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Feb. 20, 3:00 P.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, Underwood, Kilgore, Robinson, and Jones.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

It was decided to devote the hour from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., to Bible study, beginning Sunday, March 1.

The regular program for each day, beginning Wednesday, February 25th, and continuing to March 4th, will be as follows:--

10:30 A.M., Presidents' Council.

3:00 P.M., Canvassers' Institute.

Elds. Underwood, Kilgore, and Robinson were appointed a committee on camp-meetings and ministerial institutes.

Adjourned to Feb. 22d, 10:00 A.M.

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Present, Elders Olsen, White, Underwood, Kilgore, Robinson, and Jones.

Prayer by Eli. White.

The chairman read a note from Eld. M.C. Wilcox, stating that Eli. Haskell would leave Oakland Friday the 20th inst., and would arrive in Chicago Tuesday morning, and proceed at once to Battle Creek.

Bro. Wilcox also requested to be left off of the editorial committee of the BULLETIN.

Some time was spent in examining the financial reports of the different institutions belonging to the General Conference, or in which the General Conference is interested.

Moved, by Eld. Underwood, and supported by Eld. Kilgore, to request the Recording Secretary to make a simplified statement of the resources and liabilities of the General Conference, up to January 1, the home and foreign accounts to be presented separate.

Carried.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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Feb. 22d, 2:00 P.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, White, Kilgore, Robinson, Underwood, and Jones.

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

The chair introduced the matter of distribution of labor.

It was decided to take into consideration the wants of all the different fields before making any recommendations.

1. Dist. No. 1 wants a President for W. Virginia.
2. Virginia wants help to be paid for by the General Conference. Perhaps a President to take the place of R.D.Hottel.
3. Help is needed in the Maritime Provinces.
4. Some change is needed for the Maine and Vermont Conferences; also for Pennsylvania.
5. District No. 2 wants a President for the Tennessee River Conference.
6. The Cumberland Mission Field needs a man in place of Eld. Scoles, to work in connection with Bro. Adkins.
7. South Carolina has never been entered, and should be considered.
8. Colporters should be selected and set to work in the Southern field. One has already been employed; another brother near Atlanta would go into the work if thought best.
9. Plans should be laid for helping the colored people in the South.
10. District No. 3 wants a President for the Michigan Conference; (2) a President for the Illinois Conference; (3) and a President for the Indiana Conference.

District No. 4:---Nebraska wants a President.

12. District No. 5:---Kansas needs a President; Arkansas needs a President; Oklahoma wants help.

13. District No. 6:---California needs a President. Change of Presidents in Upper Columbia. Pacific Press and other institutions need help. A good man will also be needed for the

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school building in Upper Columbia and North Pacific Conferences.

14. District No. 7:---An experienced minister to act as Superintendent is needed for South Africa; a field man for Great Britian; a teacher of laborers for Australasia. A pioneer for South America. A pioneer for the West Coast of Africa. And a pioneer for Finland. A good laborer for Russia. Canvassers for England, India, and South America.

It was voted that the District Canvassing Agents be made delegates to the General Conference.

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March 21, 9:00 A.M.

D.T.Jones offered his resignation as chairman of the Chart Committee, which was accepted, and W.C.White was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Committee made an appointment to meet the Committee on the James White Memorial Home, at 7:00 P.M., Sunday, the 22d.

Adjourned to call of chair.

Feb. 24th, 1891.

Present, Elders Olsen, White, Kilgore, Underwood, and Jones.

Prayer by Eld. White.

It was decided to divide the amount on hands of the \$100,000-fund, (\$2,566.48), as follows:---

The sum of \$1043.45 was appropriated from the donation account, to balance the account of city missions.

The Secretaries, W.H. Edwards, and D.T. Jones, were instructed to ascertain how much furniture belonging to the Scandinavian school has been taken by the French and German school, and make the necessary transfer entries on the accounts with these schools, and then report to the Committee the standing of the school funds.

The General Conference BULLETIN account was ordered balanced from the donation account.

The Secretaries and Eld. Kilgore were made a committee to prepare items charged by the Illinois Conference to the General Conference, for Auditing Committee.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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March 1, 1891.

Present, Elders Olsen, Haskell, Underwood, Kilgore, and Jones.

A letter was read from Eld. M.S. Burnham, referring to Sister Buck's health, and that of her son. The letter was referred to D.T. Jones, J.G. Wood, and Daniel Nettleton.

E.P. Auger's case was spoken of. W.C. White and D.T. Jones were made a committee to see Dr. Kellogg in reference to him.

The subject of the German school was called up by the chairman. The General Conference has taken the oversight of this school. Bro. And Sr. Westphal have given good satisfaction in the management of the school.

Arrangements should be made for teachers in Union College

It was voted that the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Educational Secretary be a committee to take all matters pertaining to the ~~Scandinavian~~ schools, into consideration.

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March 22d, 189L.

Present, Elders Olsen, White, Eldridge, D.T.Jones.

Moved, That we encourage the employment of W.H.Mc Kee on the Sentinel, and the retaining of Eld.J.S.Washburn in the N.R.L. Office in Washington, D.C. Carried.

Moved, That we encourage the employment of A.F.Ballenger and A. Moon in the N.R.L. work in Chicago. Carried.

Voted, That Eld.J.H.Durland go to California to labor till the Next General Conference.

Voted, That Sister E.G.White and Eld.W.C.White attend the Eastern camp-meetings.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

Dan.T.Jones,  
Sec.

March 25th, 6:00 P.M., 1891.

At a meeting of the General Conference Committee with the Pennsylvania and New York delegations, March 25th, 1891, 6:00 P.M., the Chairman, Eld. Olsen, stated that the object of the meeting was to notify the New York and Pennsylvania delegations of the decision of the Committee in reference to transferring the five counties of the Pennsylvania Conference, which are in the State of New York, to the New York Conference. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the counties referred to should be transferred to New York according to the understanding when the Conferences were divided.

We think the transfer should neither be made at once nor delayed too long. The Committee thinks that at the end of two years would be about the proper time. Great care should be taken that no feeling is engendered on either side. At the time when the transfer is made, the laborers living in the territory should be transferred with it; provided, that, if the President of the Pennsylvania Conference shall live in New York at the time when the transfer is made, he shall not be transferred to the New York Conference.

It was agreed between the two delegations that the transfer of territory should be made January 1, 1893, the tithe for the first quarter of 1893 to go to the Pennsylvania Conference.

Signed by----

J.W. Raymond,

Pres. Penn. Conf.,

S.H. Lane,

Pres. New York Conf.

W.A. Colcord,  
Sec. G.C. Com.

O.A. Olsen,  
Pres. Gen. Conf.

March 26th, 7:00 P.M., 1891.

The question of District Superintendents was taken up.

Eld. A.T. Robinson was elected Supt. of Dist. No. 1.

Eld. R.M. Kilgore of No. 2.

Eld. J.N. Loughborough of No. 3.

Eld. O.A. Olsen of No. 4, with Prof. W.W. Prescott as alternate.

Eld. R.A. Underwood of No. 5.

Eld. D.T. Jones of No. 6.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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March 28th, 6:00 P.M.

The question of the time and place of holding the Summer Normal Institutes was taken up.

Decided to begin it July 15, 1891, and continue it six weeks.

Prof. Prescott stated that he desired to have as many of the teachers in our schools attend, especially those who have rather a moulding influence, and have the first three or four days of the institute devoted to the interests of our schools, and school work. He thought the time had come for quite a radical change to be made in the course of instruction in our schools.

Different places were talked of for holding the Institute, Goguenac, Gull Lake, Petoskey, etc., and it was thought that the General Conference Committee might hold its summer Council at the same time and place, but not the General Conference Association Board, Foreign Mission Board, Auditing work.

Voted, That the Institute be held in the northern portion of the State of Michigan.

Voted, That the business week at Battle Creek be from August 18--25.

Voted that the General Conference Summer Council be held at the same time and place that the Summer Normal Institute is held--From August 4--17.



Voted, That Prof. Prescott, W.C.White, and W.A.Colcord be a committee to look up the location for the Summer Normal Institute.

Prof. Prescott presented the matter of advising our teachers to stop their work to go to some higher educational institution to obtain a further education, when they express a desire to go.

No action was taken.

Adjourned to Sunday 6:00 P.M.

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Sunday, March 29th, 6:00 P.M.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Underwood.

Present, Elders Olsen, Underwood, Robinson, Prescott, Loughborough, Kilgore, and Jones.

Prof. Prescott raised the question of who is to attend the Teachers' Summer Institute.

The Prof. spoke of moulding our teaching work to make the Bible the center and give a religious trend to all the educational work.

It was decided that the Institute be under the direction of Prof. Prescott, and that Prof. E.B.Miller, Prof.G.W.Caviness, Eld.A.T.Jones, and Dr.E.J.Waggoner should assist him in the work of teaching.

It was decided to assist those who are not able to attend the institute, but who are invited to attend with the view of their becoming teachers, to the amount of \$2.00 per week, and their traveling expenses to and from the Institute.

Prof. Prescott, Prof. Miller, and Eld.W.C.White were appointed a committee to decide who should receive help.

J.F. Washburn, R.C.Porter, E.W.Farnsworth, G.B.Starr, C.C.Lewis, and others were spoken of as persons who might properly receive help.

Voted, To recommend Bro. John N. Nelson to go to Chicago and take the place made vacant by the resignation of J.M. Craig.

Voted, That Nellie Webber be recommended to engage in Bible work in Battle Creek.

Adjourned to Monday, March 30, 6:00 P.M.

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March 30, 6:00 P.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, Underwood, Jones, Kilgore, Haskell, Loughborough, Robinson.

Meeting was called to hear Dr. O.G. Place in regard to his connection with the Sanitarium, and his going to Ohio to connect with the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium.

