

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Winter Council, 1893.

First Meeting.

Jan. 20, 1893. Friday 10:00 A. M.

Members present: Olsen, Loughborough, Underwood, Prescott, and Kilgore, Eld. Underwood having arrived during the night.

The meeting was opened by prayer in which all engaged.

Minutes of the last meeting held August 1 and 4, were read and approved. The following minutes of the two meetings held January 18 and 19 by four members of the Committee were read and accepted, and the actions were approved:---

Meeting of four members, (Olsen, Loughborough, Kilgore, Prescott) General Conference Committee. Wednesday Jan. 18, 1893 at 10:00 A. M.

There not being a quorum present, no regular business could be transacted. The first half hour was spent in remarks by Eld. Olsen and others, followed by prayer in which all joined.

A communication from Eld. Conradi was presented, ⁱⁿ and regard to the need of additional help in the German department of Union College during his absence attending the Institute and General Conference. Several names were suggested, among others that of Prof. Kunz. It was decided by the members present that Prof. Prescott be requested to see Bro. Eldridge in regard to Prof. Kunz being released from work in the "Review & Herald" and secured to assist in teaching in the common branches, and perhaps in history in the German department of the College during Eld. Conradi's absence.

Another communication from Eld. Griggs in regard to caring for a certain gentleman by the name of August Heibler during the General Conference was read. It was the opinion that Bro. Griggs should be requested to see to providing for and taking care of Mr. Heibler during his stay here at the Institute and General Conference, it being understood that whatever expense was incurred above that met by contributions raised by the church where Mr. Heibler is now staying, should

be borne by the General Conference.

The members adjourned to meet at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

The same members met again at the appointed time Thursday January 19, none others having arrived since the meeting Wednesday.

It was decided to appoint Eld's Loughborough and Kilgore as a committee to work up a programme for the General Conference.

Some other matters were talked over, but no further actions were taken, the members adjourning to meet again Friday January 20, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

At this point Eld. Haskell came in, having arrived early in the morning.

The chairman made some remarks in regard to reports from District Superintendents, remarking that it would be desirable to have them as brief as possible, each one to occupy perhaps not over ten minutes reading.

Upon motion it was voted that Eld. Haskell be appointed to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Eld. Smith to conduct the five lessons on the study of the Bible (the importance of and the best methods) during the Institute.

1. In view of the fact that the Nebraska Conference has made a request that Eld. H. Grant of Minnesota be permitted to go to College View, Nebr., to labor in the spiritual interests of the College and the brethren at that place, the committee passed a motion favoring the request with a view that the same be recommended to the Committee in Distribution of Labor at the coming General Conference.

2. A motion to likewise recommend that Eld. P. H. Cady of Wisconsin, come to Battle Creek, to engage in like work was also passed.

3. Another ^{like} recommendation for Eld. J. H. Durland to come to labor in the Battle Creek church was made.

The chairman presented some suggestion in regard to broadening out our plan of Bible and missionary work, for the members to think over.

Prof. Prescott gave in brief an account of his gospel meetings recently held in the Independent Congregational ~~Church~~ Church and Opera House, in Battle Creek; how they started, and his idea of how our work should be carried on in the future.

Adjourned to meet Sunday Jan. 22, at 9:30 A. M.

W. A. Colcord,
Secretary.

W. O. A. Olsen,
Chairman.

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S E C O N D M E E T I N G .

Jan. 22, 1893, 9:30 A. M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Haskell, Underwood, and Kilgore.

After a season of prayer and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the Committee proceeded to the consideration of various matters.

The chairman gave quite an extended report of his trip out West to the Upper Columbia Conference, and how matters in regard to the Walla Walla College and the Milton school property stand at the present time. He expressed his thankfulness that the College enterprise out there had not been abandoned, and his satisfaction at its present patronage and future outlook. The Milton property he stated had been purchased by Mrs. Dr. Johnson and her husband, who intend to fit it up for a sanitarium to be placed in the hands of the General Conference and conducted under its direction. Plans he thought should be laid whereby our ~~delegates~~ ^{delegates} should be duly authorized by and receive credentials from the General Conference as are other general laborers in other lines of work in the cause. Some recent testimonies upon the matter of binding laborers in this line more closely to the general work, and also upon the subject of "Formality and not organization Our Danger," were read.

He ^{stated} said that he thought the plan of having District Canvassing Agents had served its purpose, and that it should be abolished, and thus save a needless expense. In his opinion to have a General Canvassing Agent who devotes all his time to this line of work, to work in connection with State Agents, was sufficient.

He also made some remarks in regard to the work and duties of General Conference District Superintendents. He thought they should be relieved from taking the presidency of State Conferences, and left as free as possible to look after the different lines of work in their districts, and expressed it his opinion that they should send a quarterly report of the work in their districts to the president of the General Conference. He thought the interests of the work in Europe should receive more attention, and perhaps one of the members of the General Conference Committee act or be appointed as general superintendent of the work in that field; and further suggested the ^{advisability} idea of holding a general council in Europe each alternate year with the General Conference.

And in view of the attempts to curtail and embarass us in our work, that will surely be ^{made} done ere long by the enemies of the truth, he thought it would be wise to incorporate in England and perhaps also in this country in some other state than Michigan.

The necessity of doing more for the colored people was also referred to, and extracts from the testimony written in 1888 upon this question read.

Before closing the chairman requested the members to make a memorandum of the wants in their several fields and hand them in to him.

Meeting adjourned to meet Monday Jan. 23, at 9:30 A. M.

W. A. Colcord, Sec'y,

O. A. Olsen,
Chairman.

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T H I R D M E E T I N G .

Jan. 23, 1893. 9:30 A . M.

Present: Olsen, Prescott, Loughborough, Haskell, Kilgore, and Underwood.

The first half hour was devoted to prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on programme for the General Conference submitted a report, but at the request of the chairman it was returned to the committee to be enlarged upon by indicating something of the nature and lines of the work to be considered at the meetings appointed for the sessions of the General Conference.

Disposition of Chicago Mission building.

Eld. Loughborough presented the following for consideration:---

As the training of Bible workers is assuming new phases, and our Mission buildings in Chicago can be turned to account in connection with new lines of work in a manner to relieve the Ill. Conference Association of over one half its embarrassing debts, and as we will then have remaining buildings in Springfield and Bloomington, in which our state office work can be managed, does the General Conference Committee recommend to the Ill. Conf. to avail itself of the present opportunity of disposing of the Chicago Mission property by selling the same to the General Conference?

Upon motion the recommendation suggested was adopted.

Chinese Work in Chicago.

Eld. Loughborough also called attention to the Chinese work in Chicago, stating with what confidence our teachers seem to be received by the Chinese in this city, and the apparent adaptability of Bro. and Sr. Brand to this line of work. In view of this, it was,

4. ~~that~~ Voted,-- that Bro. and Sr. Brand be recommended to engage ~~g~~ in missionary work among the Chinese in Chicago, under the direction of the General Conference.

The educational interests and some other matters were talked upon for a time, but no further actions taken.

Adjourned to meet at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

W. A. Colcord, Sec'y.

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FOURTH MEETING.

Jan. 23, 1893. 3:00 P. M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Prescott, Loughborough, Underwood, and Kilgore.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Underwood.

Minutes of the forenoon meeting read and approved.

It was voted to recommend,---

5. That G. A. Irwin take the presidency of the Wisconsin conference.

6. That H. M. Mitchell take the presidency of the Ohio conference.

7. That C. Mc Reynolds take the presidency of the Kansas conference.

8. That J. B. Beckner take the presidency of the Arkansas conference.

9. That E. E. Andross take the presidency of the Maine conference.

10. That J. B. Goodrich labor in the Wisconsin conference.

11. That E. T. Russell go to Oklahoma to labor in connection with Eld. Brock.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 9:30 A. M.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

F I F T H M E E T I N G .

Jan. 24, 1893. 9:30 A. M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Underwood, Prescott.

Meeting opened with a season of prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Continuing the line of work of the last meeting, it was voted to recommend,--

12. That J. W. Bagby go to the Upper Columbia Conference it being understood that he go, in accordance with his personal suggestion, at his own expense.

~~13.~~ 13. That L. Dyo Chambers go to the Upper Columbia conference to connect with the Tract Society work in that field.

14. That D. T. Fero go to the North Pacific conference and labor in that field.

15. That J. F. Hansen go to ^{12 Cal.} Chicago in the interests of the Scandinavian work in that city.

Upon motion of Prof. Prescott, it was,

Voted,--as the sense of this committee that the General Conference Committee should be enlarged to consist of thirteen members, to be distributed in the home and foreign fields as the work seems to demand, and that five members constitute a quorum.

16. Voted that L. A. Hoops be recommended to take the presidency of the New England conference.

17. That C. W. Falize be recommended to labor in Manitoba, under the direction of the Superintendent of Dist. No. 4.

Adjourned to meet at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

S I X T H M E E T I N G .

Jan. 24, 1893. 3:00 P. M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood and Prescott.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Loughborough.

Minutes of the forenoon meeting read and approved.

It was voted to recommend,--

18. That E. W. Farnsworth go to Australasia to labor in that field.

19. That Mathew Larson labor in New England.

20. That I. D. Van Horn labor in Iowa.

21. That Sr. Anna L. Ingels go to Sydney Australia to assist in the Tract Society work, and that she sail as soon as she can consistently.

22. That W. F. Williams go to South Africa to assist Sister Druillard.

23. That it be the sense of the committee that work among the colored people in the South be taken up, and that two persons, who will volunteer to engage in this line of work, be employed for the purpose.

24. That Prof. Prescott be requested to select a man and his wife to engage in teaching among the colored people in the South.

25. That Thomas Emory and wife be suggested as proper persons to move to and locate in some foreign field as representatives of the truth.

It was voted that Eld^s Loughborough, Haskell, and Underwood be a committee to suggest others to move into new fields to hold forth the light of truth.

Voted also that we consider Melbourne, Australia, London England, and Hamburg, Germany as cities to which the General Conference should appropriate means for the purpose of erecting churches.

~~Voted that steps be taken at the coming General Conference~~

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Voted that steps be taken at the coming General Conference to open up the work in India.

26. Voted that Hurbert W. Lacey be recommended to go back to Australia to assist in the school work there.

Adjourned to 9:30 A. M. Jan. 25.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

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S E V E N T H M E E T I N G .

Jan. 25, 1893. 9:30 A. M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Haskell, Underwood, Prescott and Kilgore.

After a season of prayer and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the chairman read a communication from Eld. W. C. White in regard to planning for general organizations, but under the General Conference, for Europe and Australasia. The chairman said he thought nothing should be planned so as to interfere with the general supervision and work legitimately belonging to the General Conference, as that is the highest organized authority under God on the earth; but he thought the idea of the organization of district conferences a feasible one.

It was voted as the sense of the committee that it would be advisable to divide up the field, wherever the work has assumed sufficient proportions, into districts; and that conferences, under the General Conference, be organized in these several districts, to take the oversight of the work in them.

Voted that the chair appoint two to act with himself as a committee to take into consideration the plan proposed. He appointed as the other two members, Elders Haskell and Kilgore.

It was voted that Eld^rs Underwood and Loughborough be a committee to visit Elder Smith Sharp to ascertain his present standing and condition, and report back to the General Conference Committee.

Voted as the sense of the committee that D. T. Shireman, S. H. Shaw and A. Barry should be ordained.

27. Voted that we recommend that A. F. Ballenger be appointed to take charge of the religious liberty work in Dist. No. 2.

Voted that Prof. Prescott and Eld. Kilgore be a committee to present resolutions in regard to the school at Graysville, Tenn.

Adjourned to meet at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

W. A. Colcord,

Sec'y.

E I G H T H M E E T I N G .

Jan. 25, 1893. 3:00 P. M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Prescott, Kilgore and Underwood.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Loughborough.

Minutes read and one or two additions made.

Upon motion it was voted to recommend, ---

28. That L. C. Chadwick take the position of Foreign Mission Secretary, and

29. That W. A. Spicer be released from the Secretaryship of the Foreign Mission Board, and go to England to labor there, in response to a request from the brethren in that field to this effect.

Adjourned ~~at~~ 9:30 A. M. Jan. 26.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

N I N T H M E E T I N G .

Jan. 26, 1893. 9:30 A. M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood, Prescott.

The meeting was begun by a season of prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

It was ~~also~~ voted that Eld. I. D. Van Horn be requested to preside at the Bible Institute.

Voted that Prof. Prescott be requested to read the testimony to the brethren and sisters of the Battle Creek Church, which he has recently received, at the forenoon services, Sabbath, January 28.

Some time was devoted to the reading of testimonies in regard to the Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Sanitarium, and to the consideration of the question ~~of the question~~ as to what disposition or turn of affairs should be made of the property and institution in the future. It was suggested that it might be advisable to convert it into an educational institution.

It was voted as the sense of the committee that if arrangements can be made, without assuming the responsibility of the present indebtedness, of the institution, the General Conference take charge of and use the Mt. Vernon, Ohio sanitarium building for the purpose of conducting a school, to be known as the Mt. Vernon Academy.

A request from Eld. A. T. Robonson of South Africa, that arrangements be made for a few copies of the General Conference Bulletin to be mailed ^{regularly} ~~quarterly~~ upon each issue of the paper to the headquarters of each [^]foreign field, was voted to be granted.

The chairman stated that at the afternoon meeting he would like to consider the publishing work.

Adjourned to 3:00 P. M.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

TENTH MEETING.

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Jan. 26, 1893. 8:00 P. M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Haskell, Underwood, Kilgore, and Prescott, Bro. John Nelson being present by invitation.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Kilgore.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

As announced in the forenoon meeting, the publishing work was considered. The chairman stated that it was quite generally known that the General Conference ^{had undertaken in the publishing work and} ~~had undertaken the publishing work~~ were already publishers, though not printers; and that this was begun when the General Conference undertook the publication of the English Hymnbook. From Bro. Nelson it was learned that nineteen publications are already in the hands of the General Conference, as follows:---

- "Great Controversy - - - - -Danish.
- " " - - - - - German.
- " " - - - - - Swedish.
- " " - - - - - French.
- "Patriarchs & "Prophets"- - - -Danish.
- " " - - - -German.
- " " - - - -Swedish.
- " " - - - -French.
- " " - - - -Spanish.

Charts.

"Rise and Progress."

"American State Papers."

English Hymnbook.

Danish "

Swedish "

Dutch "

German "

Spanish Tracts.

"Christ and His Righteousness" in Finnish.

