

I N F O R M A L .

MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 12:30 P.M., January 6, 1897.

Present: Elders O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, J.H.Morrison, J.H.Durland.

Elder Olsen presented a letter from Brother B.F.Richards to Dr.J.H.Kellogg, asking for a supply of charts and hymn books for use in the medical mission at Chicago. After brief consideration of the matter, it was---

Moved by Professor Prescott, and seconded by Elder Durland, That a set of prophetic charts, and fifty tent hymn books, be donated by the General Conference to the Workingmen's Home, of Chicago, Ill. Carried.

The question of representation at the next session of the General Conference received some consideration. It was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Durland, That Elder J.R.Palmer, of Montana, be invited to act as delegate at large at the next General Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder R.M.Kilgore act as delegate at large at the next session of the General Conference. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

O.A.OLSEN,
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,
Secretary.

Attention was called to a proposition of the Battle Creek College Board with reference to the appointment of a permanent Committee to devise means whereby worthy young persons needing help, having the ministry or other missionary work in view, might receive necessary assistance to attend the College. The following letter from the Secretary of the Board was read:---

"Battle Creek, Mich., January 6, 1897.

"L.T.Nicola,
Sec'y, General Conference Committee,
C i t y .

"Dear Brother:---

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Battle Creek College, held last evening, it was unanimously voted to request the General Conference Committee to appoint a Board as called for in the following proposition, which was submitted, and was adopted by the Board:---

"The organization of a permanent Board or Committee who shall arrange for the maintenance of worthy students while they are pursuing one of these courses of training, this Board or Committee to be distinct from either the College or Sanitarium Board, although members of either Board may be eligible to membership in it.

"Trusting you will be able to bring this to the notice of your Committee at an early date, I remain,

(Signed) G.C.Tenney,
Sec'y.

"P.S.: The courses of training referred to above are for the ministry, for missionary teachers, or for other branches of missionary work."

It was explained by Professor Prescott that it was not the intention to raise money alone to assist the class of persons named, but to find places for them to live while attending school, and to arrange, if possible, for their support. It would also be the duty of such committee to determine who were eligible to receive the assistance proposed, and to make the work in this line as effective as possible. It was---

Moved by Professor Prescott, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee of three

to take charge of this work, in compliance with the recommendation of the College Board. Carried.

In closing the consideration of the question, Elder Olsen stated that the matter introduced in the communication from the College Board was an exceedingly important one. Professor Prescott suggested that the idea of doing something should be made the prominent thought of the committee to be appointed.

The hour having arrived for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Conference Association, the Committee took a recess.

Meeting reconvened at 4 P.M.

Prayer by Professor W.W.Prescott.

Consideration of the matter before the meeting at the time of taking a recess was resumed. It was----

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Durland, That Professor W.W.Prescott, Dr. J.H.Kellogg, and A.R.Henry be appointed to constitute the committee suggested by the Battle Creek College Board; with the understanding that they select two practical farmers to act with them in carrying into effect the undertaking contemplated by the College Board and General Conference Committee.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

O.A.OLSEN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

College View, Nebr., Tuesday, 5 P.M., Feb. 16, 1897.

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

A season of prayer was conducted.

Matters relating to an action taken at a meeting of the Committee February 28, 1896, received consideration. It was voted, That Elders Holser and Porter be invited to prepare a statement representing the present attitude of the Committee in regard to this matter.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

O.A.OLSEN,
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,
Secretary.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

College View, Nebr., Wednesday, 8:30 A.M., February 17, 1897.

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

A prayer season, led by Professor Prescott, was held.

After brief consideration of the motion made at a previous meeting, recommending Elder Holser to act as Chairman of the council meetings of the International Tract Society, the question was put, and carried.

Voted, That Elder R.M.Kilgore be invited to lead the meeting at 10:30 A.M. in the church. Shortly after this action was taken, it was reported to the Committee that Elder Kilgore would not consent to conduct the meeting under consideration. It was therefore suggested that Elder Breed arrange for some one to take charge of the meeting.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to prepare a statement with reference to the present attitude of the General Conference Committee relating to a certain action taken February 28, 1896, made a report.

Pending its adoption, it was moved and seconded that the Committee adjourn to 2:30 P.M.

O.A.OLSEN,
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,
Secretary.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

College View, Nebr., Wednesday, 2:30 P.M., February 17, 1897.

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

A season of prayer was held, led by Elder Irwin.

The Chairman asked for further consideration to the arrangements for the program of the meetings during the General Conference. Professor Prescott and Elder White suggested that on account of other pressing duties, it would be inconvenient for them to serve with the Committee on Program; therefore they offered their resignations on the Committee on Program. It was moved by Elder Durland, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the resignations of Professor Prescott and Elder White be accepted, with a view of selecting those in their place outside of the General Conference Committee. Carried.

Voted, That Elder W.S.Hyatt act as a member of the Committee.

Elder Holser then called up the resolution offered at a previous meeting, relating to a certain action of the Committee February 28, 1896. The resolution presented read as follows:---

"Whereas, The undersigned, members of the General Conference Committee, took official action February 28, 1896, as follows:---

"Whereas, At a meeting of the Seventh-day Adventists Publishing Association held at the Tabernacle, at Battle Creek, Mich., 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 has the approval of the stockholders of this Association; 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."

"Resolved, That we hereby withdraw such action, on the ground that it was an undue exercise of authority, and contrary to the Scriptural method of dealing with those whom we believe to be in error."

"Resolved, That a copy of this action be presented in an informal meeting of the stockholders before whom the resolution in question was read."

(Signed) Committee: H.P.Holser,
R.C.Porter."

Moved by Professor Prescott, and seconded by Elder Irwin, That the motion to adopt be laid on the table. Carried.

Moved by Professor Prescott, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder I.H.Evans act as a member of the Committee on Program.

Voted, That Elder A.J.Breed act as Chairman of the Committee on Program.

Moved, To adjourn to 8:30 A.M., Thursday, Feb. 18, 1897.

O.A.OLSEN,
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLOA,
Secretary.

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MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

College View, Nebr., Thursday, February 18, 1897.

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

A season of prayer was had , in which nearly all the members participated.

Voted, to take from the table the motion tabled the previous day.

After due consideration, the question was put, and carried.

Voted, To request Elder O.A.Olsen to present the action of the Committee referred to above, at Battle Creek, Mich., in a similar meetings and manner to the one to which the action refers.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 8:30 A.M., Friday, Feb. 19.

O.A.OLSEN,
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,
Secretary.

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[The rescinding of the action taken by the General Conference
tee, on cumulative voting by stockholders of the Review and Herald,
a public meeting held in the Tabernacle, at Battle Creek,
an, March 11, 1897.]

First regular meeting of the Auditing Committee, held in room 4, Union College, College View, Nebr., from 10 to 12 o'clock, Sunday, Jan. 31, 1897.

Present: Elders O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, W.C.White, R.C.Porter, H.P.Holser, G.A.Irwin, J.H.Durland, J.H.Morrison, (Breed, Loughborough, and Haskell absent), of the general Conference Committee; and Elders I.H.Evans, L.H.Crisler, R.A.Underwood, and N.W.Alee.

After a season of prayer, it was---

Voted, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to draft resolutions regarding method of fixing wages in the future, or how future auditing should be conducted; committee to report to this Board.

W.W.Prescott, H.P.Holser, and W.C.White names as this Com.

On motion of Elder H.P.Holser, it was---

Voted, To subdivide the Board into committees of three, and that they examine the reports and make recommendations to the full Board on the plan of last year.

W.W.Prescott was desirous that his expense bill both for 1895 and 1896 be carefully examined.

Voted, To comply with his request, and the report to be placed in the hands of the sub-committee of which he should be a member.

February 5, 1897.

At meeting for Bible study, at 8:30 A.M., it was---

Voted, That the Chair appoint a committee of five to formulate plans of conducting Bible study at the coming General Conference and for meetings down town.

Elders Prescott, Breed, W.C.White, Morrison, and Irwin, named as Committee.

Voted at Auditing Committee meeting at 11 A.M., Friday, Feb. 5, 1897, To wire Brother L.T.Nicola that we can not accept J.R.Eastman's offer of \$10,000.00 for one year at five per cent., in answer to Brother Nicola's message received to-day.

February 7, 1897.

Report of Committee on Bible Study,
through Prof.Prescott:---
(For Institute only,---beginning Feb.9,'97.)

Elder Olsen to preside, meeting from 10:30 to 12 A.M.. Devotional, reading the Testimonies, and study. Not a general public meeting. Room to be named later.

Elder N.W.Kauble to preside, 3:30 to 4:45 P.M. Bible Class in church. E.J.Waggoner, instructor. Public class work.

W.W.Prescott to preside, 5 to 6:15 P.M. Educational. Heads of schools, Union College Board, to attend, and, in addition, Dr. Ottosen and Elders Waggoner, Holser, and Jones, and the General Conference Committee entire. Voted later to admit all regular General Conference delegates. Not a public meeting. Room to be named.

G.A.Irwin to preside, 7 to 8:15 P.M. Public Bible study in the church.

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FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Evening after Sabbath, 6 o'clock, March 13.

Present: Elders Geo.A.Irwin, R.A.Underwood, A.J.Breed, J.H.Morrison, R.M.Kilgore, A.T.Jones, N.W.Ailee, N.W.Kauble, H.P.Holser, and O.A.Olsen.

Prayer by Elder Kilgore.

Elder Irwin presented letters recently received by him from Elder Durland, containing suggestions relating to his future work, and preferences to be permitted to attend the Institute soon to be held at Kansas City, instead of giving Bible instruction at Union College. Elder Irwin also read a letter from Elder L.A.Hoopes, containing statements to the effect that he would soon be ready to take up his work as Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference.

After the contents of these letters had been duly considered, it was---

Voted, That, in harmony with Elder Durland's request, he be left free to attend the Institute at Kansas City, Mo.

The matter of selecting a Bible teacher for Union College received considerable attention, and the name of Elder J.A.Brunson was suggested for the position.

Elder Olsen stated his convictions in regard to his duty to visit some of the Scandinavian churches in this country before his departure for Europe. It seemed to be the unanimous opinion that this course should be followed by Elder Olsen, and it was suggested that April 4 and 5 should be the first date for his meetings.

Elder Breed asked if definite time could not be selected for adjournment of the Committee. He stated that it would be quite a convenience to him and others to know about what time the Committee would adjourn, in order that arrangements might be made for their future work. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Olsen, That the Committee arrange to close up its work for adjournment on or before March 28. Carried.

Elder Kauble stated that the Committees of the Conferences of Tennessee and Wisconsin has conferred with reference to the removal of Elder H.W.Reed from Tennessee to Wisconsin, and that it was the mutual desire of these Conferences that such transfer should be made. It was---

Moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That the Committee favor the arrangement suggested by said Conferences for Elder Reed to labor in Wisconsin.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 8 A.M., Sunday, March 14.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday, 8 A.M., March 14.

Present: Elders Geo.A.Irwin, O.A.Olsen, R.M.Kilgore, J.H.Morrison, A.T.Jones, H.P.Holser, N.W.Alee, I.H.Evans, N.W.Kauble, A.J.Breed, and R.A.Underwood.

Prayer by Elder Holser.

The consideration of the question of providing a Bible teacher for Union College, in place of Elder L.A.Hoopes, received further attention. It was---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That Elder J.A.Brunson, of Highland Park, Chattanooga, Tenn., be requested to act as Bible teacher at Union College in the place made vacant by the resignation of Elder L.A.Hoopes. Carried.

Elder Irwin presented a letter from ^{the father of} Elder Luther Warren, of South Dakota, asking for ~~himself~~ ^{of labor for his son} a change of field, on account of failing health. The Committee, desiring further information in regard to the matter, took no action at this meeting.

Elder Irwin called the attention of the Committee to the convenience of having sub-committees at work preparing matter along the different lines of work of the general Committee. In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the Chair appoint committees of three each, to make recommendations along the different lines leading lines of work to be considered at the present session of the General Conference Committee. Carried.

Elder Underwood spoke briefly of the situation of South Lancaster Academy; and requested that Brother J.I.Gibson be sent to South Lancaster, Mass., to audit the books of the Academy. No definite action was taken in response to the plea of Elder Underwood.