He said that on account of poor health he had been taking a short vacation; that he had done this under the advice of Dr. Kellogg; that he had made no official disconnection with the Sanitarium; is still a member of the faculty there; that on making known that he was ready to resume his work, Dr. Kellogg had informed him that they thought they could get along without him. He said that he did not wish to go to Ohio, neither did he desire to re-connect with the Sanitarium.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference sign all credentials and licenses.

Voted, That Eld. O.A. Olsen make arrangements to visit Eld. G.I. Butler before he (Eld. O.) goes to Europe, if he can do so.

Voted, That Eld. A.T. Jones attend the Ottawa camp-meeting in May, if he can consistently do so in connection with his book work.

Meeting adjourned.

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March 30, 7:00 P.M.

A joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the Committee on the James White Memorial Home was held March 30, 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Kellogg stated that their Committee has held two meetings, and had appointed three committees: (1), on organization; (2), on location; (3), on plans for raising money for the institution.

The Committee on organization have found that there is a law well adapted for the organization of an institution of this kind.

The Committee on location recommend that the institution should be located within two miles of Battle Creek.

The Committee on raising funds report \$14,000 already promised, and several thousand more in view.

Dr. Kellogg thought it would be well to have one or two collections during the year, for the benefit of the Home.

It should be made self-sustaining, or as nearly so as possible.

Eld. Olsen asked how much they had in mind to expend on the institution.

Dr. Kellogg replied that they thought it would require from \$30,000 to \$40,000 to build and furnish the institution. He thought also that there should be a farm of from 60 to 100 acres connected with the institution. The amount of land was afterward raised to 160 acres.

He thought that quite an income might be realized to the institution from the friends of some that might be cared for at it. He cited instances of some cases which had come to his knowledge of late, wherein persons had stated that in case of their death or other circumstances, they would like to have their children brought up at the institution, and would leave property for the purpose, to the amount of from eight thousand to one or two hundred thousand dollars. There are several such institutions in the land, and even in this State.

He stated that it was the mind of the sub-committee that the institution should be located within two miles of the City of Battle Creek.

It was ---

Voted, That the James White Memorial Home be located within two miles of Battle Creek.

Voted, That steps be at once taken to raise the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a site for, and erect, furnish and equip the James White Memorial Home.

Voted, That L. Mc Coy, J.H. Kellogg, G.E. Tyckiewicz, L.C. Chadwick, and W.C. White be a committee to work up plans for the furtherance of the project, and report.

Voted, that the same committee be appointed to negotiate in regard to selecting a site for the institution.

Voted, That the Committee of Seven of the James White Memorial Home, be authorized by the joint committee to proceed at once to raise the money for the carrying forward of the enterprise.

Voted, That no steps be taken for the erection of the building until tw-thirds of the \$50,000 are secured.

Voted, That the same committee be authorized to at once open a fund for the maintenance of orphans.

Voted, That the James White Memorial Home Committee of seven be authorized to proceed to the collection of data and statistics in regard to orphans in the denomination.

It was decided that the incidental expenses in carrying out the action of the joint committee, be charged to the Building Fund.

Adjourned to 6:00 P.M., Thursday, April 2d,

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March 31, 8:00 A.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, Haskell, Robinson, Underwood, Loughborough, Jones, White, and Kilgore.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell.

It was voted that M. Edson Rogers be employed as stenographer for the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference.

Voted, that the recommendation for Eld. W.M. Healey to go to the Cumberland Mission Field, be withdrawn.

Voted, that it is the sense of the Committee that Eld. D.A. Robinson request A. Kunz to come to London and work in the office there.

Voted, That W.A. Spicer go with Eld. O.A. Olsen on his continental tour, as stenographer.

Voted, That Elders Kilgore and Underwood be a committee to confer with C.L. Dalby and Capt. Eldridge in regard to Dalby's future work.

Voted, That Eld. A.T. Jones be requested to attend the Greenville (Mich.) meeting.

Voted, That Bro. E.J. Harvey be recommended to labor in Ontario under the direction of the Michigan Conference.

Adjourned to 2:00 P.M.

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March 31, 2:00 P.M.

The matter of supplying laborers for the camp-meetings of the season, was considered. Several names were suggested for different meetings in different sections, but no action was taken in reference to any.

Adjourned..

April 1, 9:00 A.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, Kaskell, Loughborough, Robinson, Kilgore, Jones, and White.

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

The question of camp-meeting laborers was taken up.

It was decided that Eld. A.T. Jones attend the camp-meetings in Dist. No. 1, and that Eld. W.C. White attend the same meetings, if consistent.

Moved, by D.T. Jones, that it be the sense of this Committee that Eld. Olsen should employ John N. Nelson as his private secretary and stenographer. Carried.

Moved That it is the sense of this Committee that W.A. Spicer should connect with Bro. White in the Foreign Mission Secretary work, with the view of taking his place as Foreign Mission Secretary when Eld. White shall be called away for other work. Carried.

Eld. J.O. Corliss came before the Committee and stated that he has felt some burden for West Australia. He expressed himself as willing to make a sacrifice to assist in starting the work in West Australia. He said if the Committee thought favorably of starting a mission in West Australia, he would like to make some definite propositions in reference to assisting in starting the work there.

Eld. Haskell spoke of a plan which he had in mind of working up a correspondence with missionaries in foreign countries. When in India he wrote a series of Bible readings, which a missionary is now having printed, and expects to introduce them into the mission schools as the basis of Bible study. Eld. Haskell promised some financial assistance in getting these readings printed. He read one of the Bible readings to show their nature.

Moved, That we request the Foreign Mission Board to take up this line of work as far as practicable, and furnish the funds promised by Eld. Haskell. Carried.

The question of purchasing a small press for use in the work in India, was considered.

Eld. Haskell stated that he had already received funds from different individuals in some of these foreign countries, for the starting up on an enterprise of this kind.

It was decided that the question should be referred to the

to the Foreign Mission Board.

It was decided that Eld. Durland be instructed to attend the Upper Columbia camp-meeting, if he can consistently do so, and he is wanted to go there.

Voted, That Bro. A.R. Henry be requested to attend the same meeting if he can arrange to do so, and that he be especially urged to do so provided Prof. Prescott can not attend.

The question of the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium was taken up. It was thought that as Dr. Hare had recently encouraged the erection of additional buildings and the putting in of new appliances, at some considerable expense, it was not altogether right that he should leave the institution just at this juncture.

It was voted that a letter should be prepared and sent to the Doctor, setting forth the above ideas; also that the Secretary should prepare the letter and submit it at a future meeting of this Committee.

Adjourned.

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April 2d, 1891, 10:30 A.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Kilgore, White, and Jones. Capt. Eliridge was also present by request.

The question of representation at the World's Fair, was brought up, and a reconsideration of some of the names before appointed as a Committee to look after the matter.

On account of his not going to labor in Illinois in the future, Eld. Kilgore tendered his resignation, handing in the following in writing:--

"Eld. O.A.Olsen,

Pres. Gen. Conference,

"I hereby resign my position on the Committee concerning the World's Fair, which please accept."

R.M.Kilgore."

April 2d, 1891."

Eld. Loughborough, President of the Illinois Conference, was elected in Eld. Kilgore's place.

In regard to Eld. Jones's work out West in connection with the building of the proposed College, it was thought best that he should take along with him two certified copies of the Articles of Incorporation of the General Conference Association.

The Religious Liberty work in Chicago, and Bro. Moon and Ballenger's connection with it, was talked to. It was thought that Bro. Moon was as well fitted for the work necessary to be done there as any one that could be secured, and that Bro. Ballenger should devote some of his time lecturing.

It was voted that both A. Moon and A.F. Ballenger should be granted ministerial license.

Bro. Kilgore brought up for consideration some matters in reference to Dist. No. 2. He wished advice in regard to the advisability of his moving his family to the Southern field, also where Eld. Heacock and other workers should labor, and what should be done in regard to the Southern school project.

Meeting adjourned till 8:00 o'clock A.M., Friday, Apl. 3d



Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Committee on the  
James White Memorial Home, and the  
General Conference Committee.

Thursday, April 2d, 7:00 P.M.

Present, O.A.Olsen, J.N.Loughborough, D.T.Jones,  
W.C.White, R.M.Kilgore, Dr. Kellogg, G.E.Tyszkiewicz, and  
L.C.Chadwick.

Prayer by Eld. Mc Coy.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Eld. Mc Coy, the chairman of the Committee on Location, stated that the Committee had been looking around considerable for a site. He said that there were several farms near Goghuac Lake that were quite desirable, that could probably be purchased for about \$25 per acre. There is a farm over in the eastern part of the City, on Middle Street, that might be purchased for about \$100 per acre. Still another favorable location is what is known as the old Fair Ground. Another tract of 15 acres lying to the west and north of the latter, the Committee had thought somewhat desirable. He spoke of the Austin farm, a farm of 100 acres, as another possible location.

Judge Graves has property, a tract of 10 acres, reaching to Wood St., that could be purchased for \$10,000. Eld. Mc Coy thought that the Judge would quite likely make a donation to the institution, though perhaps not to any very great amount.

It was voted, That J.H.Kellogg, O.A.Olsen, A.R.Henry, W.C.White, J. Fargo, L. Mc Coy, G.E.Tyszkiewicz, J.R.Palmer, and L.C.Chadwick be a temporary board of Trustees of the James White Memorial Home until the incorporation of the institution.

It was voted, That this Board of Trustees be authorized with full power to act in carrying out the resolutions of the General Conference, by which this joint committee was created.

The Doctor made some further remarks in regard to the site for the building, stating some conversation he had recently had with Judge Graves. He said that \$20 had been paid for an option on the Hubbard Place;-- 17 acres for \$6,000. Judge Graves asks \$10,000 for 10 acres;--the latter, however, being a much better location he thought.

The Doctor stated that word would have to be given soon in preference to these last two sites.

The meeting then adjourned.

Friday, 9:00 A.M., April 3d, 1891.