Bro. Nelson stated further that the General Conference Ass'n had invested \$9/000 in the publishing work, and that the profits on sales the past year had amounted to over \$10,000. He thought the arrangements with the London branch of the Pacific Press needed adjustment as the branch was getting all the profits 87
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while the Association was carrying all the financial responsibility and furnishing all the capital. Had there been the same rates allowed in this case as are allowed the Association by the Review and Herald he said he thought the Association could easily have made \$10,000 more the past year on saás.

Upon motion of Prof. Prescott, seconded by Eld. Kilgore, it was voted as the sense of the Committee that the **General Conference Association** should continue in the work of publication on the same general line as has been begun and pursued in the past.

Adjourned to call of chair.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

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Jan. 30, 1893. 4:30 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Underwood,
Prescott and Kilgore.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Kilgore.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Eld. Olsen stated that Eld. D. T. Jones was in a very precarious condition healthwise, having had a hemorage of the lungs on his way from the coast here, and one again this morning, and *that* Dr. Kellogg had informed him that he should take his bed and be as quiet as possible for a time, and then go to the most favorable climate. In view of this, the chairman stated that it would not be consistent for him to be expected to perform the duties which would otherwise devolve upon him, and thought it would be proper for the committee to express itself to the effect that he should be considered released from such duties to do all he can to regain his health.

Upon motion of Prof. Prescott a vote was passed to this effect.

It was voted that Eld. Lewis Johnson be instructed to make arrangements to remain in this country after the General Conference long enough to visit a number of Scandinavian churches before returning to the old cuntry.

The wants of Sr. Marsh, wife of Captain Marsh, (deceased) were presented, and Eld. Olsen voted as a committee to look after her case, with a view to her and her children moving to Battle Creek.

Voted that Eld. Haskell be requested to speak in the Tabernacle next Sabbath on the subject of mission work and our brethren in this country moving to other countries.

Voted that no less than 5,000 copies of each issue of the General Conference Bulletin be published.

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Voted that sufficient stenographic help be provided to secure verbatim reports of such lessons and talks as are desired to appear in this way. Adjourned to call of chair. W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y.

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Feb. 4, 1893. 6:30 P. M.

A meeting of the General Conference Committee was held at Eld. Olsen's house Saturday evening, Feb. 4, at 6:30.

Present: Eld's Olsen, Maskell, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood, Prescott.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Underwood.

W. W. Prescott was appointed secretary pro. tem.

L. C. Chadwick desired to counsel with the committee about matters connected with his recent visit to foreign fields. His first suggestion was that he thought the International Tract Society ought to have its headquarters in London. This raised the question of what the future work of the society would be, which was discussed. Bro. Chadwick thought it ought to publish its own tracts, and that our books ought to have a general denominational imprint. He desired to know whether he should present these points as recommendations in his addresses. No formal action was taken, but it was thought advisable to do so.

Various other matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

Adjourned.

O. A. Olsen, Pres.

W. W. Prescott, Sec'y Pro. Tem.

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Feb. 11, 1893. 8:00 P. M.

The General Conference Committee met at Eld. Olsen's house evening after the Sabbath, Feb. 11.

Present: Eld's Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Prescott, Kilgore, Underwood.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell.

Minutes of the last two meeting read and approved.

The Committee on program for the General Conference presented a report, which was considered for some time. After some suggestions a motion was made and passed that the committee be continued and requested to complete the report in accordance with the suggestions, and have carbon copies of the same made for the members of the General Conference Committee, and presidents of the different societies and associations to consider before final adoption.

Prof. Prescott called the attention of the committee to a proposition for starting a school near Banbridge, Ireland. A Bro. Isaac Bell owns a farm of about seventy acres near the place named, with buildings on it suitable for school purposes. The farm rents for about \$600 per year. Bro. Bell makes two propositions: (1) To turn the whole farm and building over to the General Conference, the Conference to pay him the rent; or (2) to simply turn over the buildings without rent, with certain minor considerations.

Eld. Underwood spoke briefly of the plan and wants for a school in Texas.

A communication of some length from Eld. Butler to the General Conference Committee was read, in which Eld. Butler quite fully and freely expressed his present position and intentions with reference to the work.

Meeting adjourned to Monday, Feb. 13, at 4:00 P. M.

W. A. Colcord,

Sec'y.

FOURTEENTH MEETING.

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A meeting of the General Conference Committee was held at Eld. D. T. Jones' room in the Sanitarium Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1893, at 11:30 A. M.

Present: Eld's Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Prescott.

Prayer by Eld. Underwood.

Bro. C. H. Jones, Wm Saunders and S. C. Stickney of the Pacific were present by invitation.

In the absence of the secretary, W. W. Prescott was chosen pro. tem. Bro. C. H. Jones was invited to lay such matters before the Committee as the Pacific Directors desired to have considered. He stated that they desired to counsel concerning the publishing work, especially about the work in some foreign fields. In bringing the matter to the attention of the Committee he gave a brief history of the establishment of the Pacific Press and its growth, and source of its relations with the Review & Herald Publishing Company, in the division of territory between the two Houses.

The need of establishing a depository in General Conference District No. 5, was presented, accompanied by letters and petitions from Conference and Tract Society officers in that District and the request was made that the Pacific Press should be permitted to have the territory. Facts and arguments were presented to show the propriety of the request. By changes in the manner of supplying foreign fields with books, the manufacture of books had been turned away from the Press, and there was danger that it would become merely a commercial office, in which case those who had means deposited in the Press at a low rate might call for their means and thus embarrass the office. If books for the Australian field and District No. 5 could be manufactured at the Pacific Press, it would relieve the situation. Referring to the London Branch he spoke of proposed changes looking toward a more liberal policy and requested that W. A. Spicer be allowed to take charge of the office in Paternoster Row. Eld. D. T. Jones reviewed the situation briefly, emphasizing points already mentioned.

C. H. Jones spoke of the work done by the Press in educating laborers for other fields.

S. C. Stickney spoke a few words in harmony with what had been said. Some general remarks and questions followed.

Eld. Olsen called Eld. Loughborough to the chair and spoke at some length on the relations between the publishing work and the denomination, showing how the canvassing work, which had been fostered by the General Conference, had contributed to the growth and prosperity of the Publishing Houses. He spoke of the publishing work undertaken by the General Conference Association, and of the propriety of continuing and enlarging that work. He emphasized the fact that the denomination ought to control the Publishing Houses, and not the Publishing Houses the denomination. ✓

The work in London was taken up as an illustration, in view of the great work which the General Conference must do in that field. The revenue, he said, from the publishing work should go to the denomination for the enlargement of the general work. He did not wish to ignore the interests of the Publishing Houses, and the present situation of the Pacific Press, but thought there were general principles involved which needed careful consideration.

C. H. Jones spoke again, referring to the fact that the profits on book work were needed in order to support the office in carrying on other non-paying work. Its manufacturers' profit was not sufficient to support an office, he was sure. He thought some way could be devised by which the profits could all accrue to the denomination. He suggested that the General Conference could take sufficient stock to control the institution.

Adjourned to 4:00 P. M.

O. A. Olsen, Pres.

W. W. Prescott, Sec'y Pro. Tem.

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Feb. 14, 1893. Tuesday 4:00 P. M.

The General Conference Committee met at Eld. D. T. Jones' room in the Sanitarium (room 585).

Members present: Eld's Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Prescott, Jones, Underwood, and Kilgore.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell.

Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

The program for the General Conference was first considered. It was decided by vote that the hour for the morning devotional meeting be appointed for 8:30 to 9:45 A. M. The program was adopted as follows, with the understanding that it was subject to change as necessity may require:---

(See General Conference Bulletin for Feb. 17).

After considering the list of Committees presented by the President, for some time, the Committee adjourned to meet at the General Conference rooms Wednesday, at 12:00 noon.

O.A.Olsen,
Chairman.

W.A.Colcord,
Sec'y.

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Feb. 15, 1893. 12:00 (noon).

Present: Elders Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Prescott, Kilgore and Underwood.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Kilgore.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

An item in the program was considered, and upon motion Eld. U. Smith was voted to take the place of Eld. G. C. Tenney for sermon for Sabbath, February 25.

The chairman then brought up for further consideration the list names proposed for committees for the General Conference.

It was voted that Prof. Prescott's last Sabbath sermon be gotten out in tract form after whatever revision and enlargement Bro. Prescott desires to make upon it.

Meeting adjourned to 12:00, noon, Feb. 16.

W. A. Colcord,

Sec'y

O. A. Olsen,

Chairman.

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Feb. 22, 1893 Wednesday 1:30 P. M.

Members Present: Elders Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Jones, Prescott, and Underwood.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The meeting was called to consider again the recommendations for change of laborers before presenting them to the Committee on Distribution of Labor, and see if any changes in the recommendations should be made.

30. It was voted that recommendation 16, (p. 8,) that of L. A. Hoopes for the presidency of the New England Conference be stricken from the list.

31. That L. A. Hoopes take the place of E. E. Andross for the presidency of the Maine Conference. See Recommendation 9, p. 7.

32. That J. F. Rees be recommended to take the place of J. B. Beckner, (recommendation 8, p. 7) for the presidency of the Arkansas Conference.

33. That recommendation 5, p. 7, for G. A. Irwin to take the presidency of the Wisconsin Conference, be rescinded.

34. That J. W. Watt take the presidency of the Wisconsin Conference.

35. That Rodney S. Owen be recommended to labor in Georgia with W. A. Mc Cutchen.

Goodrich 36. That recommendation 10, p. 7, be stricken, and J. B. Beckner be recommended to take the presidency of ~~Arkansas~~ the Province of Quebec Conference.

37. That H. M. Mitchell take the presidency of the Indiana Conference.

38. That J. B. Beckner be recommended to labor in South Carolina.

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Eld. D. T. Jones spoke of the necessity of young men and women in the denomination being educated in various languages, such as the Spanish, Italian, Portugese, Japanese, etc., with the idea of their becoming translators.

Eld. Olsen expressed himself in favor of this, but though the best plan for accomplishing it was to send these individuals to the fields where these languages are spoken and ~~are~~ used.

Meeting adjourned to call of chair.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec.

O. A. Olsen,
Chairman.

E I G H T E E N T H M E E T I N G .

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The General Conference Committee met for a short season in the Tabernacle Friday afternoon, Feb. 24.

Members Present: Elders Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Kilgore, Prescott, Jones and Underwood.

The following memorial in the form of preambles and resolution passed at a joint meeting of the Wisconsin and South Dakota Conference Committees was brought up before the Committee for action.

WHEREAS South Dakota Conf. Com. accepted Eld. C. W. Olds as a laborer in their Conference upon the recommendation of the Wisconsin Conf. Com., and

WHEREAS The Wis. Conf. Com. has since then seen sufficient reasons to withdraw said recommendation, because a difficulty has been found to exist between Bro. Olds and the church of which he is a member; and

WHEREAS South Dakota Conference has not found Eld. Olds to do sufficient ministerial ~~work~~ labor as was expected in their Conference.

THEREFORE, The Conference Com.^s of Wisconsin and South Dakota jointly agree in asking the General Conference to return Eld. Olds to Wisconsin, and that his connections with the South Dakota Conference cease; and we further request that this matter shall not come up in General Conference session, and we also urge immediate action.

(Signed) J. W. Westphal,
Sec. Wis. Conf. Com. and So. Dak.
Conf. Com. in joint session.

Upon motion the memorial was accepted, and the Secretary of the Committee instructed to inform the presidents of the two Conferences named that their memorial had been accepted; and also to communicate to Eld. C. W. Olds the decision in regard to his case.

W. A. Colcord,
Secretary,

G. A. Olsen,
Chairman.

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A meeting of the General Conference Committee was held at Eld. Olsen's house Saturday evening Feb. 25, at 6:00 o'clock.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Underwood, Killgore, Prescott. By invitation L. C. Chadwick, W. E. Edwards, and J. N. Nelson were also present.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell.

Some matters connected with the financial management of L. C. Chadwick were presented for consideration, and Eld. Olsen made a brief statement of the situation. Bro. Chadwick spoke briefly about his embarrassment under the circumstances, and stated that things looked very much against him, but that he was conscious of his innocence in everything. He made some explanations concerning one of the transactions, and stated that he had documents in his possession which would prove the correctness of his statements, but he did not show them as he did not wish to involve the name of another party. There was a general discussion of the situation which was participated in by all present, and Bro. Chadwick was urged to do everything in his power to clear up matters before they became public, as this would bring a reproach upon the work, even though he should afterwards prove his entire innocence.

Adjourned.

O. A. Olsen,
Chairman

W. W. Prescott, Sec. Pro Tem

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T W E N T I E T H M E E T I N G .
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At a meeting of the General Conference Committee and the delegates of District No. 3 was held in the South Vestry of the Tabernacle, at 8:00 P. M., Elder O. A. Olsen presiding. J. O. Corliss was chosen Secretary.

The subject for consideration before the meeting was how the \$15,000 for the enlargement of Battle Creek College should be ^{appropriated} ~~appropriated~~ to the different Conferences in the District.

After much discussion and various propositions, it was Moved, by Bre. I. H. Evans, that "Provided, Ohio goes ahead with her contemplated school enterprise, she be released from the obligation of raising any part of the College appropriation, and that the Michigan membership be raised 25 per cent, and that the remaining states of the District be assessed pro rata."

Carried.

Moved, by J. N. Loughborough, that the money raised be used by the General Conference, and be secured to that body, the individuals paying being left to take it as "College stock for General Conference, or direct donation to General Conference, as they see fit."

Carried.

The Chairman suggested that the money be raised as soon as possible--within two years.

J. O. Corliss,

Sec.

O. A. Olsen,

Chairman

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Spring Session, 1893.

FIRST MEETING.

The General Conference Committee, elected at the 30th session of the S. D. A. General Conference, held their first meeting, at the call of the Chairman, Eld. O. A. Olsen, Friday, 5:30 P.M., March 3, 1893.

Members present: Elds. O. A. Olsen, S. N. Haskell, J. N. Loughborough, R. M. Kilgore, A. J. Breed, J. H. Durland.

Prayer by Eld. S. N. Haskell.

L. T. Nicola was elected secretary pro tem.

The principal reason for the early call of the meeting was explained to be the election of superintendents for the General Conference Districts, in order to permit those taking charge to arrange for their work before the dispersion of the delegates.

Members of the General Conference Committee were elected for districts as follows:-

No. 3, Eld. J. N. Loughborough; No. 2, Eld. R. M. Kilgore; No. 4, Eld. J. H. Durland; No. 5, Eld. A. J. Breed.

It was suggested that Eld. S. N. Haskell be permitted to serve the field at large, that Eld. W. C. White would act as Sup't of the Australasian field, and that Districts Nos. 1 and 6 could probably be supplied by Eld. E. W. Farnsworth.

