

## FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 11 A.M., February 20.

Present: Elders O.A.Olsen, J.N.Loughborough, A.J.Breed, G.A.Irwin, J.H.Durland, R.C.Porter. and H.P.Holser.

Opening remarks were made by Elder Olsen. He laid particular stress upon the importance of the present council, stating that it would probably be the most important ever conducted by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. He earnestly exhorted the members of the Committee to spend as much time as possible each day during the council in personal devotion. Never were the help and wisdom of God needed so much as at the present time. There are many evidences of advancement attending our work, but while this is true, the agencies of evil are greatly stirred, and Satan would overthrow the work, if it were possible. Our great need is the help of God.

Elder Olsen suggested a season of prayer, and Elder Loughborough was asked to open the prayer season. In the petitions made mention was made of several who had long borne the burden in the heat of the day, the absent members of the Committee, and the affliction through which Elder Morrison is at present passing on account of the serious illness of his daughter.

After the prayer season, Elder Olsen again made remarks, mostly in the line of suggestions for the work of the council. The Auditing Committee will hold a session. It will be best to get the work of the auditing well under way as soon as possible. Other Committees and Boards will hold meetings, but it will be necessary for the General Conference Committee to lead the way in the council;

and in order to facilitate the work of the Committee, several sub-committees should be appointed. The Chairman suggested that it might be best, as a usual thing, for these committees to consist on only two members, for the reason that such arrangement would enable more committees to be appointed, and be at work at the same time. With this sentiment there seemed to be general agreement, The committees suggested were as follows:---

1. On camp-meetings, with recommendations as to dates, laborers, etc.
2. On educational work; the appointment of faculties for our schools and colleges.
3. On the next session of the General Conference, special attention being given to the time for the session, arrangement for attendance from countries outside of the United States, plan of work for the meetings, etc., etc.
4. On the Southern work.
5. On the work of the General Conference Association and the International Tract Society.
6. Adjustment of laborers, special attention being given to the Scandinavian and German work in this country.

It was---

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the Chairman be authorized to select such committees as he thought best to appoint for this special work. Carried. The following committees were appointed:---

1. On camp-meetings, and camp-meeting laborers: Elders Breed and Loughborough.
2. On schools and colleges, providing faculties, etc., for next year: Elders Porter and Irwin.
3. On the next session of the General Conference; time, place, delegates, etc.: Elders Holser, Durland, and Morrison.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 3 P.M.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

## SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 3 P.M., Feb. 20, 1896.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, and Holser.

Prayer by Elder Durland.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The Chairman suggested that it would be well for the District Superintendents to report to the meeting the condition of the work in their respective Districts, especially all matters demanding the immediate attention of the Committee. The Superintendents responded briefly in the order of their enumeration, the following being an outline of what was presented:---

Superintendent of District No. 1:---Large extent of territory. Many important cities, among them the metropolis of the United States. City work receiving some attention. Feel great burden for this particular line of work. This work, however, doing the best it has ever done. The Spirit of Prophecy speaks of the people of God leaving the cities first, which would indicate that they should not be left to the last to be worked. Perhaps no change of Presidents of Conferences at present needed in the District. Several recent changes in this respect. The management in Conferences of the District seems quite harmonious.

Superintendent of District No. 2:---Brother M.S. Babcock, who has labored the past year in the South, desires to labor in some Northern field on account of the health of his wife. A new President is needed for the Tennessee River Conference.

Superintendent of District No. 3:---Being absent, no report was made.

Superintendent of District No. 4:---He stated that he had not had immediate charge of his District during the past few months, on account of his work in connection with the General Conference Bible School. Elder E.G.Olsen, President of the Iowa Conference, has a burden for the Scandinavian work. If he should engage solely in that work, a new President for the Iowa Conference would be necessary. Elder W.A.Hennig, of Nebraska, might with propriety be removed to another field. He has a special taste for city work and would doubtless be suitable for the Eastern field of the United States. If taken from Nebraska, his place should be filled by a laborer of experience, especially in church work. The demand for special work among the Scandinavians of Northern Wisconsin and Michigan was mentioned, and Elder O.A.Johnson, President of the Wisconsin Conference, was suggested for this special work.

Superintendent of District No. 5:---Arkansas needs a new President. Colorado wants a Chaplain for the Sanitarium, and local work at Boulder. Elder O.S.Ferren desires a more complete arrangements and additional facilities, if he has to continue in the Wyoming field. Texas wants a new President. The advancement of the work in Colorado the past few months nearly phenomenal. Kansas has made remarkable growth during the past few weeks.

Superintendent of District No. 6:---Work hopeful throughout the District. Work in California progressing well. Would perhaps be a good thing if there could be a change of Presidents in this Conference. Canvassing work needs assistance throughout the District. Five State Agents wanted. The work in Montana and Utah the most encouraging in the District, and especially in Utah is it

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the most encouraging it has ever been. In this field a Scandinavian worker, and State Agent, much desired. North Pacific Conference needs help. Attention was called to the fact that certain portions of Montana, as well as Wyoming, could be more conveniently worked by the Conferences adjacent to them, and it was suggested that an understanding concerning this matter be reached by the Committee.

Superintendent of District No. 8:---The work in the German field especially encouraging. Finances such that one or two more laborers could be employed, and it was recommended that they be furnished from the United States, the following names being suggested: C.Mathe, and M.Stückrath. The situation of Prof. W.H.Mc Kee, as relates to the publishing work in Basle, and his prospective relations to work on "Present Truth" in London were briefly outlined. Elder Olsen suggested that Prof. Mc Kee might be available for teaching work in some of our Colleges.

Elder Durland called up the matter of appointment of editors for the periodicals of the denomination. No definite action suggested.

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

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

## THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Sunday, 3 P.M., February 23.

Present:- Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, and Holser.

Prayer by Elder Holser.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

There was a general consultation in regard to the needs of our work as respects Secretaries. It was stated that it was probable that Elder F.M. Wilcox would have to resign his Secretaryship on account of the sickness of his wife. Quite a number of practical suggestions were made by members of the Committee in regard to the duties of our Secretaries in the different lines of work connected with the cause. The Chairman made remarks, in outline, as follows:---

The week before us is a very important one. Serious questions will come before the Council for our consideration. We ought to conduct regular devotional meetings. It is possible that there will be some communications from Sister White. We have thought considerably concerning the best methods of bringing about the desired results, as connected with our council meetings.

The Review and Herald stockholders' meetings were spoken of, and it was urged that it would be proper for leading brethren to take stock in the Review and Herald. It was stated that our stock institutions were becoming less and less representative as time went on, for as our denomination increased, and the stockholders died off, our denomination proper became less and less represented in the very institutions at first designed to take a leading part

in carrying forward the work.

Considerable was said in regard to the plan of the organization of the Seventh-day Adventists. The speaker stated that the only thing holding the denomination together is the Spirit of God. We have no creed. We are the most peculiarly organized people in the world. While we are to hold closely to principles, we are, at the same time, to allow the greatest liberty of conscience. The Bible is our only creed. Everything is to be brought to its standard. No true unity in this world, except by the Holy Spirit. Nothing which can hold the people really together, except the Spirit of God, and the truth of God. Every member must have the respect and love which will lead him to esteem others better than himself. The world cannot understand such principles as these. Some say that the Spirit of Prophecy holds us together. So it does; but we understand the Spirit of Prophecy is the Spirit of God.

It seems necessary that we should conduct our council meetings a little differently than in the past. It is important that we should get more benefit from them than before. The necessity for earnest devotion was urged, and careful planning for our future work.

The time of the meeting being exhausted, adjournment was taken to call of the Chair.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,  
 SPRING SESSION, 1896.

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Friday, 8 A.M., Feb. 28.

Present:-- Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, and Holser.

Prayers were offered by Elders Irwin and Olsen.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Porter, That it is the sense of the members of the General Conference Committee attending this meeting that Elder W.C.White should attend the next session of the General Conference. Carried.

The Chairman next called attention to the stockholders' meeting of the Review and Herald, held at the Tabernacle, at 3 P.M., Feb. 27, 1896, at which some of the stockholders, representing a large number of proxies, cumulated their votes during the election of officers on said occasion. But it was shown that the majority at their annual meeting in 1895 had expressed themselves averse to such a method of voting. It was stated that the course taken by some at the aforementioned meeting, Feb. 27, 1896, had been condemned by many, and could be sanctioned by none. The question was raised as to what course the General Conference Committee should take with reference to the matter. After careful consideration, it was,---

Voted, That an appointment should be made for a special meeting at 3 P.M., at the Tabernacle, even date, invitations being extended to the stockholders present the previous day to attend said meeting, where explanation of the position of the Committee could be made.

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It was mutually agreed to meet again at 11 o'clock, and to invite Brother A.R.Henry to attend in order that explanation might be made to him in advance as to the action which had been taken with reference to the meeting to be held at 3 P.M., at the Tabernacle.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 11 o'clock.

O.A.Olsen,  
President.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

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## FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Friday, 11 A.M., Feb. 28, at office of Elder Olsen.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Loughborough, Porter, Holser, and, by invitation, Brethren A.R. Henry and C.H. Jones

Prayers were offered by Elders Irwin and Olsen.

The Chairman made brief remarks concerning the object of the meeting, outlining the same in harmony with the understanding reached at previous meeting. He said that the duty of making these explanations was a very unpleasant one and in no way personal, and that if the matter was not dealt with, serious effects would come to the denomination, and disastrous results to Brother Henry.

Brother Henry made brief statements to the effect that he considered the matter to be wholly a personal one.

The Chairman assured him that in so considering it a serious mistake was being made.

An arrangement was then made for Brother Henry to meet the Committee at 2 P.M., at which time Brother Henry stated he would make explanations bearing on the point at issue. Having himself suggested the propriety of having a stenographer present to take his remarks, arrangements were accordingly made for one to be present to take his remarks. Brother Henry withdrew from the meeting, and the Committee then prepared the following preambles and resolution for presentation at the special meeting appointed at the tabernacle, at 3 P.M.:---

Whereas, At a meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association held at the Tabernacle, at Battle Creek, Michigan, 3 P.M., Feb. 28, 1895, the following action was taken:---

"Whereas, What is known as the cumulative system of voting is legal in a few States of the Union, Michigan being among the number; and,---

"Whereas, This system of voting is in our judgment manifestly unfair and liable to abuse; and,---

"Whereas, Article 3, Section 9, of the By-Laws of this Association seems to show that this system of voting had the approval of the stockholders of this Association; therefore,---

~~"Therefore-~~ "Resolved, (1) That this system of voting does not meet with our approval.

" (2) That Article 3, Section 9, of the By-Laws be amended by striking out all the words in said Section between the thirty-ninth and eighty-fifth words so that as amended it shall read as follows:---

"Section 9. In all elections for Directors every stockholder shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy the number of shares of stock owned by him, for as many persons as there may be Directors elected. All the Directors must be elected annually, and the entire number of Directors must be balloted for at one and the same time, not separately."

And Whereas, At the meeting of said Association, 3 P.M.,

February 27, 1896, said action was disregarded by some; therefore,---

Resolved, That we, members of the General Conference Committee, of the Seventh-day Adventists, representing the denomination between the sessions of the General Conference of said denomination, feel it our duty to express our decided disapproval of the course taken by the stockholders thus ignoring the expressed wish of the Association in this matter.

(Signed) O.A.Olsen,  
J.N.Loughborough,  
A.J.Breed,  
Geo. A. Irwin,  
J.H.Durland,  
R.C.Porter,  
H.P.Holser.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 2 P.M., even date, to meet at Elder Olsen's office.

O.A.Olsen,  
President.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

## SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Friday, February 28, 2 P.M., at office of Elder Olsen.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and, according to previous arrangement, Brethren A.R.Henry and C.H.Jones.

Prayers were offered by Elders Breed and Olsen.

Brother A.R.Henry made statement which he proposed at previous meeting, and a verbatim report of same was made by Brother H.E.Rogers, stenographer.

Before the dispersion of the members, the statement containing the preambles and resolution, contained in the minutes of the previous meeting, was duly signed by each member of the General Conference Committee present.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to permit the Committee to attend the special meeting which had been arranged to be held at the Tabernacle and which was ready to begin.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

## SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Saturday evening, 5:45 o'clock, Feb. 29.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and J.H.Morrison, the last-named having been deprived so far of attendance at the meetings on account of the serious illness of his daughter.

Prayer by Elder Porter.

Reading of minutes previous meeting waived.

The Chairman spent most of the hour outlining matters, both local and general, which he considered should receive attention at the present session of the Committee. With respect to change of fields of laborers, it was earnestly and solemnly urged that the members ought to be entirely unprejudiced, having only the good of the work in view.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 11 A.M., March 1.

O.A.Olsen,  
Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,  
Secretary.

## EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.  

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Sunday, 11 A.M., March 1.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Holser.

The minutes of the three previous meetings read and approved.

The Chairman called attention to an invitation which had been extended by the Union College Board, to the General Conference Committee, to attend a meeting of the Board at College View, Nebraska, at such time as the General Conference Committee might be able to be present. After due consideration, it was,---

Expressed as the judgment of the Committee, That the General Conference Committee would be best accommodated if the Union College Board meeting were held March 31 to April 3.

The Chairman asked the attention of the Committee to certain correspondence between himself and Brother S.M.Jacobs, of Fentanelle, Iowa, with reference to the latter's taking the superintendency of the farm recently purchased by the General Conference, near Huntsville, Alabama. Brief explanations were also made with reference to what had been done so far in purchasing the farm, taking possession of it, and beginning farm operations for the present year. A letter was read from Brother S.M.Jacobs, in which he stated that he would take the position which had been suggested to him, provided the General Conference Committee considered it best for him to so do. After inquiry from several, and brief remarks from Elders Morrison and Porter, favoring the idea of Brother Jacobs taking charge of said farm, it was,---

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Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Durland, That Brother S.M.Jacobs and family, of Iowa, be invited to take the superintendency of the farm near Huntsville, Alabama, to be used by the General Conference in connection with an Industrial School for colored people. Carried.

In connection with remarks by the Chairman with reference to the plans which had been adopted to raise the necessary money for paying for the farm near Huntsville, he stated that in all probability the late annual offerings would not be as large as was expected. But he expected that the probable shortage could be made a lever for contributions being liberally given during the year, making in the end much more funds than are usually raised when confined to the regular Christmas offerings. The outlook, therefore, was not so discouraging as it might at first seem to be.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

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Secretary.

## NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

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Thursday, 8 A.M., March 5, at office of Elder Olsen.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayers were offered by Elders Morrison and Olsen.

The hour was occupied by Elder Olsen in reading a communication lately received from Sister White, addressed to the General Conference. He also read one addressed to himself.

The meeting closed with a season of earnest prayer.

O.A.Olsen,

President.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

## TENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Friday, 11 A.M., March 6.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Morrison, Porter, and Holser.

Prayers by Elders Loughborough and Olsen.

Minutes two previous meetings read and approved.

By invitation, Brother A.R. Henry came into the meeting, after which Elder Morrison made a brief statement with reference to an interview he had had with Brother Henry, after which Brother Henry made somewhat extended remarks with reference to his present attitude to the work, etc.