Present, Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Jones, Kilgore, and White.

The Southern field was further considered. Eld. Kilgore feared that canvassers were going to be few in his District the coming season. Some who have canvassed heretofore are not intending to canvass this year.

A letter received this morning from Mr. Benjamin Thompson, of East Chattanooga, Tenn., of the East Chattanooga Land Company, making inquiry in reference to the establishment of a Southern School, and desiring definite information as to kind of buildings intended to be erected, etc., provided the East Chattanooga Land Company make a donation of land, -- was considered.

It was decided that a reply should be made Mr. Thompson, stating that we have such a project in view and are making arrangements for such a school; that we are thinking of beginning a school somewhere in the South this fall, but that we have not yet decided where we shall locate the College permanently; that our plans are not sufficiently developed to make definite propositions, but are waiting to see the development of things in the South; state the extent of territory covered by Dist. No. 2, and ask for further information in regard to the land referred to in his letter, and its relation to Missionary Ridge.

It was voted, That Eld. J. H. Rogers be requested to labor in the State of Missouri, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Missouri Conference.

The Chair instructed the Secretary to write Eld. A. T. Robinson signifying the approval of the Committee of his suggestion of inviting Eld. J. B. Goodrich to spend some time with him in the month of May, visiting the Maritime Provinces.

Meeting adjourned.

W. A. Colcord,

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O. A. Olsen,  
Pres.

April 5th, 6:00 P.M.

Present, Elders Olsen, Jones, Kilgore, and White.

Eld. Kilgore presented the following resolutions for the consideration of the Committee, which, after some discussion, were adopted:---

"Resolved, That we authorize the employment of four competent colporters in the unorganized part of Dist. No. 2, the selection of each to be approved by a committee composed of L.C.Chadwick, W.C.White, and R.M.Kilgore.

"Resolved, That we recommend Eld.C.M.Kinney and Prof. W.L.Gibson to engage in a four-months' colporteur tour, at \$7.50 per week, to test the utility of this line of work for the colored people.

"Resolved, That the General Canvassing Agent select and send a company of canvassers to South Carolina; also one company to Alabama, and some recruits for the companies in other States, that need to be enlarged.

"Resolved, That the District Canvassing Agent be permitted to draw on the General Conference treasury, to loan to needy canvassers in the Mission Field of District of No. 2, such amounts as are necessary to relieve their pressing financial embarrassments, till their deliveries can be made, to the amount of \$200.00.

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"Resolved, That Grant Adkins and his wife be instructed to labor together in the same manner as heretofore.

"Resolved, That we authorize the manning and operating of tents in Dist. No. 2, as follows:--One in the Cumberland Mission field, by Eld.A.P.Heacock, assisted by W.C.Dalby; one in Georgia, by Eld.G.T.Wilson, assisted by B.L.Dieffenbacher; one in Florida, by Eld.L.H.Crisler, assisted by J.O.Johnston; one in Louisiana, by Eld.B.F.Purdham, assisted by his brother.

"Resolved, That Missionary Credentials be granted to W.C.Dalby, Mrs.A.P.Heacock, Mrs.Grant Adkins, and Mrs.G.T.Wilson."

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At General Conference Committee meeting held April 16,  
1891, it was---

Voted, That Bro. A. Barry go to Alabama and commence work  
at Montgomery; but after further consideration, <sup>later</sup> the place was  
changed to Lexington, Ky. <sub>^</sub>

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

HELD APRIL 21st, 1891.

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Present, Elders Olsen, Loughborough, and White.

7 The General Canvassing Agent, L.C.Chadwick, appeared before the Committee and made a recommendation that B.F.Purdham act as agent for the States of Alabama and Georgia.

On motion of W.C.White, the recommendation of the General Canvassing Agent was adopted.

Brother H.P.Holser also appeared before the Committee, and presented some matters that he wished advice upon: (1) upon the advisability of having the name of H. Frey added to the editorial force of the "Harold", as corresponding editor.

Eld.White said that Bro. Holser would perhaps better present the matter to the Board of Foreign Missions at its next meeting.

(2) Eld. Holser also brought up the question of the advisability of our people in Switzerland and Germany petitioning the government for exemption from the school laws requiring attendance on Saturday. He thought the agitation of the Sunday movement in Europe was far enough advanced to require something being done in the way of preparing tracts and pamphlets, or perhaps even in the printing of a monthly journal, to agitate the subject.

Bro. White thought Bro. Holser should be advised to consult with lawyers over there, and be formulating some plan in his mind to present at the camp-meeting there.

Eld. Holser thought that it would be advisable to write to the consuls and prominent men in Germany from Hamburg, and send them reading-matter the same as has been done in this country, and in southern and other parts of Europe.

Eld. Olsen said he has great faith in secretary work.

Meeting then adjourned.

W.A.Colcord,

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held April 28th, 1891.

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Members present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, White, and Prof. Prescott.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Loughborough.

The Chair stated that at the last meeting of the Committee (held April 16) it was decided that Bro. A. Barry go to the State of Alabama and commence work at Montgomery, but that in conversation Bro. White and he had had with him it was thought that it would perhaps be advisable to change his field to Kentucky, beginning labor at Lexington.

It was voted that Bro. A. Barry go to Kentucky, and begin work at Lexington.

A letter from Eld. Underwood, addressed to Eld. Olsen, dated April 23d, in regard to camp-meetings laborers for the camp-meetings in his District.

It was voted as the sense of the Committee that Eld. R. A. Underwood should attend the annual meetings in his District (dist. No. 5), and that it approves of his suggestion of making arrangements with Eld. A. J. Breed to attend the Texas and Arkansas camp-meetings.

Voted, to request Eld. Underwood to change the date of the camp-meetings in his District, one week later, if he can arrange to do so without too much inconvenience, so that he can attend the Summer Council of the General Conference Committee.

Voted, That the Summer Council of the General Conference Committee begin July 22, to be held at the same place as the Summer Normal Institute.

Voted, That the business week for the General Conference Association Committee Meeting be changed from August 18-25, to August 11-18.

The meeting adjourned.

W. A. Colcord,  
Sec.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING,

Held April 28th, 1891, 6:00 P.M.

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Prof. Prescott raised the question of some of our college students leaving their courses permanently and entering the medical course in some higher educational institutions, with a view to becoming medical missionaries. He said he did not wish to put anything in the way of any becoming medical missionaries; but he thought there was danger of these persons in taking up this course in allowing the medical side of the question to predominate, and the missionary side perhaps to sink out of sight. He inquired into the cause of those who have been educated for physicians and helpers in the Sanitarium, leaving the institution to go out and do for themselves about as soon as they become well qualified. He said there is considerable complaint at the Sanitarium at the present time in consequence of a lack of a sufficient number of doctors and helpers, though there is a training class being conducted there almost continually. It seems that as fast as there are those who step onto the ladder at the bottom there are those who jump off from the top.

Eld. Olsen thought this was a vital question. He said the Committee must give more attention to this matter of educating persons for physicians than it has in the past. He said there are numerous and sufficient reasons for their doing so. He thought that our young people should not be allowed to drift.

Prof. Prescott stated that from his recent visit of a few days at Yale University, he was firmly impressed with the fact that we should make more importance of the educational work among us, and be extremely careful how we advise our young people to go and attend school at these places, where even in their theological courses and lectures the general trend and outcome of the teaching is simply practical infidelity.

Brother Barry came before the Committee and consulted in regard to his going down to Kentucky, route, fare, etc.

Matters in regard to the South Lancaster school and the engaging of one or two teachers for starting a school in District No. 2 the coming fall, were talked over.

The place of holding the Summer Normal Institute was also considered. It was thought that if the Institute is held at Petoskey, it should be located at a sufficient distance from the city so that the lectures and attractions of the place would not interfere with it;---perhaps three or four miles out of the city.

Adjourned.

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W.A. Colcord, Sec.

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In a meeting of the General Conference Committee, held April 30, Elders Olsen, Loughborough, White, and Prof. Prescott being present, it was voted that Prof. Prescott act as chairman of the Committee in the absence of Elder Olsen.

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MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held June 19, 1891.

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Present: Prof. Prescott, W.C.White and the Corresponding Secretary.

Matters concerning different ones attending the Summer Normal Institute, were considered.

In answer to the inquiry of Eld.O.A.Johnson, it was thought advisable to write him that he attend, as it is expected that he will have to take the lead in the Scandinavian work in the institute to be held in his District later.

In regard to Eld.J.M.Erickson's inquiry written to Eld. W.C.White, June 12, it was decided to write him, advising him to come to the Institute, beginning the second week, or July 27, and stating that in accordance with the instructions given to the sub-committee appointed to see about rendering assistance to those who need help, he might be helped to the amount of \$25.00, which would be nearly half pay for him during the remainder of the school.

W.A.Colcord,

Sec.

FIRST MEETING OF THE MID-SUMMER COUNCIL OF THE

S. D. A. GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Held at "Harbor Heights," Harbor Springs, Michigan.

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July 24, 1891.

A meeting of the Committee was called at 3:00 P.M., July 24, by W.W.Prescott, the acting Chairman.

There were present, Prescott, Robinson, Kilgore, Loughborough, Underwood, and White.

Prayer was offered by R.M.Kilgore.

The Secretary not being present, the Chairman requested W.C.White to keep a record of the meeting.

The Chairman then proposed that each member of the Committee should mention the matters pertaining to the work in his District, which he wished the Committee to consider.

A.T.Robinson requested that help be furnished for the Maine and Vermont camp-meetings; and for a camp-meeting appointed by the brethren in Virginia some time between August 11 and 25. He also requested that some one be sent to Washington, D.C., to take the place of J.S.Washburn. He also stated that the Quebec Conference wishes to annex Ontario.

R.M.Kilgore asked for help in the Tennessee camp-meeting appointed for August 1--8; and for the District Institute which immediately follows. He also requested that a committee be appointed to consider the questions raised by brother C.F.Curtis regarding the propriety of participating in the erection of a union church in Atlanta, Ga.