In response to inquiries in regard to the nature and extent of the duties of the Superintendents, the President developed substantially the following:-

1. That Superintendents should not serve as presidents of local conferences.
2. That Superintendents should be careful in the matter of making aggressive movements in the conferences of their

districts. State presidents and conference committees must not have occasion to complain that they are being bossed by the Superintendents. Efforts must not be made to reconstruct or remodel the work in the States, especially on the start. Peter's advice should be carefully followed: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you." Do not, especially at first, volunteer advice, but give it, if possible, when desired. Let the principal effort of the Superintendent be put forth in the direction of building up the spiritual interests of the people.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

S E C O N D M E E T I N G.

March 7, 1893, 3:00 P.M.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Haskell, Loughborough, Prescott, Kilgore, Breed, Durland, Van Horn, and Robinson.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Durland.

Minutes of last meeting read, and, after substituting the word "or" for "and" in the reference to the Superintendent of districts 1 and 6, making the mention read "Nos. 1 or 6, " etc., the minutes were approved.

It was voted that Eld. W. C. White be made Superintendent of District No. 7.

It was voted that Eld. I. D. Van Horn act as Superintendent of District No. 8.

The Chairman suggested that some system of reporting be adopted by the presidents of State conferences to District Superintendents, and by the District Superintendents to the President of the General Conference.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of three to prepare a suitable form for blanks for State and District reports, and to make suggestion as to the frequency of each line of reports, and as to whatever would, in their view, make the system as practicable as possible. Elds. Loughborough, Durland, and Robinson were selected for this committee.

On motion L.T.Nicola was elected Cor. Sec. of the General Conference.

Eld. S. N. Haskell presented the following from the California Conference:-

"TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:-

There is no State Conference which has under its immediate influence greater or more varied interests than that of California. Besides its immense territory with its diverse peoples, it has our great western Publishing House, The Pacific Press, the Healdsburg College, and the Rural Health Retreat. It also possesses the chief gateway to the islands of the Pacific. All of these interests will be considered this Spring, within a few weeks. The Association meeting of the Publishing House, the College, and the Sanita-

rium will be held in close connection with our annual camp-meeting, which comes May 11-21.

At our General Conference just closed, great and important changes have been consummated, and still others suggested which will effect to a greater or less extent the California Conference, and the above named institutions.

Action of the General Conference has called our President and two other members of our present conference committee to other fields. Some of our brightest young men and women have been taken away. Two, at least, of our remaining ministers of experience are in failing health. All these considerations, and others which might be named, will make the coming meetings in California the most important ever held. In fact, next spring will mark one of the crises of the history of the cause in our State. God's providence points forward as never before, and his word calls us onward.

In view of this the wisest counsel and most careful planning will be needed, as well as earnest seeking of God. The delegates of the California Conference therefore unanimously ask of the General Conference Committee,

1. That Eld. O. A. Olsen be recommended to come to California to assist in counsel and labor in our spring meetings.

2. That if consistent with other duties, Prof. W. W. Prescott attend these meetings with Eld. Olsen.

3. If not consistent for Prof. Prescott to attend, we ask that Eld. A. T. Jones be sent instead.

We have no particular or personal preferences as regards the two last named brethren. We ask for Prof. Prescott first for the reason that he has never attended any general gatherings in California, and his gift, we believe, would be appreciated; and secondly, he might be able to assist in our educational interests in a way that Bro. A. T. Jones could not. And even if Prof. Prescott could not at this time do anything particularly in the Collage, his meeting with our people, and his impression upon them would very much help in this direction in the future. The practicability of this we leave with the General Conference Committee.

We are, dear brethren,

Yours in the work,

M. C. Wilcox,

J. H. Durland,

For the delegates."

It was voted to adopt the suggestion made in the request.

On motion, the spring State camp-meetings for District No. 4 were arranged for the following dates, and in the order given:-

Iowa,-----May 31-June 6, 1893.
Wisconsin,-----June 6-13,----- "
Minnesota,-----June 13-19,----- "
South Dakota,-----June 21-28,----- "

Eld. Durland presented a request from the State Conference Committees of District No. 4, for German and Scandinavian laborers for the camp-meetings in that District.

It was voted that Eld. J. G. Matteson be invited to attend the State camp-meetings of District No. 4, to labor principally among the Scandinavians.

On motion the matter of arranging for German laborers for the State camp-meetings of District No. 4, was left with Eld. H. Shultz.

Prof. Prescott presented an outline of some of the necessities for attention being given soon to educational matters at Union College, Mt. Idaho, and Walla Walla.

It was voted that Prof. Prescott should visit the places mentioned in his remarks, and that he connect with this Western trip, attendance at the California camp-meeting, May 11-21.

The selection of a suitable stenographer for the International Religious Liberty Association was considered. This matter was presented by Eld. A. T. Jones, who came before the Committee for the purpose, and who recommended for the position, E. E. Parlin, of San Francisco.

The labors of Eld. A. T. Jones and W. A. Coleord, during the spring months, as related to religious liberty instruction in connection with Institutes, Workers' Meetings, etc., was also considered.

The holding of a summer institute for teachers, in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference, received attention.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

T H I R D M E E T I N G.

Wednesday, March 8, 1893, 2:00 P.M.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Kilgore, Van Horn, Prescott, Robinson, and Durland.

Prayer by Eld. Van Horn.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The report of the committee chosen to prepare blanks for reports of Conference Presidents to District Superintendents, and Superintendents to the President of the General Conference, was made and accepted.

Eld. Durland spoke against the idea of requiring presidents of the conferences to report formally, each month, to the Superintendents. The Chairman agreed with what was said. Action was deferred.

Ern. Warren Howel and Francis Wessells appeared before the Committee and presented reasons for desiring to take a course in one of the higher universities, perhaps at Edinburg, Scotland. They asked suggestions from the Committee as to the advisability of taking such a course. The question was taken under advisement.

The matter of Francis Hope's attendance at Oxford University was introduced by Eld. Robinson.

The matter of securing stenographers for the Religious Liberty Association, the planning for Institutes, and the location of the Southern Tract Society, was introduced, but no recommendations were made.

On motion, C. L. Taylor was recommended to go to Nebraska to labor.

The meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

F O U R T H M E E T I N G .

Thursday, 10:00 A.M., March 9, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Kilgore, Breed, Durland, Robinson, and Van Horn.

Prayer by Prof. Prescott.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Moved that Brn. Warren Howell and Francis Wessells be counselled to connect with universities in England and Scotland, (as per mention in previous report), under the direction of the British Advisory Committee.

It was voted to recommend the attendance of W. A. Colcord at Religious Liberty Institutes and special meetings as follows:-

Colorado,-----March 23-30, 1893.
Nebraska,-----April 3-12, ---"
Texas,-----April 12-20-----"
Missouri, (K.C.)-----April 20-----"

Eld. D. T. Jones came before the Committee and asked for instructions concerning the opening of the work in Mexico.

It was voted that he, (Eld. D. T. Jones,) give attention during the summer to the study of the Mexican field, to correspondence with parties having in view missionary work in that country, and to the formulation of plans for the work, and that he should report the results to the General Conference Committee at their summer session.

The appointment of a secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, as per recommendation of the General Conference at its last session, received considerable attention. The name of Eld. G. C. Tenney came prominently before the Committee, resulting in the following motion, which prevailed:-

That the President of the General Conference enter into correspondence with Sister White and W. C. White, in regard to the selection of Eld. G. C. Tenney for Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Eld. D. A. Robinson called attention to the recommendation of the General Conference, that the Present Truth, be changed from a fortnightly to a weekly publication the first of July, 1893. The motion was seconded, but without permitting discussion of the question, the meeting, by vote, adjourned till 4 o'clock.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

F I F T H M E E T I N G.

Thursday, 4 P. M., March 9, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Kilgore, Van Horn, Robinson, Prescott, and Durland.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The motion made at the close of the previous meeting to change the "Present Truth" from a fortnightly to a weekly publication the first of July, 1893, carried.

It was voted that a committee of two, chosen by the Chair to act with himself, consider and make recommendations concerning the matter of providing suitable help for the Biblical Institutes to be held the coming summer in Europe.

It was voted that Prof. Prescott should correspond with the principals of the S. D. A. Colleges, Academies, and schools for the purpose of ascertaining the desires of the teachers in regard to attending the World's Fair, with the view of arranging, if possible, for an institute to be held in connection with their attendance at the Fair.

On motion the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee of three to make recommendations in regard to the camp-meeting laborers.

Elds. VanHorn, Durland, and Breed, were chosen to act on this committee.

It was voted that Elds. A. T. Jones and C. L. Boyd should present personally, to the legislature of Tennessee, the "petition and protest" authorized by the late General Conference against the exemption measures for Seventh-day Adventists, pending in the Tennessee Legislature.

By vote, persons were chosen to act as an incorporated body, to be known as the International Tract Society Board, with its seat in London, as follows:-

D. A. Robinson,
E. J. Waggoner,
Isaac Bell,
Edward Piednue,
J. I. Gibson (Gibson)

Alfred Bacon,
W. A. Spicer,
all of Great Britian, and
A. R. Henry,
H. Lindsey,
W. W. Prescott,
I. Nelson,
O. A. Olsen, all of the United States.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of the Chair.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

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S I X T H M E E T I N G .

Friday, 10: A.M., March 10, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Breed, Robinson, Van Horn, Kilgore, and Durland.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was moved that the Milton Academy property be turned over to the S. D. A. Benevolent Association.

It was voted that Anna L. Ingles, of California, should receive missionary credentials.

The selection of teachers for the Seventh-day Adventist schools for the coming year, received much attention, occupying most of the time of the meeting, but no action was taken in regard to the matter.

On motion the meeting adjourned to Monday, 10 A.M., March 13.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola.

S E V E N T H M E E T I N G .

Monday, 10: A.M., March 13, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Prescott, Loughborough, Durland, Robinson, Breed, Kilgore, and Van Horn.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Breed.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Eld. Olsen presented a communication from Bro. F. L. Mead, relative to a contemplated western trip in the interests of the canvassing work. The writer suggested the necessity of his attendance at canvassing institutes soon to be held at Healdsburg and Walla Walla, together with visits in Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado. Bro. Mead was called, and made a statement to the Committee. After quite careful consideration of the wants of the field in different directions, it was

Voted, That the General Canvassing Agent be advised to take his proposed trip West, in the interest of the canvassing work, if in his judgment, it should seem necessary.

In view of some reports in circulation, involving Eld. L. C. Chadwick, it was suggested that steps be taken by the General Conference Committee to investigate the charges against him.

After remarks by several, it was

Voted, That it was the judgment of the General Conference Committee that a committee of three should be appointed to investigate the charges and evidence in the above named case, and report to the General Conference Committee, said committee of three to be selected as follows: One to be chosen by Eld. L. C. Chadwick, one by the General Conference Committee, and the parties thus selected to appoint the third.

It was voted that Prof. Prescott act on this committee, representing the General Conference Committee.

It was moved that the Chairman of the General Conference Committee be invited to lay before Bro. Chadwick this action of the Committee, together with the reasons demanding such action.

It was voted that Elds. Durland, Breed, and Loughborough compose a committee to arrange for a religious liberty teacher for the Canvassers' Institute to be held at Battle Creek, Mich., March 15-April 26, 1893, and report to the General Conference Committee.

It was voted that the Bybel Lezer be changed from a monthly to a fortnightly publication, July 1, 1893.

In view of the fact that Bro. W. A. Colcord had asked to be relieved from the Year Book Committee, on account of his contemplated absence while engaged in the religious liberty work, it was voted that his request be granted.

On motion, W. A. Spicer was appointed to act as Chairman of the Year Book Committee.

It was voted that M. E. Kellogg be appointed to take a place on the Year Book Committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned till 10: A.M., Tuesday, March 14.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

E I G H T H M E E T I N G .

Tuesday, 10: A.M., March 14, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Prescott, Breed, Robinson, Van Horn, and Durland.

Prayer by Prof. Prescott.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved that Eld. Bordeau be granted ministerial credentials.

Moved that he be given permission to labor a season in Pa., as per invitation of the Pres. of the Pa. Conference.

Moved that Eugene Williams be granted a release from the General Conference work, and that he be recommended to the Michigan Conference for ministerial licence.

The committee appointed to arrange for an instructor in the Religious Liberty work for the Canvassers' Institute, to be held at Battle Creek, March 15-April 26, reported as follows:-

Inasmuch as the Michigan Conference understands that Bro. Colcord was to give instruction during the entire time of their Institute, we would recommend,

That Bro. Colcord remain in Battle creek during the time of the Denver Institute, then go to Fremont, Nebraska. After the Nebraska Institute he can carry out the plan for work in Texas and Missouri. We would recommend further,

That Bro. Colcord attend the Workers' Meetings in connection with the camp-meetings in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakotah, and hold an Institute in each State before the camp-meeting begins.

J. H. Durland,
J. N. Loughborough,
A. J. Breed,-----Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Voted that E. J. Ahren should remain in Europe another year, provided that he can be spared from editorial work at the Review and Herald office.

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Moved, that a tent be ordered for F. J. Hutchins, in the Bay Islands.

Moved, That Bro. S. F. Svensen, of Chicago, a Swedish worker, be requested to go to Iowa to labor.

Moved, That Eld. O. A. Olsen be invited to arrange with such Scandinavian workers to come to this country to labor, as in his judgment should do so.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 10: A.M., Wednesday, March 15, 1893.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

N I N T H M E E T I N G .

Wednesday, 10: A.M., March 15, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Haskell, Kilgore, Loughborough, Robinson, Prescott, Durland, Van Horn, and Breed.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

Report of previous meeting accepted.

The committee appointed at the fifth meeting to make recommendations for the provision of laborers for the American camp-meetings for 1893, reported; and after all needed amendments being made, the same being accepted by the Committee, the following was adopted:-

"CAMP-MEETINGS AND LABORERS.
1893.

District No. 1.

Pennsylvania, June 6-13. Laborers,--I. D. VanHorn,
A. T. Jones.
New York, June 15-25. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn, A. T.
Jones.
Canada, June 29-July 4. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn, A.
T. Jones.
West Virginia, Aug. 1-8. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn,
R. M. Kilgore.
Atlantic, Aug. 10-20. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn, G.W.
Caviness.
Virginia, Aug. 23-28. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn, R. M.
Kilgore.
Vermont, Aug. 30-Sept. 5. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn,
G. W. Caviness.
Maine, Sept. 5-12. Laborers,- I. D. VanHorn, G. W.
Caviness.
New England, (General)---Oct. 4. (?)

District No. 2.

Tennessee River, Sept. 5-12. Laborers,- R. M. Kilgore,
J. N. Loughborough.

District No. 3.