After the close of Brother Henry's remarks, Mrs. F.A. Buzzell, of Chicago, who had asked permission of the Committee to occupy a few minutes in presenting the needs of the Chinese work at Chicago, came into the meeting and spoke briefly. The following are some of the more important points presented:---

Have been assisting in the Chinese work for two years. There are forty men at present receiving instruction, four of whom are observing the Sabbath, and others are much interested. The school work is at present being conducted at rooms connected with Dr. Kellogg's Free Dispensary, which accommodations will probably not be available after the termination of the Doctor's lease. The place, however, is hardly suitable for the Chinese school work.

There are at present nine Chinese schools in operation under the jurisdiction of different churches in Chicago. Fine apartments are provided for these schools, and everything possible is

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done to attract and win the Chinamen. Also, there are persons employed by the churches to give their entire time to this work.

There is prejudice existing in the minds of some against the Chinese work, and this prejudice is shared by some of our own people. We need ~~agf~~ a good place for the school; it should be centrally located. We can pay part of the expense connected with the school, but not all.

On inquiry, it was developed that it was Mrs. Buzzell's opinion that a suitable room for the school would be provided at about \$25.00 per month.

On motion, meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

## ELEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Saturday, 7 P.M., March 7.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, ~~Burkhardt~~  
Porter, Holser, Morrison; and Elder Allen Moon by invitation.

Prayer was offered by Elder Loughborough.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting waived.

Elder Moon occupied most of the hour, giving an account of his work in connection with the Religious Liberty Association, at Washington and other points. The following is extracted from a ~~br-~~ brief report of his remarks:---

I attended the national convention of the National Reformers recently held in Baltimore. There were representatives present at that convention from the Baptists, Methodists, and other denominations, and the meeting was not confined to Presbyterians, as has been the case mostly in the past.

Dr. George has all the time been working for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, introducing what is familiarly known as "God in the Constitution." But Dr. Crafts has a plan to get Congress committed on the Sunday law for the District of Columbia. He has succeeded in enlisting the leading reformers, and leading reform societies, in the United States, and at Washington particularly, to unite in demanding four laws, as follows:---

1. Sunday law for the District of Columbia.
2. Repeal of the present divorce law.
3. Enactment of a new divorce law.
4. The law raising the age of consent of girls.

A convention was recently held at Washington, which I attended as pastor of one of the Washington churches, where there was outlined the work that these reform societies in combination propose to do. The plans for their work are carefully laid. These societies have a wide following, and their influence is such that they will attain success, if possible.

Our work in the District of Columbia, in outline, has been as follows: I obtained the names of all the lawyers in the city. Brother Emery, my stenographer, had taken reading - matter to wach one of the. I personally took copies of "Civil Sunday Law" to each newspaper man in the city, and have made the acquaintance of as many such men as possible. We have distributed twenty-five thousand religious liberty tracts to the people at church door\*. Have presented to each member of Congress the work entitled, "State Papers," and have sent them the "Santinel" each week, and the papers continue to go to these men.

The work of the National Reformers is going faster than our work. In New York the legislature has been in session for months, and a Sunday law is being considered, yet there is no one to look after the matter there. My experience in attending the South Carolina Constitutional Convention convinced me that much will be done by being present at such occasions to suggest the introduction of matter pointing in the direction of religious liberty. We had introduced into their proposed Constitution a statement harmonizing with the statement in the United States Constitution; viz., "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Of course it is not our object to secure amendments to the Constitutions, but to get our principles before the people.

On Monday, March 2, from ten to twelve o'clock, we were granted a hearing at Washington on the District Sunday bill. The National Reformers did not appear at the meeting. One Baptist minister was present, and spoke in favor of the bill, but made a very unfavorable impression. Those favoring the bill have sent out to their friends all over the country to write letters and send telegrams to Congressmen, urging the passage of the bill. The W.C.T.U. are committed to these so-called reforms. Next Wednesday, March 11, has been set for a hearing on the amendment offered to the Constitution, proposing the insertion of the name of God, etc., into that instrument. Perhaps there is not so much danger of this amendment passing as the District Sunday bill. Dr. Talmage, who is now located in Washington, is a part of this reform scheme. He recently delivered a discourse on Revelation 13, in which he stated that "We, the Christian citizens of the United States, are going to take this country for God. When we have done this, we will take the world for God, and with our armies and navies."

The Religious Liberty Association is not doing as much work as it should do. The Secretary is buried in other work. The funds of the Association are otherwise employed. There is too much delay in connection with the transaction of the business of the Association, etc., etc.

Elder Olsen asked: What do you think of moving the Religious Liberty Association office to New York?

Ans: I believe the Religious Liberty Association office and the "Sentinal" office should be together.

Elder Olsen: "If the Secretary should give his whole time to the work, would that help matters?"

Answer: Perhaps.

Elder Olsen: Do you want the Religious Liberty Association office to go to New York?

Ans: Would rather it would go to New York than to have things managed as they are at present; but I would not be in favor of the Secretaryship going into the hands of the editors of the "Sentinel."

Considerable was said concerning the relative merits of New York, Washington, Chicago, as locations for the office of the Religious Liberty Association. It was also suggested that most men should be employed to labor under the direction of the President of the Religious Liberty Association, in attending meetings, visiting legislatures, etc. The name of Jas. Bartholf, who is at present in the employ of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, was suggested for such work. It was urged that a man was needed for this special line of work who can make speeches when necessary, and who would be able to properly present our positions before legislative committees etc. But the matter most important, and demanding immediate attention, was the selection of a location of the I.R.L.A. office, and connecting with it a Secretary, etc. In order to give this matter proper attention, it was,---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Porter, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to take this question under consideration, and report at a future meeting. Carried. The Chairman selected Elders Porter, Breed, and Irwin to act on this Committee.

One of the noticeable features of the meeting was the frequent expression of the members of the Committee to the effect that more active work should be done in the lines of our religious liberty work. On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

O.A.Olsen, Chairman.

L.T.Nicola, Secretary.

## TWELFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 11 A.M., March 10.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Olsen.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. F.A. Buzzell came before the Committee again, and presented some additional particulars with reference to the Chinese work in Chicago.

Several students in our school are doing rather primary work, and are using Gospel Primer. Some of these are members of other churches, and while attending our school have received light on the second coming of Christ, and have carried this light to their churches.

My business here is mainly this: To secure assistance in obtaining a better place for our school work in Chicago.

Elder Olsen asked Sister Buzzell if she had talked these matters over with Elder S.H. Lane, President of the Illinois Conference. She replied that she had, but had received no encouragement that he would render any financial assistance.

Mrs. Buzzell stated that she had been interested in the Chinese work for the last four years, had given considerable time to the work, and had borne her own expenses, and asked if some of the funds raised by the Sabbath-schools for the work in China could not be used in the Chinese work in Chicago. It was the opinion of

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several of the members of the Committee that it would not be well to divert the money raised for starting the work in China from its original purpose.

After Mrs. Buzzell left the room, the Chairman made remarks suggesting the importance on the part of those directing the work of reaching out and carefully following in the opening providences of God, of carefully looking after the interests of the cause wherever they may appear.

Elder Irwin called attention again to Brother M.S. Babcock's desire to move from Alabama to some Northern field to labor, on account of the poor condition of his wife's health. It was,---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That Elders Morrison and Irwin be appointed to consult with Elder I.D. Van Horn, President of the Ohio Conference, who is now in the city, with reference to exchanging one of the Ohio laborers for Brother Babcock, so as to permit him to live in a more comfortable climate for his wife. Carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

O.A. Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T. Nichla,

Secretary.

## THIRTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 5 P.M., March 10.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Helser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Morrison.

Minutes previous meeting read, and, after several corrections, approved.

The first things receiving attention were matters introduced by Elder Porter. They were as follows:---

1. The necessity of a change of field of labor for Brother P.L.Hoen, of Maine, on account of the number of Scandinavians in that field not being sufficient to keep him advantageously employed.
2. The possible need of a different arrangement in the employing of assistance being at present rendered by the General Conference for the work in New York City, which was set forth by a communication to the Committee from Elder A.Moon, reading as follows:---

"Concerning the labors of the brethren in New York: It has been thought advisable by our Committee, if the General Conference consent, to carry on the work during the summer in tents instead of renting Halls as at present; and during the progress of the present effort there it has developed interests in different parts of the city, and it seems best to hold tent meetings in at least two different parts of the city at the same time, and we wish to ascertain from the General Conference Committee information as to whether they could incur the additional expense, if it should turn out to be additional expense, of providing a tentmaster for Brother Farnsworth, and in lieu of paying one half of the Hall rent as at present, paying the ground rent for one tent. Elder Franke will be provided with another tent, and we will pay the ground rent and provide tentmaster for one tent, also furnish both tents. It is possible that ground may be secured so that this will not amount to very great additional expense from the present; but the interest at present seems to demand this change."

3. The erection of movable buildings for city work.

It was,---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Breed, That a Committee of two be appointed to consider the above-mentioned matters, and report at a future meeting. Carried. It was suggested that Elders Morrison and Porter serve on this Committee.

The Chair called attention to quite a number of matters which be thought important for the council to consider at an early date, prominent among which were changes of fields of labor for some of the workers, which had been suggested by certain arrangements already made during the council, and by Conferences and leading workers. Since most of these changes under consideration related to Districts Two and Five, it was,---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elders Irwin, Breed, and Loughborough compose a Committee to make recommendations with reference to necessary changes of laborers in Districts Two and Five. Carried.

The Chairman next called attention to the needs of the Ontario field, and he read a short letter from Elder Burrill relating to the present status of the prosecutions of our brethren in that Province. After brief consideration of the matters presented by the Chairman, it was,---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Porter, That That the General Conference enter into negotiations with the Michigan Conference, with a view to making Ontario a General Conference Mission, and placing a Superintendent in that territory. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That if the Michigan Conference turns over the Ontario to the General Conference, we appoint Elder W.A.Hennig, of Nebraska, to act as

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Director of that field. Carried.

After some explanations by Elder Durland with reference to the needs of the Western sections of the Dominion of Canada, especially as relating to the canvassing work, and brief consideration of the same, the meeting, on motion, adjourned to 10 A.M., Wednesday, March 11.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

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FOURTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,  
SPRING SESSION, 1896.

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Wednesday, 10 A.M., March 11.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Bredd, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayers by Elders Olsen, and Irwin.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Olsen made remarks on the importance of our times, referring to the events now taking place---the Eastern question, the formation of the image, etc. He stated that there was a great lack of both men and means for carrying on our work, and that many of our laborers were not as thoroughly consecrated as they should be. "Never was there more money among Seventh-day Adventists than to-day."

He suggested that the General Conference should prepare an appeal to place before the people, setting forth the importance of our time; and of the necessity of appointing a season for fasting and prayer. He thought that this would result in reviving the spiritual interests of our work, and also assist very materially in increasing the funds for carrying forward our work. He spoke of the policy that some thought should be followed in carrying forward our work, defining it as a close, business-like policy; but he thought it was not in accordance with the gospel of Christ to adopt such a policy. "The work of the gospel is not planned on a worldly policy, but on faith in God." He referred to the children of Israel, and the faith it was necessary for them to exercise in meeting the difficulties in their experience. "It is faith

to-day that is needed as much as it was then." The speaker asked if we should stop here on the verge of great events. Said he: "It seems to me that if we place these things before the people in the proper manner, that they will see the necessity of doing their duty, and that the Lord will stay the Eastern question and the work of the National Reformers, so that we may yet have an opportunity to do the work God has given us to do. If we do not do our duty, God will set us aside and choose others, for he will have his work done. This is not the time to take narrow views of the message God has committed to us. Self-sufficiency and pride of heart were the great hindrances to the progress of the children of Israel. Covetousness was also their sin. This is our sin today. Every power in heaven and earth is in God's hands. We have no reason for discouragement, and if we look at these things from the right standpoint. Before we begin our work the coming summer, it seems to me we should decide our policy; we cannot go very far without doing that. Everything will be influenced by the position we take. Am satisfied if we can summon faith to stand out boldly, we can have a great victory; but if we take the other position, we will have trouble in our ranks. We were never confronted by such grave questions as to-day. But in order that the great problems around us may be solved, it is necessary for our people to view everything in the light of the nearness of the end of all things. The main question is, Shall we adopt the policy of expansion or contraction? Shall we not take the position that the time has come for the message to go, and then appeal to the people?

Elder Holser made a few statements. He said:---

"It seems to me that while we talk to the people, we should endeavor to set before the laborers the importance of making their

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work as nearly self-supporting as possible."

Elder Olsen replied: "There needs to be an awakening among our laborers. They do not work up the finances as is their privilege to do. Some seem afraid to take up money matters. Many of our ministers do not know how to meet the difficulties that arise along these lines. There are ministers among us who, if put on the income of their own work, would starve."

Elder Porter made brief remarks, emphasizing the necessity of proper economy in spending money.

The attention of the Committee centered on the question of appointing a season of fasting and prayer, and the preparation of an appeal to the people. Definite action on the matter, however, was not taken.

The remainder of the time of the meeting was spent by the members in a committee of the whole, arranging for distribution of laborers.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicolay

Secretary.

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## FIFTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 5:30 P.M., March 11.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Holser, Durland, Porter, and Morrison.

Prayers were offered by Elders Breed and Olsen.

Elder Irwin made oral report for the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to consult with Elder I.D. Van Horn with reference to exchanging Brother M.S. Babcock, of Alabama, for one of the Ohio laborers, such change being desirable on account of a change of climate being necessary for Brother Babcock's wife. The report was to the effect that it had been ascertained by an interview with Brother Van Horn that he was willing to accept Brother M.S. Babcock in exchange for J.R. Buster, of the Ohio Conference, and it was the recommendation of the special Committee that such exchange should be made. It was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the report of the Committee be accepted, and that the exchange of the laborers recommended be carried into effect. Carried.

Elder Irwin also stated that Elder Van Horn was willing that to accept of the labors of Elder G.G. Rupert, who has not been in the employ of any Conference for a considerable length of time. It was expressed as the sentiment of the Committee that no objections would be offered to such a plan, but that they would be highly gratified if such an arrangement could be effected.

The Chairman presented the following Memorial from the Battle

Creek Church, to the General Conference Committee, asking for the services of Elder J.H.Durland as Pastor, and for his release as Superintendent of District No. 4, if it should be thought advisable by the Committee that he should be relieved:---

"Request of the Battle Creek Church of Seventh-day Adventists, to the General Conference Committee:---

"We would acknowledge the faithful and acceptable services of the past and present Pastors, provided by the General Conference to this Church, yet we are now fully persuaded that under existing circumstances, additional help should be supplied to adequately meet the demands of the situation; and,---

"Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy has pointed out this as being one of the most important missionary fields in the world; and,---

"Whereas, There are hundreds here possessing talent, who need but to be sought out and set to work to become efficient laborers in other fields; and,---

"Whereas, Elder J.H.Durland has earnestly taken hold of this work, and his services seem to be blessed of God; therefore,---

"We Request, That he be released from his duties as District Superintendent, so that he may be the more fully and freely able to take charge of the work to be done at this point, to the end that a well-directed effort may be made to supply laborers for other fields, as indicated in the instructions from the Lord.