J.N.Loughborough asked if there will be a Bible School in Chicago next winter; also who will attend the camp-meetings in District No. 3.

R.A.Underwood questioned the propriety of removing Eld. Hyatt from Texas this year, and asked who would attend the camp-meetings in Dist. No. 5. He stated that as the Texas meeting begins August 4, the appointments of those who are to take charge of the Sabbath-school work and to assist in general labor, should be made immediately.

In behalf of District No. 6, the Chairman said that at the ~~monthly~~ annual Conference in Upper Columbia, it was understood between the officers of the Conference and the representatives of the General Conference, that a change should be made in the Presidency of that Conference.

The Chairman stated that the educational question had not been mentioned; that there were matters of importance to be considered regarding the work in Walla Walla, Battle Creek, and College View. In Texas and Kansas the brethren are planning to conduct Conference schools. No doubt Prof. Grainger will wish to report regarding the Healdsburg school at this meeting. We must also provide for the Australian School.

A correspondence regarding the resignation of J. M. Willoughby as Field Secretary of the International Sabbath-school Association was then read.

The Chairman suggested that the object and conduct of our camp-meetings as a subject worthy of consideration.

By vote of the Committee, the Chairman appointed the following committees:---

1. To consider the correspondence of Brother Curtis regarding a union church in Atlanta, ---Kilgore, Robinson, and White.

2. To consider the correspondence of C.H. Jones regarding the resignation of J.M. Willoughby and the appointment of some one to take his place as Field Secretary of the International Sabbath-school Association for Districts No. 4, 5, and 6, ---Underwood, Loughborough, and Jones.

3. To recommend laborers for camp-meetings and District Institutes, ---Kilgore, Loughborough, and White.

Adjourned to 3:00 P.M., Sunday, July 26,

W.W.Prescott,  
Chairman.

W.C.White,  
Sec. pro tem.

SECOND MEETING.

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July 26, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood,  
Robinson, and White.

Prayer by R. A. Underwood.

Minutes of meeting held July 24, were read and approved.

The Committee to recommend laborers for Camp-meetings  
and District Institutes made a report which was under discussion  
when the Committee adjourned till 3:00 P.M., July 27.

W.W.Prescott,  
Chairman.

W.C.White,  
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THIRD MEETING.

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July 27, 1891.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood, Robinson, and White.

Prayer by J.N.Loughborough.

The minutes of meeting held July 26, were read and approved.

The consideration of the Committee report on help for Camp-meetings and District Institutes was continued, and the following recommendations were adopted:---

1. That Eld.E.W.Farnsworth attend the camp-meetings in Vermont, Maine, Atlantic, and New England Conferences.
2. That Eld.A.T.Jones attend the camp-meetings in Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee River Conferences, and also the Southern Institute.
3. That C.J.Taylor attend the camp-meetings in Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee River, Atlantic, and New England Conferences, and spend such time at the Southern Institute as he can between the Tennessee and Atlantic Meetings.
4. That Eld.E.J.Waggoner attend the camp-meetings in Michigan and Illinois, and the Southern Institute.
5. That Eld.H.Shultz attend the Nebraska and Kansas camp-meetings.
6. That Prof.C.C.Lewis attend the camp-meetings in Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas (local), and Colorado.
7. That Elders A.J.Breed and O.A.Johnson attend the Nebraska Camp-meeting.
8. That Eld.W.C.White and Sr. E..G.White attend the California State camp-meeting.
9. That the additional help required for these meetings be supplied by the Superintendents, from the laborers in their respective Districts.



The request that some one be sent to Washington, D.C., to take the place of Eld. J.S. Washburn, was referred to the Committee on camp-meeting laborers.

It was voted---

1. That we request the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bible School to prepare and present to this Committee their plans for the work of the present season.

2. That the question about the removal of Eld. Hyatt from Texas be referred to Elders Olsen, Underwood, and White.

3. That Union College be dedicated September 24.

W.C. White resigned as a member of the Committee on Camp-meeting Laborers, and D.T. Jones was elected to the place.

Meeting adjourned to 3:00 P.M., July 28.

W. W. Prescott,  
Chairman.

W. C. White,  
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FOURTH MEETING.

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July 28, 1891. 5:00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood, Robinson, Jones, and White.

Prayer by R.A. Underwood.

Minutes of meeting of July 27 approved.

The Committee to appoint a Sabbath-school worker to attend the Camp-meetings in District No. 5, presented a partial report which was discussed and referred back to the Committee.

Eld. D.T. Jones, speaking for District No. 6, presented the following points:---

CALIFORNIA.

The Pacific Press needs two men to assist in the business of the office/

The Rural Health Retreat needs one or two competent physicians.

Shall the "Signs of the Times" be reinstated to a 16-page paper?

The California Conference and the Pacific Press desire that Elder Haskell should spend several months in the Conference, laboring in the interests of the Conference and the institutions located in the State.

NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

The North Pacific Conference made a very satisfactory growth during the past year. Two of their leading workers, Eld. Ward and Bro. Lucas, expect to attend school next year, which will considerably reduce the active working force of the Conference.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

There is a desire on the part of a large number in the Upper Columbia Conference for a change in their President.

I would suggest that it might be well to send a good minister to divide his time between these two Conferences.

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The Chairman read a letter from Prof. J. O. Beard, of Washington, expressing a willingness to assist in the establishment of a school in Australia.

Voted, That the question of change in the presidency of the Upper Columbia Conference be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Camp-meeting Laborers.

That all other calls for laborers in District No. 6, be referred to the same Committee.

The question of enlargement of the "Signs" referred to Jones, Loughborough, and White.

That the Chairman appoint two to act with himself as a sub-committee to present recommendations on Educational matters.

R. A. Underwood and W. C. White were appointed.

Adjourned to 3:00 P.M., July 29.

W. W. Prescott,  
Chairman.

W. C. White, Sec.

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FIFTH MEETING.

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July 29, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Robinson, Jones, Underwood, White, Colcord, and G.W. Amadon by invitation.

Prayer by Bro. Amadon.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Bro. Amadon presented the need of having some efficient laborer to assist in various ways in the Battle Creek church. Eld. Van Horn had suggested Bro. Horton for the place.

It was voted that the question be referred to the Committee on Labor, Elders Kilgore, Loughborough, and Jones.

The Committee to which the report concerning the appointment of a Sabbath-school worker to attend the camp-meetings in Dist. No. 5 was referred back, presented the following report, which was adopted:---

"Your Committee appointed to consider the communication from the President of the International Sabbath-school Association concerning help for the camp-meetings in Dist. No. 5, and the appointment of a Field Secretary to take the place of Elder Willoughby, would recommend:---

1. That Prof. G.W. Rine attend the Missouri camp-meeting in the interests of the Sabbath-school work, on his way back to the Pacific Coast.
2. That C.M. Gardner attend the Ohio and Indiana camp-meetings with Bro. C.L. Taylor, with the view of taking the place made vacant by the resignation of Eld. J.M. Willoughby.
3. That C.M. Gardner attend the camp-meetings in Kansas.
4. If this is approved by the Executive Committee of the International Sabbath-school Association, that he immediately enter upon the work of Field Secretary.
5. That he begin his work in Dist. No. 5, and spend from one to two months in each Conference in the District.

6. That The Sabbath-school work be referred to C.C.Lewis at Arkansas and Colorado."

Committee:

R.A.Underwood,  
J.N.Loughborough,  
Dan.T.Jones."

The resignation of Bro.A.R.Henry as a member of the Committee on Transportation, was presented, and on motion, accepted.

It was voted to request L.C.Chadwick to fill the place on the Transportation Committee made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Henry.

Voted, That N.P.Dixon, who has recently been appointed District Canvassing Agent, for District No. 5, be granted Missionary License.

A request from the Foreign Mission Board that it be allowed to audit and settle its own accounts, was, on motion, referred to a Committee consisting of D.T.Jones, W.C.White, and A.T.Robinson.

W.C.White presented some correspondence in regard to Elder Wood engaging in labor, which was referred to the Committee on Labor.

A letter from Bro.W.H.Lee, of Narman, Oklahoma, requesting that a laborer be sent there, was referred to the same Committee.

Eld. Kilgore presented the case of F.A.Buzzell, who desired to go South and labor among the colored people, but no action was taken concerning it.

Adjourned to 3:00 P.M., July 30.

W.W.Prescott,  
Chairman.

W.A.Colcord,  
Sec.

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SIXTH MEETING.

July 30, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Robinson, Underwood, Jones, White, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer D.T.Jones.

Minutes of meeting held July 29 read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented the following additional report, which was adopted, as follows:---

10 In the case of J.L.Wood, referred to us, after investigation, we do not think it would be wise for the General Conference to assume any responsibility in this case.

11 Concerning the plea for help from Oklahoma, by Bro.W.H.Lee, we recommend, that the Secretary respond in behalf of the Committee by a letter expressing our interest and giving him encouragement; that the Superintendent of the District visit that field as soon as convenient; that the matter of supplying a laborer for this territory be referred to a committee composed of Elders Underwood, Olsen, and White.

12 That Eld.S.N.Haskell labor in California this Fall and Winter if consistent for him to do so.

13 We recommend the following help for Ministerial Institutes:--

(a) For Dist. No. 2, Austell, Ga., Sept. 11--Oct. 12,--  
A.T.Jones, E.J.Waggoner.

(b) For Dist. No. 1, South Lancaster, Oct. 13--Nov. 15,  
A.T.Jones, E.J.Waggoner.

(c) For Dist. No. 3, Battle Creek, Nov. 13---Dec. 15,  
A.T.Jones. (Other help to be provided.)

(d) For Dist. No. 5, - - - - Jan. 13---Feb. 12,  
A.T.Jones, E.J.Waggoner.