At this point the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved.

The Chair announced committees as follows:---

On Camp-meetings:---

R.A.Underwood,
A.T.Jones,
J.H.Morrison.

On Distribution of Labor:---

A.J.Breed,
N.W.Kauble,
N.W.Allee.

Suggestions were made with reference to the possible necessity of arranging for an early season of prayer, similar to that occurring last May. Reference was also made to the regular annual season of prayer and fasting. In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Evans, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to make recommendations in regard to special seasons of prayer for the coming year. Carried.

Appointed:---

H.P.Holser,
I.H.Evans,
R.M.Kilgore.

Inasmuch as there was no member of the Committee in attendance at the present session, representing the Australasian field, it was---

Voted, To invite Elder W.C.White to attend the joint meetings of the Foreign Mission Board and General Conference Committee.

Elder Kauble, representing Elder J.C.Foster, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, asked the Committee to provide twenty-five dollars as a loan to meet the expenses of hall rent at Portage la Prairie until the money could be refunded from pledges at Portage la Prairie. In response to the remarks of Elder Kauble, it was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Underwood, That twenty-five dollars be advanced from the General Conference treasury to pay Brother J.C.Foster, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, as a loan to pay hall rent in connection with his meetings, until he could collect money coming due, pledged on the hall rent at that place. Carried.

The attention of the Committee was called to the situation of Brother L. J.L.Humbert, now of College View, Nebr., formerly of Kansas City, Kans. It was shown that Brother Humbert's health was failing, that he was unable to do office work, that he had done faithful service in the office of the Chaplain of the Sanitarium, and in connection with the General Conference work at College View, etc. It was suggested that Elder Breed give thorough consideration to the matter, and make suggestions with reference to it at a future meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 8 A.M., Monday, March 15.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 A.M., March 15.

Present: Elders Irwin, Olsen, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Holser, Jones, Evans, and Moon; and W.C.White, by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Underwood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elder Breed made brief report with reference to his consideration of Brother J.L.Humbert's matters. He stated that consultation had been had with Brother Joseph Sutherland, of College View Nebr., and that he had learned that the way was open for Brother Humbert to engage in the health food business either at Colorado Springs, or Pueblo, Colo.; so Elder Breed advised that Brother Humbert be recommended to take up that work at one or both of the places mentioned. It being understood that he did not have necessary funds for carrying the recommendation into effect, it was---

Voted, That financial assistance be furnished Brother J.L.Humbert and family to go to Colorado Springs or Pueblo, Colo., and that such additional assistance be rendered as would enable him to begin the sale of health foods.

The Chairman presented the following communication from Elder F.M.Wilcox:---

"To the General Conference Committee:

"Dear Brethren:---

"I would like instructions from you as to my return to Boulder, Colo., for several days, to settle up matters which were very precipitately left in consequence of my wife's death. My things, and some business matters, were left in such shape that it would seem exceedingly desirable if I could return there for several days. I also believe that it would be helpful to the church in closing up my connection with it. Should you feel willing for me to do this,

would you feel that the General Conference should pay my traveling expenses? When I left Boulder, it was with the desire and intention of returning direct from College View, to remain in Sanitarium and medical work. In view of the work here it was advised that I come on here and then return to Boulder later. Should I go to Boulder, I would like to go the first of April at the time of the Colorado State meeting."

In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder F.M.Wilcox be granted permission to return to Boulder, in harmony with his request, the General Conference paying his traveling expenses. Carried.

Elder Irwin read short extracts from a letter recently received from Brother J.E.White, asking that financial support be given Brother L.A.Hansen, now laboring at Vicksburg. Elder Olsen made brief explanations of Brother Hansen's work, and moved that Brother L.A.Hansen be placed on the General Conference pay roll as a regular General Conference laborer. Second by Elder Kilgore. Carried.

The Chair presented a request from Elder I.H.Evans, asking that, on account of his appointment as Business Manager of the General Conference Association, his successor as President of the Michigan Conference be appointed at as early date as possible. After brief discussion of the question, it was---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the matter of selecting a President for the Michigan Conference be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor, appointed at the previous meeting. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:15 A.M., Tuesday, March 16.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NECOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Tuesday, 10:15 A.M., March 16.

Present: Elders Irwin, Olsen, Morrison, Breed, Alee, Kauble, Kilgore, Jones, Underwood, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

A season of prayer, led by Elder Kauble, was conducted.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

By invitation, Brethren W.W.Prescott, E.J.Waggoner, W.C.White, W.C.Sisley, W.E.A.Aul, and G.W.Caviness attended the meeting.

Some of the brethren attending the meeting by invitation had asked permission to express themselves to the Committee, and a request had been made that consideration be given to the arrangements for the evening meeting. The hour was therefore devoted principally to these matters.

After introductory remarks by the Chairman, Elder Jones spoke briefly, expressing the conviction that the present difficulties in connection with the College were deep-seated and fundamental, affecting other institutions, and the entire work, at Battle Creek; and hence the inconsistency of dealing with College matters alone.

Professor Caviness spoke in a general way of the situation at the College as he understood it; and expressed the opinion that the manner of electing the Board of Directors this year was no worse than that of the previous year,---referring, as he afterwards explained, to the fact that, in connection with the election of the Board last year, certain changes of the Constitution were made necessary, and there had been permitted irregularities in determining a constitutional majority of the votes on the constitutional changes. He admitted that no objection was raised to the proceedings, at the time.

Elder Holser asked why the General Conference Committee should consider the matter at all. In reply, Elders Irwin, Prescott, and White explained the difference between the Committee assuming authority over matters outside its jurisdiction, and giving counsel when solicited by individuals or institutions.

Elder Underwood called attention to the representative character of Battle Creek College, and the propriety of the General Conference assisting in every possible way to adjust the difficulties under which the institution is now laboring.

Professor Aul stated that he desired to have it distinctly understood that no one was responsible for the course he had taken at the election of the Board of Directors for the College, the previous evening, and said that no one had encouraged or advised him in regard to what he had done; and stated, in substance, that there were causes leading to his action in cumulating proxy votes, and putting himself on the Board of Directors as he did, and that he had believed that he was taking the right course.

Professor Prescott stated that he was anxious that the meeting to be held in the evening should take a wider range than any of the meetings of the Educational Society so far held during the present annual session.

Elder Holser suggested that the meeting be devoted principally to instruction and the reading of testimonies relating to Battle Creek College and the institutions and church at Battle Creek.

Elder White proposed that it would be well for Elders Jones and Holser to confer with Brother Sisley in arranging for the details of the meeting to be held in the evening. It was then---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Evans, and carried, That the suggestion made by Brother White be carried into effect.

It was stated by one member of the Committee that he would rather not have anything to do with the adjustment of the

difficulties connected with the College, and, if it were the mind of the members of the Committee, he would prefer not even to hear a statement of the case. It was stated by Elder Jones that the adjustment of matters connected with Battle Creek College would doubtless have an application to the righting of wrongs in other colleges and institutions with which the Committee would have to deal from time to time during the next two years. He stated that it would be necessary for the Committee to make a steady and strong pull, and that their only defense would be in being straight with God. He considered that this experience at Battle Creek was only the beginning of the special work begun at College View. The great question was whether God should have full control, of the work, or whether Satan should have a part in it.

Elder Evans expressed the opinion that the special evils now existing and demanding attention could not be cured by denouncing them; that it was desirable that no harshness should be used, but that an effort should be made to educate the people into better ways of thinking and acting, and that, by the Spirit and power of God, they might be won to right principles.

Elder Morrison called attention to the extreme need of exercising care to take the right course in dealing with the special difficulties now confronting the work.

Others not mentioned above expressed themselves at different times in the meeting in harmony with the sentiments quoted in this report. There seemed to be unanimity of sentiment in regard to the general course to be taken at this time.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:15 A.M., March 17.

GEO. A. IRWIN, /
Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,
Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Wednesday, 10:15 A.M., March 17.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; also Elders W.W.Prescott, E.J.Waggoner, and W.C.White.

Prayer was offered by Elder Evans.

A report of the previous meeting was read by the Secretary, and approved.

The Chairman stated that he had been consulted with reference to issuing in booklet form some special testimonies relating to the educational work, and that he had invited Professor Prescott to the meeting to speak with reference to this matter.

The Professor accordingly presented the need for the publication of the special instruction from the pen of Sister White relating to the educational work. It was then---

Moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That Professor Prescott be invited to select such matter as should be gotten out on the educational work, and that he arrange for the publication of the same in the form most convenient for the workers. Carried.

It was understood that the book would be placed on the market, and that the General Conference Association would be expected to act as publisher of the work.

After the disposition of the above matter, Professor Prescott asked counsel of the Committee with reference to his arrangements for carrying into effect the recommendation of the late General Conference relating to his labor in England. He stated that the situation in South Africa required the assistance of a strong laborer at as early date as possible, and suggested that it would be well

for Elder Olsen to go there to labor a while before taking permanent charge of the work that had been recommended for him in Europe.

W.C.White explained that the Committee at College View made its plans for the European field with reference to the needs of the work in Africa. Elders Breed and Underwood expressed themselves in harmony with the suggestions of Brethren Prescott and White. Elder Irwin stated that he was opposed to taking any steps to neutralize the actions of the General Conference, but that he saw light in the suggestion for Elder Olsen to go to Africa to remain for a time. Elders Moon, Waggoner, and Kauble made brief remarks, favoring the general ideas advanced by the previous speakers. It was then---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That it be the sense of this Committee that Elder Olsen be recommended to go to South Africa, leaving this country as soon as circumstances will permit, making a brief visit to Scandinavia on the way, and that he spend as much time in Africa as necessity may require; and that Professor Prescott go to England soon to enter upon his work, returning to this country, after a few months, for his family.

In the discussion of the question it was shown that Elder Holser could retain oversight of the work in Europe in the absence of Elder Olsen, and during the time it would probably be possible for Professor Prescott to assist in some general meetings on the Continent.

The question was put, and prevailed.

Elders Breed and Kauble spoke, urging the necessity of the Committee on Distribution of Labor making an early report, in order that intelligent action might be taken in filling certain vacancies on the Union College Board, etc.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.
L.F. NICOLA,
Secretary pro tem.

GEO.A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 5 P.M., Thursday, March 18.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

The meeting was opened by prayer, as usual.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and, after striking out the recommendation concerning Professor Prescott's work contained in the motion relating to Elder Olsen's going to South Africa, the report was accepted.

The Chairman read extracts from a letter received from Elder Durland, expression appreciation of the action of the Committee to relieve him from Bible work in Union College.

The Committee on Camp-meetings made partial report, as follows:---

"The Committee to make suggestions for camp-meetings, would submit the following report:---

"1. We recommend that the arrangements for help at the various camp-meetings be left with the District Superintendent and the officers of the Conferences in the District.

"2. That, as far as consistent, an exchange of laborers by the various Conferences in the District be encouraged.

"3. That we would encourage the ministers in the Conferences where these camp-meetings are held, to largely take the burden of the meetings.

"4. That the work of auditing the accounts of laborers be done before the regular meeting begins, or that provisions be made to do the work at some other time; so that the Conference Committee and leading brethren may be able to devote their entire strength to the spiritual interest of the camp-meeting.

"5. That, in the location, the advertising, and conducting of our camp-meetings, we make greater efforts to carry the gospel to the masses.

"6. That we give heed to the counsel of God in changing the place of these meetings, not holding them year by year in the same place.

"7. That, in conducting these meetings, more time for meditation and prayer, and a less number of meetings than usual, be crowded into each day's program.

"8. That, to accomplish this, we suggest that the hours of 10:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M., usually occupied in preaching, be largely used in giving instruction in mission and gospel work.

"9. That one hour each day of the meeting be set apart upon the camp-ground for silent prayer and meditation, in which no public meetings are to be held.

"10. That such instruction with regard to camp-meetings as has been given from the Lord in first-page articles in the Review, and other places, be printed and distributed to District Superintendents, and Presidents, and ministers of Conferences, and that they be urged to make special and diligent study and effort to follow them closely.