"In granting this request, we concede to the General Conference Committee the right to Elder Durland's services for camp-meetings, and where he may be especially and urgently needed elsewhere. This would not materially interfere with the object sought; namely, that he may have the general supervision of the work in this field."

After a few explanations from Elder Durland, it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to consider the Memorial, and to report recommendations at a future meeting. Carried. Elders Irwin, Breed, and Porter were appointed to act on this Committee.

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The Chairman introduced a letter from Elder Ole Nelson, of Sweden, expressing a desire to return to Utah to labor among the Scandinavians. After consideration of the matter, it was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That Elder Ole Nelson be invited to make Utah his field of labor. Carried.

The Committee then began the further consideration of distribution of laborers, acting as a committee of the whole, making suggestions subject to further consideration, and ratification, by the Committee, at future meetings.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

## SIXTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 10:30 A.M., March 12.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Porter, Holsar, Morrison, and Durland.

Prayer by Elder Morrison.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Olsen called the attention of the Committee to some of the possible needs of the International Tract Society, and help that should be furnished it, provided circumstances should make necessary certain plans that have been suggested. The discussion of the matter resulted in the following motion, which was made by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That correspondence should be opened with Sister N.H.Druillard, with a view to her connecting with the International Tract Society. Carried.

The remainder of the meeting was spent by the members in a committee of the whole, considering the matter of distribution of laborers.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.  
SPRING SESSION, 1896.

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Thursday, 5 P.M., March 12.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Morrison.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Breed read a letter just received from Elder J.R. Palmer, Director of the Montana mission field, asking for additional helpers in the Montana field, principally Bible workers. The points in the letter received brief consideration; no action was taken.

The matter of distribution of labor was again called up, and the remainder of the time was spent by the members in a committee of the whole, the actions taken being subject to revision, and ratification, at future meetings.

By motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:30 A.M., Friday, March 13.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.  
SPRING SESSION, 1896.

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Friday, 3 P.M., March 13.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Porter, Durland, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Olsen.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on arrangements for dates and laborers for camp-meetings, 1896, presented a written report through Elder Loughborough. It was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That copies of the report be furnished the members, and that it be considered at a future meeting. Carried.

The Chairman had a letter read lately received from Brother B.E.Tefft, of Forest City, Pennsylvania, asking that the General Conference secure him reimbursement for money expended by him in returning from England a few years ago, he having been sent there by the General Conference to engage in the canvassing work, but, on account of failing health, was compelled to return sooner than he otherwise would have done. It was shown that the funds asked for were much needed in assisting Brother Tefft to place himself under treatment in one of our health institutions,--preferably the one at Boulder, Colorado. It was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Porter, That necessary funds for transportation to Boulder be furnished Brother B.E.Tefft from the General Conference Treasury, and that an effort

be made to obtain the amount claimed by him for return passage to this country, from the Pacific Press, in whose employ he was while engaging in canvassing work in England. Carried. It was understood that the correspondence should be had with Elder Underwood, President of the Pennsylvania Conference, with reference to arrangements for Brother Tefft, and that the Corresponding Secretary would see to the adjustment of the matter, in harmony with the action of the Committee.

The Committee appointed the 10th inst., to consider the and report on plans of work in New York City, the advisability of changing Brother P.L.Hoen's field of labor, and the adaptability of moving buildings, or tabernacles, for religious meetings in large cities, reported orally through Brother Porter, in outline recommending as follows:---

1. That the General Conference furnish one or two Christian help workers, they to act in connection with tent-meetings in New York City, assisting as necessity may require, acting as tent-masters, etc., during the summer months; and that the General Conference should furnish no more money for meeting the expenses of this work than is now furnished in meeting its share of hall rent, etc.

2. That Brother P.L.Hoen, of Maine, should be found some other place of labor.

3. That for meetings in cities we do not advise the use of moveable buildings until they have been satisfactorily tested; and in no case should their use be undertaken in a city until a knowledge is obtained regarding the requirements of ordinances respecting the material of buildings, etc.

On motion of Elder Irwin, the report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 9 A.M., Sunday, March 15.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

## NINETEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Sunday, 10 A.M., March 15.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Porter, Durland, Morrison, and Holser.

Prayer by Elder Morrison.

Minutes previous meeting read, and, after a few slight corrections, approved.

Elder Breed reported an informal meeting of the members of the Committee held the evening before, at which was considered the matter of employing in some branch of the work, qualified students of the General Conference Bible School. He read a number of names of such, but did not make definite suggestions in regard to the matter. It was proposed by the Chairman that the Committee should arrange to meet the students of the Bible School, when it could be learned from them direct as to what were their arrangements for work the coming summer, the occasion at the same time giving an opportunity to the Committee to see, and make the acquaintance of, the students. Elder Breed then made arrangements for the meeting suggested to be held at 11 A.M., even date.

Elder Irwin called the attention of the Committee to the need of a sub-treasurer for the tithe received in District No. 2. He urged that by such an arrangement more tithe could be collected, and better general satisfaction given. The members of the Committee agreed with the sentiments expressed. It was---

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That L.Dyo Chambers be appointed sub-treasurer of the Southern mission field. Carried.

In view of the work in the South among the white and colored people having become more closely connected, and in consequence of its having taken on different phases than it formerly possessed, it was deemed advisable that different arrangements should be made for the management of the work in that field. It was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Holser, That it is the judgment of the General Conference Committee that the entire work, both among the white and colored people, be taken under charge of the District Superintendent. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That Brother A.J.Howard, of the Atlantic Conference, make Nebraska his field of labor, taking the place made vacant on the Nebraska Conference Committee by the removal of Elder W.A.Hennig to the Ontario field. Carried.

A larger portion of the time of the meeting was spent in considering the needs of fields, both home and foreign, especially as relates to supplying them with capable laborers, such as Conference Presidents, preachers, etc.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

TWENTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Sunday, 2:30 P.M., March 15.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Loughborough.

Minutes previous meeting read. The preamble to the resolution putting the colored people in the South under the direction of the District Superintendent, was changed to read as follows:---

"In view of the rapid advancement of the work in the Southern field, and also that the connection between the white and colored work is so close, it is thought advisable that both should be under the direction of the District Superintendent."

The matter of distribution of labor was again called up, and the needs of the Tennessee River Conference came up for consideration. It being difficult to make definite recommendation on the question, it was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That Elders Durland, Loughborough, and Irwin compose a Committee to consider the needs of the Tennessee River Conference, and Montana field, as regards change of laborers, etc., and that report be made at a future meeting. Carried.

The question of supplying qualified workers of the Bible school with employment in the field, was the next to receive attention. A report of the meeting held with the school at 11 o'clock was furnished the members of the Committee. Each case was considered separately; definite action was taken with reference to the following:---

1. That F.W.Morse be referred to the Superintendent of District No. 1 for advice as to place and character of labor.

2. That Miss M.M.Osborn, make Atlanta, Georgia, her field of labor.

3. That the matter of arranging for a field of labor for Wm. Harding be left with the Superintendent of District No. 3.

4. That G.W.Wells connect with Brother W.T.Drummond, in labor at Montgomery, Alabama, to take the place of Brother M.S.Babcock, removed to another field.

Elder Olsen read a letter from Elder M.H.Brown, suggesting an earlier date for the week of prayer than usual. It was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Durland, That the week of prayer for 1896 be held November 21-29, if, upon further investigation, it should be thought to be the best date for that occasion. Carried.

A letter was read from Elder I.H.Evans, relating to the transference of Ontario to the General Conference, and the Secretary was instructed to wise Elder Evans to meet the Committee for consultation as soon as convenient.

A letter was read by the Chairman from Elder H.E.Robinson, of England, showing an encouraging situation in that field.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That Brother J.C.Foster, of Manitoba, be ordained to the gospel ministry at the earliest opportunity, and that he receive ministerial credentials from the General Conference. Carried.

The matter of granting licenses and credentials to workers in European fields next received attention. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the General Conference Committee authorize the Local Committees in the mission fields of Europe, in connection with the Superintendent of those fields, to issue licenses and credentials to persons

properly qualified to receive such papers, the matter to be attended to in connection with their general meetings. Carried.

Voted, That Harry Champness, of England, receive ministerial license.

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the Australasian Union Conference Committee be instructed to issue licenses and credentials to native laborers working under their direction in General Conference territory. Carried.

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That Missionary licenses be granted to Brother John Mc Carthy, and Mrs. Estella Snyder, both of Argentina, South America. Carried.

Voted, That Elder J.D.Rice, of Raratonga, Cook Islands, South Pacific Ocean, receive ministerial credentials from the General Conference.

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Mrs. H.H.BranEd, on Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mrs. J.D.Rice, of Raratonga, Cook Islands, South Pacific Ocean, receive missionary licenses from the General Conference. Carried.

Voted, That missionary license be granted Mrs. L.M.Sisley, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Voted, That Brother Frank Lyndon, of Penelope, North Carolina, receive missionary license.

Voted, That Miss M.M.Osborn, G.W.Wells, and Maggie M. Kealer, receive missionary licenses.

Voted, That Elder Grant Adkins, of Huntsville, Alabama, receive ministerial credentials.

Voted, That the General Conference authorize the ordination of Brother A.Barry, of Lexington, Ky. and Elder B.F.Purdham, of Greensboro, North Carolina (the latter, if desired by him) in connection with the general meeting to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn.,

the coming summer, and that these brethren receive ministerial credentials from the General Conference.

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That Miss Worthie Harris, of New York City, be granted Missionary license. Carried.

Voted, That Lulu Joseph, of Ogden, Utah, be granted missionary license.

A communication was read from Elder M. Larson, of New Mexico, with reference to employing Brother C.D.M. Williams, of Phoenix, Arizona, the coming summer in tent work. It was suggested that perhaps Brother Williams would better continue in school work, and that it might be possible for the brethren who expect soon to meet in council at College View to select some one to assist Brother Larson in his tent work.

A communication was presented from Elder H.W. Decker, of Keene, Texas, referring to the employment of Brother Geo.M. Ellis. It was suggested that on account of lack of knowledge as to the present situation of Brother Ellis, recommendation for his labor in Texas could not be made.

A communication was presented from Elder D.T. Bourdeau, of Wisconsin, with reference to the work among the French in America and in Belgium, Europe. It was thought best for him to continue his labor in the Wisconsin Conference.

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

O.A. Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T. Nicola,

Secretary.

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.  
SPRING SESSION, 1896.

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Monday, 9 A.M., March 16.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayers by Elders Porter and Olsen.

A communication was presented from Brother C.H. Jones, President of the International Sabbath-School Association, asking suggestions as to the application of the Sabbath-school offerings for the last six months of 1896. It was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Holser, To recommend that the Sabbath-school donations from July 1 to October 1, 1896, go to India, that the last three months of the year go to Japan; and that for the first six months of 1897 the donations be applied to the work of the Mediterranean, and that it be recommended that a series of Sabbath-school lessons on the book of Acts be prepared for use during this time; namely, the first six months of 1897. Carried.

A communication was presented from Brother F.A. Buzzell, of Chicago, expressing his desire to labor for the Jews in Chicago. Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Porter, That Elders Morrison, Loughborough, and Irwin act as a Committee to consider the matter, and make recommendations to him concerning it. Carried.

The Committee appointed to consider the Memorial from the Battle Creek Church, with reference to the labors of Elder J.H. Durland, reported through Elder Irwin; after consideration, it was----

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Durland, That the report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions suggested in the remarks made by the Chairman and other members of the Committee, for a little different wording, with expectation that they would report at a future meeting. Carried.

The Committee on recommendations of arrangements for the next session of the General Conference made report through Elder Holser. The report created considerable interest. One of the most important questions discussed was the location of the meeting. Elder Olsen read a communication from Sister White, containing the following statements to which he called special attention:---

"Why are camp-meetings kept year after year in the same locality? why are they not taken to cities that know nothing of our faith? The plea is, There will be a saving of money and labor. Let the saving be done in other lines. But when souls are to be labored for, and the truth is to come before those who know it not, let us not talk of limiting on this line., A world is to be warned. Watch, wait, pray, work, and let nothing be done through strife and vainglory."

He stated that he thought the principles here brought out should be applied to the General Conference. It being evident that the Committee was not prepared to vote on the report, and it being desirable to further consider some matters in connection with it, it was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Porter, That the report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, and that they report at a future meeting. Carried.

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The Chairman called attention to two questions concerning which he thought the General Conference Committee should speak to the State Conferences: First, with reference to the location of camp-meetings; second, in regard to the tract society work. Most of the States have dismissed their tract society Directors. This the Chairman considered wrong from first to last. By this course many of the Conferences have given the death-blow to some of their most valuable lay workers. Many of them have run into preaching instead of depending upon lay work. Properly instructed Directors can be a great help to the work.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,  
 SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 9 A.M., March 17.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Irwin.

Minutes of the two previous meetings read, and, after necessary corrections, approved.

The Committee appointed to consider the communication from Brother F.A. Buzzell, of Chicago, and to suggest recommendations, reported as follows:---

"Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the communication of Brother F.A. Buzzell would recommend that the matter be referred to the Superintendent of the District, and the President of the Illinois Conference, for further consideration.

(Signed)

J.H. Morrison,  
 J.N. Loughborough  
 Geo. A. Irwin,  
 COMMITTEE.

Voted, to adopt the report.

The Committee on education---composed of Elders Porter and Irwin, appointed at the first meeting of the present session of the Committee---made its first report through Elder Irwin. No definite action was taken with reference to the report; it, however, received attention, and the discussion of educational matters introduced by the report led to a consideration of our General Conference schools, and the text-books used by our schools and colleges. It was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That instead of conducting Bible schools as formerly, the Committee recommend that, in the future, effort be put forth by our several schools to meet the needs of the class of workers heretofore accommodated by our Bible schools.

In discussion of the question it was urged that the change recommended by the motion would have a tendency to make the Bible work in our schools more efficient. It was shown that it would be beneficial to our schools to have the class of people connected with them that have been connected with our Bible schools. Attention was called to the success of Prof. Sutherlands arrangements, and his efforts in this direction at College Place, Washington. "In that school the demands of our workers were so fully met that there was no need of a General Conference Bible school the past year. It was shown that by taking up this class of work in our regular schools, and omitting our Bible schools, considerable expense would be saved, and that advantages would accrue from such an arrangement in many ways.

The motion was carried.

The questions were mostly discussed by the members acting as a Committee of the whole, definite action not being taken with reference to many of the questions that arose.

Elder Holser called attention to the matter of providing for ~~weal~~ our schools and colleges a different class of text-books on General History than are now used. He called attention to Elder Jones' experience in teaching History at Frederikshavn and Constantinople,---how the Bible was made the basis of historical study in his teaching work in these schools, and with real success. He stated that Elder Jones would doubtless ~~be~~ willing to prepare matter suitable for such special history study, if the Committee thought best for him to do so. It was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the Educational Committee, heretofore appointed, interview Elder A.T.Jones in regard to the matter of preparing a text-book in General History, and report at a future meeting. ~~Carried~~

This motion also brought forth considerable discussion. Elder Olsen read a letter received from Prof. Prescott, an absent member of the Committee, dated at Cooranbong, New South Wales, Feb. 16, 1896. The following extracts bear on the question involved in the motion:---

"I think you know that it has been my intention while here I am here to have some talks with Sister White about our educational work. . . . lately I have been able to confer with her on these topics. One of our talks last week was of such a nature that I shall send the substance of it to all our schools in America by this mail.