(e) For Dist. No. 6, - - - - Feb. 13,---March 13,  
A.T.Jones, S.N.Haskell, E.J.Waggoner.

(f) For Dist. No. 4, Des Moines, March 13---April 13,  
A.T.Jones, E.J.Waggoner.

(g) That Elders O.A.Olsen and W.W.Prescott attend the Institutes in the several Districts as far as is consistent with other duties."

A letter from Eld. Schultz, requesting that a German laborer be sent to labor among the Germans at a place sixteen miles from Farmington, Oregon, was read, and referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

W.C.White introduced the matter of H.W.Kellogg's connecting with the work again, perhaps with the Pacific Press. The consideration of the question was deferred to some future time.

It was voted that the Chair appoint two to act with himself to present at some future meeting, plans for the week of prayer. D.T.Jones and A.T.Robinson were appointed as the other members of the Committee.

Adjourned to 3:00 P.M., July 31.

W.W.Prescott, Ch'mn.

W.A.Colcord, Sec.

SEVENTH MEETING.

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July 31, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Robinson, Underwood, Jones, White, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer by W.C.White.

Minutes of sixth meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Education presented the following recommendations:---

1. That the Educational Secretary set before Eld. Hyatt the needs of such a school as is proposed to be held in Texas the coming year, and the difficulties in procuring suitable help, and that the Committee would suggest the propriety of deferring the school for the present at least.

2. In reference to the school at Ottawa, Kansas, that no attempt be made to provide for the instruction of other than young children.

3. That Eld. Rousseau be recommended to sail about the first of May, 1892, to Australia to engage in school work there, and that another teacher follow him later in the season.

The recommendations were adopted.

No other committees being prepared to report, the Committee adjourned to 3:00 o'clock P.M., Sunday, August 2d.

W.W.Prescott,  
Chairman.

W.A.Colcord,  
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EIGHTH MEETING.

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August 2, 1891. 3: 00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Robinson, Underwood, Jones, White, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer by W.A.Colcord.

Minutes of meeting held July 31, read and corrected.

The matter of preparing a program for the Week of Prayer was talked over and some suggestions made.

It was voted---

1. That Eld.O.A.Johnson be requested to attend the camp-meeting at Topeka, Kansas.

2. That the request of F.A.Buzsell, of Chicago, to go South and labor among the Colored people, be referred to L.C.Chadwick, the General Canvassing Agent.

Eld. Olsen being expected by to-morrow afternoon, the Committee adjourned to August 3d, at 4:00 P.M.

W.W.Prescott,  
Chairman.

W.A.Colcord,  
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NINTH MEETING.

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August 3, 1891. 4:00 P.M.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, Robinson, Underwood, Jones, White, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer by J.N.Loughborough.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Camp-meeting Labor presented the following recommendation, which was adopted:---

14. "We recommend, since Prof. Rine can not attend the Missouri camp-meeting on account of other duties, that the Superintendent of the District employ another from his field to fill the vacancy."

The Committee to which was referred the matter of the Foreign Mission Board, presented the following report:---

"Your Committee to which was referred the request of the Foreign Mission Board that said Board might be permitted to audit the accounts of foreign laborers and settle with them as often and at such times during the year as the Board might think best, ---after considering the matter carefully, would submit the opinion that the General Conference Committee does not have the constitutional right to grant the request of the Board."

The Committee to which was referred the question of the enlargement of the "Signs," submitted a report, which, after some discussion and amendment, was, by vote, referred back, with a request that the Committee present definite plans for the colporteur work suggested in it.

On motion, A.T.Robinson was added to the Committee.

Adjourned to 4:00 P.M., August 4.

W.W.Prescott,  
Chairman.

W. A. Colcord,  
Sec.

TENTH MEETING.

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August 4, 1891. 3:30 P.M.

Eld. Olsen, having arrived, took the chair and called the Committee to order.

All the members of the Committee were present except Elder Haskell.

Prayer by J.N.Loughborough.

Minutes read, and after the elimination of the words "and are therefore under the necessity of denying the request," from the recommendation of the Committee in charge of the request of the Foreign Mission Board, approved.

The Committee on Program for Week of Prayer submitted a report, which, after a slight amendment, was adopted as follows:-

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF PRAYER.

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December 19--27, 1891.

Sabbath, Dec. 19.

Reading by Eld.O.A.Olsen; subject, "Evidences of God's Blessing in our Work during the past Year." Reading to be followed by a praise service.

Sunday, Dec. 20.

Reading by Eld.E.J.Waggoner; subject, "What is the Gospel?"

Monday, Dec. 21.

Reading by Eld.A.T.Jones; subject, "The Spirit of Christ as manifested in his Work for the Salvation of Man."

Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Reading by Eld.W.C.White; subject, "A Brief Report of our Foreign Work during the past Year." Giving the names of the principal laborers in the foreign fields.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Reading by Eld.U.Smith; subject, "The Gospel Commission;  
Its Extent and Duration."

Thursday, Dec. 24.

Reading by Eld.M.C.Wilcox; subject, "How We are to  
Co-operate with Christ in the Work of the Gospel."

Friday, Dec. 25.

Reading by Eld.S.N.Haskell; subject, "How the Gospel  
Work is to be Supported."

Sabbath, Dec. 26.

Reading by Mrs.E.G.White; on such theme as she may select.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

The following is suggested as an outline for a program:---

- (1) Song.
- (2) Prayer.
- (3) A brief rehearsal of the work in foreign countries  
and some of the more urgent calls for an  
enlargement of the work.
- (4) Brief reports from the missionary ship and missions  
in foreign countries.
- (5) Collection of annual offerings to foreign missions.
- (6) Closing song.
- (7) Benediction of prayer.

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It was voted,---

1. That W.C.White and W.A.Spicer be requested to  
prepare the matter on the subjects mentioned in items 3 and 4  
of the program for Sunday, Dec. 27.

2. That the Corresponding Secretary of the General  
Conference have in charge the matter of notifying the persons who  
are to prepare the different readings, of the subjects they are  
requested to write upon, the sending out of the same; and that  
it is the sense of the Committee that the readings should be in  
by the first of October.

3. That the week of prayer in foreign countries be held at the same corresponding time as last year.

W.W.Prescott wished to know the mind of the Committee in regard to the advisability of the Educational Secretary working up a fund for assisting worthy students in attending our different schools.

Upon Motion, the Chair appointed as a Committee to take this matter into consideration, W.W.Prescott, D.T.Wones, W.C.White.

Prof. Prescott stated that on account of the tents being wanted earlier for the Michigan camp-meeting than was at first contemplated, and the Institute necessarily having to close by August 17th, he desired to be released from attending the business week at Battle Creek, August 11--18, if possible, that he might be present during the closing week of the Institute.

D.T.Jones presented a letter from Eld.J.W.Watt, in reference to a young licentiate by the name of Warren preaching in Montana, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution of labor.

A letter from F.L.Mead, in reference to providing help for Manitoba, was introduced by W.C.White, and referred to the same Committee.

Adjourned to 3:00 P.M., August 5.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

W.A.Colcord,  
Sec.

ELEVENTH MEETING.

August 5, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Jones, Underwood, Kilgore, Robinson, White, and Colcord, and Elders Porter and Farnsworth by invitation.

Prayer by E.W.Farnsworth.

Eld. Porter appeared before the Committee to state some objections in his mind to his and his wife's going to Africa in response to the recommendation of the last General Conference. The principal objection he stated was the condition of his wife physically, and that if she was taken sick over there, of the obligation he would be under to immediately return with her.

The Chair stated that this question properly should come before the Foreign Mission Board; that he had nothing to urge in the matter, and thought it would be well to have a season of prayer over it. 7:30 P.M. was appointed for the season of prayer.

The Committee on Labor presented the following additional report:---

\*Your Committee on laborers submit the following:---

15. In view of the fact that the funds in the Upper Columbia Conference do not warrant additional laborers to support, and also that the Kansas Conference demands the labors of a German minister; we recommend, concerning the request of Eld. Shultz for the removal of Eld. E. Loeppeke to the Upper Columbia Conference, that action in this case be deferred indefinitely.

16. That Eld. R. C. Horton make the Battle Creek church his field of labor."

The first item was referred back to the Committee, and the second to Eld. Olsen.

It was voted as the judgment of the Committee that Eld. Hyatt should not be removed from Texas for a year.

Several other matters were talked over, but no action was taken in reference to them.

Adjourned to August 6, 3:00 P.M.

O. A. Olsen,  
Chairman.

W. A. Colcord,  
Sec.

TWELFTH MEETING.

August 6, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

All the members of the Committee were present with the exception of Eld.S.N.Haskell, who,,however, came in just before the meeting adjourned.

Prayer by R.M.Kilgore.

The Committee on Labor presented the following additional report, which was adopted:---

17. "That the call for a German laborer for the Upper Columbia Conference, be referred to the District Superintendent and Eld.H.Shultz to arrange for a minister to labor in the Conference.

18. "That the request of F.L.Mead for a minister to labor in Manitoba, be referred to a Committee composed of O.A. Olsen, A.J.Bread, and W.W.Prescott, to select a laborer for that field, at the time of the Institute in District No. 4, if they deem it advisable.

19. "That the appeal from Prince Edward Island, for laborers to be sent to that field, be referred to A.T.Robinson and O.A.Olsen to supply such workers as they deem best, during the Institute in District No. 1."

The Committee to which was referred back the report on the "Signs" presented at the ninth meeting, reported back as follows:---

"Your Committee to which was referred the question of advising the publishers of the "Signs of the Times," in reference to enlarging the paper, etc., would recommend that the General Conference Committee advise the publishers:---

1. To increase the size of the paper to sixteen pages.
2. That it be made up and edited wholly with reference to its mission as a pioneer missionary paper. That a large list of special contributors be engaged to furnish articles on given subjects, so that the ground of present truth may be systematically covered, and each number contain also a large proportion of practical articles on gospel subjects; and that all matter not of general interest be left out.
3. That we discourage the insertion of commercial advertisements.
4. That the time of commencing the volume be changed to the first of November.
5. That the subscription price be \$1.50 for single subscriptions, and \$1.40 when taken in clubs of ten copies and upwards.