"(Signed) R.A.Underwood,
J.H.Morrison, COMMITTEE"
A.T.Jones,

It being desirable that the Committee on Distribution of Labor should report before further business was transacted, consideration of the above report was postponed.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented written suggestions as a partial report, which formed the basis of which follows.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That Elder Luther Warren, of the Dakota Conference, make the Upper Columbia Conference his field of labor. Carried.

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Morrison, Elat Elder Kilgore J.W. Watt, of the Indiana Conference, go to Dakota, to take the place on the Conference Committee made vacant by the removal of Elder Frederickson. Carried.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That, in harmony with the desire of the Dakota Conference, Andrew Nelson, be invited to return from Scandinavia and connect with the work in the Dakota Conference. Carried.

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

GEO.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,
Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.
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Battle Creek, Mich., 10:15 A.M., March 19.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; also Elder J.O. Corliss, by invitation, at the opening of the meeting.

Meeting opened with the usual devotional exercises.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Corliss spoke first, of the work of Mrs. S.M.I. Henry, of the Sanitarium. He stated that her little pamphlet which had been mailed to many parts of the country had brought in a large number of questions on the Sabbath question, and he recommended that the most important of these questions, together with their answers, be published in book form, and placed upon the market. He stated further that Mrs. Henry's work had increased to the extent that it was necessary for her to employ one or two stenographers all the time, and he favored the plan of her conducting a sort of correspondence bureau under the supervision of the General Conference.

Elder Corliss then called the attention of the Committee to personal meetings. He stated that he had been working at the Sanitarium for a number of months, that he had found of late considerable difficulty in connecting regular ministerial work with the work being done by the physicians and helpers at the Sanitarium. He asked the Committee to select a field for him, if possible. At the same time, he desired it understood that his preferences were to remain at the Sanitarium on account of its convenience to his home, yet he would be perfectly willing to be assigned another field, if the Committee so recommended.

At the conclusion of Elder Corliss' remarks,

Elder H. E. Robinson was invited into the meeting, and made ²³⁶ a brief statement of his situation as relating to a field of labor. He stated that he had recently been laboring in the city of Plymouth, England, and that the work there was liable to suffer serious loss if no one was sent there soon to follow up the interest that had been created. He expressed a deep interest in the British field in general, and stated that he was anxious that the Committee should know that, if he were removed from the British field, it would not be on account of any lack of interest on his part in the work in that field; that his health was not good in some climates; but if a change in his work were contemplated, and considered necessary, he would be willing to be directed by the Committee as per the opening providences of God.

The Chairman called attention to a request that had been made by the elders of the Battle Creek church to the General Conference Committee to take the responsibility of arranging for the meetings to be held at Battle Creek church, Sabbath, March 20. In response, it was---

Moved By Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three to arrange for the Sabbath meetings, in harmony with the suggestion of the elders of the Battle Creek church. Carried.

Elder Moon, speaking for the Mission Board, of which he is Chairman, asked the General Conference Committee to recommend to the Board a man for permanent location in South Africa, to accompany Elder Olsen to that field. He stated that the Board was laboring at a disadvantage, just entering upon its work, that it had no men at its command independent of the General Conference to recommend for work in foreign fields, and especially did the Board consider itself inadequate acting alone to meet the demands of the situation in South Africa.

It being desirable to consider the remainder of the report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, it was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That the remaining suggestions from the Committee on Distribution of Labor be considered. Carried.

After brief consideration of the needs of the work in the Indiana Conference, it was---

Voted, To recommend Elder W.B.White, of Nebraska, to go to Indiana to take the place made vacant by the removal of Eld.J.W.Watt

The matter of selecting a President for the Nebraska Conference next received consideration.

Elder Morrison stated that he desired to present the pressing needs of the Michigan Conference for a man to act as President in place of Elder I.H.Evans, who had been called to serve as Chairman and Business Agent of the General Conference Association. Several questions were asked with reference to the present situation in the Michigan Conference. Elder Evans made brief replies, and pointed out many places on the map of Michigan where there had been aroused active interests to hear a further presentation of present truth. He stated that there were a number of companies requiring church organization, and there were about half a dozen church buildings needing dedication; he had been planning to respond to these calls himself, arrangements having been made for the ministers of the Conference who had been confined mostly of late to district work to enter new fields to meet the pressing calls for labor.

At this point it was announced that the hour for adjournment had arrived.

The Chairman appointed Elders Underwood, Kilgore, and Jones to act on the committee for Sabbath services March 20.

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

GEOA.IRWIN,

L.T.NICOLA,
Secretary pro tem.

Chairman.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday, 10:15 A.M., March 21.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Meeting opened with prayer by Elder Breed.

The report of the previous meeting read by Secretary, and approved.

Elder Underwood expressed the desirability of the members of the General Conference Committee visiting the College before adjournment of the session, and moved---seconded by Elder Kauble---that the Committee visit the College in a body at the hour of chapel exercises Monday morning, March 22. Carried.

Dr. J.C. Ottosen was present by previous arrangement, and asked the counsel of the Committee in reference to the need of his departure for Europe. He stated that it would be inconvenient for him to leave this country in company with Elder Olsen, the twenty-first prox., and that if he were going soon, it would be necessary for him to make the arrangements for the trip, immediately. He spoke also of his financial circumstances, and asked the counsel of the Committee in regard to arrangements for his work in Europe. He said that if he laid plans for the advancement of the medical work in his field, it would be necessary for him to plan differently than if he were simply arranging for work that would result in administering merely to his personal support. He expressed great appreciation of the privilege of attending the General Conference, attending visiting different Sanitariums, and engaging in the work in America.

After Dr. Ottosen's withdrawal, Brother H. Lindsay, who came

into the meeting by previous arrangement, offered objections to the voluntary bankruptcy of the Sanitarium and to the appointment of ²³⁹ Dr. Kellogg as Receiver. He stated that he owned twenty-eight shares, upon most of which it was the understanding, when purchases, that he should receive dividends. He related the circumstances under which he took stock in the Sanitarium several years ago, and affirmed that it was his understanding that he should receive interest on his investment. He read, in support of his position, Sections three and five, Article twelve, of the By-laws, published in 1867, as follows:---

"Sec. 3. The Director at each annual meeting shall declare a dividend to the Stockholders, of the profits accruing from the business of the Institute.

"Sec. 5. The Stockholders who are willing so to do, may transfer their dividend to the charitable fund."

He stated that Dr. Kellogg made a proposition to him to purchase his stock as an act of charity, but on that basis he had refused the sale of his stock. He objected to the plan of apparently freezing out the stockholders, and considered it an injustice to them. He stated that he considered the course of the Review and Herald, which business had been placed in his charge, in satisfactorily adjusting the matter of the stock of the stockholders, a far preferable manner of doing business. He asserted that if the matter was not satisfactorily adjusted, he would go into the courts to bind the stock for the purpose of securing himself and others of the stockholders situated as he was, some of whom had given him the option on their stock amounting to two hundred shares. In response to a question by Elder Jones as to whether he would harmonize with the arrangement for a Receivership for the Sanitarium, provided justice were done the stockholders, he stated in substance that he would; and said that if the Sanitarium would agree to bid high

enough on the institution to give the stockholders a sufficient²⁴⁰ amount to secure them, even though the amount should be nominal, he would agree to the arrangement. It was the understanding of the meeting that the General Conference Committee was not expected to advise with reference to this matter, but Brother Lindsay had requested to make a statement, desiring that the brethren of the Committee should know how he was feeling, and what steps he proposed to take if the business was not satisfactorily adjusted.

After the conclusion of Brother Lindsay's remarks, Professor Prescott asked the counsel of the Committee in regard to arrangements for carrying into effect the recommendation of the General Conference for him to make England his field of labor. He stated that if he removed to that field in time to attend the first appointment for general meetings, May 21, that it seemed necessary for him to return in the latter part of the summer for his family. The question with him was whether he should start to England next week with Dr. Waggoner and return at the time mentioned, or whether he should wait until he could take his family with him to that field. He stated that Brother Sisley had suggested that it would be well for him to remain at Battle Creek and connect with the school until the close of the school year, but that he did not see much light in such an arrangement, etc.

Elder Olsen expressed himself as deeply interested in the College, and the hope that the suggestion of Brother Sisley would receive due consideration. It was then---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded By Elder Morrison, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to take Professor Prescott's matters into consideration, and report at a future meeting. Pending the submission of the question, the meeting adjourned to 5 P.M.

L.T.NECOLA,
Secretary pro tem.

GEO.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday, 5 P.M., March, 21.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; and the members of the Mission Board.

Prayer by Elder Moon.

Professor Prescott having requested the Committee to not consider further the question submitted by him at the previous meeting, the motion pending at adjournment was dropped.

It was explained by Elder Moon that the Mission Board was present for the purpose of receiving counsel with reference to the location of its office in the East, etc. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by C.H. Jones, That the Mission Board proceed to locate itself in some Eastern city at as early date as possible.

Remarks were made by Elders Wilcox and Olsen to the effect that our Boards were more or less in an unsettled condition on account of the late division of the work at the General Conference, that it would probably be best for a time for them to work together rather than separate, that great care should be taken to not embarrass the financial situation of our work, that division of funds at this time might produce weakness and embarrassment, and a strain on the credit of the denomination, that cooperation between the Boards and a spirit of helpfulness on the part of each to maintain the work in its entirety was exceedingly necessary at this time, etc.

In these sentiments there was unanimous agreement; and the motion being put, prevailed.

The next business considered was the appointment of the two remaining members of the Mission Board, which matter was discussed by most of the members present. It was--- 242

Voted, That Elder R.A. Underwood act as a member of the Mission Board.

Vote, d, That Elder H.P. Holser act as a member of the Mission Board.

When these questions were put, they did not carry by unanimous vote; but after a little further consideration, and a suggestion that they should be carried unanimously, there was a most hearty expression in their favor.

After the transaction of this business, the Mission Board withdrew, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Elder Underwood. It was---

Moved by Elder Kilgore, and seconded by Elder Holser, That Elder H.E. Robinson made Nebraska his field of labor, taking the place made vacant by the removal of Elder W.B. White. Carried.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity of appointing the editors for our papers at as early date as possible, and asked if a committee should be appointed for special consideration of the matter. But it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the brethren that the question should be considered by the entire Committee.

Reference was made to the matter introduced by Brother H. Lindsay, at the previous meeting, and it was---

Moved by Elder Kauble, and seconded by Elder Allee, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to confer with Dr. Kellogg with reference to the points raised by Brother Lindsay at the preceding meeting. Carried.

Appointed: Elders Evans, Holser, and Jones.

Elder Moon asked for the understanding of the Committee as to whether Newfoundland should be under the jurisdiction of the ²⁴³ Mission Board or the General Conference in North America. In order to decide the matter, it was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Holser, That Newfoundland be included in the General Conference field of North America. Carried.

Matters relating to distribution of labor next received consideration.

Voted, That Elder J.B.Goodrich, of Quebec, labor in the Maine Conference.

Voted, That Elder Abraham J. Voth, of the Dakota Conference, labor in the Minnesota Conference in the German work.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor had recommended that Elder A.O.Burrill, of Michigan, make the Quebec Conference his field of labor, taking the Presidency of the Conference made vacant by the removal of Elder Goodrich; but the recommendation was, by vote, referred back to the Committee.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor made further written suggestions, which formed the basis of the following proceedings:---

Voted, That Elder W.H.Falconer, of Manitoba, make the Michigan Conference his field of labor.

Voted, That Elder J.C.Foster take the Directorship of the Manitoba mission field.

Voted, That Elder H.M.Stewart, of Indiana, labor in Manitoba.

Voted, That Elder W.L.Iles, of Ohio, make Arizona his field of labor, connecting with Elder G.O.States.

Voted, That J.P.Lorenz labor in Texas among the Germans.

Voted, That Elder C.P.Bollman labor in District No. 2, under the direction of the District Superintendent.

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Voted, That Hattie Andre engage in Bible work in District No. 2.

Voted, That, if the Missouri Conference consent, Sister Eunice Hobbs, of that State, engage in Bible work in District No. 2.

Voted, That Elder H.L.Hoover, of Missouri, labor in connection with Elder Anglebarger in New Mexico.