"We were speaking of the proper books to be used in our schools and of the meaning of her instruction about the use of Pagan and infidel authors when she said substantially as follows: 'I saw one step up to one of the students, take from him the book which he was studying, and look at it, and then he said, "Why are you studying this book? What use will you have for what you learn from it?" He then laid it aside and handed the Bible to the student, saying, "This teaches what is of eternal worth. If you will study and practice the principles contained in this book, you may have a life which measures with the life of God." The study of these Pagan authors as a text-book will make impressions upon minds that will never be effaced and that will tend to draw them down to ruin. The one object of our lives should be to learn and impart to others the truths that pertain to eternal life, and these are not taught in Pagan authors. It is a mistake to think that we must study these authors for the sake of discipline or to acquire the proper use of our own language. The Bible is the best book for mental as well as spiritual culture. It is proper that some should study the ancient languages that we may have some among us who are prepared to read the Scriptures in the original, and to meet those who would try to establish false theories by referring to the original which they claim to be improperly translated, but all this can be done without filling the minds with the thoughts of Pagans.'

"With reference to the writings of infidels, she said that there were cases where God has used such men to bear witness to the truth in order to reach some minds of the same class which could not be reached as well by the testimony of believers. . . . She spoke of the difference between using the testimony of men who were regarded as reliable historians, even though they did not acknowledge God, as a means of establishing the truth of the prophecies in the minds of some who might not otherwise be convinced, and the study of Pagan and infidel authors as text-books either for the purpose of obtaining general culture and discipline from the former, or the knowledge of science and philosophy from the latter. . . . It is understood that what I have written is not to be quoted as the exact words of Sister White, but I have read this matter to her, . . . and she approves of it as correctly expressing what has been presented to her upon this subject."

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The motion prevailed.

The Chairman asked consideration of some of the needs of the Industrial School for colored people now being started at Huntsville, Alabama. He spoke of the demands for a Board of Management for the school, and outlined some of the necessary arrangements that would have to be made in order that the school would be made a success. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That Elders Irwin and Olsen and Brother S.M.Jacobs act as a Board for the school in question. Carried.

The Chairman asked attention of the Committee to the present organization, work, and needs of our denominational Book Committee.

The meeting adjourned to 3 P.M., without taking action on the matters introduced.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

## TWENTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 3 P.M., March 17.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison; and Elder I.H.Evans by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Morrison.

It was explained to Elder Evans that the reason the Committee had requested an interview with him, was, First, to reach, if possible, a mutual understanding in regard to the adjustment of matters relating to the Ontario field; Second, to learn what Michigan could do by way of furnishing laborers for the general field.

In response to questions, Elder Evans stated that Ontario has three organized churches; one company of twenty-five or thirty; three meeting houses, one of the companies owning one of the meeting houses; four ministers, namely, Elders Burrill and Leland, and brethren Howe and Simpson; four Bible workers, one tract and missionary Secretary, and a manager of a depository and branch publishing house; probably nearly three hundred Sabbath-keepers in the territory; tithe perhaps not more, yearly, than one thousand dollars; and the cost of conducting work in the province over four thousand dollars per year.

Elder Evans expressed it as his opinion that the plans suggested by the General Conference for the management of the work in Ontario would succeed, with the right man in charge.

The matter or transference to the General Conference of Ontario developed considerable discussion.

As to terms of transfer, several suggestions and propositions were made representing the interests of both sides of the question. Elder Evans' last proposition was substantially as follows:---

"If the General Conference will make the Michigan Conference a proposition to take full charge of the work in Ontario, the Michigan Conference to donate the workers and tents already in the field (two tents), and \$2000,00 or perhaps \$2500,00 in cash, such proposition will be submitted to the Michigan Conference Committee."

Representing the General Conference Committee, it was suggested that, under the circumstances, it might not be out of the way for the Michigan Conference to donate to the General Conference the workers and tents in the Ontario field, and \$5000,00 in cash to be paid during the next three years. Considering the expense connected with the management of the work in this field, even such proposition, it was thought, could be accepted, with economy, by the Michigan Conference.

But financial considerations were not by either party regarded as important as the question of the successful management of the field,---such management as would result in the greatest ingathering of souls and the strengthening of the work in all its departments. It was admitted that the General Conference would be more certain of success in this direction than a State Conference could be.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 9 A.M., March 18.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 9 A.M., March 18.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

A telegram was read to the Committee from Elder J.G. Marreson, who is now stopping in Southern California, stating that he was very sick, and asking for the prayers of the brethren. After a few remarks by Elder Olsen, and others, the Committee engaged in a season of prayer, in harmony with the request of Elder Matteson. After the conclusion of the prayer service, the following telegram was prepared, and sent to him:---

"Elder J.G. Matteson,  
Santa Monica, California.

Greeting: Isaiah twenty-six: three; Psalms one hundred three. Prayer season nine o'clock.

General Conference Committee."

The minutes of the two preceding meetings read and, after necessary changes, approved.

The Committee on Education reported as follows:---

1. Inasmuch as Miss Dickerson is occupying an important position in South Lancaster Academy as teacher, we recommend that some one else be selected as Preceptress of the Keene school.

2. We further recommend that the Pennsylvania Conference be requested to grant the request of South Lancaster Academy that Elder Mattson be permitted to accept the position of Bible teacher in that school, and that the Pennsylvania Conference be allowed to call Elder C.L. Kellogg, of New England, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Elder Mattson.

3. That on account of the failing health of Elder C.L. Taylor's wife, we recommend that his request to be transferred from the Mt. Vernon Academy to the California Conference be granted.

4. We recommend that Luther Hughes connect with the Walla Walla College, provided it be agreeable to the College Board.

5. That Arthur Hughes connect with the Oakwood Industrial School, of Huntsville, Alabama.

6. That all other applications, appointments, and changes be referred to the Acting Educational Secretary and such other members of the General Conference Committee as may be available.

7. That Elder A.T. Jones be requested to prepare text-books on General History for use in our schools, and that he be excused from other labor a sufficient amount of time to enable him to prepare the first book in time for use in our schools at the opening this autumn.

R. C. Porter,  
(Signed) Geo. A. Irwin, COMMITTEE.

Moved to accept the report by considering each item separately.

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Holser, to amend by striking the first article from the report, thus leaving the question of supplying a Preceptress for the Keene School open for further consideration. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Holser, to amend article three to read as follows: "That the matter of a change of field of labor for Elder C.L. Taylor, of Mt. Vernon Academy, be left with the Superintendents of Districts 3 and 6 and the President of the General Conference, with power to act. Carried.

The main question being put, it was carried unanimously.

The question of supplying our schools with a new text-book on language was introduced by Elder Olsen. He spoke of Prof. Bell's language book now being used by some of our schools, stating that it was rather larger than necessary, and that Prof. Bell might fill its place by a revision, issuing lessons in a progressive, graded series of books, applicable to all the needs of our educational work. In the interests of further consideration of this question, it was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the matter be referred to the Educational Committee, for an interview

with Prof. Bell, and that a report be made at a future meeting.  
Carried.

Elder Durland called attention to the desire that had been expressed by Elder Littlejohn to meet the Committee at some convenient time, to present certain views which he holds on the interpretation of Revelation 11, 12, and 17, and which he contemplates publishing soon. By mutual agreement, it was arranged to meet Elder Littlejohn at six P.M., even date, at the General Conference Committee room, inviting Elders G.C.Tenney, A.T.Jones, M.E.Kellogg, A.O.Tiat, F.M.Wilcox, E.J.Hibbard, F.D.Starr, and Professors G.W.Caviness and P.T.Magan.

Elder Irwin reported for the Committee on Memorial from the Battle Creek Church, as follows:---

"Your Committee to whom was referred the petition from the Battle Creek Church, as follows:---

1. That Elder Durland, continue his labor with the church until the opening of the camp-meeting season.
2. That, during this time, such arrangements be perfected as will leave the work in a self-sustaining position during his absence.
3. That the question of his continuing labor with the church after camp-meeting season be left open for further consideration and discussion, as Providence may indicate.
4. That we do not deem it advisable to release Elder Durland from the General Conference Committee.

R.C.Porter,  
A.J.Breed, COMMITTEE.2  
Geo.A.Irwin,

(Signed)

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That the report be adopted. Carried.

Elder Holser reported for the Committee on arrangements for the next session of the General Conference, as follows:---

1. Place of: Lincoln, Nebr.; this, however, subject to change as circumstances may indicate.
2. Time: Opening Friday, February 19, 1897; closing Monday, March 8, ---seventeen days.
3. That a Bible Institute precede the Conference, beginning Tuesday, February 9, and closing Thursday, February 18, and that the same be continued throughout the Conference by devoting one hour daily to Bible study.

4. That a series of evening services be conducted in the city of Lincoln during the Institute and Conference; and that ample provision be made for advertising the meetings in the city and vicinity.

5. That liberal provision for advertising the Conference by furnishing notices of the session to our people throughout the country, encouraging them to secure their insertion in the secular and religious press.

6. That the following-named sections of country be represented by delegates:---

Great Britian,  
Scandinavia,  
Australia,  
South America,  
Bay Islands,  
Pacific Islands,  
Jamaica,  
Manitoba,  
Mexico,  
Southern (U.S.),  
Utah,  
Montana.

(Signed) J.H.Morrison,  
J.H.Durland, COMMITTEE.  
H.P.Holser,

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the report be adopted.

In the discussion of the report, valuable remarks were made concerning the next General Conference audit; the arrangements for the entertainment of the people attending the meeting; the proper manner of conducting the session of the General Conference, etc.; and special stress was given to the necessity of presenting the truths especially applicable for our times, and the importance of a thorough advertisement of the meeting.

The motion prevailed.

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Durland, That Sister E.G.White be invited to attend the next session of the General Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the further matter of delegates for the General Conference be left to the President of the General Conference, and his advisors. Carried.

A written request from Prof. P.T.Magan, relating to the preparation of a Concordance-Index of the writings of Sister White, was presented by Elder Breed. On motion, the request was referred to the Educational Committee.

The Committee on removal of the I.R.L.A. office to New York City, from Battle Creek, reported as follows:---

"Your Committee on moving the headquarters of the I.R.L.A to New York City recommend, That we favor the action of the I.R.L.A. Board in recommending such change, and we concur in their request that Elder A.O.Tait continue as Corresponding Secretary, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with Elder Tait, and a suitable person can be found to take the responsibilities of other duties he is now carrying."

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That the report be adopted.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 3 P.M., March 18.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Loughborough.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The discussion of the report of the Committee on the removal of the I.R.L.A. office from Battle Creek to New York City was resumed. After quite full consideration, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee to make recommendations with reference to the preparation of the Concordance-Index to Sister White's writings reported as follows:---

"Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from Prof. P.T. Magan regarding the preparation of an Concordance-Index to Sister White's works have carefully considered the matter; and, while there would be advantages from having such a work, in our judgment there are some reasons which seem to make it advisable to wait at least until correspondence be had with Sister White, and her approval be secured.

(Signed) R.C. Porter,  
Geo.A. Irwin, COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee explained that there would be a tendency in using such an index to omit the study of the writings of Sister White, making them more books of reference than anything else, which was not their intention, nor was it desirable that they should be so considered, etc.

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That the report be adopted. Carried.

The matter of arranging for the camp-meetings was again called up, and the Committee made final report through Elder Loughborough, as follows:---

DATES FOR CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1896.

DISTRICT No. 1:

Pennsylvania,	- - - - -	June 4-14.
Quebec,	- - - - -	June 17-29.
Atlantic,	- - - - - (Suggested)	May 20-June 1.
Virginia,	- - - - -	August 7-17.
New York,	- - - - -	Sept. 3-17.
West Virginia,	- - - - -	Sept. 17-27.
New England,	- - - - -	
Maine,	- - - - -	
Vermont,	- - - - -	

DISTRICT No. 2:

District camp-meeting (Chattanooga),	-	August 6-17.
Tennessee River,	- - - - -	July 31-Aug. 9.

DISTRICT No. 3:

Ohio,	- - - - - (first choice)	Aug. 6-17.
Indiana,	- - - - -	August 20-30.
Illinois,	- - - - -	
Michigan,	- - - - -	

DISTRICT No. 4:

‡ Iowa,	- - - - -	May 26-June 1.
‡ Minnesota,	- - - - -	June 2-8.
‡ Wisconsin,	- - - - -	June 9-15.
North Dakota,	- - - - -	June 5-14.
‡ South Dakota,	- - - - -	June 22-29.
Manitoba,	- - - - -	July 1-6 (?).
‡ Nebraska,	- - - - -	After August 15.

DISTRICT No. 5:

Texas,	- - - - -	July 23-Aug. 3.
Oklahoma,	- - - - -	July 30-Aug. 10.
Arkansas,	- - - - -	Aug. 5-17.
Colorado,	- - - - -	Aug. 19-31.
Kansas,	- - - - -	Aug. 26-Sept. 27.
Missouri,	- - - - -	Sept. 9-21.

DISTRICT No. 6:

North Pacific, - - - - - May 21-31.  
 California, - - - - - May 28-June 7.  
 Upper Columbia, - - - - - June 18-28.  
 Utah, - - - - - July 7-12.  
 Montana, - - - - - July 16-26.

DISTRICT No. 8:

Russia, - - - - - May 11-21.  
 Finland, - - - - - (first choice) - May 22-31.  
 Sweden, - - - - - June 9-21.  
 Norway, - - - - - June 23-July 5.  
 Denmark, - - - - - July 7-19.  
 Germany, - - - - - July 21-Aug. 2.  
 Switzerland, - - - - - Aug. 6-16.  
 Switzerland, Institute for, - - - - - Sept. 29-Oct. 31.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The matter of supplying laborers for the camp-meetings received attention, the money going into a committee of the whole, and giving the questions ample consideration. A supplementary report was rendered by the sub-committee, with reference to which no definite action was taken, except the following:---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the Medical Missionary Board be asked to furnish help for camp-meetings for the season of 1896, on the plan folloed last year with Dr. David Paulson. Carried.

Elder Holser presented the following matter from Elder W.B. White, with reference to holding the next session of the General Conference at College View, Nebr., which was read to the Committee, and it was suggested that bt be engrossed into the minutes:---

"March 12, 1896.

Elder H.P.Holser,  
 Dear Brother:---

Since our conversation with reference to the propriety of holding the next General Conference at College View, I have thought much in reference to the matter, and have consulted with other brethren with reference to it. The more I study the question, the more I am inclined to the view that we can handle this gathering at that point, with the room which I am sure we can secure at College View and in the city. It means a good deal; but I believe we can do it,

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and will try, if, in your judgment, it is best to locate with us. I think the General Conference would be a great blessing to the more Western States, and to the College View church in particular. At present our Conference is in no condition to sustain any very severe financial strain; but Elder Morrison and I have talked some on this phase of the situation, and he will state our conclusion. In behalf of the Nebraska Conference Committee, I would extend a hearty invitation to the General Conference to our State, and will do all we can to make the gathering a success.

Kindly yours,  
(Signed) W.B.White."