Indiana, Aug. 8-14. Laborers,- J. N. Loughborough,
W. W. Prescott, J. H. Durland.
Ohio, Aug. 11-21. Laborers,- J. N. Loughborough,
W. W. Prescott, J. H. Durland.
Illinois, Aug. 28-Sept. 4. Laborers,- J. N. Loughbo-
rough, W. W. Prescott, J. H. Durland, (E. G. Olsen).
Michigan, Sept. 21-Oct. 1. Laborers,- J. N. Loughbo-
rough, W. W. Prescott, A. T. Jones, J. H. Durland, I. D.
VanHorn.

District No. 4.

Iowa, May 31-June 6. Laborers,- O. A. Olsen, A. T.
Jones, J. H. Durland, J. G. Matteson.
Wisconsin, June 6-13. Laborers,- O. A. Olsen, J. H.
Durland, J. G. Matteson.
Minnesota, June 13-20. Laborers,- O. A. Olsen, J. H.
Durland, J. G. Matteson.
South Dakota, June 21-28. Laborers,- O. A. Olsen,
J. H. Durland, J. G. Matteson.
Nebraska, Aug. 22-29. Laborers,- J. H. Durland,
W. W. Prescott, R. A. Underwood, J. G. Matteson.

District No. 5.

Texas, Aug. 10-20. Laborers,- A. J. Breed, A. T. Jones.
Arkansas, Aug. 24-Sept. 3. Laborers,- A. J. Breed, A.
T. Jones.
Colorado, Aug. 30-Sept. 10. Laborers,- A. J. Breed,
A. T. Jones.
Kansas, Sept. 7-17. Laborers,- A. J. Breed, A. T.
Kones.
Missouri, Sept. 20-Oct. 2. Laborers,- A. J. Breed,
A. T. Jones.
Oklahoma, Oct. 3-9. Laborer,- A. J. Breed.

District No. 6.

California, May 11-21. Laborers,- O. A. Olsen, W. W.
Prescott, E. W. Farnsworth, S. N. Haskell.
Upper Columbia, May 24-30. Laborers,- O. A. Olsen,
E. W. Farnsworth.
North Pacific, June 1-11. Laborers,- E. W. Farnsworth,
R. S. Donnell.
Montana, June 15-21. Laborers,- E. W. Farnsworth, R. S. Don- 116
nell.

Committee,

- I. D. VanHorn,
- J. H. Durland,
- A. J. Breed.

The following was suggested by Eld. Olsen, for
District No. 5.

A. T. Jones,-

- Texas,-----ooooAug. 10-20.
- Arkansas,-----Aug. 24-30.
- Colorado,-----Aug. 31-Sept. 6.
- Kansas,-----Sept. 7-13.
- Missouri,-----Sept. 13-20.
- Michigan,-----Sept. 21-Oct. 1.

It was moved that Eld. H. Shultz arrange for the German laborers for the camp-meetings.

On motion, the following schedule of dates was adopted for the European camp-meetings:-

- Norway,-----June 15-20,
- Sweden,-----June 23-July 12,
- Denmark,-----July 13-Aug. 6.
- Central European Conf.---Aug. 8-20,
- German Institute,-----Aug. 22-Sept. 12,
- London,-----Sept. 12-Oct. 3.

It was moved that the week of prayer for 1893 be appointed for Dec. 23-31. Carried.

It was voted that the Pacific Press be authorized to publish as a number of the Bible Students' Library, the Bible lessons given in connection with the late Institute and General Conference.

It was voted that Eld. A. O. Tait be asked to give the matter special attention, and that he hasten the publication of the lessons as much as possible.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at 10: A.M., Thursday, March 16, 1893.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

T E N T H M E E T I N G .

Thursday, March 16, 1893, 10: A.M.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Breed, Kilgore, Robinson, Durland, and VanHorn.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Breed.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved, That Eld. VanHorn be asked to ascertain the whereabouts of Miss Eugenia Clough, and report as to the advisability of her going South to engage in the Bible work.

Moved, That A. J. Haysman and his company be advised to go to the field recommended for them by the General Conference, during the latter part of the summer; perhaps about the last of August.

A request was read from Eld. A. O. Tait, representing the Int. R. L. Board, to the effect that Homer Salisbury be permitted to connect with the office of the International Religious Liberty Association. In response, it was

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Review and Herald Board.

A request was also read from the Religious Liberty Board asking for the disposition of the labors of W. A. Colcord. In response, it was voted, That since the General Conference had already arranged for his labors for some time in the future, the matter be left without further action.

In response to a request from the Religious Liberty Board for A. O. Tait to be released from the Railroad Transportation work, it was

Voted, That the matter be left to A. R. Henry.

In reply to a request from the Religious Liberty Board that the Religious Liberty publishing interests be vested in the General Conference Association, it was

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Executive Board of the General Conference Association.

Brn. J. W. Collie and E. W. Webster had written the President of the General Conference asking when they were to go the fields of labor recommended for them by the last General Conference.

It was voted that they should arrange to go as soon as possible, locating at such points as might be recommended by the Superintendent of District No. 2.

Bro. Geo. B. Thompson and wife, of Illinois, were, by vote, recommended to leave this country for South Africa as per recommendation of the General Conference, in company with Eld. D. A. Robinson, to go as far as London, who will leave New York, if possible, the 5th of April.

Moved, That the arrangements for the ordination of Bro. Geo. B. Thompson be left to Eld. Loughborough.--Carried.

It was voted that suitable stationary be furnished the transportation agents, appointed by the last General Conference.

A letter from Eld. G. W. Colcord to the President of the General Conference was read, in which he asks when the Gen'l Con. will be ready to cancel obligations assumed in 1890 and 1891, by the Milton Academy.

It was voted that the matter be referred to the S. D. A. Benevolent Association.

By vote, other matters referred to in the letter were left to the disposition of the Educational Secretary to arrange as far as possible in harmony with ideas which he suggested to the Committee.

Eld. Kilgore presented some of the needs of the Southern field, in harmony with which it was voted,-

1. That a forty foot tent be furnished by the General Conference for South Carolina.

2. That Eld. Kilgore make arrangements for the ordination of Bro. Henry Shaw at such time and place as circumstances might seem to indicate would be best.

3. That the following appointments be made for the Tract Society and Sabbath-school Association for District No. 2:-

Tract Society.

President, R. M. Kilgore, Vice President, D. T. Shireman,
Secretary and Treasurer, L. Dyo Chambers.

Directors:-

C. E. Sturdevant,-----Cumberland Mission,
D. T. Shireman,-----North Carolina,
E. W. Webster,-----South Carolina,
W. A. McCutchen,-----Georgia.
L. H. Crisler,-----Florida,
H. S. Shaw,-----Louisiana,
A. P. Heacock,-----Alabama.

Sabbath-School Association.

President, W. A. McCutchen, Vice President, R. S. Owen,
Secretary, Mrs. A. Hunt. Executive Board: W. A. McCutchen,
R. S. Owen, Mrs. A. Hunt, L. H. Crisler, H. S. Shaw.

4. That the matter of the ordination of Bro. A. Barry be left
to Eld. Kilgore to arrange.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10: A.M., Friday,
March 17, 1893.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

E L E V E N T H M E E T I N G .

Friday, March 17, 10: A.M., 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Prescott, Loughborough, VanHorn, Robinson, Kilgore, Durland, and Breed.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

Report of previous meeting approved, after necessary corrections.

The Chair presented some of the needs of the International Tract Society, in the line of secretaries, etc. It being ascertained that Bro. Warren Howell would probably be accessible as an assistant in this branch of the work, it was

Voted, That he be recommended to connect with the International Tract Society office under the supervision of the Secretary, Eld. A. O. Tait.

Voted, That C. G. Howell be recommended to the Foreign Mission Board for appointment to the Bay Islands.

By vote, the Chair was authorized to prepare, or to cause to be prepared, a tract for the purpose of setting before our people the present financial needs of the cause, together with such recommendations as would be helpful in meeting these needs.

It was moved that Brn. J. B. Thayer and G. P. Riggs be recommended to go to the Southern field to engage in the canvassing work.--Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of the Chair.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

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T W E L F T H M E E T I N G.

Saturday evening, March 18, 1893, 7: P.M., at the home of Eld. O. A. Olsen.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Durland, Breed, Kilgore, and Robinson.

Prayer was offered by Eld. Breed.

Report of previous meeting read and approved.

Eld. Loughborough presented some of the needs of the work among the Chinese, of Chicago. In response, it was

Voted, That the Chinese work in Chicago be left to the direction of the Illinois Conference Committee and the Superintendent of District No. 3.

Most of the time of the meeting was employed in the consideration of methods of labor to be used in connection with the camp-meetings of 1893. There was a general agreement in the idea that such plans should be adopted as would develop personal missionary work among the lay members of the denomination, and it was thought that no better time nor place could be found for this class of work than is afforded at the camp-meetings. Special attention was called to Sister White's articles in the Review and Herald, Feb. 28 and March 7, in which the ground of this line of work is very fully covered.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of the Chair.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

T H I R T E E N T H M E E T I N G .

Monday, March 20, 10: A.M., 1893.

Members present: Elds. Olsen, Prescott, Loughborough, Kilgore, Van Horn, Breed, and Durland.

Prayer by Bro. Kilgore.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A letter was read from Eld. E. G. Olsen, asking for the labors of Bro. S. F. Svensen, a portion of the time, in Nebraska. In response, it was

Voted, That the recommendation for him to leave Chicago, to labor in Iowa, be so altered as to read that he spend some of his time in Nebraska, to labor as per recommendation of the Iowa and Nebraska Conference Committees and Eld. E. G. Olsen.

It was voted that F. M. Spies should receive missionary license.

It was moved that Mrs. N. H. Druilliard be authorized to use the funds now in her possession, known as the "American Fund", in discharging the indebtedness of the new church building in South Africa, and that the remainder of the moeny be transferred to the South African Educational Fund, to be used in the education of worthy poor among the young, as per suggestion of Mrs. Druilliard.

It was voted, that Eld. W. C. White be appointed to represent the General Conference as a member of the Australian School Locating Committee, and that the matter of arranging for a building committee be left with the Australian Conference.

It was moved that Miss Eugenie Clough's name be substituted for that of Helen McKinnon, in the General Conference recommendation for Tennessee River Conference.

Voted, That Prof. Prescott be asked to interview Brn. Lauker and Anderson, (two students of Battle Creek College), in reference to their going to India to engage in the canvassing and other missionary work, and that he report to the

Foreign Mission Board at their meeting, appointed for Monday, 2:30 P.M., March 20, 1893.

Moved, That Eld. VanHorn be requested to confer with Eld. I. H. Evans, Pres. of the Mich. Conf., in regard to Bro. W. H. Falconer going to Manitoba, to labor with Bro. Flaize, and that he report to the General Conference Committee at their next meeting.

Moved, That the Superintendent of District No. 4 be asked to confer with the President of the Nebraska Conference in regard to putting into effect Resolution 66 passed at the last General Conference, so far as it applies to College View, Nebraska; the rate of tithe to be asked for the General Conference being not more than 25% of the amount raised by the College View church, and that said Superintendent report the results of his negotiations to the General Conference Committee at their next session.

It was voted, That the General Conference school, recommended at the last General Conference, open Oct. 12, 1893, and that it continue 24 weeks.

It was voted, That the Chair select two members of the General Conference Committee to act with himself on a committee to make all necessary arrangements, announcements, etc., for the General Conference school.

Prof. Prescott and Eld. Durland were selected.

The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

F O U R T E E N T H M E E T I N G .

Monday, 4: P.M., March 20, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, VanHorn, Kilgore, Durland, and Breed.

Prayer by Prof. Prescott.

Report of previous meeting accepted, after necessary corrections were made.

It was voted, That the matter of providing an assistant for Eld. C. W. Flaiz in Manitoba, be left with the Chairman of the General Conference Committee and the Superintendent of District No. 4.

It was moved, That 3500 copies of the Year Book for 1893 be printed, and that plates for the work should not be prepared, but that the printing should be done from type.--Carried.

It was moved, That W. A. Spicer be appointed Secretary of the S. D. A. Board of Foreign Missions.--Carried.

By vote, Eld. F. M. Wilcox was granted ministerial credentials for the General Conference term beginning March 6, 1893, and it was suggested that he labor in California, under the direction of that Conference, till called to labor elsewhere by the General Conference Committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

F I F T E E N T H M E E T I N G.

Tuesday, 2: P.M., March 21, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Prescott, Breed, Loughborough, Kilgore, and VanHorn.

Prayer by Eld. Durland.

Report of previous meeting read and approved.

In view of Eld. Francis Hope, of England, having expressed a desire to attend the Oxford University, it was

Voted, That he be given permission to attend said University.

A request had been received from the Religious Liberty Association for the disposition of the labors of Prof's. Magan and Fifield during the summer school vacation. In response, it was

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Chair and Prof. Prescott.

In view of C. H. Rogers having expressed a desire to engage in labor under the direction of the General Conference, it was

Voted, That he be recommended to confer with the managers of the canvassing Institute now in session in this city, and if it is deemed advisable for him, we would recommend that he enter the canvassing work.

It was voted That Eld. W. N. Hyatt be granted permission to return to Nebraska to labor.

Moved, That we endorse the plan of Joseph Smith going to South Africa, to engage in the bakery business.

It was voted, That the matter of securing the services of Bro. E. E. Parlin, as stenographer for the International Religious Liberty Association, be left with the members of the General Conference Committee who will attend the California camp-meeting.

Investigation of the case of L. C. Chadwick.

At the meeting of this Committee held March 13, 1893, it was voted to arrange for a committee of three, to investigate certain charges involving L. C. Chadwick, said committee to be chosen in this manner: The General Conference Committee one member, L. C. Chadwick one member, and the two thus chosen to select the third member. The General Conference Committee chose Prof. W. W. Prescott, and L. C. Chadwick chose Eld. J. H. Durland; for the third party W. C. Sisley was chosen.

They reported at this meeting as follows:-

"Battle Creek, Mich., March 21, 1893.

Charges having been made involving the integrity of L. C. Chadwick, the General Conference Committee appointed W. W. Prescott to act in their behalf, Bro. Chadwick chose J. H. Durland to represent him, and the two thus selected chose W. C. Sisley as a third member of a committee to investigate these charges, weigh the evidence in the case, and submit a report. Having attended to their duties, the committee present the following report:---

We have examined with some care all the documents in the case, including the original letter of credit, the genuine vouchers, and the voucher in dispute; together with the memoranda of other vouchers drawn; as also correspondence between Bro. Chadwick and Bro. W. H. Edwards; correspondence between Bro. J. N. Nelson and Chicago parties; some checks with their corresponding stubs, and the books kept in the office at the time of the Chicago transactions in question; also letters and receipts submitted by Bro. Chadwick, explaining what are known as the \$400 transaction and the \$16 Transaction.