It was moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Olsen, to grant J.C.Ottosen ministerial license. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:15 A.M., March 22.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Monday, 10:15 A.M., March 22.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Meeting opened with prayer by Elder Kauble.

Report of meeting of previous evening read and approved.

The Chairman stated that it would be necessary for the Committee to consider the matter of granting credentials and licenses to persons whose names had been overlooked at the General Conference, or to whom it was not clear to grant papers at that time.

It was---

Moved by Elder Mauble, and seconded by Elder Evans, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of two on Credentials and Licenses, to make recommendations at a future meeting. Carried.

Appointed: Elders Kilgore and Holser.

The question of starting a religious liberty paper in Canada received consideration. Explanations were made by Elder Moon with reference to the action of the General Conference Association at its fall session, and the action of the International Religious Liberty Association at College View. He considered that the demand for the paper was stronger at the present time than it was when these actions were taken. Elder Olsen explained the difficulties that prevented the starting of the paper last fall in harmony with the action of the General Conference Association. Elder Holser stated that he preferred to see the plan delayed rather than entered upon, and expressed the hope that there was a better way to assist the work in Canada than by the publication of a religious liberty paper. Remarks were made by Elders Evans and Moon, favoring the publication of the paper, but expressing themselves as

desirous of being made acquainted with a better way of reaching the people in Canada, if such could be found. Elder Holser stated further that his personal experience justified the belief that a paper devoted to the development of the principles of the gospel usually met a hearty welcome wherever it was introduced, that it is not our business to tinker with government matters, that it is expensive work---the publication of a paper---and that he did not consider that there was anyone at hand qualified to take the editorial management of the paper proposed. Further discussion of the matter was waived by common consent.

Brother J.I.Gibson came into the room and gained consent to make a statement to the Committee with reference to the repeated invitations that had been extended to him to take the business management of the South African sanitarium. Illustrating the nature of these, he read extracts from a letter lately received from Brother John J.Wessels, of Cape Town. He stated that it was necessary for him to change his location on account of the condition of his wife's health, and that he desired the Committee to know of the opening for him to go to Africa. No action with reference to Brother Gibson's matter was taken.

Elder Moon presented the following recommendations that had been suggested for the consideration of the Mission Board, Nos. 1, 2, 7, and 8 of which had already passed by the Board:---

- 1. That the Mission Board concur in the recommendation of the General Conference Committee for Elder Olsen to go to South Africa.
- 2. That Miss Carried Sadler go to Mexico.
- 3. That Wm.E.Guthrie go to Matabeleland.
- 4. . . .
- 5. . . .
- 6. That P.F.Bicknell go to South Africa.
- 7. That W.E.Howell go to Honolulu.
- 8. That J.E.Graham visit Honolulu and other Polynesian fields.

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After the reading of the report, Elder Olsen arose and spoke at some length, expressing the desire that a mutual understanding between himself and the Committee be reached with reference to the time he should spend in Africa, and the extent of his responsibility while in that field. He urged the importance of the situation in Africa, and asked if the brethren would give him liberty to regulate the time of his visit by the demands of the work that would arise in connection with his efforts while there. In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Underwood, That Elder Olsen be left free to act with reference to his work in Africa as the Lord may open the way. Carried.

The time for closing the meeting having arrived, further actions were not taken.

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

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

ELEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Monday, 4 P.M., March 22.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Prayer by Elder Kilgore.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The consideration of arrangements for camp-meetings for the coming summer received attention.

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the report of the Committee on Camp-meetings made at the sixth meeting be adopted.

The Secretary read the report, and then followed a discussion which clearly developed the merits of the recommendations suggested by the Committee. A feature of special interest in the discussion was the unanimous agreement that local talent should be called into action at the camp-meetings and developed as fully as possible. This, it was shown, would not require so many general laborers for camp-meeting work, and the result would be beneficial both to local laborers and to lay members as well.

The question being put, carried unanimously.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:15 A.M., March 23.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

TWELFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Tuesday, 10:15 A.M., March 23.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Prayer by Elder Irwin.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Continuing the consideration of preparation for camp-meetings, it was---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That it be the judgment of the Committee that the special instruction relating to camp-meetings from Sister White's first-page articles in the REVIEW be collated for Special Testimony to Ministers, No. 9, and that with this matter there also appear some extracts from the pen of Sister White, appearing in the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, relating to praying for the sick. Carried.

The Chairman asked that the appointment of the editors for our denominational papers be made the special order of the Hour.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That each paper be considered separately, beginning with the REVIEW, and that the editors for each be separately appointed. Carried.

The REVIEW was considered, but all information desirable not being at hand, the appointment of editors for this paper was necessarily waived for a future meeting.

The INSTRUCTOR was next considered, but, it being desirable to have further consultation with reference to the appointment of editors for this paper, the consideration of the matter was likewise waived.

It was moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Holser, That T.Valentiner be continued as editor of the CHRISTLICHER HAUSEFREUND. 250
Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Moon, That the list of editorial contributors for the HAUSEFREUND be discontinued.
Carried.

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the Committee recommend the discontinuance of DE EVANGELIEBODE.
Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Jones, That A.Swedberg be continued editor of ZIONS VÅKTARE OCH SANNINGENS HÅROLD. Carried.

Voted, That L.A.Hoopes act as editor, and L.T.Nicola assistant editor, of THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Olsen, That the present editors of THE HOME MISSIONARY be continued, with the exception of the office editor. Carried.

It was suggested that it might be desirable to change the name of THE HOME MISSIONARY. It was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That the matter of change of name of THE HOME MISSIONARY be referred to the Mission Board. Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Jones, That M.C.Wilcox act as resident editor of THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.
Carried.

Voted, That E.J.Waggoner act as editor of THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES office at London.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Allee, That the selection of special contributors for the SIGNS be referred to the Pacific Press Board. Carried.

Moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Moon, That the

selection of editors for OUR LITTLE FRIEND be referred to the Pacific Press Board. Carried.

Voted, That Elder A.T.Jones continue to act as editor of THE AMERICAN SENTINEL.

Voted, To continue L.A.Smith as assistant editor of THE AMERICAN SENTINEL.

Voted, That the selection of editors for THE PACIFIC HEALTH JOURNAL be referred to the medical faculty of the Rural Health Retreat.

The selection of editors for THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER was next considered, but, by suggestion of one of the members of the Committee, the decision of the question was passed over to a future meeting.

Voted, To adjourn to 4 P.M., even date.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

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THIRTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 10:15 A.M., Wednesday, March 24, 1897.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; and Elder J.N.Loughborough by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Loughborough.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Elder Loughborough expressed a desire to council with the Committee with reference to his future labors. He spoke incidentally of his labors in Europe, and the blessings that attended his visit there. He stated that he had been impressed that he should go to Australia sometime, and that his impression had been reinforced by a suggestion to the same effect lately made by Elder W.C.White, who spoke not only for himself in the matter, but also for his mother. He stated that he favored working in this country the present year, and suggested District No. 4, and other places where he had a burden to work. It was---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Breed, That Elder Loughborough be left free to go to such fields to labor as may be arranged by consultation with the District Superintendents. Carried.

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

"Your Committee on Distribution of Labor, respectfully submit the following suggestions:---

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"1. That Brother C.H.Abbott, of Kansas, make the Montana and Wyoming mission fields his field of labor. 253

"2. That Elder A.J.Stone, of the Illinois Conference, and Geo.G.Johnson, of the Minnesota Conference, exchange fields of labor."

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Allee, That this Committee concur in the action of the Mission Board in recommending Professor W.E.Howell and wife to go to Honolulu to engage in teaching among the Chinese. Carried.

Elder Underwood addressed the Committee first with reference to the necessity of appointing a competent President for the Vermont Conference in place of Elder P.F.Bicknell, and suggested that Elder Stephen G.Haughey should be appointed to the position. He next called attention to the following appeal from the Pennsylvania Conference Committee:---

"AN APPEAL FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

"Beloved Brethren assembled in General Conference and council:
GREETING:---

"In behalf of the great city of Philadelphia, with nearly one million, people two hundred and fifty thousand (1,250,000) people, we ask your careful consideration of the following facts:---

"1. Philadelphia is the third city in population in the United States.

"2. It is the birthplace of the nation, and the sacred spot where the principles of religious liberty were first, in the history of the world, incorporated into national law.

"3. Philadelphia is now a stronghold of National Reform advocates; and those principles of liberty, once held so sacred, are becoming lightly esteemed.

"4. Philadelphia occupies an important central point in the East, especially between New York and Washington.

"5. It is evident that the East, or southeastern part of the nation, especially the great cities of Washington, Philadelphia, and New York, are destined to be the battle-fields for the maintenance of the precious boon of liberty. The position that these cities shall take in this contest will rapidly mold the sentiment of the whole nation. This is the view of National Reformers.

"6. In view of Philadelphia being the birthplace of the nation, and formerly a strong defender of the Constitution, and professedly a religious city, with its strategic position in the East, makes it, in many respects, the most important city in the United States. Certainly Philadelphia's honored history and her hundreds of thousands of souls demand most earnest, aggressive labor by those giving the third angel's message.

"7. While the Pennsylvania Conference has had two or ²⁵⁴ three laborers in Philadelphia the last year or more, yet she deploras her inability to do for this great historic center of population all that the interest of the general cause demands at this time.

"8. The testimonies have come to us again and again, not to centralize our work, but to reach out into the large cities where but little has been done. In view of this, in 1893 the General Conference recommended the raising of \$100,000.00 for the missionary work in the large cities. [See General Conference Bulletin of March 5, 1893, p. 475. This was reaffirmed at the last General Conference, as reported in the Bulletin of Feb. 27 and March 1, of 1895. The last General Conference named such cities as Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, etc., as the ones that should be entered. How much of this means has been raised or expended we do not know; but we know that more or less labor has been done by the General Conference and Medical Missionary Society during the last two years in Chicago, New York, Brooklyn, and Washington, D.C. We ask this body to consider in their plans for aggressive work the claims and needs of the people that dwell on the sacred spot where this nation formed by the people, for the people, and of the people, first saw the light as an organized body.

"Again, in behalf of this time-honored spot in our birth and history as a nation, we ask that some steps be taken to hold aloft the banner of liberty as revealed in Jesus Christ.

"Your servants, and Christ's,

R.A. Underwood,

I.N. Williams,

"(Signed) K.C. Russell,

W.H. Smith,

V.H. Cook,

Members of the Pennsylvania Conference Committee.

"P.S.: We will be pleased to make some suggestions to the Committee to which this may be referred, as to some things we think ought to be done.

"Pennsylvania Conference Committee."

After the reading of the above appeal, Elder Underwood suggested that the General Conference place a tent company in Philadelphia the present year, and suggested that Elder J.O. Corliss, assisted by Elder O.O. Farnsworth, should form the company. He stated that arrangements were being made by Mr. Moody to conduct a large number of tent-meetings in the city of Philadelphia the present season, and he thought that such meetings would prove popular with the people in that city, hence he considered it would be a good time for our work to be introduced there.

This last point was not favored by Elders Holser and Olsen.

It was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Underwood, That the matter of supplying help for Philadelphia be referred for future consideration to the Chairman of the General Conference Committee, and such members of the Committee as he may be able to consult with reference to the matter.

Elder Olsen spoke, favoring the plan of vigorous efforts in large cities, and suggested that if Philadelphia could not receive the benefits of a tent effort the present season, other cities in this country could doubtless receive such assistance from the General Conference.

The motion being put, carried unanimously.

Professor Prescott and Doctors Waggoner and Ottosen came into the meeting by invitation, and Professor Prescott renewed his request made at a previous meeting for counsel with reference to arrangements for his work in England. After brief consideration of the matter, it was---

Moved by Elder Olsen, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That it be the sense of the Committee that Professor Prescott go to England as soon as convenient, to return later in the season to remove his family to that field. Carried.

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

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Wednesday, 4 P.M., March 24.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; and W.C.Sisley, by invitation.

Prayer was offered by Elder Evans.

Minutes previous meeting read and, after some necessary changes, approved.