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 9 A.M., March 19.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 9 A.M., March 19.

Present: Elders Olsen, Loughborough, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Helser, and Morrison.

Prayers were offered by Elders Breed and Olsen.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Wyoming and Tennessee matters reported as follows:---

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the Wyoming mission field and Tennessee River Conference matters, would recommend---

1. That the Nebraska Conference take the oversight of the territory in Wyoming joining the Nebraska Conference on the West as follows: That part of Laramie and Converse counties lying north of the Platte river, and south half of Weston county.

2. That the Wyoming mission embrace the following countries: Sheridan, Crook, Johnson, and the north half of Weston, all in Wyoming, and that part of Montana south of Yellowstone river, and east of the Big Horn river.

3. That Elder W.H.Saxby, of Ohio, connect with the Tennessee River Conference.

J.H.Durland,  
(Signed) J.N.Loughborough, COMMITTEE."  
Geo.A.Irwin.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the report be adopted by separate consideration of the items.

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Breed, That Section 2 of the report be amended to read: "That the Wyoming mission field embrace the northern part of Wyoming, and the southeastern part of Montana, the extent of the territory in Montana being mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent of District No. 6 and the Director of the Montana Mission field. Carried.

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Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Durland, That Section 2 of the report be further amended by adding the following: "and that the Wyoming mission field be considered a part of the District No. 4." Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That Section 3 be amended to read: "That Elder W.H.Saxby, of Ohio, be recommended to make New Orleans his field of labor, connecting with the Bible work in that city, his services to begin there the coming autumn. Carried.

The report, as amended, unanimously adopted.

Some time was spent in a committee of the whole considering the distribution of laborers, and the decisions reached were incorporated in the report which has been in preparation during the previous meetings of the committee of the whole.

Elder Irwin asked consideration of requests made by Elder J.W.Collie, of Louisville, Ky., for a Bible worker for that city. The matter received attention. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That the Committee would ask the Michigan Conference to furnish a Bible worker for Louisville. Carried.

Arrangements for the educational work received attention at this point, but definite action was not taken.

The report of the committee of the whole on distribution of labor was read, and adopted, as follows:---

1. That Elder E.G.Olsen, of Iowa, engage in the Scandinavian work in Iowa, Nebraska, and District No. Five.

2. That Elder O.A.Johnson, of Wisconsin, engage in the Scandinavian work in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois, this special line of work beginning after the Wisconsin camp-meeting.

3. That Elder H.R.Johnson, of Minnesota, engage in the Scandinavian work in Minnesota, Dakotas, and Manitoba.

NOTE:-- It was understood that the Conferences should pay their time and expense in proportion to the labor bestowed in each, respectively.

4. That Elder Wm.Covert, of Vermont, connect with the Wisconsin Conference, and that he do so at least in time to attend the Wisconsin camp-meeting.

5. That Brother S.A.Farnsworth, of the New England, Conference, connect with the work in Vermont, to take the place of Elder Covert, removed to the Wisconsin Conference; and that he be ordained to the gospel ministry at a convenient opportunity.

6. That Brother L.S.Wheeler, of Pennsylvania, take the place of Brother S.A.Farnsworth, in the New England Conference.

7. That Elder C.W.Flaiz, of South Dakota, make Minnesota his field of labor.

8. That Elder G.F.Watson, of Iowa, labor in the Dakota Conference, taking the place made vacant on the Conference Committee by the removal of Elder C.W.Flaiz to Minnesota.

9. That Elder C. Santee, of Minnesota, connect with the Iowa Conference, taking the place of Elder G.F.Watson on the Conference Committee.

10. That Elder J.B.Beckner, of Arkansas, make Texas his field of labor.

11. That Elder J.A.Holbrook, of Texas, make Arkansas his

field of labor, taking the place made vacant by the removal of Elder Beckner.

12. That Elder C. Mc Reynolds, of Kansas, make Texas his field of labor, taking the place of Elder W.N.Hyatt, deceased, on the Texas Conference Committee.

13. That Elder W.S.Hyatt, of Missouri, make Kansas his field of labor, taking the place of Elder C. Mc Reynolds, removed to the Texas Conference.

14. That Elder R.M.Kilgore take the place made vacant in the Missouri Conference by the transference of Elder W.S.Hyatt to the Kansas Conference.

15. That Elder F.D.Starr and Brother M.C.Huild, of Michigan, labor in the Tennessee River Conference, and that the latter be ordained to the gospel ministry at the first convenient opportunity.

16. That Brother P.L.Hoen, of Maine, be recommended to connect with the Scandinavian work in Michigan.

17. That Elder W.A.Hennig make Manitoba his field of labor.  
Report unanimously adopted.

The Chairman called attention to the suggestion that he had previously made for a special season of fasting and prayer to be observed by our people throughout the world, in behalf of a more liberal support and energetic extension of our work; an address, which he outlined, to be prepared and circulated by the General Conference. The suggestions were unanimously favored, and it was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Loughborough, That the President of the General Conference, with the Committee, be requested to arrange for such a season, and to prepare an address in harmony with the suggestions outlines by Elder Olsen. Carried.

Dates suggested; May 9 and 10, or not later than May 16, 17.

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Attention was called to the petition sent to the President of the California Conference by the Scandinavian brethren and sisters of Fresno, California, asking that Brother Jens Jensen, of Iowa, be furnished for labor in Fresno, California, and vicinity. Sufficient information as to the ability of the worker called for not being at hand, and hoping that it might be possible to fill the call at some time in the future, the matter was left without definite action.

The following communication, addressed to the Committee by Elder F.M. Wilcox, was read by the Secretary:---

"Battle Creek, Michigan, March 17, 1896.

To the General Conference Committee,

Dear Brethren:---

You are all acquainted with the condition of my wife's health. She is now in Boulder. While she is making very encouraging progress healthwise, I fear she will never be able again to stand the rigors of the Eastern climate.

In view of this, it seems but just and reasonable that some consideration be given to the question of my future labors, so that my wife and myself may be able to live and labor together. During the last two or three weeks I have talked with several members of the Committee, and I think the entire Committee understand and appreciate the situation.

In view, therefore, of the above considerations, I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to take effect at such time as, in the minds of the Committee, satisfactory arrangements can be made for the supplying of the office. It is with much sadness that I am prompted to take this step, as I have enjoyed my work, and, under ordinary circumstances, would, in case it were satisfactory, be pleased to continue the same; but after carefully and prayerfully considering the matter, I cannot see any other course to take.

So far as my future work is concerned, I would say that my mind has been somewhat exercised with regard to taking a medical course, thus fitting myself to labor in the capacity of a medical missionary. Such a course could be taken the first year at Boulder, and the remaining years at Denver. I would be pleased to have the Committee take into consideration this matter, and advise me with reference to the same. I desire to move in harmony with the leadings of the Spirit of God, and make no mistake upon this point.

I will say that as regards the length of my stay here, were I to take the medical course, and were I able to secure a pass over the roads between here and Denver, it would not be absolutely necessary for me to be in Boulder until next August. I am not now so particular that the precise time

of my leaving Battle Creek be settled, as I am that it shall be determined what my future work shall be, and in a general way what I should plan for. Were I to take the medical course, it would be necessary for me to make up this summer, one year's Latin.

There is another important consideration also bearing upon my work, and that is the anxiety over the matter which has been expressed by my wife for some time. I feel exceedingly anxious on her account that to have the matter in a general way determined.

It has been suggested by some members of the Committee, that, in case I were to take the medical course, at the same time I might take charge of the religious services at the Sanitarium. While I would not wish to push myself in the place of seeking any position, I would say that if the Committee deemed it best, such an arrangement would be agreeable to me.

I shall be glad to talk over the matter with the Committee if they so desire. Trusting the Lord may guide in this matter as in all others, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) F.M.Wilcox."

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Durland, That the resignation of Elder F.M.Wilcox as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board be accepted, on account of the condition of his wife's health. Carried.

Voted, That Elder Wilcox be left free to carry out his convictions in regard to entering the medical work; to connect with the Sanitarium and church work at Boulder as Providence may open the way; his resignation to take place when some one can be found to take the Secretaryship of the Foreign Mission Board.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 2:30 P.M., March 19.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, Morrison; and Brother M.E.Olsen by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Irwin called the attention of the Committee to the need of the Tennessee River Conference for a tent suitable for camp-meeting purposes.

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the General Conference order a tent sixty feet in diameter, with a twenty-foot splice, making a tent sixty feet by eighty feet, for use at the Tennessee River camp-meetings, and that efforts be made to secure donations for paying for the tent, as far as possible. Carried.

A communication was presented from Dr. O.C.Godsmark, addressed to the Committee, stating that the Michigan climate was not suitable for his health, and that he was ready to go to whatever place the Committee might recommend, to engage in medical missionary work, evangelistic work, or whatever general work in connection with the cause that might be suggested for him.

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Bree, That, as the Michigan climate is not favorable for Brother Godsmark's health, this Committee would recommend that he feel free to seek such location as may be most favorable to him, and that he move there, to represent the truth, and give his influence to the cause, and yet depend upon his own resources for support. Carried.

The Committee appointed to interview Prof. H.H. Bell with reference to the preparation of a series of graded lessons on the English language, reported as follows:---

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED SERIES OF TEXT-BOOKS ON LANGUAGE,

By Prof. G.H. Bell.

B O O K N U M B E R O N E .

This book will not treat of grammar at all. Its aim will be to teach children to read, to talk, and to write.

The reading lessons are to consist, among other things of short, simple Bible stories on interesting topics; and also of other lessons or talks on things in nature, --- animals, plants, minerals, --- earth, air, water, etc.

There will be questions on these lessons. When the questions have been well answered, the pupil is to have practice in telling the story in his own words. After this, he is to write it in his own words without reference to the book.

Simple letter-writing is to be introduced in the same way. After this short compositions, etc.

In this way, while the child is taught to read, he is at the same time taught to think and to write his thoughts.

B O O K N U M B E R T W O .

"Elementary Grammar."

Begins with simple exercises in distinguishing some of the parts of speech, such as name-words (nouns), words that describe (adjectives), action words, etc. These exercises are to be carried on by the use of selections introduced into the book for that purpose, as well as by the use of portions of the reading-lessons, compositions, and letters.

From this on the work will continue in the same order as in the "Natural Method," omitting the most difficult features in certain subjects, and the most difficult examples under them.

This book will comprise the first 149 lessons of the "Natural Method," and in addition might have a few lessons, with very simple examples, on adverbial, adjective, and substantive clauses.

B O O K N U M B E R T H R E E . 155

This will be a grammar complete in itself, including all the subjects taught in the grammars commonly used.

The first part of the book will go over the same ground as Book Number Two, but more briefly and thoroughly. For those who have passed through Book No. Two it will be a review, but will broaden and deepen their knowledge, and give them practice in more difficult examples.

Most adults could make this their first book.

The second part of the book will cover pages 192-335 in the "Natural Method," and in addition some simple examples of correlative clauses and copulative verbs, as well as a generous supply of miscellaneous examples.

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B O O K N U M B E R F O U R .

This will treat of advanced grammar, composition, and Rhetoric.

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B O O K N U M B E R F I V E .

This will treat of American and English Literature, dwelling more especially upon the works of authors rather than the history of the men who wrote them.

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While the author would aim to make the work strictly accurate in fact and method, his chief effort would be to make the whole course thoroughly practical from the start.

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REASONS FOR GETTING OUT SUCH A SERIES.

1. Small books sell better than large ones.
2. It is discouraging to a child to give him a large book to begin with. It seems to him that he will never live long enough to get through with it; and it is no small encouragement for him, to know that he has completed one book and can begin a new one.
3. It will place this somewhat unusual method more completely within the reach of teachers, who have not had a long experience in teaching language.

4. The author believes he has made some improvement in his method since the "Natural Method" was written, fifteen years ago.

5. It is perhaps advisable to satisfy, in some degree, the strange but almost universal desire for something new,---something fully abreast of the times.

6. It is also believed that, incidentally, by the choice of examples and the method of instruction, minds might be led more nearly in harmony with our faith and practice as a people.

7. For some years not a few of our leading teachers have been calling for a series that would cover the ground of the "Natural Method," "Guide to Correct Language," "Familiar Talks," etc.

(Signed) Geo.A.Irwin,  
R.C.Porter, COMMITTEE.

After quite thorough consideration of the report, it was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the General Conference Committee invite Prof. Bell to prepare for publication a series of language books in harmony with the outline contained in the report. Carried.

After the passage of the motion, Elder Olsen called attention to his reason for calling the matter of preparation of language lessons up at this time. He stated that we will doubtless have soon a large number of small schools in the South, where such lessons as Prof. Bell proposes to prepare, will be of great value to the teachers conducting the schools.

A letter was here presented from Brother Frank Lyndon, of Penelope, North Carolina, making reference to his experience in conducting a school while following up the interests of a tent-meeting held by Elder Shireman and himself last summer. Encouraging progress was reported.

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The consideration of the question of the need of teachers in the work in the South led to the following motion, which was made by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Breed:---

That, Edward Carey, of Ohio, be sent to Vicksburg, Miss., to connect with the work at that place as teacher. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 5 P.M., March 19.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Porter.

Minutes previous meeting read, and the statement of the motion referring to the purchase of a new tent was corrected, so as to make it apply to the Cumberland Mission field, to be used for camp-meetings in District No. 2, instead of the Tennessee River Conference.

In view of the recommendation for Elder F.D. Starr ~~am~~ to labor in the Tennessee River Conference, thus creating a vacancy on the Book Committee, it was---

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Brother M.E. Olsen take the place of Brother Starr as Secretary of the Book Committee, provided such change be agreeable to the Book Committee. Carried.

Inasmuch as there were some necessary changes to be made in the editors of our periodicals, it was---

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Breed, That a committee of three, composed of Elders Morrison, Irwin, and Olsen, be appointed to make recommendations to the Committee on all matters relating to the appointment of editors, and arrangements for editorial work. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10 A.M., March 20.

L.T. Nicola,  
Secretary.

O.A. Olsen,  
Chairman.

TWENTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Friday, 2:30 P.M., March 20.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Irwin.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Holser presented the following resolution:---

"Whereas, Our work is to preach the gospel to all nations and peoples, without distinction; and,---

"Whereas, It is desirable to avoid as far as possible the arousing of prejudice and a party spirit; and,---

"Whereas, The 'Testimonies' have spoken plainly against shapp thrusts and personal references; therefore,---

"Resolved, That we request those in charge of our periodicals in various languages, and our ministers in the field, to avoid expressing opinions on political issues not involving principles of the gospel, and to avoid attacking individuals or societies instead of the wrong principles they may represent, or making reference to nations in a way that would awaken unfriendly feelings; but rather that we devote our periodicals and our time to a faithful exposition of the gospel, trusting its light to expose evil and correct wrongs, and ever manifesting the meek and humble spirit of the Master when dealing with the enemies of the truth."

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Porter, That the Secretary of the Committee be instructed to prepare a letter of explanation as to the reasons for the passage of the resolution, to accompany it on submission to the editors of our periodicals. Carried.

Elder Porter again called up the matter of preparation of Prof. Bell's language books. After further consideration of the question, it was---

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Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Breed, That we recommend the General Conference Association to secure the preparation of such lines of books by Prof. Bell as outlines in the recommendations made at a previous meeting. Carried.