After weighing the evidence, and conferring at length with Bro. Chadwick, giving every opportunity for him to explain the matters in question, and to suggest any plausible theories which would cover those which were not explained, we have reached the following conclusions:--

With reference to the \$400 matter, it is our opinion that the transaction was not only unbusiness-like, but positively wrong, inasmuch as money was drawn out and sent by a man unknown to the other members of the International Tract Society Board, and without their knowledge or consent.

We have no light whatever in the matter of the \$100

alleged to have been paid to Mr. Williamson, and can offer no explanation.

The \$16 matter appears to be explained by documents submitted by Bro. Chadwick.

With reference to the \$50 check drawn July 9, 1891, charged up to the Chart Account, with the explanation on the stub of the check, " L.C.C., for Chart job in Chicago"; and with reference to the \$100 check drawn July 12, 1891, both of which checks were drawn by Bro. Chadwick, and payable to "self", the stub of the latter check stating that it was paid to E. G. Christoph Co., for work of charts,---we can suggest no explanation. Both of these checks were charged upon the books to the Chart Account, without any explanation. Christoph and Co. write that they have had no dealings in any way with the International Tract Society; and when a sample of the chart was submitted to them, they state that they had done no work of this character, and had received no money from the International Tract Society. It is, of course, within the bounds of possibility that the account was carried under some other name; as, the General Conference Association; but on this point we have no evidence. Bro. Chadwick is of the opinion that there must have been some mistake in the matter, as he himself does not think that this \$150---the sum of the two checks---was all paid for work on the charts. He thinks that part of the money was paid to Christoph and Co. for some designs which were not used, and that the balance was probably paid out for other lines of work, and not properly entered on the books. If this explanation is adopted, it would, of course, be a reflection upon his business methods.

With reference to the two hundred pounds drawn on the letter of credit, we have only this to say: with the evidence submitted, we do not feel that we can render a verdict of acquittal in the case; and at the same time, we are not clear in charging Bro. Chadwick with guilt in this matter. In the face of the evidence submitted, we could not recommend otherwise than that the General Conference would not be clear in employing Bro. Chadwick further until this matter is more satisfactorily explained.

In view of the matters yet unexplained and the possibilities of finding further evidence that will throw more light on the situation, we would emphatically urge that Bro. Chadwick use every means in his power to seek out and bring to the attention of the Committee such evidence as, if possible, would clear him of any suspicion in these various transactions.

W. W. Prescott,
J. H. Durland,
W. C. Sisley."

By vote, the report was accepted, with the understanding:-

1. That the report covered only such evidence as was in the hands of the committee at the time of its submission.
2. That the question was to be further investigated;
and,
3. That the committee was not discharged, but retained, to continue their assistance as the case might require.

On motion, the session was adjourned sine die.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Sec.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Summer Session, 1893.

F I R S T M E E T I N G .

Tuesday, July 4, 10. A.M.

Members present: Elds. O. A. Olsen, J. N. Loughborough, Prof. W. W. Prescott, Elds. R. M. Kilgore, A. J. Breed, J. H. Durland.

Prayer was offered by Eld. A. J. Breed.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Spring Session of the General Conference Committee were read by the Secretary. Corrections were made by insertion of the word "approval" instead of "permission", in the motions relating to Elds. Francis Hope and W. N. Hyatt, and the letter "G" was substituted for the letter "C", as the first initial in the name of the Bro. Rogers recommended to confer with the managers of the canvassing institute, etc. The minutes were then approved.

The Chair, in a few introductory remarks, explained that the time for the deliberations of the Council would necessarily be limited, and he gave an outline of his plans for the immediate future, which met the approval of the Committee.

Mention having been made in the Secretary's report of the previous meeting, of the name of Bro. E. E. Parlin, the Chair explained that Bro. Parlin had been conferred with at the California camp-meeting, that he was proficient as a stenographer, and that he had come to Battle Creek with the expectation of attending the Bible School, if the way opened, & it was suggested that he would probably be given employment in the office of the Review and Herald and at the College, during the time that he could devote to clerical work.

The Chair called attention to the mention made in the Secretary's report, of the difficulty of L. C. Chadwick, and suggested that definite action be taken in his case. To this end the former committee was by mutual consent considered dissolved, and by vote, a new committee of five was appointed to give the matter proper attention and report at a future date.

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Prof. Prescott, Elds. Loughborough, Breed, Kilgore, and Durland, were appointed to compose this committee.

The 'Chair made a few general remarks concerning his European trip, and asked advice concerning its extent.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 2: P.M.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

S E C O N D M E E T I N G.

July 4, 2: P.M.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Kilgore, Breed, and Durland.

Prayer by Eld. Olsen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after supplying the omission of the motion to constitute Elds. Loughborough, Breed and Durland a committee to investigate certain complaints from the Adelaide church, Australia, against Eld. W. D. Curtis, the report was accepted.

On motion, it was ordered that ministerial credentials from the General Conference be issued to Eld. M. H. Brown and Eld. G. C. Tenney.

The following memorial from the California Conference was read:--

Resolved, That the General Conference be requested to take the Territory of Utah as a Mission field.

Signed by the Cala. Con't. Committee.
N. C. McClure, Vice-Pres.

The Chair explained that the Calafornia brethren had spoken to him while on the coast, concerning their desire, as expressed in the memorial, and that they gave as principal reasons for their request; (1) Distance of Utah from California, and, (2), lack of laborers to do that field justice. On motion, the matter was laid on the table.

The General Conference Bible School:--

The Chair explained that the sub-committee having charge of the arrangements for the school, had decided the following points:--

1. Time.
2. Conductor,- Eld. J. H. Durland.
3. Branches to be taught,- The Bible and the English language.
4. Tuition,- To be collected from all, but to be returned by action of the Board to those who were accepted as laborers.

5. Care of the building, supplies, etc,- It was suggested that all items of expense in these directions be met by the school.

On motion, Elds. Breed and Loughborough were chosen to examine the literature selected by Eld. D. T. Jones, for translation into the Spanish, and to make such recommendations as might seem proper to them.

The Chair called attention to the case of a young man in New York, who desired occupation in some branch of the work. It was explained that he was quite proficient in the Spanish, German, and some other languages, and that by occupation he was a printer. It was,

Voted, To request the Review and Herald to give him occupation for awhile, with the view of securing a better acquaintance with him, and also that he might gain a more extended acquaintance with the work.

In as much as openings for tent labor had presented themselves in DeSoto Co., Florida, and since Eld. G. I. Butler had expressed his willingness and desire to fill these openings, provided a tent could be furnished for meetings, it was therefore,-

Voted, That a tent be provided for Eld. Butler's use in Florida.

A letter was read from Bro. J. Tabor, of Chicago, in behalf of the S. D. A. church of that place, requesting assistance from the General Conference in purchasing a suitable lot for the erection of a church in Chicago.

On motion, investigation of the matter and recommendations, were left to a committee, composed of Elds. Loughborough and Kilgore.

The Chair presented the demand existing for a new subscription book, to be published by the General Conference, for general circulation, which would properly represent the third angel's message. The necessity for a line of tracts covering similar ground, was briefly dwelt upon.

On motion, Elds. Loughborough, Prescott, and Durland, were chosen to give this matter special attention, making recommendations as to the author, character, and scope of the book, etc.

The question of general meetings to be held in the conferences the coming winter under the direction of the District Superintendents, was introduced.

On motion, Elds. Breed and VanHorn were selected to take this matter under consideration, and to report recommendations at a future meeting.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three respectively, of the "Fall camp-meetings" and the "Week of Prayer".

The following appointments were made:-

Fall Camp-meetings: Elds. Durland, Kilgore, and Farnsworth.

Week of Prayer: Elds. Prescott, Breed, and VanHorn.

The Chair suggested the raising of an Educational Fund by the General Conference, from which money might be loaned to worthy young men and women without means, to assist them in properly qualifying themselves for work in the cause.

By vote, the plan was approved.

In the disposition of the labors of Eld. Tenney, it was

Voted, That he be recommended to the Review and Herald Board for editorial work on the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald.

On motion the meeting adjourned to call of the Chair.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

T H I R D M E E T I N G .

July 7, 1893, 4: P.M.

Present: Elds. Olsen, VanHorn, Prescott, Kilgore, Farnsworth, Durland and Breed.

Prayer by Prof. Prescott.

Secretary's report read and approved.

The committee on the Eld. W. D. Curtis matter reported as follows:--

Your committee, appointed to consider charges preferred against Eld. W. D. Curtis, by the Advisory Committee of the Adelaide church of South Australia, would submit the following report:--

We have carefully examined the correspondence put into our hands, viz;- the charges preferred by the Adelaide church advisory committee, the letter of Eld. W. C. White concerning the matter in question, to the President of the General Conference, also his letter to Eld. Curtis, the reply of Eld. Curtis to the Advisory Committee, and their recent letter to the General Conference Committee.

With all this correspondence before us, we find that it is no easy task to decide in this matter with any hope of satisfactorily adjusting the same, without seeing the parties concerned, and asking questions on points that, to our minds, are not clearly stated by either party in the correspondence.

After carefully considering all the matter placed in our hands, and making all allowance for misunderstandings, we arrive at the following conclusions:--

1. While we cannot find anything that would show that Eld. Curtis purposely defrauded the brethren with whom he had dealings, we do think he was careless in managing his business affairs, so that the brethren had just reasons for criticisms and censure. A part of this slackness may have arisen from the pressure upon him in getting ready to go on the Pitcairn. But we think he should have arranged his business matters so that all this trouble could have been avoided. We think that Eld. Curtis used sarcastic expressions in his letter to the brethren in Australia that were uncalled for, and unchristian.

We would recommend that Eld. Curtis adjust all these matters, either by paying his indebtedness, or providing for the same, as soon as possible.

2. We think the Advisory Committee acted hastily in sending their charges to the General Conference Committee, before corresponding with Eld. Curtis. While they think that they could get no communication from him, yet we believe, by the aid of Eld. White, the matter could have been satisfactorily adjusted without putting Eld. Curtis to the embarrassment of having it considered by the General Conference Committee.

We would recommend that the Advisory Committee withdraw their charges as soon as Eld. Curtis makes satisfactory arrangements with the brethren to whom he is indebted, to meet his obligations.

J. N. Loughborough,
A. J. Breed,
J. H. Durland, Committee.

On motion the report was accepted.

It was moved that this report be transmitted to the parties interested as follows:-

To Eld. Curtis, by Eld. J. N. Loughborough, Supt. of Dist. No. 3; to Adelaide church, South Australia, by Eld. W. C. White, Supt. Dist. No. 7.

The committee on program and arrangements for the Week of Prayer for 1893, reported, and after certain additions had been suggested for the program for Sunday, Dec. 24, the report was adopted, as follows:--

Readings for the Week of Prayer, 1893.

Sabbath, Dec. 23.

The Year's Work, and the Outlook.----- O. A. Olsen.

Sunday.

Our Country, The Message, and Our Relations to Both.

United States,-----A. T. Jones,
England,-----E. J. Waggoner,
Scandinavia, -----L. Johnson,
Central Europe,-----H. P. Holser,
South Africa,-----A. T. Robinson,
Germany and Russia,-L. R. Conradi,
Australia, -----A. G. Daniells.

Monday.

Monday.

A World-Wide Message.-----G. C. Tenney.

Tuesday.

The Privilege of Consecrating Means to the Work.
J. N. Loughborough.

Wednesday.

The Work in the Regions Beyond.-W. A. Spicer.

Thursday.

The Day of Atonement, and its Solemn Realities to Us.
U. Smith.

Friday.

Power and Influence of the Spirit of God in the Work.
W. W. Prescott.

Sabbath.

Special Article.-----Mrs. E. G. White.

Sunday.

Personal Experience Needed for this Time.- E.J.Waggoner.
Every Christian a Worker.-----W. W. Prescott.

Moved, That the Readings be prepared by Oct. 1, and that they be edited by G. C. Tenney and W. A. Spicer.

It was suggested that an ample supply of the Readings be prepared both for the churches and isolated members, and that they be printed in the English, German, Danish, and Swedish languages.

The committee on the L. C. Chadwick matter reported as follows:-

Your committee appointed to examine into the L. C. Chadwick matter would submit the following report:-

We called upon L. C. Chadwick and requested him to meet with the Committee at a time of his own appointment, and lay before us the letters and other documents in his possession, and any other evidence he might have that would throw any light upon the matter. He refused to make any appointment, or to submit any papers he has in his possession, for examination, and stated that he would have nothing more to do with the matter, and that the General Conference could take any action that they chose.

As the committee could not have access to any documents

that would enable them to enter into an investigation of the circumstances, we can only make the following recommendation:-

Resolved, That in view of the serious charges which have been made affecting L. C. Chadwick's business integrity, and his neglect to take, what seems to the Committee, to be reasonable and proper measures to secure evidence such as might throw light upon them, although earnestly solicited to do so, we recommend that he be placed under censure of the church of which he is a member, for a period of six months, unless the matter shall be satisfactorily explained earlier than that date.

W. W. Prescott,
J. H. Durland,
A. J. Breed,
R. M. Kilgore,
J. N. Loughborough, } Committee.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 6, 1893.

On motion the report was laid on the table until opportunity had been afforded to present the report to L. C. Chadwick.

The Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of two to visit L. C. Chadwick, making him acquainted with the aforesaid report, and to perform such labor in his behalf as might seem consistent.

The Chair selected Elds. Breed and VanHorn to serve on this committee.

The committee on the Chicago Church matter reported as follows:-

Your Committee to which the Chicago Church matter was referred, would report as follows:-

In view of the fact that a transfer of the Mission building at Chicago having been made to the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, thus depriving the Chicago church of their place of worship, and that efforts are now being made to secure a desirable lot on which to build a meeting house; we would suggest that the present is a most inopportune time in which to purchase property in that city, on account of the World's Fair boom; yet if the price at which the proposed lot is now offered, is far below the present inflated price of property of the same kind in character and location,

We Recommend, That the General Conference assist the Chicago church in the purchase of a lot, if it is thought advisable, after due consideration, it being understood that the

aid thus proffered shall not include any amount offered by Dr. Kellogg from the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

Further than this, your committee has no recommendations to offer.

J. N. Loughborough,
R. M. Kilgore,---Committee.

An amendment was made to the last paragraph, adding, "and it being understood that the General Conference would not donate money to the enterprise to exceed \$2,000.00

The committee on ~~o~~camp-meetings made partial report, but asked for further time to consider the question, which was granted.

The discussion of this matter brought out many interesting items concerning the camp-meetings held this year, together with many helpful suggestions in regard to the proper manner of conducting such meetings.