Battle Creek College matters were the first to receive attention. It was stated that the President of the College had just resigned, and that the College Board had invited Professor E.A.Sutherland to fill the vacancy. While these were questions in which the Battle Creek and Walla College Boards were most directly interested, still it was considered proper that the General Conference Committee should counsel with reference to them, and make such recommendations to the Boards as they considered would be for the best interests of our educational work. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Jones, That the Walla Walla College Board be respectfully requested to release Professor E.A.Sutherland from the Presidency of the Walla Walla College, and that he be recommended for the Presidency of the Battle Creek College.

This motion was spoken to by several. Elder Breed did not favor the action, on the ground that the work in the Northwest was in a somewhat critical condition, and that he considered a continuation of the services of Professor Sutherland as necessary for the success of the Walla Walla College.

Elder Olsen spoke at some length, calling attention to the fact that all our educational work was at present involved in the success of Battle Creek College, and that if the educational work in connection with the General Conference, and especially the present council, was not followed up, the result would be a terrible setback to the work. He stated that there were changes being made in many lines of our work, and that he considered the present an opportune time for needed changes in the College; that he had watched the plans of Professor Sutherland for a long time, and that he had been anxious to see them so far developed in Walla Walla College that they might be understandingly attempted in connection with our other schools. He considered that the problem had been quite successfully solved by Professor Sutherland, and that he could now turn his attention to the needs of Battle Creek College; and that, if we looked at the work right and moved forward, God would bless the efforts made.

Elder Breed desired to know what plans were in view for Walla Walla College, and the educational work in the Northwest. In response it was shown that it was the mind of several of the brethren to provide Professor Hibbard for Walla Walla College and for field work in the Upper Columbia and North Pacific Conferences.

The question being put, unanimously prevailed.

There were some things brought out somewhat disconnectedly in the discussion that led the Chairman to caution the members of the Committee against any individual steps that would be liable to involve the Committee as a whole.

Elder Breed gave hearty indorsement to the remarks of the Chairman, and stated to the effect that the course concerning which caution had been given was liable to put men in such an unenviably defensive position as to not only embarrass themselves, but the

Committee as well. He stated that he was anxious to see all the business of the Committee conducted in such a way as to prevent complications. 258

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Allee, That Elder E.J.Hibbard be recommended for a position in connection with Walla Walla College; and that, if the recommendation be accepted, the Battle Creek College Board be requested to release him from his present position in Battle Creek College. Carried.

It was suggested that a letter should be prepared for the Board, teachers, and students of Walla Walla College, setting forth the reasons for the changes proposed for Professor E.A.Sutherland and Elder E.J.Hibbard.

Elder W.C.White came into the meeting, and asked for counsel with reference to the best methods of procedure to secure needed assistance for the Australian field. More specifically stated, he desired advice,---

1. With reference to his personal movements while in this country;
2. As to the proper manner of securing ministers for Presidents of certain Conferences in the Australian field;
3. With reference to securing physicians, nurses, and a baker, for needs Australian fields; and---
4. With reference to needed assistance for his mother.

He suggested the names of several persons he had in mind for these different positions.

A report of his suggestions is made, independently of these minutes.

The following motions resulted from Elder White's interview with the Committee:---

1. By Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That Elder J.E.Fulton, of Fiji, be recommended to the Mission Board for appointment as President of the Conference in Queensland, if Brother White finds him willing to take that work. Carried.

2. By Elder Kilgore, and seconded by Elder Allee, That we have no objections to the Australian brethren inviting Elder A.T.Robinson to go to Australia to take the Presidency of the Central Australian Conference. Carried.

Special emphasis was attached to the point of Sister White's needs for a judicious and thoroughly competent assistant in getting out her writings. It was the unanimous opinion that she should be furnished such by the General Conference, if it could be obtained.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 10:15 A.M., March 25.

GEO.A.IRWIN.

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

Thursday, 11:30 A.M., March 25.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Allee, Kauble, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

The usual devotional exercises were conducted.

Minutes read and, after necessary corrections, approved.

The Chairman read extracts from a letter received from Mrs. S.M.I. Henry, of the Sanitarium. She asked that Elder J.O. Corliss be granted permission to speak in Chicago, setting forth some of the reasons for her observance of the Sabbath. In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Moon, That the request of Sister Henry be granted and arrangements be made for carrying it into effect. Carried.

Elder Underwood introduced the matter of filling the vacancy in the Presidency of the Vermont Conference, and renewed the suggestion that Brother Stephen G. Haughey, of Florida, take the position. This was spoken to by several of the brethren. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Underwood, That Elder Stephen G. Haughey, of Florida, be recommended to take the Presidency of the Vermont Conference, made vacant by the removal of Elder Bicknell. Carried.

Elder Underwood renewed his request for the appointment of an auditor for the account books at the South Lancaster Academy. By suggestion, action was waived in order to give opportunity for further consideration of the appointment of editors for our denominational papers. The REVIEW received attention. After some informal discussion of the question of editors for that paper, the meeting adjourned to 2:30 P.M., even date.

L.T. NICOLA,
Secretary pro tem.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Thursday, 2:30 P.M., March 25.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Prayer by Elder Allee.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Attention was called to the request made by Elder Corliss at a previous meeting that the Committee give Sister Henry's matters attention, providing her with a stenographer, etc. After brief consideration, it was---

Voted, To grant Mrs.S.M.I.Henry Missionary Credentials; and to provide her with a stenographer, and such necessary facilities as her correspondence work requires.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported as follows:-

"The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submit the following:---

For Ministerial Credentials:	For Ministerial License:
J.O. Corliss,	Prof. S. Brownsberger,
O.O. Farnsworth,	L.C. Sheafe,
W.G. Kneeland,	
H.E. Robinson,	For Missionary
H.M. Stewart,	Credentials:
W.L. Iles,	L.A. Hansen,
W.L. Hoover,	Mrs. L.A. Hansen,
H.J. Dirksen,	Hattie Andre,
G.W. Anglebarger,	Birdie Watson,
G.O. States,	W.H. Edwards,
W.A. Alway,	Mrs. W.H. Edwards."

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Jones, That the report be adopted by separate consideration of the names.

Voted, To amend the report by recommending that M.E. Olsen receive Ministerial License.

Voted, To amend by granting C.T. Shaffer Ministerial License.

Voted, That L.A. Gibson receive Missionary Credentials.

The motion on the report, as amended, being put, unanimously prevailed. 262

Elder Holser presented a communication recently received from W.G. Buckner, formerly of Pitsairn Island, and who was recommended at the fall session of the Committee to labor in the South, asking for himself and wife Missionary Credentials. After brief consideration of the matter, it was---

Voted, That Missionary Credentials be granted to W.G. Buckner and his wife, Miss Rosa Buckner.

Voted, That the appointment of an auditor for the South Lancaster Academy books be referred to the Chair for decision.

Voted, That two tents be furnished the Southern field the coming summer, provided the funds in the General Conference treasury will admit of such purchase.

A letter was read from Elder C. Mc Reynolds, of Texas, asking that the General Conference assist the Texas Conference in providing tent facilities for work among the colored people. In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Moon, That, in consequence of the lack of funds in the General Conference treasury, the Committee would recommend that the Texas Conference provide from its own resources the necessary tent facilities for work among the colored people. Carried.

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Allee, That the President be authorized to send needed money to Graysville Academy as soon as it can be obtained. Carried.

The following resolution from the International Religious Liberty Association was presented:---

"Whereas, Elder Allen Moon has been elected Chairman of the Mission Board, we recommend to the General Conference that

Elder G.B.Wheeler be appointed to labor in the interests of religious liberty, in Washington, D.C., as soon as occasion requires.

"Allen Moon, Pres.

"A.F.Ballenger, Sec."

In response, it was---

Voted, That the Committee request the New England Conference to release Elder G.B.Wheeler from its employ, to take up the religious liberty work at Washington, D.C.

Attention was called again to the necessity of appointing a President for the Quebec Conference, but the matter could not be disposed of at this meeting. The discussion of the question led to a brief consideration of the desirability of uniting several of the Canadian fields into one field. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Jones, That Ontario be united with Quebec, to form one Conference, to be connected with District No. 3.

Pending the putting of the motion, the meeting adjourned to 7 A.M., March 26.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

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GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

FALL SESSION, 1897.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Friday, 7 A.M., March 26.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Underwood, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; also W.C.Sisley, by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Kilgore.

Brother Sisley spoke briefly, expressing gratitude to the Committee for the help that had been rendered in regulating College difficulties. He asked assistance in adjusting affairs at the Review office. He stated that some of the same irregularities which had affected the election of the College Board had also entered into the election of the Review and Herald Board; that in order for the General Conference Committee to be consistent, it would be necessary for it to deal in a similar manner with wrongs in connection with the Review and Herald, which were deep-rooted and of long standing; he suggested the holding of public meetings in efforts to mold public sentiment in righting the wrongs of the Review and Herald as they had been righted in connection with the College.

At the conclusion of his remarks he withdrew from the meeting, and the Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held the afternoon of the preceding day, which were approved.

The discussion of the motion to unite Ontario with Quebec in one Conference, to be connected with District No. 3, was resumed. One speaker referred to the difficulty of obtaining properly qualified men to act as Presidents of Conferences. Elder Jones. stated that young men should be given an opportunity to bear responsibilities. "Give the young men a chance." He suggested

that it would be well for the present General Conference Committee to follow that plan from the beginning of their work.

It being desirable to divide the motion, for convenience of consideration, it was---

Voted, to amend by striking out that part of the motion uniting Quebec and Ontario with District No. 3.

Elder Evans spoke briefly of the desirability of uniting Ontario and Quebec, referring to the sympathy that existed between those Provinces. Being united in government, and largely in nationality, they very naturally affiliated on religious questions. He stated that it was very desirable that Ontario should be separated from Michigan; that whenever a laborer from the States went into that field, he was immediately spotted as a Yankee, which militated somewhat against the success of his work. The only question, in his estimation, upon which there could be difference of opinion, was that of finances. He stated that he considered it reasonable for the General Conference to help sustain the work in Canada, in case of necessity. He called attention to the fact that Ontario had been vibrating between the Michigan Conference and the General Conference for the last fifteen years, and favored a final settlement of the matter, giving the people there an opportunity for development, to not only raise funds for their work, but have a voice in their expenditure.

The motion being put, prevailed unanimously.

It was then---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the Conference of Quebec and Ontario be united with District No. 1.

This was opposed by Elder Underwood, seconded by Elder Breed. Elder Holser expressed the sentiment that this field, united with either of the Districts 1 or 3, would necessarily receive little

attention from the District Superintendent; but preferred not to see it united with District No. 1.

Elder Morrison favored the motion, making mention of his personal situation as regards health, connection with leading Boards in his District, and the present situation of the Michigan Conference,---being deprived of the help of its experiences President,---etc.

The motion being put, was lost.

It was then---

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the Conference of Quebec and Ontario be considered a part of District No. 3. Carried.

Elder Underwood, in the interests of selecting a President for the Quebec and Ontario Conference, suggested changes in the fields of a number of laborers; but the hour for closing the meeting having arrived, it was---

Voted, To adjourn to 10:15 A.M., even date.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.



Battle Creek, Mich., Friday, 10:30 A.M., March ~~22~~ 26.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; and Professor Prescott.

Elder S.H.Lane was also present, and opened the meeting by prayer.

Elder Lane presented to the Committee some features of the railway transportation business at Chicago, and asked if the General Conference Committee desired to continue for another year the arrangements of last year. He stated that the expenses of the Chicago office during the past year have amounted to only about three hundred and sixty dollars. For the year preceding the cost was about seven hundred dollars. He favored the present plan, and made a proposition to the Committee to continue the arrangement for the coming year, with the exception of street-car fare for the transportation agent, which would be in addition to the amount named, if the office were removed from its present location to a point farther removed from the business center of the city. The possibility of removing the office soon, led Elder Lane to suggest an immediate reply from the Committee as to what would be done about continuing the present transportation arrangements at Chicago. He stated that the clerical business as conducted by the Western Passenger Association at present had greatly reduced the annual clerical permit business, but he considered that the trip permit business was heavier than formerly.