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Brother J.G. Lamson be recommended to labor in the Michigan Conference. Carried.

Elder Olsen read a communication from Sister White regarding the work in the Southern field, and especially among the colored people.

The matter or proper locations of camp-meetings received some consideration, reference being made to what had been written by Sister White, bearing on the question. It was---

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the General Conference prepare a communication to be sent to the Presidents of the Conferences, calling attention to the instruction through Sister White with reference to the location of camp-meetings,. Carried.

Adjourned to call of the Chair.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola.

Secretary.

## INFORMAL MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Called immediately at close of the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, Friday, 5 P.M., March 20.

Dr. Kellogg was present by invitation, and participated in the proceedings of the meeting.

He made inquiry concerning the status of the work among the colored people in the South, and explanations were made relating to the work already being carried forward at Vicksburg, Mississippi, Birmingham, Alabama, Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee, Atlanta, Georgia, and Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Kellogg suggested that it was important to make the work self-supporting as far as possible, and in order that the work could be made self-supporting---among the missionary nurses, at least, including both the white and the colored nurses---he thought that the efforts of the two classes should be combined: the whites, perhaps, earning sufficient amount to assist in paying the wages of the colored nurses. He spoke of the work that could be done in the South among the children, and how through the children the parents could be reached.

A six-months course was recommended for preparation of a special class of workers for the Southern field, to have the advantages of the Nurses' Course, Training Course, the Cooking School, etc.

Voted, That a Committee from the General Conference Committee be arranged to act jointly with a Committee from the Medical Missionary Board, to organize a training school for the education

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of workers for the Southern field, and that the President of the General Conference be asked to make a call for such a school in the columns of the "Advent Review and Sabbath Herald."

Voted, That the Chair be added to the Committee proposed.

Considerable time was devoted to the consideration of the work of colored nurses, but no definite conclusions were reached as to how or where they could be best employed.

The need of special preparation for work in large cities of the United States, such as New York City, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Brooklyn, Washington, Portland, Oregon, Springfield, Mass., etc., was considered. It was unanimously decided that there should be something done to assist laborers to make special preparation for work in such cities.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

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## THIRTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1896.

Sunday, 10 A.M., March 22.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Durland, Porter, Holser, and Morrison.

Prayer by Elder Porter.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Attention was called to mistakes being made by some of our laborers, by advertisement of tent meetings; also to the necessity of circulating the light given through Sister White with reference to agitating the question of the Bible in the public schools. It was suggested that all injudicious advertising of tent meetings, etc., should be reported to the General Conference as far as known, and that an effort be made by correspondence to adjust such irregularities.

Elder Holser called attention to the case of a canvasser in England, Brother H.E. Champion, a native of Gibraltar, who has a knowledge of the Spanish language, and who has a desire to labor in connection with the work in South America. It was suggested that he would be able partially to support himself, and would not expect more than necessary assistance to do so, if he entered upon the work proposed. It was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the matter of employment of Brother H.E. Champion, of England, in the Spanish South American field, be left with the Superintendent of District No. 8. Carried.

Attention was called to the motion made at the informal meeting held Friday, 5 P.M., March 20, at which it was voted that a

Committee from the General Conference Committee be chosen to act jointly with a Committee from the Medical Missionary Board, to organize a training class for the education of workers of the Southern field, etc.; it was----

Voted, That Elders Morrison, Durland, and Irwin act on this Committee, in connection with the Chairman of the General Conference Committee, previously chosen. Carried.

The following communication was presented from Elder G.C. Tenney:----

"Battle Creek, Michigan, March 1, 1896.

"Elder L.T.Nicola,  
Sec'y Gen. Conf. Committee,  
CITY.

Dear Brother:----

"I beg to inform, through you, the General Conference Committee that at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Educational Society held Friday February 26, 1896, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:----

"Resolved, That the General Conference Committee be requested to appoint a committee of ten persons, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the improvement of our educational work, and the best methods for the improvement of the workers in this cause,----the said committee to report at the next annual session of this society.'

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) G.C.Tenney,  
Sec'y Educa. Soc."

In response to the above resolution, a Committee of eleven was chosen, as follows:----

- Prof. W.W.Prescott,
- Elder O.A.Olsen,
- Dr. J.H.Kellogg,
- Elder W.C.White,
- Elder R.C.Porter,
- Elder H.P.Holser,
- The President of Battle Creek College,
- The President of Union College,
- The President of Healdsburg College,
- The President of Walla Walla College,
- The President of the Keene Industrial School.

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In disposition of the matter of assisting in the Chinese work at Chicago, introduced by two personal interviews with Sister F.A. Buzzell, as briefly reported in the minutes of this session, it was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Durland, That while we appreciate the importance of the work among the Chinese in the city of Chicago, and the commendable zeal and interest shown by Sister Buzzell for that work, yet we cannot think it proper for the General Conference at this time to take the initiative in opening this work in the Illinois Conference.

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

O.A.Olsen,

Chairman.

L.T.Nicola,

Secretary.

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Laborers for camp-meetings for 1896.

DIST No. 1:

- Maritime Provinces, - - - - - Elder J.B. Goodrich.
- Pennsylvania, - - - - - Elder J.E. Jayne.
- Quebec, - - - - - Elder R.S. Webber.
- Atlantic, - - - - - Elder R.A. Underwood.
- Virginia, - - - - - Elder D.C. Babcock.
- New York, - - - - - Elder H.W. Cottrell.
- West Virginia, - - - - - Elder W.A. Mc Cutchen.
- New England, - - - - - Elder A.E. Place.
- Maine, - - - - - To be supplied by Superintendent.

DIST. No. 2:

- Chattanooga, - - - - - Left with Supt. of Dist.
- Tennessee River, - - - - - " " " "

DISTRICT No. 3:

No special call for laborers. The Superintendent thinks there will be no difficulty in arranging that in the District, with help they can draw upon from Battle Creek.

DISTRICT No. 4:

- Iowa exchange with Dakota.
- Nebraska exchange with Wisconsin.
- Minnesota exchange with Illinois.
- O.A. Johnson go to North Dakota.

DIST. No. 5:

- Texas, - - - - - Elder W.S.Hyatt.
- Oklahoma, - - - - - Elder N.W.Kauble.
- Arkansas, - - - - - To be supplied.
- Colorado, - - - - - Elder J.M.Rees.
- Kansas, - - - - - Elder W.S.Hyatt or Elder J.M.Rees.
- Missouri, - - - - - Elder W.W.Decker.

District No. 5 requests one general Conference laborer at each camp-meeting, besides the Superintendent.

DIST. No. 6:

- California, Would like to have Prof. Sutherland attend their meeting. We suggest his attending also the North Pacific and Montana meetings.
- That Elder A.T.Jones attend North Pacific, California, and Upper Columbia camp-meetings.

NOTE:

The Committee do not feel free to make definite recommendations for the President of the General Conference, but that he be left free to visit such Conferences where his influence will be of special help to the financial interests of the work, and to the different institutions located in these Conferences.

(Signed)

A.J.Breed,  
 J.N.Loughborough,  
 COMMITTEE.

## FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Battle Creek, Mich., Thursday, 10 A.M., October 8.

Present: Elders O.A.Olsen, J.H.Morrison, G.A.Irwin,  
J.H.Durland, and R.C.Porter.

This meeting was devoted to a prayer service, in which all took part; and remarks by Elder Olsen. He, in outlining the work of the council, called especial attention to the spiritual condition of Seventh-day Adventists; to the situation of the Foreign Mission work; to the condition of the Review and Herald office; and to the needs and situation of the Battle Creek church. He suggested the necessity of a reformation in the manner of conducting the council meetings; and stated the need of seeking God most earnestly for help that all the deliberations might bear the unmistakable evidence of Divine guidance.

Attention was given to the completion of arrangements for the season of prayer to be held November 26 to 29, 1896.

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

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

## SECOND MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Friday, 10 A.M., October 9.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, and Porter.

The meeting was opened by a season of prayer, which was led by Elder Durland.

The first business considered was presented by Elder Irwin, and related to the need of the Oakwood Industrial School for a Bible teacher. Elder Irwin suggested Elder H.S. Shaw, of Grayville, Tenn., for the position, stating that his acquaintance with the work among the colored people, and the favor with which he was regarded by that people, gave him some special advantages for the position suggested. Elder Irwin also spoke of the excellent work being done at the school by Brother and Sister S.M. Jacobs, and said that, in his estimation, a better selection for Superintendent could not have been made than was made by choosing Brother Jacobs. Several interesting matters were related with reference to the school, after which it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That the Committee appoint Elder H.S. Shaw Bible teacher for the Oakwood school, to act until further arrangements are made. Carried.

Elder Irwin asked the advice of the Committee with reference to securing a loan of a certain amount of money from Mrs. A.S. Steele, of Chattanooga, Tenn., which had been offered by Mrs. Steele for use of the Oakwood school. It was---

Moved by Elder Porter, and seconded by Elder Durland, That it is the judgment of the Committee that Elder Irwin should negotiate with Mrs. A.S. Steele for a loan of \$1000 to the Oakwood school for one thousand dollars. Carried.

Elder Porter asked the consideration of the Committee to the matter of providing a field of labor for Elder G.E.Fifield. It was suggested that the question could receive better consideration further on.

Attention was called to a request lately received from Elder V.H.Lucas, who is laboring in New York City, asking advice with reference to a field of labor for the coming winter. No definite action was taken on the question; but the introduction of the matter led to some consideration of the needs of the city work, and the work among the colored people of the South. The Chairman urged that aggressive work was needed along these lines, even though the times were hard. It is a time both to work ourselves, and to let others work. It is time for decided advance moves. Elder Olsen presented an outline of the General Conference annual financial report, recently issued, and called especial attention to its many encouraging features.

The Chairman next called attention to the situation of the Battle Creek church, and to the many important messages to this church lately received from Sister White. He suggested that a time of great importance had been reached, and that it was evident that, as a result of the special warnings and instruction lately given, that there would be a forward movement on the part of some, and a retrograde movement by others.

A special meeting of prayer and social service was arranged for Sabbath morning, eight A.M., to be held in the General Conference Committee room.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

O.A.OLSEN,  
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,  
Secretary.

THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Sunday, 10 A.M., October 11.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, and Porter.

Prayers were offered by Elders Morrison and Olsen.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The matter of providing a field of labor for Elder V.H.Lucas was again called up, but no disposition of the question was made.

The need for a General Conference Chaplain at the sanitarium (Battle Creek) was suggested, by Elder Olsen. No action taken.

Elder Irwin called attention to the necessity for a lady Bible worker for New Orleans, and recommended for the place Mrs. H.P.Booth, of Cleveland, Ohio, who had offered her services to the General Conference, without the usual compensation. After brief consideration of the matter, the proposition decided upon by the Committee was embraced in it being---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the Superintendent of District No. 2 invite Mrs. H.P.Booth to engage in the Bible work in New Orleans,---she to pay her own traveling expenses to that city, and to labor without compensation from the General Conference, as suggested by her; it being understood that the General Conference would pay her board for a period of six months. Carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

O.A.OLSEN,  
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,  
Secretary.

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FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

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Sunday, 3 P.M., October 11.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, and Durland.

Prayer by Elder Durland.

On account of there being a lack of a quorum present, the minutes of the previous meeting were not read, and the Chairman stated that the meeting would necessarily be an informal one, the business transacted having to be submitted to the meeting following for ratification. It was---

Voted, To grant Ministerial Licenses to Professor W.T.Bland, of Graysville, Tenn., and J.R.Buster, of Louisville, Ky.

Voted, To grant Ministerial Credentials to Professor E.B.Miller, of College View, Nebr.

Voted, To grant Missionary Credentials to E.W.Carey and F.W.Halladay, of Vicksburg, Miss., and Doctor W.S.Swayze, Mrs. Doctor W.S.Swayze, Mrs. Candice Rice, Mrs. Jennie Perdue, Doctor Addie C. Johnson, Alfred Cooper, Miss Ora.A.Osborne, Miguel Placencia, Miss Kate D. Ross, and J.T.Moore, of Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Chairman spoke briefly of the present relations of the Boulder Sanitarium to the General Conference, and of the relation of the sanitarium to our other sanitariums, etc., and suggested that it would probably be necessary to organize a special corporation to own and manage the Boulder Sanitarium.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity of completing the arrangements for the next session of the General Conference,

to the necessity for proper consideration of matters relating to the distribution of laborers, etc., and suggested the appointment of special committees for the consideration of these matters.

Voted, To appoint Elders Durland, Breed, and F.M.Wilcox a Committee on Adjustment of Laborers.

Voted, To appoint Elders Morrison and Irwin a Committee on Arrangements for, and Representation at, the next General Conference.

Voted, To adjourn to call of Chair.

O.A.OLSEN,  
President.

L.T.NICOLA,  
Secretary.

FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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FALL SESSION, 1896.

Monday, 10 A.M., October 12.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, and Breed.

Prayers by Elders Irwin and Olsen.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read, and approved.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That Brother L.A.Gibson, of Montana, be granted Missionary License. Carried.

Most of the time of the meeting was devoted to a consideration of the importance of extending and broadening the general work. Earnest remarks relating to this matter were made by the Chairman, and they were received with favor by the members present. A testimony from Sister White, written in 1874, lately received by Elder Olsen, was presented.

One of the Committeemen asked how the principle of "broadening out" could be applied to Conferences in debt, and all the time running deeper into debt. The Chairman replied: "Where such conditions prevail, there is something wrong." It was shown that while Christ was ever aggressive, and that while he ever extended the work to its greatest possible limit, still, at the same time, he inculcated the principles of most careful economy. The incident of Christ feeding the five thousand men, as recorded in Mark the sixth chapter, was cited, special emphasis being put upon the command, to the disciples, "Give ye them to eat." It was shown that the bread increased in the hands of the disciples while they were acting in obedience to the command of Christ. God never gives command to do a thing without providing the power in the command to do the work required.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

L.T.NCIOLA,

Secretary.

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

## SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Monday, 4 P.M., October 12.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, Breed.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

M The Committee on Distribution of Labor made the following report:---

"We recommend that Olive Olds go to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and connect with her sister in Bible work, and that she be granted Missionary Credentials.

J.H.Durland,  
A.J.Breed, COMMITTEE."  
F.M.Wilcox,

On motion of Elder Durland, with second by Elder Irwin, the report was adopted.

The Chairman called attention to a communication lately received from Elder D.T.Bourdeau, in which he expressed an earnest desire to visit with a French Baptist minister ~~le~~ living near the Manitoba line in North Dakota, who has several French Baptist families near him, and who invited Elder Bourdeau to visit him and preach to his people. After consideration of the matter, it was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder D.T.Bourdeau be recommended to visit the minister referred to, and conduct meetings as the way might open. Carried.