The Committee on General Meetings reported as follows; it being understood that the report was not to constitute a program for the meetings, but suggestions as to subjects to be considered, etc.:-

Battle Creek, Mich., July 7, 1893.

To the General Conference Committee:-

Your committee to consider the holding of Institutes or General Meetings in the General Conference Districts would report as follows:-

1. We are well convinced that the progress of the third angel's message demands that general meetings of the nature of institutes for the instruction of our people more generally should be held in every conference of each conference district.

2. We would recommend that the Superintendents of the Districts, with the consent and co-operation of the State Conference Committee, arrange to hold one or more such meetings in each conference during the fall and winter.

3. That such meetings be conducted something in the form of an Institute, with special reference to the instruction of the officers of churches, Tract Societies, and Sabbath-schools and as many others as may wish to attend.

4. That in these meetings, practical work, or how to labor successfully, be made a special consideration of different lines, as follows:-

1. Devotional Meetings, Of prayer and social service;

of Bible study, with the Third Angel's Message as the central theme; and of practical home lines of Christian work.

2. Organization, Duties of Church Officers and their responsibilities; what constitutes church fellowship and the relation of members to one/another, and to the officers; what are the obligations of the Tract and Missionary Society, and of the Sabbath-school, with the manner these organizations should be regarded.

3. ~~Domestic~~ ^{Home Relations} Relations, of husband and wife in the home; of parents to their children with respect to their spiritual training and education; and of children to their parents.

4. The length of time employed in these meetings should be two weeks or more, as may be arranged in the Conference where they are held.

5. In the case of District No. 2, That an Institute be held at Atlanta, Georgia, of sufficient length of time to afford the workers in the different departments an opportunity to receive instruction in the lines of work above expressed.

A. J. Breed,
I. D. VanHorn, --- Committee.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Spanish translation of literature for work in Mexico, reported as follows:-

Your committee appointed to consider the matter of translating tracts, or leaflets, into the Spanish language, would report as follows:-

We approve of the selections made by Bro. D. T. Jones, which are as follows:-

Four leaflets from the tract "Sufferings of Christ", titled as follows: 1. God's Gift to Man.
2. The Temptation.
3. Christ's Agony.
4. The Cost of our Salvation, also

Selections from the tracts, "The Great Commandment", "Is the End Near", "The Coming of the Lord", and the first eleven pages of the pamphlet "The Captain of our Salvation".

A. J. Breed,
J. N. Loughborough, - Committee.

Adopted.

On motion meeting adjourned to 9:A.M., Sunday, July 9.

L. J. Nicola, Sec'y.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman. 140

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F O U R T H M E E T I N G.

Sunday, 9:30, A.M., July 9, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Prescott, VanHorn, Breed, Kilgore,
Farnsworth, and Durland.

Prayer by Eld. VanHorn.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was
omitted on account of lack of time.

Adjourned to 4: P.M.

O. A. Olsem, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

F I F T H M E E T I N G.

Sunday, 4: P.M., July 9, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Breed, Kilgore, Loughborough, Durland, Farnsworth, VanHorn, and Prescott.

Prayer by Eld. VanHorn.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Eld. W. B. White, of Nebraska, who had brought ^a ~~the~~ petition ~~given below~~, from the College View, Nebraska, church, was in attendance at this meeting, and by invitation of the Chair, spoke of the needs at College View, for a church building adequate to meet the wants, not only of the College View church, but of the College, and of the General Conference Districts Nos. 4 and 5 as well, on occasions of special interest, as District Institutes, and other meetings of similar character.

After considerable discussion of the matter, it was,—

Moved, That the General Conference Committee approve of the effort to build a church at College View, at an expense of not over \$20,000.00.--Carried.

In response to a question put by the Chair to A. R. Henry, as to what the General Conference would probably be able to do toward the enterprise, the answer was given that

Three lots, worth \$1,200.00 in the aggregate, and \$3,000. in cash or its equivalent, would probably be the limit of assistance which the General Conference should render.

On motion, the suggestion made by Bro. Henry was adopted, as representing the amount that the General Conference should donate to that project.

It was moved that the General Conference Committee request A. R. Henry to go to College View to look after the financial interests of this church enterprise, and that W. C. Sisley be selected to do the architectural work connected therewith, it being understood that these brethren were to visit College View to look after this matter, when consistent with other duties.

Eld. (O. A.) Tait came before the Committee and asked for additional and suitable help for the office of the International Tract Society and Religious Liberty Association. He named M. E. Cady, as the one whom he desired to assist him, but M. E. Cady, having been recommended by the Foreign Mission Board to go to Ireland to engage in school work, it was, —

Moved, That the General Conference Committee request the Foreign Mission Board to refer the matter of the appointment of Bro. M. E. Cady, for school work in Ireland, to a local committee, composed of W. W. Prescott, (O. A.) Tait, and J. W. Nelson, for recommendations whether ~~whether~~ he should go to Ireland, or accept a position with the International Tract Society and Religious Liberty Association.

The committee on Camp-Meetings, reported as follows:-

(See next page.)

Camp-Meetings and Laborers.
1893.

District No.1.

Virginia, July 26 to Aug. 8. Laborers, - I. D. VanHorn,
G. W. Caviness.
Atlantic, - Aug. 17-27. Laborers, I. D. VanHorn, G. W.
Caviness.
Vermont, - Aug. 24-Sept. 3. Laborers, I. D. VanHorn,
G. W. Caviness
Maine, - Sept. 1-10. Laborers, I. D. VanHorn, G. W. Caviness.

District No. 2.

Tennessee River, - Sept. 5-12. Laborers, - J. N. Loughborough,
R. M. Kilgore.

District No. 3.

Indiana, - Aug. 8-14. Laborers, J. N. Loughborough, W. W.
Prescott, E. W. Farnsworth.
Ohio, - Aug. 11-21. Laborers, J. N. Loughborough, W. W. Pres-
cott, E. W. Farnsworth.
Michigan, (State), Sept. 21-Oct. 1. Laborers, Loughborough,
Jones, Prescott, Durland, and VanHorn.
Michigan, (Northern) Aug. 21-28. Laborers, - Loughborough,
and Prescott.
Illinois, - (State), Aug. 28-Sept. 4. Laborers, Loughbo-
rough, Prescott, and Farnsworth, and E. G. Olsen.
Illinois, - (Southern), Sept. 13-19. -----

District No. 4.

Nebraska, - Aug. 22-29. Laborers, Durland, Hyatt, Matteson,
and Farnsworth.

District No. 5.

Texas, Aug. 10-20. Laborers, Breed, Jones, and Kilgore.
Arkansas, - Aug. 24-Sept. 3. " " " " "
Colorado, - Aug. 30-Sept. 10. " " " " Hyatt.
Kansas, - Sept. 7-17. Laborers, " " " White.
Missouri, - Sept. 13-24. " " " " Durland.
Oklahoma, - Sept. 28-Oct. 9. Laborer, A. J. Breed.

We also recommend the Religious Liberty Board to furnish a la-
borer for each of the above named meetings.

J. H. Durland, E. W. Farnsworth, Committee,

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On motion the report was adopted, with the understanding that it should be definitely decided as to whether Eld. Smith would attend the meetings to which he was assigned.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman.

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

S I X T H M E E T I N G.

9: A.M., July 10, 1893.

Present: Eld. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Breed, Durland, VanHorn, Farnsworth and Kilgore.

Prayer by Eld. Loughborough.

Minutes of previous meeting read and after slight corrections, were approved.

The Committee on Program and Announcements for Bible school reported as follows:-

(See next page.)

THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE,
BIBLE SCHOOL,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

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Announcement for 1893--'94.

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This school will open Thursday, Oct. 12, 1893,
and continue twenty-four weeks.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BIBLE SCHOOL.

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The measure of success attending the Bible schools held in the past, and the desire expressed by many that another school of similar character be held the present fall and winter, led to the adoption of the following recommendation by the late General Conference:-

"We recommend, That a school be opened at Battle Creek, Mich., under the direction of the General Conference Committee, with special reference to providing facilities for the training of such persons of mature years as may offer themselves for the work, and that in this school, the English Bible, and the English language, in reading, writing, and speaking, should be the leading studies pursued."

The purpose will be to make the instruction simple, and yet thorough, thus enabling the student to so far complete whatever line he enters, as to be of practical service.

The school will be under the control of the General Conference Committee, with Eld. J. H. Durland in charge, assisted by such other instructors as the work may require.

Who Admitted.

Any laborer, in any department of the cause, and those who desire to become laborers, who cannot take a regular course of study in any of our educational institutions, are invited to attend.

The school is not in any way intended to take the place of any of the courses in our colleges or academies. The course of study had been arranged to meet the wants of ministers, licentiates, Bible workers, and elderly persons, whose time will not permit them to take a course in any of the above named institutions. Such can derive much benefit in a short course of study in the Scriptures and the English language.

Time of Entering.

It is very necessary that all who expect to attend, should be present at the beginning of the term. If there are those expecting to attend, who find it impossible to enter at

the opening of the term, plans should be laid to enter as soon thereafter as circumstances will permit. Much of the benefits of the school will be lost by not being present the first few weeks.

Expenses.

Tuition.

The tuition for the full course, twenty-four weeks, three studies, will be \$3.50 per month of four weeks; two studies, \$2.65 per month; one study, \$1.75 per month.

The tuition will be payable one half at the beginning of the term, and one half at the middle of the term. A deduction of five per cent will be made if the tuition is all paid at the beginning of the term.

Tuition will be refunded in the case of any person appointed to the work by the General Conference, Foreign Mission Board, or any State Conference.

Board and Room.

It is expected that those who attend this school will care for themselves. The management will not be able to provide for any special arrangement. They will, however, be willing to render any possible aid in selecting suitable places for boarding or house-keeping. Room and board can be secured at the same place; or room furnished or unfurnished, with board at different place; or rooms can be secured for house-keeping, furnished, partially furnished, or unfurnished, as may be desired.

The expense of board and furnished room will be from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per week.

Miscellaneous.

The Bible school will be held in the rooms of the first floor of the new addition of the Battle Creek College building. These rooms will be furnished for the comfort and convenience of those attending this course.

Mail for those attending this school should be directed in care of Review and Herald, or the street number of the room of the student.

Dictionaries, our standard denominational books, and any books bearing upon the line of work to be pursued, should be brought as reference books.

Those wishing to make further inquiry about board, room, or other matters pertaining to the school, can correspond with Eld. L. T. Nicola, Review and Herald, Battle Creek, Mich.

OUTLINE OF COURSE OF STUDY.

English Bible Study.

The Gospels. (Six Weeks) The four gospels will be studied with the view of making prominent the principal incidents in the life and ministry of Christ. Each year's ministry will be considered separately, thus enabling the student to make a practical harmony of the four gospels.

Biblical geography, and Manners and Customs of Bible lands, will be associated with this study as far as is necessary to clearly bring out the lessons of truth taught by the Saviour.

The Acts of the Apostles.-(Three weeks.) This book will be studied with that thoroughness that will enable the student to give an outline of the entire book, thus laying the foundation for the study of the Pauline Epistles.

Special attention will be given to the principles of religious liberty, and the relation of the church to the State, as practiced by the early church.

The Epistle to the Galatians.-(Three weeks.) The study of this book will be conducted on the verse-by-verse method. A detailed analysis and paraphrase will be made of the Epistle, to aid the student to become acquainted with its history and prominent doctrines.

The Epistle to the Romans.-(Six weeks.) This Epistle will be studied on the same general basis of the study of the Galatians. The wide range of the Epistle will, of necessity, bring in a large portion of the entire Scriptures.

The Prophecy of Isaiah.-(Six weeks.) A brief study on this prophecy will be so connected as to bring out the great principles of the gospel, especially that part pertaining to the closing message.

Topical Study.-(Twenty-four weeks.) The Word of God; Creation and Redemption; Sin, Its Origin, Effects, Power, Punishment; Power and Work of the Holy Spirit; Life in Christ; The Two Mysteries; The New Birth; Our High Priest and His Work; Prayer; Faith; Baptism; What Christ is to the Believer; What the Believer is to Christ; The Coming of the Lord; The Judgment; The Loud Cry; The Everlasting Covenant; The Time of Trouble.

English Language.

The principles of the English language will be studied with a view to aiding the student in the correct use of the same, in reading, writing, and speaking.

Special Work.

Some time will be given to instruction in the Religious Liberty, Home and Foreign Mission, and Health and Temperance Work, also on plans of labor in new fields. These lines of work will be taken up at intervals during the term, at such times as the Board can engage instructors for the same.

On motion, the report was adopted.

It was understood that the number of announcements to be printed was 1,500, and that they were to be given a judicious circulation.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to act as the Executive Committee of the school.

Those appointed were Prof. Prescott, Eld. Durland, and J. N. Loughborough.

The Committee on New Subscription Book and Gospel Leaflets, reported through their Chairman, Eld. J. N. Loughborough, as follows:-

OUTLING OF PROPOSED NEW BOOK.

Copy by January 1, 1894. Book ready for next season.

Title.

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Part I.

Creation,-----E. J. Waggoner.

The Gospel in Creation.

The Memorial of Creation.

The Completed Creation.

Part II.

Degeneration,-----M. C. Wilcox.

Origin of Evil.

Entrance of Sin.

Effects of Sin.

The Great Apostasy.

The Falling Away.

The Fall of Babylon.

Sin and Sinners Destroyed.

Part III.

Reconciliation,-----A. T. Jones.

The Unspeakable Gift.

The Mind of Christ.

God's Way, and Satan's Way. (Religious Liberty)

Type and Ante-type. (Sanctuary.)

The Gospel Thread.

The Righteousness of Christ.

Justified by Faith. (Catholic and Protestant.)

A Complete Saviour.

Part IV.

Restitution,-----J. N. Loughborough.

The Coming King.
The Millennial Age.
The Glorious Home.

GOPEL LEAFLETS.

(16 pp. or more, not to exceed 32 pp.)

1. Power of the Word.-----W. W. Prescott.
2. Conversion, or New Birth.-----J. H. Durland.
- ~~3. Acceptance with God.-----M. C. Wilcox.~~
4. Life in Christ.-----E. J. Waggoner.
5. The Sabbath.-----A. T. Jones.
6. The Coming King.-----U. Smith.
7. The Millennial Age.-----J. G. Matteson.
8. Christian Growth.-----J. H. Durland.
9. Fruits of Faith.-----M. C. Wilcox.
10. Forgiveness.-----Mrs. E. G. White.
11. The Victories of Faith.-----S. N. Haskell.
12. The Glorious Home, or Mansions Above.
J. N. Loughborough.
13. The Righteousness of Christ.---A. T. Jones.
14. Creator and Redeemer.-----E. J. Waggoner.
15. The Everlasting Covenant.-----A. T. Jones.
16. Christ Our Sacrifice.-----G. E. Fifield.
17. Christ Our Substitute.-----G. E. Fifield.
18. Christ Our Surety.-----G. E. Fifield.
19. Outpourings of the Spirit.-----W. W. Prescott.
Lessons from Nature.
Christ our Priest.
Our Mighty Helper.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved, That a committee of five be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the publication of the new book.