A short history of the transportation business office at Chicago was given by Elder Moon, who stated that the outside work of the office during the time he was in Chicago amounted to about one day per week, and that he believed that much money had been saved the denomination by the railroad favors secured through the Chicago Office, etc.

L.T.Nicola being requested to make some statements, took the position that the salary features of the Chicago office should be discontinued, putting the transportation business at Chicago on the basis of the offices at Minneapolis, Kansas City, and San Francisco. He stated that the General Conference, having an office at Battle Creek, was situated so that it could secure all necessary transportation for its workers, except in emergency cases; and that the demands upon the Chicago office on the part of the General Conference had been reduced the past year to the minimum, for convenience and economy. It was shown, however, that the Chicago office had been paid at the rate of about a dollar a day the past year, notwithstanding the evident decrease of General Conference business at Chicago during the time; and that, including the entire two years since Elder Moon left the office, the expense had been between ten and twelve hundred dollars. It was urged that this expense could be saved by a change in the plans of conducting the business. It was---

Voted, To recommend the discontinuance of the salary feature of the Chicago office, and that the General Conference transportation business be transacted as far as possible through the General Conference office at Battle Creek.

Professor Prescott called attention to the following report made at the General Conference by the Committee on

Education:---

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"A council of the Committee on Education recommend,---

"That the first number of the educational journal be issued for May, 1897, and that at least three numbers be issued before the beginning of the next school year.

"That it be a sixteen-page monthly, similar in size and general make-up to the new GOSPEL OF HEALTH.

"That single, independent subscriptions be placed at forty cents per year, and that clubbing rates at a smaller price be made with our leading periodicals.

"That the journal be called THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR. (It is thought that this article would generally come under heading "4" below; and that the first page be made up like the SIGNS and SENTINEL, as the journal would be missionary in its purpose, would be exchanged with others, and be often read by teachers outside the denomination.)

"That, in general, the journal be devoted to the following general topics:---

"1. An article from Mrs. E. G. White in each number.

"2. Editorial matter and general educational articles.

"3. Experiences and reports of practical work in our various schools.

"4. Home Education.

"5. Contributions from Field Workers.

"6. Current Educational News.

"7. Special numbers for special purposes, as during the camp-meeting season.

"8. A limited amount of helpful advertising matter.

"F. W. Howe, Sec. Educ. Com."

After brief explanations of the leading features of the report, he made definite statements with respect to the manner in which he considered an educational paper of the character named in the report, should be conducted.

The question of appointment of editors for the educational paper received attention. It was---

Voted, That the Committee invite Professor E. A. Sutherland and Professor F. W. Howe to associate in editing THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR.

The matter of responding to the request of Brother Sisley made at the previous meeting, received attention. It was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of three to confer with Brother Sisley with reference to the matter. Carried.

Appointed: Elders Holser, Morrison, and Jones.

It was---

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Evans, That the Wyoming mission field be placed in District No. 6; and that Elder H.W.Decker be recommended to labor in the Wyoming field. Carried.

It was suggested that the matter of distribution of labor be made the special order for four o'clock.

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

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

NINETEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Friday, 4 P.M., March 26.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

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

The question of distribution of labor received considerable attention. Elder Breed gave a brief review of calls that had been received from needy fields, and requests from laborers, to which response had not yet been made. It was---

Voted, That Brother C.H.Abbott, of Kansas, make the Montana and Wyoming Mission fields his field of labor.

Voted, That Elder A.J.Stone, of the Illinois Conference, and George G. Johnson, of the Minnesota Conference, exchange fields of labor.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Jones, That, in harmony with his wishes, Elder I.D.Van Horn be relieved from the Presidency of the Ohio Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Allee, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That Elder A.O.Burrill be recommended to thake the Presidency of the Ohio Conference.

Elder Evans spoke appreciatingly of the qualities of Elder Burrill, and did not oppose the motion. Elder Holser suggested Brother Burrill for Superintendent of the South American mission field.

After due consideration of the motion, it was put, and carried unanimously.

Elder Evans asked that a President be selected for the Michigan Conference, and suggested that if a man was to be chosen from the Michigan field, it would be as well to do so now as to wait till next fall. Elder R.C.Porter's name was suggested for consideration for President of the Michigan Conference.

The Chairman called attention to the situation of Brother H.F.Ketring, at College View, Nebr., waiting for a selection of field for him by the General Conference Committee. In response, it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Holser, To recommend that Brother Ketring go to Kansas to labor, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made for him to do so by the Kansas Conference.

Recommended, That Professor W.H.Mc Kee be invited to return to the United States to connect with the educational work.

Moved and seconded, That Elder Eugene Leland be recommended to take the Presidency of the Quebec and Ontario Conference.

Moved by Elder Moon, To amend by recommending that Elder Leland act as editor of the proposed religious liberty paper for Canada. The motion did not receive a second.

In the midst of the discussion of the original question, a motion was made to adjourn to seven o'clock A.M., Sunday, March 28. Carried.

GEO.A.IRWIN.

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

TWENTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday, 7 A.M., March 28.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Prayer by Elders Jones and Irwin.

Minutes read and, after corrections, approved.

The Chairman called attention to a letter recently received from Elder W.B.White, asking if the Committee gave consideration to his wife's parents, Elder H. Grant and wife, who were quite advanced in years, and who find it necessary to make their home with the family of Elder White. It was stated that father Grant had been in the employment of the Nebraska Conference since removing to Nebraska, and that it was his desire to continue labor in the cause as long as possible. An opening in Indiana for the labor of Elder Grant similar to that he had filled in Nebraska did not present itself to the members of the Committee; and it being impossible to provide definitely for Elder Grant at this time, it was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the final disposition of the matter be left to the Superintendent of District No. 3. Carried.

The Chairman called attention to a letter lately received from Professor C.C.Lewis, of Keene, Texas, and an enclosure written by Dr. Kellogg to Professor Lewis, relating to the turning over of the paper EARLY EDUCATION to the management of the new educational journal. It was proposed by Professor Lewis to sell his paper for one hundred dollars, which included a subscription list of twelve hundred names, a quantity of mailing type, etc. After some consideration of the question, it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That the proposition of Professor Lewis be referred to the Review and Herald Board. Carried.

A few minutes were devoted to the matter of distribution of labor. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder C.L.Boyd be recommended to connect in labor with the Missouri Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the Committee recommend the removal of Elder M.G.Huffman from the Maine Conference, and that he connect with the Tennessee River Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Kilgore, and seconded by Elder Moon, That Brother Lewis C. Sheafe, a colored minister from Ohio, be recommended to connect with Brother J.R.Buster in tent labor in District No. 2, under the direction of the District Superintendent. Carried.

The Chairman called attention to having learned from the Manager of the Review and Herald office of the probability of a change in the management of the branch office at Atlanta; and stated that, if the changes suggested were made, it would be desirable to connect the Chattanooga Tract Society office with the Atlanta office. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Holser, That, in case of a change in the management of the branch office at Atlanta, it be recommended that the Tract Society office at Chattanooga be connected with the Atlanta office. Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Evans, That L.Dyo Chambers be released from his present connection with the Tract Society office at Chattanooga, whether the proposed changes at Atlanta be made, or not; and that the President and the

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sunday, 11 A.M., March 28.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon; and W.H. Edwards and F.M. Wilcox, members of the Mission Board, by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Allee.

Elder Moon stated that he had been invited the brethren of the Mission Board to attend the meeting for the purpose of conferring with the General Conference Committee concerning appointments for laborers for South American and South Africa.

The name of Brother J.H. Behrens, of Minnesota, was suggested for South America. Elder Allee spoke briefly, recommending the qualities of the brother, stating that he was devoted, pleasant, conscientious, methodical, etc., but that his wife's health was very poor, which would doubtless stand in the way of his going to South America. Further consideration of the question was dropped.

The next point considered was the appointment of a permanent laborer to take charge of the work in South Africa. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Allee, That the Committee invite Elder S.H. Lane to go to South Africa to connect with the work in that field. This motion was discussed at considerable length. Professor Prescott was called into the meeting, and spoke briefly concerning the field itself, and the needs of a competent man to meet the situation. He stated that he had spent five months there, and that the situation was quite different from what he supposed it to be when he went there; that there had been but little growth in numbers in the African Conference during the last six or eight years; that they had money, and had built

institutions, such as sanitariums, orphanages, etc., without a constituency; that looking after their money had required nearly their entire energies. He spoke of the Dutch element there as exceedingly peculiar and difficult to deal with. He stated that the appointments of laborers by the General Conference in the past had not been very satisfactory to the brethren in South Africa, for the kind of men that they desired had not been sent them. They wanted popular men to preach in a popular manner. He stated that the people needed careful, steady instruction from one who had stability of character, and who would not swerve to the right nor to the left; that their religion was largely legal and cold; that the field resembled England and the Australian Colonies, and required special treatment.

The Professor's remarks seemed to be carefully made, and were aimed to set before the brethren the necessity for the most careful arrangements in behalf of the work in the South African field.

It was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Evans, That the question be laid on the table. Carried.

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

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 P.M., Sunday, March 28.

Present: Elders Irwin, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Moon, Allee, Morrison, Breed, and Evans.

Prayer by Elder Moon.

Minutes previous meeting not read on account of the lack of a quorum at the opening of the meeting.

The selection of editors was the first business that came before the meeting.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That Elder J.H.Durland be continued as editor of THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Jones, That J.C.Bartholf be continued as assistant editor of THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. Carried.

The Committee on Season of Prayer and Annual Offerings reported as follows:---

"The Committee appointed to make suggestions concerning a season of prayer and annual offerings, recommend:---

"1. That December 22-26 be set apart as a special season for Bible study and seeking God; and that special offerings for the support and extension of missionary work be received during this time.

"2. That one reading for each day be provided by the General Conference Committee, and that in addition special readings be provided where local issues demand it, by those in immediate charge; that these readings partake somewhat of the nature of a Bible reading, and be brief enough to leave sufficient time for prayer and social meeting.

"3. That instead of appointing persons to write these readings, a call be made to those who have something special on their minds for the people, to present the same in writing to the General Conference Committee for consideration and publication.

"4. That the fact be emphasized that this season does not preclude the appointing by local authorities of special seasons for fasting, prayer, and making offerings, whenever and wherever local circumstances make it advisable.

"5. That the question of fasting in connection with the season of prayer, December 22-26, be left optional with the individual.

(Signed) I.H.Evans,
R.M.Kilgore, COMMITTEE."
H.P.Holser,

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Jones, That the report be adopted by separate consideration of its items. Carried.

The discussion of the report developed the fact that the people, as a general thing, preferred the Christmas holiday season for the special season of prayer, rather than an earlier date; that shorter readings than we have usually had were desired; and that the general points brought out in the report were such as would, in all probability, meet with general approbation by the people.

The motion being put, carried unanimously.

By invitation, Elder Wilcox came into the meeting, and spoke a few words with reference to the HOME MISSIONARY, which led to the following actions:----

1. To change the recommendation relating to the editors of THE HOME MISSIONARY, made at a previous meeting, so as to make F.M.Wilcox editor and L.T.Nicola assistant editor.

2. To recommend that the name of the paper be changed to THE MISSIONARY.

Elder U.Smith was invited to council with the Committee with reference to the appointment of editors for the REVIEW. It was developed that the arrangement in the past for himself and Elder C.G.Tenney as editors of the paper, while having some disadvantages, was not unsatisfactory to him, for they had a mutual understanding which enabled them to conduct the paper without the unpleasantness that usually resulted from such relations.

Opportunity being given to ask questions in regard to Elder Smith's standing on certain matters, he was asked if he indorsed the cumulative system of voting at elections of our stock institutions, as might be inferred by his course at the recent election of the Review and Herald. He replied that he did not favor the practise among our people. Elder Jones explained the consistency of the question by stating that a young man who had followed the example of some in practising the cumulative system of voting could not receive the unanimous indorsement of the General Conference Committee to act as a laborer, until assurances were given that such a course of action would not be followed; therefore a man in Elder Smith's position, acting as editor of our leading paper, could not, of course, expect to be voted a position by the Committee without satisfying the Committee in regard to his position on this point. In response to a question as to his indorsement of the results, even, of the cumulative system, Elder Smith explained that he, having been elected on the Board of Directors of the Review and Herald Publishing Association by a practise of the system, would not hold his position, but had been waiting for the first meeting of the Board of Directors, in order to pass in his resignation.