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The Committee on Representation at the next session of the General Conference made partial report, as follows:---

"Your Committee to recommend names for delegates at large to the coming General Conference would submit the following:---

O.A.Olsen,	(G.W.Caviness,)	W.C.Sisley,
Uriah Smith,	L.T.Nicola,	Jno.I.Gibson,
Harmon Lindsay,	J.H.Morrison,	A.T.Jones,
G.C.Tenney,	R.C.Porter,	Dan.T.Jones,
Geo.I.Butler,	Geo.A.Irwin,	H.P.Holser,
Henry Shultz,	A.J.Breed,	Mrs.E.G.White,
J.H.Durland,	W.H.Edwards,	W.C.White,
W.W.Prescott,	F.M.Wilcox,	J.E.Graham,
J.N.Loughborough,	Allen Moon,	E.M.Morrison.
A.F.Harrison,	F.L.Mead,	E.J.Waggoner.

(Signed) J.H.Morrison,  
G.A.Irwin, COMMITTEE."

On motion, the report was adopted.

Brief council was had with reference to representation of our leading Colleges and Sanitariums at the General Conference. It being understood that the matter would receive further attention, the discussion of the question was dropped, and the remainder of the meeting was devoted to the consideration of miscellaneous matters connected with the general work, and chief among which was the demand for additional work in religious liberty lines in the Province of Ontario.

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

O.A.OLSEN,

L.T.NICOLA,

Chairman.

Secretary.

## SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 10 A.M., October 13.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, and Breed.

Prayers by Elders Irwin and Olsen.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Brother F.L.Mead, having requested to confer with the Committee with reference to work during the present autumn months, was invited to be present at this meeting. He stated that calls had come in from Indiana, asking him to attend a local camp-meeting in that State, and from the Atlantic Conference, asking him to be present at the session of their Conference, beginning the 10th of November. He further stated that there was necessity for work in his line in Wisconsin. After consideration of these matters, it was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That it is the sense of the General Conference Committee that Brother Mead be advised to arrange to go East in November to look after the interests of the canvassing work, especially in the Atlantic Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Durland, That Brother Mead be advised also to attend the southern Indiana camp-meeting before he goes East. Carried.

Consideration was given to the necessity of selecting proper helps for use by the canvassers alone, and the necessity of an understanding being reached by the local tract societies as to what small books they could handle in their work, giving opportunity for a large amount of important missionary work, without infringing on

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the conveniences and privileges of the canvassers. The Superintendent of District No. 2 suggested the importance of an understanding being reached in regard to these matters, especially on account of certain complications which had arisen in his District and which were liable to arise from time to time in the different Districts. Brother Mead advised that the matter be adjusted at the earliest possible date. No definite action was recommended by the Committee.

Elder Breed asked advice with reference to the counsel which should be given churches in regard to the use of the tithe which comes in, for church debts and expenses. It was shown that, while it was quite generally the custom of our churches to keep their tithe in the regular channel—the support of the ministry, yet in some instances, especially among two or three of the largest churches in the denomination, the usual practise in this respect was not being followed. The members of the Committee expressed regret that such was the condition of things, and suggested that steps should be taken to remedy the evil as quickly as possible.

By permission, Brethren H.G. Butler and J.C. Bartholf came before the Committee to ask counsel with reference to the course that should be taken toward an incorporated organization of young men in the city of West Battle Creek known as the Young Men's Self-Improvement Society. It was shown that a large number of young men residing in West Battle Creek, most of them connected with our institutions, composed this society; and it was expressed as desirable that proper precautions be taken to assist and to influence the young men in directing their undertaking, and thus secure the best possible results intellectually, morally, and spiritually. These brethren asked the cooperation of the General Conference

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Committee, and suggested that a committee from the General Conference Committee be appointed to meet with ~~the~~ a committee from the Board of Directors of the young men's organization, to investigate together the financial condition of the society, and to acquaint themselves further with its aims and purposes as expressed in its Constitutions and By-Laws. On motion, Elders Morrison and Irwin were appointed to represent the General Conference Committee in this investigation.

On motion, the Committee adjourned to 10 A.M., October 14.

O.A. OLSEN,

President.

L.T. NICOLA,

Secretary.

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## EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 10 A.M., October 14.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, and Breed.

Prayers by Elders Durland, Morrison, Olsen, and Irwin.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor made further report  
as follows:---

\*Recommendations of Committee on  
Distribution of Labor:---

1. That H.L.Hoover, of Missouri, go to New Mexico to canvass, and to labor otherwise as the Conference may direct, the Missouri Conference being requested to bear the cost of Brother Hoover's removal to that field.

2. That W.G.Buckner, of California, go to District No. 2 to labor in self-supporting missionary work as the way may open, and as may be directed by the Superintendent of that District.

3. That Annie Hemming, of Utah, go to District No. 2 to labor as the Superintendent may direct.

4. That Anna Magnire, of the Sanitarium, go to District No. 2 to labor in self-supporting missionary work as far as possible, under the direction of the Superintendent.

(Signed) J.H.Durland,  
A.J.Breed, COMMITTEE."  
F.M.Wilcox,

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the report be adopted. Carried.

A telegram was read from Elder D.H.Lamson, Hillsdale, Mich., requesting instruction as to whether he should labor in Michigan or Indiana. After brief consideration of the question, it was---

Voted, To recommend that the question be referred to the Superintendent of District No. 3, and the Presidents of the Michigan and Indiana Conferences, for decision.

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Elder Irwin asked for some consideration of the matter relating to the Young Men's Self-Improvement Society, reported in the minutes of the previous meeting. Some additional discussion of the question was had, but no further action was taken than previously reported.

It having developed that it might be desirable to invite Brother M.E.Kellogg to act as general correspondent of our periodicals, and appoint some one to act in his place for editorial work on the Youth's Instructor, it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That it is the judgment of the Committee that arrangements should be made for Brother M.E.Kellogg to act as general correspondent of for all our periodicals as the way might open, his place as one of the editors of the Instructor being made vacant; and that Brother J.C.Battholf be invited to become the assistant editor of the Youth's Instructor, to act in that capacity until the next General Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That the Chairman appoint a committee to confer with Brother Kellogg and the Review and Herald with reference to the changes proposed in the above resolution, and that said committee report at a future meeting. Carried.

Appointed: Elders Morrison and Breed.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 4 P.M., even date.

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

## NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 4 P.M., October 14.

Present: Elders Olsen, Morrison, Irwin, Durland, and Breed.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

By previous arrangement, Elder G.C.Tenney and Dr. D.H.Kress appeared before the Committee in behalf of the Board of Elders of the Battle Creek church, and represented some of the urgent needs of the church, and asked for such additional ministerial help as, after careful consideration, the Committee might deem necessary for the best interests of the church.

After Brethren Tenney and Kress had retired, Elder Olsen introduced several late communications from Sister White relating to the interests of the Battle Creek Church and the institutions located here, and the remainder of the hour was spent in reading, by him, from these communications.

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

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

## TENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Monday, 3 P.M., October 19.

Present: Elders Olsen, Irwin, Durland, and Breed.

The Chairman called attention to a cablegram received from Prof. W.W. Prescott, Cape Town, South Africa, asking that Elder R.C. Porter be sent there as soon as possible. It was shown from correspondence lately had with Prof. Prescott that it was desirable that some one be sent to South Africa to act as President of the Conference in that field, and to take general supervision of General Conference interests in southern Africa. The Chairman stated that it was important that a reply be made to Prof. Prescott's cablegram at the earliest possible moment; and what response should be made, was the question. He further stated that he had written Prof. Prescott that Elder Porter's condition of health would hardly warrant the General Conference in sending him to Africa, but that since writing the letter, Elder Porter's condition had become more hopeful. The name of Elder N.W. Kauble, of Colorado, was suggested for consideration, but it proved impossible for a decision of the question in hand to be reached.

In the interests of a final and correct conclusion, an earnest season of prayer was held, in which all the members present engaged, a second prayer being offered by the Chairman.

The time for closing the meeting having arrived, it was---

Voted, to adjourn to call of the Chair.

O.A. OLSEN,  
Chairman.

L.T. NICOLA,  
Secretary.

## ELEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Tuesday, 2 P.M., October 20.

Present: Elders Olsen, Irwin, Breed, Durland, Porter; and Sister R.C.Porter by invitation.

Prayers by Elders Irwin and Olsen.

Minutes eighth, ninth, and tenth meetings read, and approved.

The matter of selecting a minister for South Africa, called up at the previous meeting, received some attention at this meeting, with a view of assisting the Foreign Mission Board in reaching a final conclusion as to whom should be sent. In response to a question as to how Elder Porter was feeling in regard to going to Africa, he stated that he was willing to go, alone, to remain a limited time only, to assist the work as his health would permit and circumstances might indicate. To this proposition Sister Porter would not agree, and the brethren of the Committee did not agree. No definite conclusion in regard to the matter was reached.

Elder Porter was consulted in regard to the needs of the work in District No. 1. The points touched upon by him, being brought out by questions, embraced the following: Elder Fifield can attend the Atlantic Conference; Elder Place, of New York, can do the same. The work in New York City is quite successful; Elder V.H.Lucas is rendering acceptable service, and it is desired that his labors should be continued. Elder J.B.Goodrich asks to be relieved from Presidency of the Quebec Conference, desiring to return to Maine. Elder Babcock, of Virginia, was suggested for Quebec, in case of change suggested by Brother Goodrich being followed. Elder Durland

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change suggested by Brother Goodrich being followed. Elder Durland asked how Elder Allee would do in Virginia, since he had asked to be relieved from the care of the management of a large Conference.

Elder Porter had made a statement in regard to poor board at some of the camp-meetings which he had attended during the fall, being responsible for his poor condition of health. This led to a brief discussion of the question of camp-meeting board. It seemed to be the impression of the members of the Committee that there existed a growing indifference in many places in regard to this matter. It was stated that it was a serious inconvenience, and an injustice, for our workers bearing heavy burdens at our camp-meetings to be compelled to subsist on an impoverished diet. The Chairman explained that in consequence of the prevailing hard times, many of the Conferences considered it necessary to practise pretty careful economy in their expenses, and, not realizing the situation of ministers constantly employed in camp-meeting work, necessary provision was frequently not made for them. Elder Durland suggested that the main difficulty in camp-meeting board often consisted in a lack of variety of foods furnished, and, while most people could get along during one series of meetings, it became decidedly monotonous, and injurious to the health, to be compelled to live on such food week after week while engaged in taxing duties of camp-meeting work.

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

O.A. OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T. NICOLA,

Secretary.

## I N F O R M A L .

## TWELFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 2 P.M., October 21.

Present: Elders Olsen, Irwin, Durland, and Breed; and Brother J.E.White by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Elder Olsen being absent at the opening of the meeting, Elder Irwin was chosen Chairman pro tem. He stated that Brother J.E.White was present to take place before the Committee some plans for his work at Vicksburg, Miss., and vicinity.

Brother White presented the following points:---

1. Need of help. Parties had applied to assist him, the most promising being Brother and Sister G.R.Hawkins, of Iowa, and Brother and Sister L.F.Hanson, of Indiana, and Sister Anna Maguire.

2. Plans of labor. Use the workers as canvassers and Bible readers, with headquarters on the boat. Perhaps open work at Greenwood, or Yazoo City. The use of the boat for business spoken of, but it seemed to be the opinion of the Committee that Brother White should not engage personally in any business enterprise in connection with his work, and in this sentiment Brother White himself agreed. Perhaps considerable could be done in the wood business.

3. School work at Vicksburg, Miss. Another teacher needed to take the place of the one at present employed there.

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4. Condition of religion and morals among the colored people in the South, especially in Mississippi.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That Brother and Sister L.F.Hanson, of Indiana, be recommended to go South, to labor in connection with Brother J.E.White.

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

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

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THIRTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Sunday, 3 P.M., October 25.

Present: Elders Olsen, Irwin, Breed, Durland; and Elders Donnell, Lane, White, Moon, Hyatt, and Van Horn by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Durland.

The first matter considered was the week of prayer for 1896.

The Chairman called attention to the following points already practically decided upon:---

1. Time selected: November 26-29.
2. Number meetings per day: Two.
3. Sabbath and Sunday during the period to be considered fast days.
4. Special letters to be sent to ministers and licentiates, and to elders and leaders of churches, to give special instruction in advance concerning the importance of the occasion.
5. Readings to be prepared by the General Conference for this country alone, it having been found that it was impracticable for the General Conference to attempt to prepare readings applicable to all fields at the same time.

Attention was called to the fact that experience had shown that it produced inconveniences and considerable dissatisfaction to require the week of prayer to be held in all parts of the world at the same time. It was also shown that shorter readings than have been used in the past should be prepared, and that this was being done the present year, ---each production not requiring more than twenty minutes to read, entire.

Elder C.H.Keslake and wife came into the meeting by invitation, and explained that it was necessary for him to return from England on account of his wife's health, and stated that he would be pleased to have a field of labor assigned him in this country. After opportunity had been given for asking and answering all necessary questions, Brother and Sister Keslake were excused from the meeting.

Elder Breed presented a letter from Elder J.M.Willoughby, of Utah, asking the General Conference to provide a competent Scandinavian laborer for Utah.

Elder W.B.White called attention to the apparent necessity for arranging for reduced railway rates for the next session of the General Conference, and also the necessity of arranging for the delegates and visitors to bring with them to the meeting all necessary bedding for their comfort; and he also requested that the General Conference Committee should instruct him as to what would be expected of him and the Nebraska Conference in arranging for the session of the General Conference.

Elder White also stated that a pastor was needed for the College View church, and Elder Hottel, of the Atlantic Conference, was suggested for the place.

Elder S.H.Lane suggested the necessity for providing Elder A.J.Stone, of Chicago, another field of labor, and stated that probably Elder John Hoffman, formerly of Minnesota, now of Iowa, would be a suitable minister to take Elder Stone's place.

Elder Allen Moon made brief remarks, urging the necessity of the General Conference continuing its present assistance in behalf of the work in New York City; also requested that a member of the

General Conference Committee attend the session of the Atlantic Conference, to begin November 10.

Elder Hyatt stated that the canvassers of the Kansas Conference desired territory outside of Kansas for the benefit of their canvassing work. It was shown that suitable territory for canvassers was very limited in the State, and that the field had been canvassed for our books so frequently that continued work was no longer profitable in most parts of the State. The Chairman inquired how northern Mississippi would suit the Kansas workers. The reply was that any good territory would be satisfactory.

Elder Hyatt also stated that the Kansas Conference had proposed to make Elder J.W. Westphal, the German laborer for District No. 5, a delegate at large at the next session of the General Conference, paying their share of the expenses, and asking the other Conferences in the District to pay their respective shares. The brethren of the Committee expressed themselves as well pleased with the plan; no precedent was cited for the plan.

The Chairman asked Elder Allee if Brother A.G. Adams, of Minnesota, could be spared from the Conference office in Minneapolis to assist in the General Conference work. Elder Allee replied that Brother Adams could not well be spared from his work in Minnesota.

Elder Breed made a plea for a competent tract society secretary for the California Conference.

Elder S.H. Lane, mentioned the availability of a Mr. Cadwallader, of Galesburg, Ill., for some business position in connection with the denomination. It was explained that Mr. Cadwallader had been Auditor of the C. B. and Q. Ry. for several years, had lately begun the observance of the Sabbath, had lost his position, and contemplated opening business on his own account.

Elder Durland spoke of the probable availability of Brother W.J.Felt, of College View, Nebr., a good business man, for some place in the work in the line of his qualifications.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

O.A.OLSEN,

President.