Those appointed to act on this committee were, W.W. Prescott, J. H. Durland, J. N. Loughborough, A. T. Jones, and O. A. Tait.

Moved, That the Executive Committee of the General Conference Association be requested to make inquiry in regard to 153

procuring of the Pacific Press the Bible Students' Library, for the special accommodation of the publication of the Gospel Leaflets, by the General Conference.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to consider the matter of organization of District Conferences, reporting suggestions on the formation of the same, to the President of the General Conference.

Inasmuch as in the absence of the President of the General Conference, many points of importance would necessarily have to receive consideration, it was

Voted, That Prof. W. W. Prescott act as Vice-President of the General Conference Committee, in the absence of the President, with power to call meetings, and to take such general oversight of Committee matters as might seem proper.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee on the distribution of labor.

The following were appointed: Elds. Farnsworth, Kilgore, and VanHorn.

On motion the meeting adjourned to 2:30, P.M.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

S E V E N T H M E E T I N G.

3: P.M., Monday, July 10, 1893.

Present: Elds. Olsen, Loughborough, Prescott, Breed, Kilgore, Durland, Farnsworth, and VanHorn.

Prayer by Eld. Breed.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Chairman again called attention to the Chicago Church enterprise. After remarks by several, it was,-

Voted, That the General Conference Committee extend an invitation to the Medical and Benevolent Association to join them in assisting the Chicago Church Enterprise, to the extent of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).--Carried. It was,-

Moved, That Elds. Loughborough and Moon be selected to compose a committee to visit the Finance Committee of the General Conference Association and Medical and Benevolent Association, making them acquainted with the action of the General Conference Committee, and look after the interests of the enterprise further, as they may deem proper.

Eld. Farnsworth offered the following, to take effect at the close of the present session of the Summer Council:-

Battle Creek, Mich., July 10, 1893.

Eld. O. A. Olsen,

Dear Brother:-

In view of the fact that I have been appointed to act as a teacher in Union College, making it impossible for me to go to the Pacific Coast, I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the General Conference Committee, and Superintendent of District No. 6.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Moved, That the resignation be accepted.--Carried.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor, reported as follows:-

Your committee would make the following recommendations:-

1. That Eld. J. H. Morrison, of California, be elected to fill the vacancy on the ^{General} California Conference Committee, and that he be appointed to act as Superintendent of District No. 6.

2. That Bro. Willie Haskell, of Illinois, go to District No. 2, to labor in the Bible work, such transfer being made subject to the decisions of the Ill. Conference Committee.

3. That Bro. F. D. Starr return to Michigan to labor.

4. That D. E. Place make Indiana his field of labor.

5. That Byron Tripp, of Minnesota, make Virginia his field of labor.

E. W. Farnsworth,
R. M. Kilgore,
I. D. VanHorn,---Committee.

Voted, To adopt recommendations 1, 2, and 5.

Voted, To lay on the table recommendations 3 and 4.

Since it had been decided that Eld. G. C. Tenney accompany Eld. Olsen on his trip to Europe, thus making it necessary that a substitute be provided to assist in editing the Readings for the Week of Prayer, it was,-

Voted, To invite Eld. A. O. Tait to assist in Eld. Tenney's place, in editing the Readings for the Week of Prayer.

Recurring to the Chadwick difficulty, it was,-

Voted, That the recommendations of the Committee reporting at the third meeting be taken from the table.

It was,-

Voted, That the recommendation be adopted, and that a copy of the same be furnished the Battle Creek Church Committee, for such use as may seem advisable to them.

The Chair ordered that a copy of the report and the above action be furnished L. C. Chadwick.

Moved, That Eld. F. M. Roberts, of Virginia, be invited to join Eld. D. T. Shireman, in labor, in North Carolina.--Carried.

The Committee on District Conferences reported as follows:-

The committee appointed to make recommendations for District Conferences, would submit the following report:-

1. We recommend that District Conferences be held in each General Conference District, as far as practicable, the coming fall and winter.

2. The delegation to consist of Conference Committees, The President and Secretary of Tract Societies, the President and Secretary of each State Sabbath-school Association, and the State Canvassing Agent of each State or Territory in the District.

3. The District Superintendent to be the presiding officer; a secretary to be selected at the first meeting.

4. The object of this District Conference shall be for council concerning the interests of the cause in the territory of the said District, and planning for the extension of the work in all the various lines.

5. Devotional exercises and meetings for Bible instruction shall be held each day.

J. H. Durland,
J. N. Loughborough,
A. J. Breed.----Committee.

The necessity for a new line of tracts, convenient for circulation, was briefly dwelt upon, which led to the following:-

Moved, That the preparation of a line of tracts convenient and appropriate for different lines of missionary work, be referred to the committee on Gospel Leaflets.--Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned sine die.

O. A. Olsen, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Fall Session, 1893.

F I R S T M E E T I N G .

October 10, 7:30, P. M.

Present: Elds. W. W. Prescott, J. N. Loughborough, I. D. VanHorn, R. M. Kilgore, and J. H. Durland.

Prof. Prescott occupied the Chair.

A short season of prayer was held at the opening of the meeting, nearly all present participating.

The Chair explained that Bro. W. A. Colcord had been invited by the Foreign Mission Board to labor in Australia, and it was suggested that before leaving Battle Creek he should be ordained.

It was voted that Bro. W. A. Colcord be ordained to the gospel ministry, Wednesday evening, October 11.

It was voted that Brn. W. A. Spicer and A. F. Ballenger be ordained at the Tabernacle service, 11 A.M., Oct. 14.

~~It was voted,~~ In harmony with the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board, that W. A. Spicer be invited to go to London to assist in the office of the Present Truth, *it was*

Voted, That Eld. F. M. Wilcox be appointed to fill the vacancy which would be occasioned by the resignation of the present Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Eld. Wilcox's duties to begin on the departure of Bro. Spicer for London.

Voted, That Z. G. Baharian, who is arranging to labor in Constantinople, be ordained to the gospel ministry, the matter to be attended to by Eld. H. P. Holser.

In response to a memorial from the California Conference Committee, asking for the services of Eld. A. T. Jones, several

weeks this fall, in the interests of religious liberty work, and it being possible for Bro. W. A. Colcord to spend several days in California on his way to Australia, it was,-

Voted, That W. A. Colcord be advised to start for Australia at the earliest practicable date, and that he be invited to spend the time at his command in California, before sailing for Australia, in religious liberty institute work.

Voted, That Eld. A. T. Jones be invited to spend about one week in Iowa, in general meetings arranged for that State, during the months of November or December.

Voted, That the resignation of Eld. R. A. Underwood, as President of the Wisconsin Conference, be accepted, his resignation being occasioned by ill health.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

W. W. Prescott, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

S E C O N D M E E T I N G.

Monday, 10: A.M., October 16.

Members present: Prescott, Loughborough, Breed, Kilgore, VanHorn, Durland, and Morrison.

Prof. Prescott in the Chair.

A brief prayer services was conducted, in which all the members engaged.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In response to inquiries for the services of Eld. A. T. Jones at general meetings in various fields, it was/-

Voted, That it be the suggestion of the Committee that Eld. A. T. Jones should give his first attention to the preparation of a book for the use of canvassers next season.

Voted, That the Chair be appointed a committee of one to confer with Eld. A. T. Jones in regard to the arrangement of his work, and ascertain to what extent he can engage in labor additional to the preparation of his book.

Prof. Prescott made remarks concerning the situation at the Mt. Vernon Academy, explaining that on account of limited attendance of students, the Executive Committee of the Academy had recommended the employment of one of the teachers and one of the helpers in the students' home, by the Ohio Conference. It was therefore--

Voted, To endorse the suggestion of the Committee.

Voted, That ministerial license be granted Prof. P. T. Magan.

Voted, That Mabel Dykeman be allowed \$6.00 per week and expenses, for the time she had reported to the General Conference Committee.

Voted, That W. H. White be allowed \$6.00 per week for services in Oklahoma, as per his report to the General Conference Committee.

Voted, That W. H. White be granted ministerial license, and that the time of his employment in ministerial duties be arranged with the Superintendent of District No. 5.

Voted, That Eld. D. T. Shireman be provided with a horse at the expense of the General Conference, Eld. R. M. Kilgore attending to the purchase of the same.

Voted, That a Year Book for 1894 be issued, and that a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to act with him in selecting an editorial committee for the same.

(The following committee was subsequently chosen:- Elds. J. N. Loughborough and J. H. Durland.)

Voted, That the General Conference Committee request a conference with the Review and Herald Board with reference to the "Advent Review and Sabbath Herald."

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 2: P.M.

W. W. Prescott, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

T H I R D M E E T I N G.

Monday, 2 P.M., October 16.

Members present: Prescott, Loughborough, VanHorn, Durland, Kilgore, Breed, and Morrison.

Prof. Prescott in the Chair.

Meeting informal for one hour, during which time the Battle Creek Church Board were present and asked counsel in reference to best plans of procedure with those desiring information and advice as to removing from Battle Creek. A meeting was appointed for the following Thursday evening, at which it was arranged that the members of the General Conference Committee might meet with those interested in this matter. Bro. H. W. Miller also met the Committee at this hour as per previous arrangement, and related his experience of the last three or four years, explaining his former relations to the General Conference and to the Michigan Conference.

The minutes of the previous meeting read, and after necessary corrections, were approved.

In view of the question of the employment of Bro. H. W. Miller by the Michigan Conference, having been suggested by Bro. Miller and the Michigan Conference, ^{and} on account of having been in the employ of the General Conference on the discontinuance of his labor, it was/-

Voted, That the Committee express itself as making no objections to the employment of Bro. H. W. Miller by the Michigan Conference, if said conference should deem it advisable.

✓ The Virginia Conference had asked that the time of Eld. F. M. Roberts be paid by the General Conference from Aug. 1, 1893, to the close of his labors in that State. Eld. VanHorn spoke briefly concerning the matter, and of the financial condition of the Virginia Conference.

It was therefore/-

Voted, That the General Conference pay Eld. F. M. Wil-
Roberts from Aug. 1, 1893, as per the request of the Virgin-

ia Conference, and that he be recommended to enter the field previously suggested for him by the General Conference Committee, at his earliest convenience.

Eld. A. O. Tait, who was present by invitation of the Chairman, explained the advantages of his instituting a line of correspondence with brethren of means in the general field, calculated to cultivate and direct their liberalities to the cause. It was,-

Voted, To recommend that the line of correspondence suggested by Eld. Tait be followed.

Voted, That Dr. J. E. Caldwell be recommended to spend the coming winter under the direction of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, in preparation for medical missionary work.

Voted, That Bro. C. L. Kellogg be invited to take up Dr. Caldwell's work in District No. 2, provided that after correspondence with Eld. R. C. Porter, President of the New England Conference, the move seemed feasible.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 2: P.M., October 17.

W. W. Prescott, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

F O U R T H M E E T I N G .

Tuesday, 2: P.M., Oct. 17, 1893.

Members present: Prescott, Loughborough, VanHorn, Killgore, Durland, and Morrison.

Prof. Prescott in the Chair.

General prayer service, in which all the members engaged.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Eld. Hoops, of Nebraska, was present by invitation, and answered queries concerning his employment in the canvassers' school in Minnesota the coming winter, replying not unfavorably to questions relating to his health and release from labor in his home conference.

Bro. F. L. Mead, was also present by invitation of the Committee, and made recommendations concerning appointment of State Agents for Missouri and Illinois. He also made statements relative to his work, and invited the counsel of the Committee on arrangements for labor in the General fields.

It was,-

Voted, That Bro. James Hackett, of Manitoba, be recommended to act as State Agent in Missouri, the General Conference paying his railroad fare from his present field to Missouri.

Voted, That Bro. Geo. Wheeler, of South Dakota, be recommended to act as State Agent in Illinois, provided consent for this purpose could be obtained from the South Dakota Conference.

Voted, That the General Canvassing Agent be instructed to provide suitable help for conducting canvassing institutes.

Voted, That the General Canvassing Agent be authorized to employ Bro. C. L. Holdeman in the German canvassing work next season, as may seem proper.

Voted, That Bro. F. L. Mead be advised to spend such time in the general field in the interests of the canvassing work as necessity may seem to demand, laboring under the counsel of the members of the General Conference Committee, as he may have opportunity to advise with them.

Bro. A. F. Harrison had sought the advice of the Committee in regard to his attending the Bible school at Battle Creek. In response, it was,--

Voted, That Bro. A. F. Harrison, in view of the condition of matters in his field, be recommended to continue his efforts in the canvassing work, at least another year.

Eld. Kilgore presented a request from the Tennessee River Conference, that the boundary lines of their conference be so changed as to include the whole of Tennessee and Kentucky. It was,--

Voted, That the request of the Tennessee River Conference be granted.

Voted, That the recommendation concerning Eld. F. M. Roberts be so changed as to request him to return to Indiana, and at his earliest convenience.

Voted, That Eld. R. M. Kilgore be authorized to correspond with Dr. Geo. A. Shone, with a view to his employment in District No. 2.

Prof. Prescott laid briefly before the Committee the needs for an instructor for a school just starting at Gainsville, Ga. In response, it was,--

Voted, That the Committee loan Elmer Keck a sufficient amount of money to take himself and wife to Gainsville, Ga., for the purpose of enabling them to fill the opening for school work at that place.

Eld. R. M. Kilgore explained that the proprietors of the Academy at ~~Gainsville~~ Graysville, Tennessee, had expressed their desire to deed the Academy property, free from encumbrance, to the General Conference Association. It was therefore,--

Voted, That the proposition of the owners of the Graysville Academy be accepted.

Voted, That the matter of selecting a teacher for the canvassers' school in Minnesota during the coming winter, be left with the Superintendent of Bistrict No. 4.

Voted, That the selection of a teacher for the canvassers' school in Kansas be left with the General Canvassing Agent, the Superintendent of District No. 5, and the President of the Kansas Conference.

Voted, That Bro. Tait correspond with Bro. W. E. Cornell in regard to coming to Battle Creek to assist in the office of the International Religious Liberty Association.

Voted, That where one has been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, but has apostatized from the truth of the gospel, and his credentials are withheld, he is therefore unauthorized to continue his work as a minister of this denomination.