Elder Allee mentioned the matter of partisan politics, as occasionally represented in the REVIEW, especially during the late political campaign. Elder Smith said he considered that the paper had been free from such things. Several expressed the conviction that the discussion of politics, or that which bordered on the question of politics as such, should be permitted at no time to appear in the paper; that the Testimonies had clearly defined the duty of our workers in regard to such questions, even counseling against the participation in political gatherings.

Elder Jones suggested that the editorial part of the REVIEW

should be improved. The Chairman stated that he felt anxious that the trumpet should be given a certain sound; that the paper should be a true exponent of the progress of the third angel's message. Elder Holser spoke in the same line, calling attention to the noticeable advancement in the message made at the General Conference, and in the preaching and writings of our workers; and expressed the desire to see the REVIEW truly representative of the onward march of our work. He referred to the light cast upon the General Conference by the study of the Testimonies, and expressed the hope that the same light might be reflected through the columns of the REVIEW AND HERALD. He cautioned against the criticisms, often appearing in the columns of the REVIEW, of rulers of earthly governments, mentioning especially certain European governments, calling attention to the inconsistency of such criticisms, Christians themselves being citizens of heaven, being alike related to all the governments of the earth, with their supreme allegiance to the Ruler of Heaven.

The interview with Elder Smith proved to be a very cordial one. It was---

Voted, That the editors of the REVIEW, Elders U. Smith and G.C. Tenney, be continued in the same relation as formerly. It was---

Voted, That the Chairman interview Brother J.C. Bartholf with reference to his position and work.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 7 A.M., March 29.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 A.M., Monday, March 29.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Evans, and Moon.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Minutes of three preceding meetings read and approved.

Elder Irwin asked the Committee to appoint a Secretary for the Southern Tract Society, instead of leaving the appointment to him and the District Superintendent, as voted at a previous meeting; and suggested the selection of a son of Elder Allee.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Breed, That Edgar Allee, of Minnesota, connect with the work in the South as Secretary of the Southern Tract Society. Carried.

The committee to ascertain what arrangements could be made in the adjustment of certain grieiances of Brother H.Lindsay connected with the Health Reform Institute, presented at a previous meeting, made oral report through Elder Evans to the effect that the Committee had interviewed Elder Mc Coy at the Sanitarium, and had learned that all arrangements for closing up the affairs of the Health Reform Institute had been perfected, the whole matter being in the hands of the courts, practically beyond the reach of any committee acting for the General Conference; and that with reference to the appointment of a Receiver, it was the privilege of any stockholder to present his objections to the selection of the one which had been proposed, directly to the court for consideration.

The remainder of the hour was devoted to matters connected with the work of Elder M.E.Kellogg. He was called into the meeting for an interview. The Chairman suggested that Brother Kellogg's

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Brother Kellogg's writings had borne rather too much spirit, perhaps a worldly spirit. Elder Holser called attention to the fact that the REVIEW had been made most too American, and that this feature was probably represented as much or more in Brother Kellogg's productions than those of other prominent writers for the REVIEW.

Brief remarks were also made by Elder Jones, and others present. Brother Kellogg said that he was grateful for suggestions from the Committee. In response to a question as to his preference for a field of labor in the cause, he stated that he had thought that he had been called to write rather than to engage in other departments of the work.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the meeting was dismissed to 10 A.M., even date.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 10:30 A.M., Monday, March 29.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Jones, Holser, and Moon; and Professor Prescott at the opening of the meeting.

Prayer by Professor Prescott.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

The Chairman asked the attention of the Committee to the question of preparation of school-books for our denominational schools. Professor Prescott was invited to present some thoughts on the matter, which he had in mind. He stated,---

1. That our schools need a smaller number of text-books. There are too many lines of study being followed, and too many books representing these lines.

2. On the preparation of text-books he stated that a book of value grows out of personal experience. A successful book can not mechanically be made. Books made by vote are hard and dry things. He spoke of Elder Jones' History as growing out of his everyday experience; of Bell's Grammar as growing out of Professor Bell's life work. The most noticeable need for text-books in our schools is on the subject of the gospel of science.

Elder Evans expressed himself as well pleased with the sentiments of Professor Prescott. Others gave similar assent. Elder Jones spoke in harmony with the sentiments advanced by Professor Prescott, and took occasion to read some very interesting extracts on the history of education which he had culled from an article (on "Education") in the Encyclopedia Britannica. In view of the instruction given by Elder Jones of late, some of the statements

are very striking. They are: "Our obligations to the priests of the Nile valley are great indeed." "Those who were most active in stimulating the nascent energies of Hellas were careful to train themselves in the wisdom of the Egyptians." "Greece, in giving an undying fame to the literature of Alexandria, was only repaying the debt which she had incurred centuries before." He also quoted as follows concerning Wolfgang Ratke, born in Holstein in ~~1571~~ 1571: "He anticipated some of the best improvements in the method of teaching which have been made in modern times. . . . His chief rules were as follows: 1. Begin everything with prayer. . . . 5. Teach everything first in the mother tongue. . . . 9. . . . Give no rules before you have given the examples. Teach no language out of the grammar, but out of authors. 10. Let everything be taught by induction and experiment." The author of the article adds: "Most people of these precepts are accepted by all good teachers in the present day; all of them are full of wisdom."

It was the sentiment of the Committee that they could not vote to have books prepared; but, as suggested by Elder Jones, it is important that the Committee should take such a living interest in the educational work that legitimate effort in the direction of text-book preparation may be properly encouraged.

Reference was made to past experience at camp-meetings where educational instruction had been left wholly with our College educators. It was the sentiment that the educational work had not been materially benefited by such a course. It was urged that the members of the General Conference Committee should stand at the front in the educational work in their respective Districts.

Considerable was said on the desirability of conducting institutes for our teachers the coming summer. The matter of expense was referred to by Elder Evans, and others. Elder Irwin

suggested that institutes might be held which would accommodate the schools individually, without great expense. Elder Breed referred to his experience at Walla Walla and Healdsburg Colleges last year. He stated that he considered that the presence and help of the District Superintendent was of much benefit to the institutes.

It is evident that the prospects before our educational work are brightening. Solutions of great importance are doubtless nearer realization than ever before.

The consideration of Brother M.E. Kellogg's matters received further attention. It was---

Voted, That the Chairman appoint a committee of two to wait on Brother Sisley to see what could be done in securing employment for Elder M.E. Kellogg, and to report to the Committee at the next meeting.

Appointed: Elders Evans and Kilgore.

Elder Jones stated his plans for his work during the coming summer, and asked the counsel of the Committee with reference to them. It was---

Moved, That Elder Jones aid in teachers' institute work first, and then attend such general gatherings as his work in other directions may permit.

In commenting on this motion, Elder Irwin urged that the first thing to be done was to get our schools into line; and since the Lord had given Elder Jones a burden in this direction, he was anxious that he should not be hindered in assisting in this line of work at this time. It was urged that now was the time to strike in this direction; and he urged that Elder Jones should not be tied up so as not to have opportunity to meet the emergencies that might arise in connection with our educational and other lines of work.

Elder Moon spoke in behalf of the SENTINEL, urging that the

tone of the paper should be kept up during the coming summer, and, in fact, all the time; therefore it would be best not to put so much outside work on Elder Jones as to hinder the progress of that paper.

The motion being put, carried unanimously.

In response to queries of Elder Holser with reference to the disposition of Brother L.R. Conradi's labors in Germany, it was expressed as the conviction of the brethren present that Brother Conradi should be separated from the mission in Hamburg, to take up field work, and that Elder Holser should be Superintendent of the work in the German and Russian fields, as Professor Prescott is expected to act in England, and Elder Olsen in Scandinavia.

Elder Evans asked the Committee's advice with reference to his work as Business Agent of the General Conference Association, in the United States.

Elder Jones replied to the effect that he was to follow up the Testimonies, and to study them to obtain their true meaning as to his work. It was further suggested that Elder Evans should take Brother Lindsay's place, and more; and that he should have the privilege of going to such places which necessity might require, counseling with Boards, and working in the interests of the financial lines of our denomination; the field is a large one and important one, and one in which much personal work will be needed.

The Chairman called up the matter of selecting some one to assist Sister White with her writing. Elder Holser suggested that it would probably be best to leave the matter with Sister White to arrange. Elder Jones agreed with the sentiments expressed by Elder Holser. It seemed to be the unanimous sentiment that Sister White should be requested to make her own selection of a helper, if possible.

Elder Breed asked instructions with reference to the disposition of certain matter coming to the sub-committee on distribution

of labor from the committee on distribution of labor appointed at the General Conference. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the matter in the hands of the sub-committee on distribution of labor be passed into the hands of the Chairman and members of the Committee in his reach after adjournment, to be disposed of as might be considered proper. Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Jones, That Professor E.A.Sutherland, be granted Ministerial Credentials. Carried.

Attention was called to the motion made at a previous meeting making Elder Eugene Leland President of the Quebec and Ontario Conference, consideration of which motion had not been called up in the regular order. The question being called for, was put, and carried.

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Allee, That Elder J.H.Durland be requested to take the Presidency of the Michigan Conference. Carried.

Moved, To adjourn to 6:15 P.M., even date. Carried.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. F. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8:30 P.M., Monday, March 29.

Present: Elders Irwin, Kilgore, Jones, Holser, Moon, Allee, Morrison, Breed, and Evans; and A.R. Henry, F.M. Wilcox, and W.H. Edwards by invitation.

The meeting was opened by an earnest prayer by Elder Morrison.

By invitation, Brother Henry made a statement to the Committee in regard to his feelings with reference to the treatment he had received from the brethren associated with him in General Conference work. He asked for assurances that he would be free in the future from such attacks as he had received in the past. He stated that he was willing to do anything that he considered reasonable, on his part, to bring about an adjustment of the present difficulties. It was understood that his statements were a restatement of certain matters he had set before the General Conference Association, so the Secretary did not consider it important that a full report of his remarks should be made.

After the conclusion of Brother Henry's remarks, Brother I.H. Evans made a statement with reference to an agreement concerning the Boulder Sanitarium, reached at a joint meeting of the General Conference Association and Medical Missionary Board, at 2:30 P.M., even date. He stated, first, that it was the sense of the meeting that a new corporation should be created to hold and operate the Boulder Sanitarium; second, that the new corporation was to pay to the General Conference Association, for the Colorado Sanitarium, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, for which ~~the~~ it was to give its note to the General Conference Association, payable ten years after date, and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per

annum, said interest to be paid quarterly to the General Conference; third, that the new corporation was to be responsible for keeping the buildings in repair, and fully covered by insurance; and that it was to be responsible for all taxes, water rents, interest, etc.

Elder Helser spoke with reference to the relations existing between the Mission Board and the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association; and asked advice as to turning over the medical missionary work now in charge of the Mission Board to the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Board.

Elder Breed spoke briefly in response, and said, "I do not think I would turn over all the medical missionary work to the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Board."

Elder Wilcox expressed the desire that there should be some basis of cooperation agreed upon. He thought that the Boards, acting separately, would be exposed to more or less friction; and he stated that placing the responsibility of the medical missionary work on the Medical Missionary Board placed a very great responsibility on one man, constituted as the Board was.

Elder Evans stated that he viewed with apprehension independent action on the part of each Board; and as regards the Medical Missionary Association, there were a large number of workers in preparation, and he could not see the wisdom of turning everything over to that Association.

At this point Elder Irwin made a few remarks. He stated that, in his judgment, the only way was for the Mission Board to cooperate with the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Board. He suggested that there was great danger of holding narrow views, and of permitting jealousy to come in between the Boards. He appealed to the brethren present to keep as far as possible from all separating

influences, and to unite their forces as closely as possible in the sacred work to which they had been called.

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Elder Holser suggested that he considered it important that the Mission Board should choose its new location as quickly as possible, to avoid the friction that seemed to be entering into the management of the Boards. He thought there would be no trouble in the field, if the Boards would proceed with their legitimate work.