L.T.NCIOLA,

Secretary.

FOURTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Wednesday, 7 P.M., October 28.

Present: Elders Olsen, Irwin, Breed, and Durland; and Elder Allen Moon during a portion of the time, by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Durland.

After general remarks by the Chairman, Elder Allen Moon again presented the needs of the work in New York City. He spoke of the condition of Elder O.O.Farnsworth, of his retirement from the work, and of the necessity of some one being supplied to take his place. He further mentioned the situation of the Atlantic Conference, of the necessity for some one to attend the session of that Conference to begin November 10, stating that a member of the General Conference Committee was preferred.

Elder Olsen asked Elder Moon for his opinion with reference to arrangements for the editorial management of the religious liberty paper to be conducted in Ontario. Elder Moon suggested that Elder A.F.Ballenger would be a good man to act as editor of the paper, and that Elder Eugene Leland would be an excellent assistant. After brief discussion of these matters, it was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the Michigan Conference be asked to permit Elder Eugene Leland to continue at Toronto for the time being, under their support, to assist in the publication of the religious liberty paper to be conducted there, and in the general religious liberty work in the Province of Ontario as the way might open. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That it be recommended that Elder A.F.Ballenger be invited to go to Toronto

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to act as editor of the religious paper to be conducted there, and that Elder Eugene Leland be invited to act as assistant editor of the paper. Carried.

It was shown that the changes would necessitate the appointment of a new Corresponding Secretary for the International Religious Liberty Association. To meet such demand, it was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That we ask the Executive Committee of the International Religious Liberty Association to recommend some one for the position of Secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association, and to report to the General Conference Committee. Carried.

The matter of providing some one to attend the W.C.T.U. convention to be held at St. Louis November 13-18 was briefly considered. It was---

Voted, To recommend that Elder W.A.Hennig, President of the Missouri Conference, be requested to attend the convention in the interests of the International Religious Liberty Association work.

Representatives of the Battle Creek Church having asked the advice of the General Conference Committee in regard to the introduction of individual cups for use at the church communion services, it was, after consideration of the matter,---

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Durland, That the Committee can not, with the light it now possesses, favor the use of individual cups in church communion services.

Elder Breed asked attention to the needs of Brother W.D.Emery, of Montana, for compensation for wight weeks as tent-master in that field the past summer. He stated that it was the opinion of Elder J.R.Palmer and other leading brethren of the Montana Mission that Brother Emery should receive reasonable compensation for his work. It was therefore---

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Voted, To recommend that Brother W.D.Emery receive from the General Conference treasury the sum of fifty dollars for his work.

The needs of the Battle Creek Church for efficient ministerial help during the coming winter were briefly considered. It was---

Moved by Elder Irwin, and seconded by Elder Breed, That Elder Durland be requested to labor for the Battle Creek Church as the way may open till the next session of the General Conference.

Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 8 A.M., Thursday, October 29.

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

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FIFTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

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Thursday, 8:30 A.M., October 29.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Durland, and Irwin.

Prayers by Elders Irwin and Olsen.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Attention was called to the vacancy on the Keene (Texas) school Board, by the failure of Geo.A.Nichols to accept the position of member of the Board of Managers of the Keene school. It was---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That the name of C.B.Hughes be placed on the Board, to supply the place of Geo.A.Nichols.

A communication was read from "Zions Vaktare," calling for a Scandinavian laborer for the Northenn Peninsula of Michigan. In response, it was recommended that the communication referred to be passed to the President of the Michigan Conference, with the recommendation that Elder QA.Johnson fill the call.

The next matter considered was distribution of labor. It was---

Voted, That Elder V.H.Lucas be advised to return to New York City to labor during the coming winter.

Voted, That Elder C.H.Keslake be recommended to labor in the Atlantic Conference.

Voted, That Elder R.D.Hottel be recommended to labor in the Nebraska Conference.

Voted, That Brother Frank Armitage, of Nebraska, be recommended to labor in the Southern field, under the direction of the District Superintendent.

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Elder Durland spoke briefly of the situation of Brother H.F.Ketring, of Wyoming. It seemed that he had not been succeeding very well of late, on account of the limitations of the field. He had expressed a desire to return to Kansas, or to some other field of labor. He will probably attend the next General Conference. It was suggested that when Brother Ketring leaves Wyoming, he should arrange his work so that it will not be necessary for him to return to that field.

Elder Olsen called attention to the importance of providing efficient clerical assistance for the several departments of the general work, so as to prevent loss in case of the sudden vacancies in the offices of the different organizations. Special emphasis was given to the necessity of securing, if possible, a person to take training in the office of the Foreign Mission Board,---one who would be able to conduct correspondence in the absence of the Secretary. Elder F.M.Wilcox was called into the meeting, and expressed himself as in harmony with the suggestions of the Committee. He stated that he did not have definite recommendations to make as to who should be selected for his office.

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

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NCCOLA,

Secretary.

## I N F O R M A L .

## SIXTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 3:30 P.M., October 29.

Present: Elders Olsen, Durland, Breed, and Irwin; and J.E.White, M.C.Bartholf, A.O.Tait, and F.M.Wilcox, a portion of the time of the meeting, by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Irwin.

Brother J.E.White presented some matters relating to his work at Vicksburg, Miss. After consultation, it was decided that it would be impossible for the Committee to do justice to the consideration of the matters introduced, at this time; so they were left to Elder Irwin, the District Superintendent, and Brother White, to be adjusted at their convenience.

Voted, That Eastern Montana be connected with the Montana Mission---the entire State being a part of District No. 6;---and that Elder O.S.Ferren labor in Montana, under the supervision of the Director of that Mission.

Voted, That the heads of the Battle Creek, Union, Walla Walla, and Healdsburg Colleges, and the South Lancaster, Keene, Mt. Vernon, and Graysville Academies, be invited to attend the next session of the General Conference as delegates at large; these educational institutions themselves, or the Conferences in which the schools are located, or both the Conferences and the schools---as may be mutually arranged---meeting the expenses of these delegates.

Voted, That the superintendents of the Battle Creek, St. Helena, and Colorado Sanitariums, and Dr. A.B.Olsen, representing the American Medical Missionary College, be invited to act as

delegates at large to the next session of the General Conference, the several institutions sending delegates being expected to pay expenses of same.

Elder F.M.Wilcox made report for a special committee appointed to confer with the Review and Herald and Elder A.O.Tait, in relation to Elder Tait's connection with the International Tract Society as general manager. The report was to the effect that the members of the Review and Herald Board were not unanimous in releasing Brother Tait from the position he was occupying with them, but that he (Elder Wilcox) thought that arrangements could be made with the Board for Elder Tait's release. Brother Tait suggested two conditions of acceptance; viz., those relating to salary, and time of employment. Elder Tait inquired what would be expected of him in the position suggested for him in the International Tract Society. Elder Olsen replied in substance as follows:-----

1. To take a leading and active part in working up the canvass for the "Signs of the Times."

2. To interest himself in the circulation of our other periodicals.

3. To endeavor to create, as far as possible, a general revival of the missionary spirit in our churches, and to secure a much more general use of our periodicals and smaller books in our churches, for missionary work.

It was also suggested that he make a special study of what was needed to be circulated among the people, and who would be suitable writers for special matter for our libraries, etc.

No definite action was taken with reference to these matters; but their consideration was left, to be resumed after the return of Brother C.H.Jones from New York.

Father Bartholf next introduced the situation of his son, J.C.Bartholf, who, he stated, had been dedicated in his babyhood to the service of God. His experience in life had so far been somewhat varied. He was capable of teaching; and now, since his conversion a year ago, would like to have some place and part in the work. The Chairman explained to Father Bartholf that the Committee had not been indifferent to the interests of his son, but the matter of securing a place for him in the work was under consideration, with prospects of success.

The Chairman next introduced the matter of the auditing of the accounts of the General Conference workers. He suggested the necessity of appointing a Committee for this purpose, and selecting a time for their meeting.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the General Conference Committee meet at Lincoln January 29, 1897, to assist in auditing the accounts of the General Conference workers, etc., for the year 1896. Carried.

The following named persons were suggested by the President, to act with the General Conference Committee as Auditors on that occasion, and to serve during the next biennial period of the General Conference:---

C.H.Jones,  
I.H.Evans,  
L.H.Crisler,  
W.S.Hyatt,  
R.A.Underwood,  
N.W.Alee.

Moved, supported, and carried, To adjourn to 7 P.M., even date.

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

## SEVENTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

Thursday, 7 P.M., October 29, 1896.

Present: Elders Olsen, Breed, Irwin, and Durland.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Voted, That Elder A.T.Jones be recommended to act as editor of the American Sentinel.

Voted, That the matter of selecting an assistant for Elder A.T.Jones, on the Sentinel, be left to the President of the General Conference for decision.

Voted, That Elder M.E.Kellogg be relieved from editorial work on the Youth's Instructor, and that he be appointed general contributor to our general periodicals, he being under the financial support of the General Conference.

Voted, That Brother J.C.Bartholf be appointed assistant editor of the Youth's Instructor.

Voted, That Elder Geo.O.States, of Colorado, labor in New Mexico and Arizona.

Voted, That Elder Geo.W.Watson, of the Dakota Conference, be invited to labor in the Colorado Conference.

Voted, That Elder H.W.Decker, of Texas, be recommended to labor in the Dakota Conference.

Voted, To invite Miss Mary Evans, of Carson City, Mich., to connect with the International Tract Society.

Voted, That Elder Geo.E.Fifield be recommended to labor in the New England Conference.

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Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That Ministerial Credentials be granted Elder H.W. Miller, of Battle Creek College.

Some time was taken in the consideration of the needs of the special Bible schools to be conducted the coming winter in connection with our denominational colleges and academies. It was---

Voted, To recommend that free tuition be granted to students who may be employed immediately following their attendance at these schools by any of the local Conferences or by the General Conference

Voted, To request Elder Olsen to attend to all other matters of business undisposed of during this council.

On motion, the meeting adjourned sine die.

O.A. OLSEN,  
Chairman.

L.T. NICOLA,  
Secretary.

## I N F O R M A L .

## EIGHTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1896.

At the home of R.A.Hart, Tuesday, November 24.

Present: Elders Olsen, Durland, and Morrison.

The appointment of Bible teacher for the special course in connection with Graysville Academy received consideration. The names suggested were F.D.Starr, W.A.Alway, and F.W.Morse. No action was taken.

Voted, To relieve Elder A.F.Ballenger from going to Canada to take charge of the religious liberty paper at Toronto, his services being required at New York City in connection with the American Sentinel.

The matter of delegate representation at the next General Conference received some attention. It was-----

Voted, That Elder J.C.Foster, of Manitoba, be invited to attend the next session of the General Conference as delegate at large.

The Chairman gave considerable attention to Christian help work, and urged the revival of that work among the churches. He gave an outline of the work being done at Battle Creek. He stated that it would be necessary for the General Conference to give assistance in certain cases in getting this line of work properly started. Our tract and missionary societies were organized for this purpose. The full missionary idea can not be carried out by the distribution of reading matter alone; the afflicted, the poor, the needy, must receive proper attention in connection with the circulation of reading matter. This is the tract and missionary

work, in the true sense, for which our tract and missionary organizations were first formed.

After brief explanation by the Chairman with reference to certain correspondence he had had with Professor Prescott, relating to arrangements for labor in England, etc., the meeting adjourned.

O.A. OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T. NICOLA,

Secretary.

## MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Thursday, 8 A.M., December 31, 1896.

Present: Elders O.A.Olsen, J.H.Morrison, W.W.Prescott,  
J.H.Durland, and R.C.Porter.

The meeting was opened with a season of prayer, in which all the members present engaged.

After the prayer season, Elder Olsen called attention to the necessity of further considering the matter of representation at the next General Conference. After some discussion of the question, it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Prescott, That Elder H.E.Robinson, of England, and Brother A.R.Henry, be appointed delegates at large to the next session of the General Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Porter, That the General Conference bear the traveling expenses of the heads of our educational institutions as delegates at large to the General Conference, with the suggestion that the Boards of the different schools allow compensation for the time of their respective delegates while in attendance at the Institute and General Conference. Carried.

It was suggested by Professor Prescott that the Secretary, in notifying the teachers of their appointments, request them to attend the Institute from the beginning, and that the importance of this matter be emphasized.

Considerable was said with reference to arranging a program for the next General Conference. Professor Prescott spoke briefly of the general purpose of the Conference, stating that to him it seemed that the one great thing that would help it, and give light to those in attendance, would be the spiritual tone of the Conference. He urged the importance of arrangements being made to get things to moving in this direction even before the Conference itself should open.

Elder Olsen said: That which is of the greatest consequence is the spiritual work of the Conference.

Professor Prescott urged that a special study of the present situation, and our relation to the Spirit of Prophecy, and other kindred subjects, be made the special order before the opening of the session. It was suggested that the leading brethren accessible assemble early, and pray and study over the matters most closely connected with the interests of this important gathering.

Elder Olsen asked how many should be called in to engage in this special preparation. It was suggested that Elders A.T.Jones, Waggoner, and Fifield, at least, be invited to meet with the Committee at College View as early as January 28. It was then---

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder Geo.E.Fifield be invited to attend the General Conference as delegate at large. Carried.

It being time to open the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, a short recess was taken; and the meeting reconvened at 11:45 A.M.

The matter of representation at the General Conference received some additional consideration, but no further action was taken. Professor Prescott made some instructive remarks with reference to

doing Christian work versus planning for it all the time; and cited instances in example in connection with the missionary work now being done in Chicago.

Elder Olsen called attention to the necessity of making due appointments of legal meetings to be held in Michigan after the close of the General Conference. It was---

Moved by Professor Prescott, and seconded by Elder Durland, That the legal meetings to be held in connection with the thirty-second session of the General Conference, necessary to be held in the State of Michigan, be called at the Tabernacle, Battle Creek, Wednesday, 9 A.M., March 10, 1897. Carried.

Attention was next called to the necessity of appointing editors for the next volume of the General Conference Bulletin. It was---

Voted, That Elder G.C.Tenney act as leading editor of the Bulletin, and that Elders F.M.Wilcox and L.T.Nicola be chosen associate editors; and that the names of the editors be omitted from the paper.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Seventh-day Adventist colleges and academies be furnished the Bulletin in clubs at the rate given preceding the General Conference two years ago. Carried.

Voted, That the editorial committee use their discretion in regard to the extent of supplying the Bulletin to laborers in foreign lands.

Attention was called to a recent letter received by Elder Olsen from Elder I.H.Evans, urging the appointment of an editor for the religious liberty paper proposed at the fall council for the Canadian field. After consideration of the matter, it was---

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Voted, To request the Secretary to write Elder Evans that the plan entered upon in October seems not at present to be feasible, since the editor selected at that time declines to take the position tendered him.

Elder Tenney had called the attention of some of the members of the Committee to the necessity of selecting proper editorial help for the Review in the absence of the regular editors of that paper while attending the General Conference. It was---

Voted, That the matter of selecting editorial assistance on the Review be left with the members of the Committee accessible at the time that a decision of the matter should be necessary.

Moved by Professor Prescott, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the minutes of the minority meetings of the Committee held during the fall session, be accepted. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

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