Voted, That Eld. S. N. Haskell be invited to come to Battle Creek at such time as he may conveniently leave California, to labor in this field a considerable portion of the winter.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

W. W. Prescott, Chairman,

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

An informal meeting of the members of the General Conference Committee in the city, was held at 5: P.M., Oct. 26, 1893.

Present: Prescott, Loughborough, VanHorn, and Durland.

Prayer was offered by Eld. VanHorn.

Matters considered were as follows:-

1. A laborer for Washington, D. C., to take the place of Eld. J. O. Corliss, who ~~has~~ left Washington to go to Australia.

Advised to consult with Eld. I. H. Evans in regard to a man whom he might be prepared to recommend.

2. State Agent for Maine.

Advised that Eld. VanHorn arrange this matter by the aid of Bro. F. L. Mead.

3. Route of Eld. Corliss to California. Since it was desirable for him to hold meetings in Southern California, it was,-

Advised that he go to Oakland Via. Los Angeles and Fresno.

4. Appointment of member on committee on the Year Book in place of Bro. M. E. Kellogg, first appointed to take editorial oversight of the same with Elds. A. O. Tait and F. M. Wilcox.

Suggested that L. T. Nicola assist on the committee.

5. Authorization of certain tracts now being issued by the Review and Herald. Has book committee passed upon them, etc.?

Suggested that Prof. Prescott make inquiry concerning this matter.

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6. Plans as to extending the labors of Eld. A. T. Jones by shortening his time at the Atlanta Institute.

Suggested that the Atlanta Institute continue four weeks instead of six, and that Eld. Jones attend the last three weeks, only. The Secretary was asked to inform Eld. Kilgore at once.

7. Arrangement for teachers for the Texas school.

No very definite suggestions made.

8. Arrangement for the labor of Eld. D. T. Bordeaux. Letter read from him showing that the Pa. Conference had arranged for his employment till first of December, only. Holds credentials from the General Conference, and looks to that body for direction of his labors.

Suggested that the Secretary correspond with the President of the Pa. Conference in regard to his further employment in Pa.

L. T. Nicola, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

of the

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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SPRING SESSION, 1894.

(First Meeting.)

March 30, 10:00 A.M.

Present: Elders O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, J.N.Loughborough, I.D.Van Horn, R.M.Kilgore, A.J.Breed, and J.H.Durland.

Absent: Elders S.N.Haskell, W.C.White, J.H.Morrison, and D.A.Robinson.

Elder O.A.Olsen in the Chair.

After general remarks by the Chairman in regard to the importance of the present session of the Committee, etc., he proposed that a season of prayer be had in which all present might feel free to engage.

Elder J.N.Loughborough led the prayer season, in which all participated.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of previous session was waived.

The Chairman made brief remarks in outline of general work of the session, (and cautioned the members against working to the extent of producing exhaustion and weariness, and

especially against losing necessary sleep. Said the Chairman, We have come to a time when clear minds are ~~needed~~. He spoke of the different organizations which would hold meetings during the Council, naming them in the following order: The General Conference Committee, the Foreign Mission Board, the General Conference Association, the International Tract Society, the International Religious Liberty Association, and the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association; remarking that the bulk of the work would necessarily be guided by the General Conference Committee

Daily devotional exercises were recommended and urged as an absolute necessity. It was suggested that leading brethren in the city should be invited to attend these meetings with the members of the Council. It was also suggested that these exercises should not be devoted wholly to prayer service, but that some time could well be spent in speaking of the leading principles of our work, with the purpose of facilitating the regular business of the Council. A general program was also suggested, which led to a motion as follows:--

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed,

That the daily program stand as follows:---

Devotional exercises, - - - 9:00 --10:00 A.M.

Business, - - 10:30 A.M.---12:00; 2:00--4:00 P.M.
and 5:00--7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

1. Moved by Elder Prescott, and seconded by Elder Breed,
That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair to arrange
the order of the meetings of the Council, (in harmony with the
general program.)

Carried.

~~Other~~ Other committees were suggested.

2. Moved by Elder Prescott, and seconded by Elder Kilgore,
That the Chair appoint a Committee of three on Distribution
of Labor, with a view of providing laborers for the camp-
meetings in this country and in Europe, and also to make
such recommendations as to changes of laborers as might
seem necessary.

CARRIED.

3. Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Van Horn,
That a Committee of three (be appointed) on Educational work.

Carried.

Moved by Elder Prescott, That two committees be appointed
as follows:---

4. 1. On arranging for Time, Place, Plan, and General
Matters relating to the next General Conference.

5. 2. On work of said General Conference.

CARRIED.

6. Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed,
That the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to arrange
for the week of prayer for 1894. CARRIED.

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7. Moved by Elder Prescott, and seconded by Elder Durland,
That a Committee of three be appointed on Periodicals and
other Literature of the Seventh-day Adventists.

CARRIED.

On motion, of Elder Prescott, the meeting adjourned to
2:30 P.M.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.F.Nicols,

Secretary.

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SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1894.

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Friday, March 30, 3:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Prescott, Loughborough, Van Horn,
Kilgore, Breed, and Durland.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Agreeable to motions of previous meeting, the Chair
appointed the following committees:---

1. On Arrangement and Order of Meetings of the
Council.---J.N.Loughborough and I.D.Van Horn.
2. On Distribution of Labor.---A.J.Breed, J.H.Morri-
son, and J.H.Durland.
3. On Educational Work.---W.W.Prescott, S.N.Haskell,
and J.N.Loughborough.
4. On Time, Place, and Plan of the next General
Conference.---I.D.Van Horn, R.M.Kilgore, and A.J.Breed.
5. On Work of next General Conference.---W.W.Prescott,
S.N.Haskell, J.H.Morrison.
6. On Arrangements for Week of Prayer for 1894.---
J.H.Durland, J.N.Loughborough, and R.M.Kilgore.
7. On Periodicals and other Literature.---W.W.Prescott,
S.N.Haskell, and J.H.Morrison.

Elder Olsen outlined the arrangements for the European
camp-meetings the coming season, announced the Bible Insti-

tutes for Scandinavia, Sept. 1--Nov. 15, and Great Britian, Nov. 21 -- Jan. 28, 1895.

It was explained that these meetings had been arranged to suit the convenience of the laborers conducting them, and that in the Institute work two lines of work would be followed: (1) Bible work, and (2) instruction on the relation of the different departments of the work, the needs of the different fields, and the attitude that our members should sustain to these fields.

Attention was also called to the distinctive features of the work of Seventh-day Adventists, and the special needs of the people of other countries to receive instruction and training similar to that which had been received in America.

The President dwelt at some length on the condition of the Scandinavian countries. Mention was also made of the work in Great Britian and South Africa.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:30 A.M., Sunday, April 1.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

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THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING COUNCIL, 1894.

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Sunday, April 1, 10:30 A.M.

Present: Olsen, Loughborough, Kilgore, Prescott,
Van Horn, Durland, and Haskell. *Read*

Prayer by Elder Van Horn.

A request was presented from Elder A.W. Bartlett to be permitted to transfer from the Indiana to the California Conference. Accompanying Elder Bartlett's communication was one from Elder N.C. Mc Clure favoring the transfer.

Moved by Prof. Prescott, That Elder Bartlett's request be granted, on the condition that he meet ~~with~~ the expense of his suggested transfer. Carried.

Elder C. Mc Reynolds, President of the Kansas Conference, Had sent a request to the Committee for the transfer of Elder S.B. Whitney from the South Dakota to the Kansas Conference.

Moved by Elder Van Horn, That the transfer of Elder Whitney be approved. Carried.

A communication was read from Elder J.W. Watt, as follows:-

"Last Spring we started a tent fund for Montana, for the purpose of buying a 20-foot splice for our fifty-foot tent, and also to purchase some small tents. Bro. Edwards writes me that we have \$110.00 cash in treasury tent fund; we have also \$158.00 unpaid pledges, a part of which will be paid, if not all. Now we would like a twenty-foot splice for our fifty-foot tent, and about ten or twelve small tents 12 x 16, $5\frac{1}{2}$ foot wall, and would like them

made in time to reach us for our camp-meeting in June. The twenty-foot splice will cost us \$50.00; the small tents \$13.00 each. I see by a letter received from Bro. Edwards that as this is a mission field, I have no right to order tents; so will request to have the matter brought before the Committee," etc.

Voted, To favor the request of Elder Watt for tents, with the understanding that they were to be paid for from funds raised in Montana.

Letters were read from Elder Jacob Klein, of Russia, asking to be granted a leave of absence during the coming summer to come to this country; and Elder Smith Sharp, inquiring if a suitable field could be furnished him in this country, provided he should return here, the condition of his mother's health seeming to make his return necessary.

By suggestion, these communications were referred to the Foreign Mission Board, together with one from Bro. R. B. Craig, of South America, calling for more laborers for that field.

A communication was presented from S. N. Curtiss, inquiring if the Committee considered it advisable to appoint an additional member of the "Transportation Committee," to be located at Kansas City.

Voted, That the Committee does not consider it advisable at present to increase the number of "Transportation Agents."

The following communication was presented from Dr. J. H. Kellogg, relating to the endowment of a General Conference bed at the Sanitarium, for the use of General Conference workers:---

"I wish you would bring before the Conference Committee at the earliest possible date, the question of a free bed for the General Conference. It seems to me that the General Conference ought to endow a bed for the benefit of poor ministers missionaries, and others who may be in the employ of the General Conference."

On motion of Elder Darland, it was voted that the matter be referred to Elders Haskell and Loughborough to confer with Dr. Kellogg, and report at a future meeting.

The following petition was read from Elder N. W. Allee, President of the Minnesota Conference:---

"Minneapolis, Minn., March 19, 1894.

"Elder O. A. Olsen,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Brother:---

"I will ask of you to hear us of thy clemency, a few words." I believe I am assured in saying that the message is onward in Minnesota, and we see some encouraging features in connection with the work here. You remember at our last camp-meeting that we were wrestling over the matter of a large indebtedness of about \$10,000.00, and in need of \$1000 more for the then present emergencies, and with the nearly \$3000 pledged at that meeting to foreign missions, we have been confronting no small matter in this financial depression, and a very light crop in Minnesota. Yet notwithstanding this mountain-high problem, the Lord has not failed to bless, and we see encouragement on this line. Through his blessing we have kept the work moving along--- paid about \$1500 on our indebtedness and quite an amount on the foreign mission work.

"The especial matter that I wish to present to you, and ask your consideration and aid, is this: WE are owing Mrs. Gotzian, of California, \$3000, bearing interest at seven per cent. She, as you know, has given this to the General Conference when we pay it, but she reserves the interest until we do pay it. This amount to her, with other interest-bearing obligations here, is an outlay of \$600 a year interest. Paying interest along, you know, does not lessen the principal. We have paid Sr. G. about \$800 in interest (if I am correctly informed of the time when she donated to the General Conference of the original sum of \$3000), and yet not a cent of the principal paid.

"Now we will ask you to do this for us, if it can be done: We will pay you \$500 cash; \$500 October first, and you take our note for the remaining \$200, without interest, and release us from further obligation to Sr. Gotzian. If we can make this turn by the time of our camp-meeting in June, I am sure that it will be a matter of great encouragement to our brethren here, and will furnish us a tangible evidence by which we can encourage our brethren to lift still more on the financial part of the work. I feel confident that if you can do this for us that within our next Conference year we can reduce the obligation to \$1000, and if crops should be good and prices improve I shall not be surprised if the whole amount could be paid. I will ask Elder Breed to present this matter to you, and as he is quite well acquainted with the situation here, you can advise with him in regard to it.

"Hoping this will receive your favorable consideration, and wishing you health and prosperity, I am,

Your fellow-laborer,
N.W.Allee."

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed,

That the Committee favor the above proposition of Elder Allee, provided it please Mrs. Gotzian and that she give her consent to the same. Carried.

Elder Kilgore called attention to suggestions which had been received, That Elder Geo. I. Butler labor in North Carolina the coming season, and that he be provided with suitable tent for holding public meetings.

Moved (by Prof. Prescott, and seconded by Elder Van Horn.)

That Elder Butler be invited to spend the coming summer
in North Carolina. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Kilgore,

That Elder Butler be furnished by the General Conference
with a fifty-foot tent, suitable for his work in North
Carolina. Carried.

OK motion, the meeting adjourned to 5: 00 P.M.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L. T. Nicola,

Secretary.

FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1894.

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Sunday, April 1, 5:00 P.M.

Present: Olsen, Haskell, Mead, Prescott, Loughborough,
Durland, Van Horn, and Kilgore.

Minutes of previous meeting read, and after Elder
Breed's name had been added to list of members present,
they were approved.

Prayer by Elder Kilgore.

A statement relating to the canvassing work, by F.D.
Mead, was read by the Secretary, after which Bro. Mead, who
was present, made an oral statement concerning a little book
which he had gotten out for the assistance of canvassers
while working for larger works. Samples of the book were
shown.

On suggestion, the matter of assistance for Bro. Mead
was referred to the General Conference Association, and that
of the small book to the Committee on Periodicals and
Literature.

Request was presented that Elder Pegg, of Colorado,
be permitted to return to Iowa to labor.

Referred to Committee on Distribution of Labor.

A communication was presented from M.J. Van der Schuur, who has been laboring in Iowa the past winter, and who desired direction for his future work.

Referred to Committee on Distribution of Labor.

A petition was read from the church at Washington, D.C., asking assistance in a church enterprise which they had undertaken.

On suggestion, the matter was referred to the General Conference Association.

The following petition was presented:---

"To whom it may concern: Whereas, application has been made to the Atlantic Conference, by Elder D.C. Babcock, President of the West Virginia Conference, for the three western counties of the State of Maryland bordering on the State of West Virginia, and known as Garrett, Allegheny, and Washington counties, to become part of the West Virginia Conference;---

"Wherefore, Be it known that the application, having been duly considered by the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Conference, it was decided to transfer the territory above named, to the West Virginia Conference, subject to the consent and approval of the General Conference; praying that the Lord's fullest blessing may continue to attend the work of our sister Conference.

"Certified to this sixth day of March, 1894, and in Jersey City, New Jersey.

(Signed)

"H. E. Robinson,
Pres. Atlantic Conference.

"S. B. Horton,
Secretary."

Moved by Elder Prescott, and seconded by Elder Breed,

That the above request be granted. Carried.

Moved by Elder Prescott, and seconded by Elder Kilgore,
That Bro. E. M. Morrison receive the approval of the General
Conference Committee in his efforts to assist the canvassing
work in California. Carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 10:30 A.M., Monday,
April 2.

O. A. Olsen,

Chairman.

L. T. Nicola,

Secretary.

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