6. That no commission be given to canvassers for the Journal.

We further recommend, That the General Conference Committee make a proposition to the Pacific Press Publishing Co. to take the editorial management of the "Signs" and bear the expense of the same for a term of two years; and that in case this recommendation is accepted, the price of the paper in clubs of ten or more be placed at \$1.25.

Whereas, There are many families in all parts of the field who have read more or less literature on present truth, whose minds are led out to seek after more light; but who can not be reached by our present system of ministry; we, therefore,---

Recommend, That Conferences which are able to do so, select colporters and place them in the field, and that those which are not financially able to add to their working force, select from those already in the employ of the Conference, and set them at the colporter work.

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee request the International Tract Society to select a Field Agent to work in the interest of our periodicals."

Dan.T.Jones,  
J.N.Loughborough,  
W.C.White,  
A.T.Robinson."

Committee:

The report was adopted.

W.C.White stated that his mother had expressed a desire to have a consultation with the Committee soon in regard to her future work.

W.W.Prescott read a letter he had just received from Eld.I.D.Van Horn, in regard to rent for the tents used here at the Institute at Harbor Springs, and Eld. Olsen one he had received from Eld. Van Horn in reference to laborers for the Michigan camp-meeting.

Considerable time was taken up in the consideration of the question of sending some one to South Africa. While this matter was being considered, Eld. Haskell came in.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M.

THIRTEENTH MEETING.

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August 6, 1891. 7:30. P.M.

All the members of the Committee were present, Elder Underwood taking his leave for Texas, during the meeting.

Prayer by D.T.Jones.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A letter from C.M.Gardner, of Iowa, addressed to the Secretary, under date August 3, was read, in which Bro. Gardner gives his reasons for not desiring to accept of the recommendation of the Committee that he should act as Field Secretary for the International Sabbath-school Association for Districts No. 4 and 5.

It was voted,---

1. That in view of his objections, the recommendation that C.M.Gardner act as Field Secretary for the Sabbath-school Association for Districts No. 4 and 5, be withdrawn.

2. That the matter of supplying this place be referred to the Committee on Labor.

It was moved,---

That Eld.R.C.Porter be requested to go to Oregon and take the presidency of the Upper Columbia Conference. p. 22.

Pending this motion, the meeting adjourned to 6:00 o'clock A.M., August 7.

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FOURTEENTH MEETING.

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August 7, 1891. 6:00 A.M.

All the members of the Committee present except Elder Underwood; and Sister White by previous arrangement.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Elders Haskell and Olsen.

The meeting being called specially for the purpose of giving Sister White an interview with the Committee, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Sister White stated before the Committee that on account of various other lines of work coming upon her for some time past, she had written but little as yet on the "Life of Christ," but that matters had so shaped themselves, and her physical and mental conditions were such that she could not continue writing this work, but that should she pursue this course she could not go to Australia for a year yet, and consequently she wished advice in the matter.

Elder White stated that until recently it appeared to him it was evident that either the writing of the book or the going to Australia would have to be indefinitely postponed.

Elder Olsen inquired if there were not as good prospects for the writing of the book over in Australia, as here, to which Sister White replied by asking, "Who knoweth?"

It was thought that if she went to Australia and continued to write articles for the different denominational papers, the General Conference should furnish her a competent stenographer to report her addresses and to prepare them for the paper.

Breakfast time arrived before any decision was reached, and the Committee adjourned to 3:00 P.M.

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FIFTEENTH MEETING.

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August 7, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Haskell, Jones, Robinson, Kilgore, White, and Colcord.

Prayer by O.A.Olsen.

Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

The motion upon which the thirteenth meeting adjourned, was taken up, and after some consideration, put to vote, and lost.

The following recommendations were adopted:---

1. That Eld.H.W.Decker go to Illinois with a view to relieving Eld. Loughborough to labor in Michigan.

2. That D.T.Jones take the place made vacant in the Upper Columbia Conference by the removal of Eld. Decker.

(A motion to defer action on the last was lost.)

3. That Eld.E.W.Farnsworth go and labor in the Upper Columbia and North Pacific Conferences, after attending the Vermont and Maine camp-meetings.

4. That Eld.J.N.Loughborough make Michigan his principal field of labor.

5. That Eld.U.D.Van Horn labor in District No. 1, under the direction of the Superintendent of that District.

6. That it is the sense of the Committee that Sister White, if consistent with her convictions, and Eld.W.C.White go to Australia on the "Menowai," which sails about the middle of October next.

After considering the matter of supplying suitable help for Sister White, the Committee adjourned to 7:30 P.M., August 8.

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SIXTEENTH MEETING.

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August 8, 1891. 7:30 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Haskell, Jones, Kilgore, Prescott, Robinson, White, and Colcord.

Prayer by S.N.Haskell.

Minutes of meeting held August 7 read and accepted.

The first matter considered was that last talked to in the last meeting---that of supplying a suitable reporter to accompany Sister White.

Upon motion, O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, and W.C.White were selected as a committee to look this matter up and select suitable help.

Eld. Olsen made some remarks upon the necessity of having all institutions and enterprises connected with the work under the direction and control of the denomination. He thought it necessary that something should be done to guard this matter.

Upon this question considerable was said in reference to the proper management of medical missionaries, physicians, and health institutions. Prof. Prescott thought the matter of health and temperance should not only be under the control of the denomination, but that the work itself should be put upon the proper basis; that the light on healthful living should not be advocated so much because "It's cheaper, and you'll feel better," as the fact that it is to prepare a people to pass through the seven last plagues.

It was voted that a Committee, of which the Chair shall be one, be appointed to consider this matter, and bring in recommendations at some future meeting.

D.T.Jones, S.N.Haskell, J.N.Loughborough, and W.C.White were appointed as the other members of the Committee.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., August 9.

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SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

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August 9, 1891. 2:30. P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Jones, Kilgore, Robinson,  
White, and Colcord.

Prayer by A.T. Robinson.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The time of the meeting was occupied wholly in the reading and examination of the financial reports of the General Conference, the General Conference Association, Foreign Mission Board, etc., prepared by the Recording Secretary.

It was found that while the amount of tithe received by the General Conference during the last year had increased over that of the previous year something over \$6,000, the amount overdrawn to pay laborers during the same time was over \$13,000.

The Chairman requested D.T. Jones and the Corresponding Secretary to carefully look over these reports, and make some recommendations in regard to what funds now in the hands of the General Conference Association may properly be turned over to the General Conference in liquidation of its indebtedness.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING.

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August 9, 1891. 7:30 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Robinson, Jones, Kilgore, White, and Colcord.

Prayer by J.N.Loughborough.

Minutes of last meeting read and corrected.

The Committee on Labor submitted the following additional recommendation, which was adopted:---

"20. That the employment of Bro. Charles Warren in the Montana Mission Field, be referred to the Superintendent of ~~the~~ the District, with instructions to set him to work, if he deems it advisable, on the same basis as other licentiates."

It was voted, ----

1. That we rescind the recommendation that Eld. Farnsworth attend the Eastern camp-meetings. (See p. 4)

2. That Eld. R.C. Porter be recommended to attend the Eastern camp-meetings, beginning with that in Virginia.

A letter from J.C. Rogers, requesting a license from the General Conference, was read, and it was voted, ---

3. That we recommend that the Nebraska Conference grant Joel C. Rogers ministerial license, in view of the fact that he is to be located in that Conference (at Union College) during the next year.

The Chair requested that the Committee on Labor take into consideration the matter of providing more help for the camp-meetings in Dist. No. 5.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., August 10.

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NINETEENTH MEETING.

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August 10, 1891. 3:15 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Prescott, Loughborough, Jones, Robinson, White, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer by W.C.White.

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of the relation the health and temperance work and those connected with it should sustain to the cause, presented a report, which, after some consideration, was, upon motion, referred back to the Committee, with instructions to consult with Sister White and others who may be specially interested in it.

The Committee appointed on educational fund reported as follows:---

1. "We would recommend that a fund be raised to be known as the General Educational Fund.

2. That this fund be loaned to worthy students, under the direction of the General Conference Committee, unless specific directions be given by the donors; and that the one fund be used to assist students in the different schools of the denomination.

3. That notice of this fund be published in the "Review" and such other papers as may be thought best, that all who wish to do so, may have a chance to contribute."

W.W.Prescott,

Committee:

W.C.White,

Dan.T.Jones."

The report was adopted.

It was voted that a committee of three, of which the Chair shall be one, have the charge of this matter.

The Committee on program for Ministerial Institutes presented the following report, which was adopted.

"1 Six days.

2. Four hours per day.

3. 8:30---12:00.

4. Four hours per day of Bible study, and one hour for special work, such as social service, etc.

5. That the special line of Bible study to be taken up at each institute be determined by the teachers!"

The Committee on plans for the Bible School presented, through Eld. Loughborough, a report, which was adopted.

It was voted to request Eld.E.G.Olsen to visit as many of the Scandinavian churches in this country as he can before the opening of Union College this fall.

It was voted to encourage J.M.Ericksen to locate at Lincoln, Nebraska, and buy a place.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

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TWENTIETH MEETING.

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August 10, 1891, 8:45. P.M.

Present: Olsen, Prescott, Jones, Kilgore, White,  
Robinson, and Colcord.

Voted that Eld. J..S. Washburn be recommended to attend  
the Institutes in Districts No. 2 and 1.

The Committee on Labor presented the following additional  
report, which was adopted:---

21. "That Eld. E. W. Farnsworth attend the camp-  
meetings in Missouri, Arkansas, and Colorado."

Adjourned to meet in Battle Creek.

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TWENTY-FIRST MEETING.

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August 16, 1891. 4:30 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, White, Loughborough, Robinson,  
Jones.

The Secretary being absent during first of meeting,  
D.T.Jones was elected Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the last two meetings read and approved.

Moved, By Eld. Robinson, that R.C.Porter make the New -  
England Conference his field of labor. Carried.

The Chair appointed S.N.Haskell and A.T.Robinson to  
consider the canvassing work in the French.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

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TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

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August 19, 1891. 11:15 A.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Jones, Prescott, White, Kilgore, and Robinson.

Prayer by prof. Prescott.

In the absence of the Secretary, A.T. Robinson was chosen to act as Secretary pro tem.

The following recommendations/was presented by a majority of the Board of Managers of the Central Bible School:---

"Three of the five members of the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bible School, at an informal meeting held August 18, 1891, recommended:---

(1), That N.C. Mc Clure and wife, of California, be invited to take charge of the Bible School, in place of G.B. Starr and wife, who have been called to go to Australia.

(2) That E.J. Waggoner spend three months at the Chicago Bible School, instead of two, as proposed.

(3) That the General Conference Committee consider the advisability of inviting Miss Julia Parmele to connect with the Bible School of Chicago, in the employ of the Illinois Conference."

J.N. Loughborough,

Members of Board:

G.B. Starr,

W.W. Prescott."

On motion to adopt the report, it was voted that recommendation two be stricken out. Carried. The report as amended was then adopted.

D.T. Jones was requested by the Chair to write to Eld. Mc Clure informing him of the action of the Board, and asking him to reply by telegram, stating whether he can accept of the recommendations to come to Chicago or not.

D.T. Jones, L.C. Chadwick, and W.C. White severally tendered their resignations as members of the Committee on the World's Fair.

On separate motions the resignations were accepted.

Moved, and carried, that Eld. L. Mc Coy and Prof. W.W. Prescott be elected to fill two of the vacancies on the World's Fair Committee, caused by the above resignations, and that the President and Secretary of the General Conference be and hereby are authorized to fill the remaining vacancy.

The following communication was received from the General Canvassing Agent:---

"To the General Conference Committee:---

"Please consider the advisability of my appointing Bro. J. M. Craig to go to District No. 2, to engage in the canvassing work, as General Agent for the Cumberland Mission field."

L. C. Shadwick,  
Gen'l Canv. Agent."

The Committee voted in favor of Bro. Craig's appointment.

The resignation of A. T. Robinson as a member of the Committee on Transportation was presented, and on motion accepted.

Voted, That R. C. Porter be elected to fill the vacancy on the Transportation Committee caused by Bro. Robinson's resignation.

On motion, the vote of the Committee to accept the resignation of A. R. Henry, as a member of the Committee on Transportation was re-considered.

Voted, That D. T. Jones and R. M. Kilgore be a committee to confer with A. R. Henry in reference to his resignation before final action is taken.

The Committee to whom had been referred the matter of encouraging Bro. John Vuilleumier to gain some experience in the field as a public speaker, reported as follows:---

"Your Committee to confer with John Vuilleumier, would say that he has had a desire to gain some experience in the direction of the work of the ministry; and further, that he is acquainted with Eld. O. O. Farnsworth, and looks with favor upon the proposition that he go East to labor with him, and will be ready to go in a few days."

Committee: S. N. Haskell,  
A. T. Robinson."

Voted, to re-consider the vote that Eld. H. W. Decker make Illinois his field of labor; and on motion, it was voted to defer action on the question until a future meeting.

Moved and seconded, That we authorize the publication of twenty-six of the Bible readings prepared by Eld.S.N.Haskell, on the subject of offerings, in season to be distributed at the October quarterly meeting, and that we request the Publication Committee of the General Conference Association to take charge of the work. Carried.

On motion, it was voted to make an appropriation of \$50/00 toward defraying the expenses of the laborers in the Virginia and West Virginia Conferences, in attending the Institute in District No. 1.

Voted, that we request Eld. Olsen to prepare an article for publication in the "Review," calling attention to the importance of the Ministerial Institutes to be held in the several General Conference Districts.

A request was presented from the Board of Managers of the James White Memorial Home, that this Committee counsel them as to the advisability of calling for a special collection to be taken in all the churches of our people to assist in the maintenance of such an institution; also devoting one quarter's contributions of the Sabbath-schools for that purpose.

Voted, To recommend that the Sabbath-school contributions for the first quarter of 1892, be devoted to the maintenance of the James White Memorial Home.

Voted, That that part of the request from the managers of the Orphans' Home, relating to calling for a collection from all the churches of our people, be referred to a committee of three, appointed by the Chair.

Elders Haskell, Robinson, and Kilgore were named as said Committee.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

O. A. Olsen,  
Chairman.

A. T. Robinson,  
Sec. pro. tem.

TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

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August 19, 1891. 6:30 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, White, Kilgore, Robinson, and Jones.

Prayer by Eld. White.

Minutes read and approved.

D.T. Jones was elected Secretary pro tem., in the absence of the Secretary.

Moved, by Eld. Haskell, that the General Conference appropriate \$1000 to the International Tract Society for present work. Carried.

Moved, By Eld. White that \$3500 more be appropriated on condition that the publishing houses consent to appropriate to the General Conference sufficient funds to pay the wages of the General and District Sanvassing Agents, since June 30, 1890. Carried.

Elder Olsen raised the question of an assistant for himself to take the place of Bro. Nelson, who has been assigned to other work.

Moved, by Eld. Haskell, that H. Edson Rogers be employed as stenographer to Eld. Olsen. Carried.

Moved, By Eld. White, that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to employ a stenographer for the Secretary's Office. Carried.

The following report was presented:---

"Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of advising the James White Memorial Home Board, with reference to the propriety of calling for a special contribution from all the churches of our people, report as follows:---

We recommend, that as far as possible we encourage the liberalities of our people in sustaining the various branches of our work,, through the regular systems which have been adopted and approved by us; but as to making another special call for contributions, as proposed, we would not think it advisable for another general call for this same object, at present:"

Committee:

S.N.Haskell  
A.T.Robinson,  
R.M.Kilgore."

The report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to confer with Bro. Henry in reference to his resignation on the Transportation Committee, reported that Bro. Henry has consented to remain in his position on that Committee, for the present.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

O. A. Olsen,  
Chairman.

Dan.T.Jones,  
Sec. pro. tem.

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TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

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August 20, 1891. 10:00 A.M.

Present: Olsen, White, Kilgore, Prescott, Jones.  
Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.  
The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Eld. Gassen raised the question whether he should attend the Nebraska camp-meeting. In consideration of the fact that so many things need attention at the present time, the Committee advised that he withdraw his engagement for that meeting.

Eld. Wakeham came before the Committee for instruction in regard to attending the Institute in Dist. No. 2, in the interests of the health work. He stated that his plan was to give a course of instruction on Bible hygiene, based on the Bible and the "Testimonies," weaving in some practical instruction on physiology, the preparation of foods, etc.

The following program was arranged for the Southern Institute:---

TIME, SEPTEMBER 11 TO OCTOBER 12, 1891.

DAILY PROGRAM.

Opening Exercises,	- - - - -	8:30-	- - -	9:00 A.M.
Bible Study,	- - - - -	9:00	- -	11:00 "
Church Work, etc.,	- - - - -	11:00	- -	12:00 "
Dinner,	- - - - -	- - -	- -	1:00
Bible Study,	- - - - -	4:00	- -	5:00 P.M.
Health Study,	- - - - -	5:00	- -	6:00 P.M.
Evening Service,	- - - - -	7:30	- -	9:00 P.M.

A memorial from the citizens of Graysville, Tenn., in reference to locating a school at that point, was presented to the Committee, and after a careful reading, was referred to the Superintendent of Dist. No. 2.

The following resignation was presented:---

"To the General Conference Committee:---

"Having accepted the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board to labor in South Africa, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the General Conference Committee, and Superintendent of Dist. No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
A.T. Robinson."

Battle Creek, Mich., August 19, 1891."

The resignation was accepted, to take effect November 15, 1891.

The report of the Committee appointed to define the relations which the health work sustains to our general work, was called up, and adopted. The text of the report is as follows:

"Whereas, The health work is a part of the third angel's message, which is to prepare a people for translation, and should therefore receive its due share of attention from the denomination; and,---

Whereas, Organization and discipline are essential to success in this as in other branches of work; and,---

Whereas, This branch of our work must be protected against the influence of those who may engage in it from selfish motives, who, not being actuated by the fear of God and the love of the truth, may prostitute the work and destroy its influence for good; therefore,---

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Committee that those who labor in this branch of the message, bear the same relation to it that the ministry and those engaged in other branches of the work do, and should work in harmony with, and under the advice of the General Conference; and that institutions raised up in the providence of God, under the counsel of the body, to develop the principles of healthful living, to heal the sick, and to educate men and women to go forth as medical missionaries, should be sustained by the officers and ministers of the General Conference and the State Conferences; and that no encouragement should be given to those who, by taking an independent course, not only show that they do not respect organization, but also that they fail to recognize in the health work a part of the third angel's message, and thus refuse to unite their interests with those who are giving that message."

Committee:

O. A. Olsen,  
D. T. Jones,  
S. N. Haskell,  
J. N. Loughborough,  
W. C. White."

Adjourned to call of Chair.

O. A. Olsen,  
Chairman.

D. T. Jones,  
Sec. pro tem.

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING.

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August 26, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Kilgore, White, Jones, Prescott, and Colcord.

The following recommendations were adopted:---

1. That W.C.White go with D.T.Jones to Walla Walla, Wash., on his way to the Pacific Coast.
2. That we withdraw the recommendation that I.D. Van Horn make District No. 1 his field or labor.
3. That Eld. Van Horn make Battle Creek his principal field of labor for a time.
4. That E.W.Farnsworth make Michigan his principal field, instead of Upper Columbia Conference.
5. That Eld. Farnsworth leave the Arkansas camp-meeting as soon as he can and come to the Michigan camp-meeting.
6. That we withdraw the recommendation that J.N. Loughborough make Michigan his principal field of labor.
7. That we withdraw the recommendation that D.T.Jones take the presidency of the Upper Columbia Conference.
8. That Geo.B.Starr attend the Colorado camp-meeting on his way to the Pacific Coast.

Meeting adjourned.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

W.A.Colcord,  
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TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING.

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August 27, 1891: 10:30 A.M.

Present: Olsen, White, Prescott, Jones, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer by Eld. W. C. White.

The matter of conducting classes in the French language, in the Battle Creek College the coming year, was considered, and upon motion, the Chair appointed W. W. Prescott, W. C. White, and D. T. Jones as a Committee to consider the matter.

The Chair read an interesting letter he had received from Elder Loughborough, in regard to the Ohio camp-meeting, and a proposition that Delmar Loughborough and wife connect with the Cleveland mission.

The following communication was read before the Committee:---

"Battle Creek, Mich., August 19, 1891.

"To the General Conference Committee:---

"Dear Brethren:---

Now that it is decided for me to spend a year or more in visiting different foreign fields, in several of which there are persons who desire baptism, I thought you might wish to consider the question of the ordination of your unworthy servant and granting me ministerial credentials. You know I have had but little chance to develop in this line of work, but it seems to me it would add to my facilities for accomplishing good results on the trip.

Respectfully,

L. C. Chadwick."

Action on the matter was deferred.

The matter of filling the vacancy on the General Conference Committee caused by the resignation of Eld. A. T. Robinson, was considered. Several names were suggested, but no choice was made.

Adjourned to Monday, August 31.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

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August 31, 1891. 7:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Prescott, Jones, Kilgore, White, and Colcord.

Prayer by Eld.R.M.Kilgore.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Voted, That Capt. J.E.Werge (145 36th St. South Brooklyn, N.Y.) be paid \$12.00 per week for his work in New York City, the profits on his book sales to be turned on to the General Conference.

Prof. Prescott stated that his account had not yet been audited. Upon motion, the Chairman, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary were appointed as a Committee to audit his account.

The matter of supplying the vacancy on the General Conference Committee was considered, but it was thought that it would probably be as well to leave the place unfilled for a time.

On account of a telegram just received from N.C.Me Clure, stating that he can not come to Chicago to take charge of the school there this year, and as the Committee are not expected to be together for some time again, it was---

Voted, That O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, and J.N.Loughborough be a Committee in regard to the Chicago School, with full power to act.

Eld.W.C.White brought up the subject of blanks, and on motion, W.C.White, W.A.Colcord, and W.H.Edwards were appointed a Committee on blanks.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING.

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At a brief meeting held Tuesday morning, September 1, 1891, the question of ordaining L.C. Chadwick before he starts on his contemplated missionary tour, was brought up, and upon motion, O.A. Olsen, W.W. Prescott, and J.N. Loughborough were selected as a committee to consider the matter, with power to act.

Adjourned sine die.

O.A. Olsen,  
Chairman.

W.A. Colcord,  
Sec.

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Kilgore resigned and Loughborough elected, April 2, 1891.

Present members: L. Mc Coy, J.H. Kellogg, W.W. Prescott,

C. Eldridge, J.N. Loughborough, A. Moon. *L. C. Chadwick, Sec.*



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION OF L.C.CHADWICK.

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The Committee appointed by the General Conference Committee, consisting of O.A.Olsen, J.N.Loughborough, and W.W.Prescott, to whom was referred, with power to act, the question of the ordination of L.C.Chadwick, met at 10:00 A.M., September 18, 1891. Bro. Chadwick was present by invitation. After full and free discussion of the question, occupying two hours, the Committee was unanimous in their decision that Bro. Chadwick should be ordained to the work of the ministry.

Committee:                      O.A.Olsen,  
   W.W.Prescott,  
   J.N.Loughborough.

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The ordination took place in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan, Sabbath, September 19, 1891, at noon, Elders O.A.Olsen, U. Smith, J.N.Loughborough, and J.O.Corliss officiating; Elder Loughborough preaching the ordination sermon from 2 Cor. 5: 20, Elder Olsen offering the prayer, and Elder Smith giving the charge.

W.A.Colcord,  
Sec. Gen. Conf.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,  
Held October 15th, 1891.

*Special-union meeting*

7:00 P.M.

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Present: Olsen, Prescott, Loughborough, Kilgore, Jones,  
and Colcord.

Prayer was offered by Prof. Prescott.

Minutes of last meetings held August 31 and September 1,  
read and approved.

The matter of disposing of the General Conference  
library, by selling it to Union College, was considered.

On motion, it was voted, to let Union College have the  
General Conference library at invoice price, on two years' time,  
without interest, the understanding being that the "American  
Cyclopedia" shall not be included.

Elder Loughborough introduced, at the request of Allen  
Moon, a resolution passed August 18, 1891, by the N.R.L. Executive  
Committee, requesting that a stenographer be employed in the  
Chicago Office of the N.R.L. Association.

The matter of the General Conference taking the editor-  
ship of the "Signs of the Times" in charge, and bearing the ex-  
pense of the same, was brought up for consideration and action.

Elder Jones read a communication from the Pacific Press  
in response to the proposition proposed to them in accordance  
with the action of the General Conference Committee as passed in a  
meeting held August 6, 1891, the Press accepting of the plan  
suggested.

It was voted to allow the Pacific Press \$1500.00 per  
year for editorial work on the "Signs of the Times," and to appoint  
Elder M.C. Wilcox as editor for one year, beginning November 1,  
1891.

Voted, That the editor of the "Signs" be instructed to  
summarize the reports from the field for use in the department  
under heading "Progress of the Work."

It was voted to suggest that the Sabbath-school lessons  
in the "Signs" should not be gotten up in such a way as to make a  
separate and independent style of lessons from those used in  
pamphlet form by the denomination.

On motion, the suggestions of the Pacific Press  
Committee as to make-up of the paper, were approved, with the  
exception of the point embraced in the foregoing action.

Elder Jones read a list of the contributors to the papers suggested by the Pacific Press Committee.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to consider this matter, and select a list, to be notified by the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference that it is desired shall contribute to the paper, after which the list shall be turned over to the editor for him to correspond with the different individuals as to the special subject upon which it is desired that each shall write.

The Chair appointed as said Committee D.T.Jones, R.M. Kilgore, and W.A.Colcord.

It was voted that only the name of the editor appear on the paper, without that of any editorial or other contributor.

Voted, That ministerial credentials be issued to Elder G.W.Colcord, and to J.W.Scoles as soon as he is ready to go into the work.

Voted, That ministerial license be granted to F.T.Purdham

Voted, That we issue a Year Book for 1892.

On motion, W.A.Colcord, W.A.Spicer, and A.O.Fait were appointed editors of the Year Book.

Voted, to request the Editorial Committee to formulate an outline for the Year Book, and present it to the General Conference Committee.

It was voted that the matter of holding a general canvassers' convention this year, be left to O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, B.T.Jones, and R.A.Underwood, with power to act.

It was voted that Capt.J.E.Werge be advised to attend the Ministerial Institute in Dist. No. 1.

Meeting adjourned.

W.A.Colcord,  
Sec.

THIRTIETH MEETING.

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Oct. 15, 1891. 9:00 P.M.

The Secretary being absent, D.T.Jones was elected  
Secretary pro tem.

Elder Olsen stated that some things were coming up  
concerning the work in the Upper Columbia Conference. Perhaps  
Elder Decker will resign, and in case he does, some provision  
should be made to meet the emergency.

It was moved by Elder Loughborough, that O.A.Olsen,  
J.N.Loughborough, R.M.Kilgore, and D.T.Jones, be a committee,  
with power to act, in this matter. Carried.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

D.T.Jones,  
Sec. pro tem.

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MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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First Meeting.

Oct. 16, 1891. 3:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Jones, Kilgore, Prescott, H.W.Decker, and Colcord.

Prayer was offered by Elder Decker.

The meeting was called for the purpose of giving Elder Decker opportunity to present some matters before the Committee. After stating the condition of some things in the Upper Columbia Conference, and of the attitude of certain individuals there toward him, he presented in writing his resignation, as follows:---

"Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 16, 1891.

"Dear Brethren of the General Conference Committee:---

Feeling that some one else can serve the interests of the cause better in the Upper Columbia Conference, I hereby tender my resignation as President of the Conference, to take effect when in your judgment it may be thought best.

H.W.Decker."

Upon motion, the resignation was accepted, with the understanding that it take effect when some one is selected to take his place.

Meeting adjourned.

W.A.Colcord,  
Sec.

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MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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Second Meeting.

Oct. 19, 1891. 2:30 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Prescott, Jones, Kilgore, and Colcord.

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

The meeting was called to consider who should be recommended to take Elder H.W.Decker's place as President of the Upper Columbia Conference, in view of his resignation.

Voted, That we refer Eld. Decker's resignation to the Upper Columbia Conference Committee, with a statement that we look upon it favorably, and would suggest that Eld.D.T.Jones be appointed to fill the vacancy.

In regard to supplying Eld.S.N.Haskell with a stenographer, it was,---

Voted, as the sense of this Committee that we recognize Eld. Haskel's need of a stenographer, and that he should have one, and recommend that he engage one on the Pacific Coast.

The matter of holding the next meeting of the Conference Committee was considered.

It was voted that the next meeting of the General Conference Committee be held at Battle Creek, Michigan, beginning Thursday, at 10:00 A.M., March 18, 1892, and to continue two weeks.

Voted, That we would indorse the plan of having Elder O.O.Farnsworth go to Washington, D.C., if it can be brought about.

Voted, that the Gaeral Canvassing Agent call together the Sate and District Canvassing Agents for consultation and instruction, as he may think best.

Meeting adjourned.

W.A.Colcord,  
Sec.

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