Elder Morrison called the attention of the Board to the necessity of considering the cautions given by the Chairman. He thought that the difficulties threatening had come in consequence of a determination on the part of some to have their own way in the adjustment of the work.

Brother Edwards stated that, in his estimation, the Mission Board could not cope with the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Board, and that he was in favor of turning over in theory what had actually been turned over in fact,---the medical missionary work.

Elder Jones made somewhat extended remarks. He said that the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Board work seemed somewhat out of proportion to other branches of the work, but that it was not too large. Other departments of our missionary work were too little. If the Benevolent Association has two hundred students in preparation, the Mission Board and General Conference ought to have five hundred persons in preparation for the ministry. The Sanitarium employs the young who have received training by it. The General Conference and Mission Board must employ those who have made preparation for work in the cause of God. There is no danger of qualifying too many workers. If necessary support is not provided for the workers, it is because of the defects in the work that is being done. Every minister who does not bring in more than his own salary, should not remain in the ministry. Put the ministers into

new fields to increase our membership. An increased constituency ²⁹² will solve the problems of support, of our work. When young men in preparation for the work of God are given to understand that their employment is doubtful, we can not expect them to see them enter the ministry. The Conference must not carry any man, but each man must do what he can to help carry the Conference. The system in vogue in some places---of carrying men---must be discontinued. Every man is expected to find work, and to do it. There is much before the General Conference Committee in these lines the coming two years. It is very necessary that the spirit of reform should be kept moving. It is impossible now, at this early stage of the work of the Committee, to lay out any particular line; but opportunity must be given the Lord to lead. An immense work is to be done. Many important matters must receive careful and prayerful attention. The Lord is equal to every emergency. Only let him lead his own work. As to matters of relations between Boards, I do not believe we should spend our time with these matters. Difficulties will adjust themselves when we enter upon our work.

(The above is but a brief outline of Elder Jones' remarks. Doubtless the members of the Committee would be pleased to receive a full statement of Elder Jones' position on these questions.)

After the conclusion of Elder Jones' remarks, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

JOINT MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND MISSION BOARD.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 A.M., March 20.

Present: Elders Irwin, Jones, Morrison, Holser, Moon, Evans, and F.M. Wilcox.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the International Religious Liberty Association had sold a typewriter to the Battle Creek church a year ago, and that it was the desire of the officers of the church that the General Conference should pay for the machine. This was urged on account of the relation of the church to the General Conference work. In disposing of the matter, there was unanimous agreement in the suggestion that it would not be best for the General Conference to pay for the machine for the use of the Battle Creek church.

Elder Morrison asked the attention of the Committee to the selection of a field of labor in behalf of Professor G.W. Caviness. After consideration of the matter, it was---

Moved by Elder Wilcox, and seconded by Elder Holser, That Professor G.W. Caviness be recommended to go to Mexico to take the place of Elder D.T. Jones on the Spanish Bible Revision Committee; and that Mahlon E. Olsen act as Professor Caviness' assistant. Carried.

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Evans, That it be recommended that Mrs. S.M.I. Henry be allowed to draw funds from the General Conference treasury at the rate of six dollars per week. Carried.

The Chairman presented a letter from Elder J.A. Holbrook, President of the Arkansas Conference, asking for General Conference

support for two years, in order that a better opportunity might be given the Arkansas Conference to pay off its Tract Society and Conference indebtedness. In response, the Committee suggested that it be recommended that the Arkansas laborers enter new fields and increase their constituency, thus making it unnecessary to depend upon outside assistance for support. It was---

Moved, That the Chair find a place for Elder W.G.Kneeland, if possible, in some of the Conferences, as a local laborer.

Later Brother Kneeland's case was called up again in connection with the needs of the Minnesota field, when it was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the General Conference Committee recommend Elder W.G.Kneeland to labor in the Minnesota Conference, if agreeable to that Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Jones, That Elder I.D.Van Horn be invited to make Michigan his field of labor. Carried.

Attention was called to a communication from Elder R.C.Porter, now living at Hamilton, Mo., asking advice as to his work during the coming year. It was suggested that he employ himself in manual labor in the interests of the recovery of his health, and that he hold himself in readiness to respond to such calls from the Chairman for labor as might seem necessary.

Elder G.C.Tenney came into the meeting, and spoke briefly with reference to the Review and Herald. He stated that he was desirous of seeing the paper more closely connected with the General Conference work, and urged that the members of the General Conference Committee contribute more frequently for the paper.

The disposition of the labors of Elder M.E.Kellogg was again called up. It was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Jones, That he be retained in his present position, and that a committee of two be appointed to confer with him with reference to his personal relation to the editorial work. Carried.

Appointed: Elders Morrison and Jones.

Voted, That Elder D.T. Bourdeau make Northern Michigan, and Quebec, his field of labor, under the direction of the General Conference; and that he be recommended to labor exclusively in new fields, being careful to fully develop his work in any field before leaving it.

Moved by Elder Holsler, and seconded by Elder Jones, That, if the way is clear for Brother E.P. Auger, of Burnsville, Tishomingo Co., Miss., to enter the work, he do so, laboring especially in the interests of the French; and that he receive Missionary Credentials. Carried.

Dr. Kellogg asked permission to occupy some time in the meeting, which was granted; and the remainder of the hour was devoted to the consideration of the relations between the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association and the Mission Board.

The Doctor claimed that the Medical Mission Board was completed competent to fully direct the medical missionary work, and that, in the past, the direction of the Mission Board to that special work had been permitted through the courtesy of the Medical Missionary Association. He presented propositions as follows: First, that the Mission Board should control the medical missionary work; or, second, that the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association control the medical missionary work; or, third, that this work be controlled by a joint committee representing the two Boards. As to the first proposition, he asserted that the Mission Board was

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incompetent to control this branch of the work; and, with reference to the third he said that the Board, situated as it expected to be, made it impossible for the work to be controlled by a joint committee; therefore he concluded that it would be best for the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association to control the medical missionary work. If this were done, he claimed that it would be no more than fair for the Mission Board to appropriate some of its funds for use of the Medical Missionary Board. He suggested that it would be just as consistent and proper for the Mission Board to appropriate funds to the Medical Missionary Board as to different missions.

Definite action on the matter was not reached.

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

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

I N F O R M A L .

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., Tuesday, 4 P.M., March 30.

Present: Elders Irwin, Jones, Morrison, Holser, Moon, Evans.

Prayer by Elder Evans.

Report of previous meeting approved.

The Chairman called attention to a communication from Elder E.W. Whitney, of Boulder, Colo., addressed to the General Conference Committee, appealing against the action of the Colorado Conference in denying him credentials. In response, it was---

Voted, To recommend that the appeal of Brother ^{Whitney} Henry be referred to the Colorado Conference Committee.

Attention was next called to a letter from Elder W.A. Young, of the Indiana Conference, requesting a recommendation from the General Conference Committee for the removal of Brother J.F. Shafer, of Kansas, to Indiana, the State in which he formerly lived.

Voted, That the request of Elder Young be referred to the Superintendent of District No. 3.

A communication was read from Brother B.F. Gowdy, of Minnesota, requesting appointment for missionary work in the South.

Voted, That B.F. Gowdy and wife, of Minnesota, go to District No. 2 to labor under the direction of the District Superintendent.

A communication was presented from Elder M.C. Wilcox, asking for action of the Committee with reference to labors of Dr. O.C. Godsmark, of California. In response, it was---

Moved, That the Committee suggest that Dr. O.C. Godsmark make District No. 2 his field of labor, providing he can work on the self-supporting plan. Carried.

Elder Irwin presented a note recently received by him, re-298
questing a place of labor for John Gill, colored, of Lincoln, Nebr.

Voted, That the Secretary correspond with John Gill, and that, if he be considered capable of engaging in work under the direction of the General Conference, he referred to the Superintendents of Districts Nos. 2 and 5. (Correspondence was suggested to be had with Elder W.B.White, College View, Nebr.; Elder J.M.Rees, 1112 South Eleventh St., Denver, Colo.; or Elder E.T.Russell, Perry, Okla.T.)

A letter was read from Elder E.G.Olsen, Atlantic, Iowa, requesting recommendations for general Scandinavian work in Districts 4 and 5.

Voted, That the question of Scandinavian labor in the general field of Districts 4 and 5, be referred to the Superintendents of those Districts.

Otto Boberg, of College View, Nebr., a Swede, had asked the Committee to furnish him transportation from America to Sweden, with a view of his engaging in labor in the cause of God in that field.

Voted, That the question be referred to Elders Hoopes and Berthelsen, of Nebraska, for suggestions.

A letter was presented from Elder J.D.Pegg, who has recently been laboring at Obion, Tenn., asking for recommendations with respect to a field of labor for him.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Holser, That the request of Elder J.D.Pegg be referred to the President of the Tennessee River Conference. Carried.

A communication was presented from Elder A.G.Christiansen, asking for Scandinavian labor in connection with the North Pacific camp-meeting, etc.

By vote, the decision of the matter was deferred to the return

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of Elder O.A.Olsen to Battle Creek.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 8 A.M., Wednesday,
March 31.

GEO.A.IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.T.NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.

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I N F O R M A L .

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

SPRING SESSION, 1897.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 A.M., Wednesday, March 31.

Present: Elders Irwin, Jones, Morrison, Holser, Moon, and Evans; and W.C.Sisley and C.H.Jones, at the opening of the meeting.

Prayer was offered by Elder Holser.

Minutes read and approved.

W.C.Sisley spoke with reference to the recommendation of the General Conference Association for appointment and support of the general canvassing agents by the publishing houses. It had been recommended that there should be an agent appointed in each District. It was explained that, since the General Conference Association had gone out of the publishing business, it could not be considered proper for it to direct and support this branch of the work; however, the necessity of moral support on the part of the General Conference was strongly urged, and accepted. It was---

Moved by Elder Holser, and seconded by Elder Jones, That the publishing houses appoint in harmony and in council with the General Conference Committee, the general canvassing agents, and that the publishing houses support and manage these agents in the field. Carried.

Elder Evans spoke of the possibility of friction between the canvassing agents, acting in the employ of the publishing houses, and the state agents, acting for the Conferences. He urged the importance of all our canvassing agents being Christians, stating that the time had come for contention among Adventists to cease. Brethren Sisley and C.H.Jones, representing the publishing houses,

desiring an expression of the Committee as to who should be appointed to act as general agents in the respective Districts, it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That it is the voice of the General Conference Committee that Brother Zach. Sherrig take charge of the canvassing work in District No. 4.

Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the Review and Herald Board should be left free to choose Brother Geo.A.Wheeler, of Illinois, or Brother C.A.Pedicord, of Ohio, to act as general canvassing agent for District No. 3. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That, if satisfactory with Elder F.L.Mead and the Pacific Press publishing house, Brother Mead be recommended to act as general canvassing agent for District No. 1. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Evans, That, if satisfactory to the Pacific Press Publishing house and Brother E.M.Morrison, he act as general agent in District No. 6. Carried.

It was understood that Brother A.F.Harrison would continue to act as canvassing agent in District No. 2.

Something was said with reference to the appointment of an agent for District No. 5; but, no one seeming available, an understanding with reference to the matter could not be reached.

Elder Evans called attention to the annual deficit on THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, which amounts to about three thousand dollars per year and, according to present arrangements, is borne by the General Conference. He suggested that the Pacific Press would perhaps be willing to take the entire financial responsibility of the paper, and thus help the General Conference, while it, at the same time, could give the paper its full moral support. The discussion developed the fact that the subscription list of THE SIGNS OF THE

TIMES was rapidly increasing, and that the indications were that the paper would become self-supporting, if a proper effort were made in its behalf.

Brother C.H. Jones presented the following revised schedule for the SIGNS:---

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:---

Single subscription, one year,	postpaid,	- - - - -	\$ 1.00
" " six months,	"	- - - - -	.50
" " three "	"	- - - - -	.25
" " one year,	" to foreign		
	countries in Postal Union,		6 s.

TERMS TO AGENTS:---

In clubs, same as regular club list as published.

Persons giving all their time to canvassing for our books or THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, or selling same, will be supplied at the following rates for single subscriptions:---

New subscribers, single copy, one year,	- - - - -	\$.50
" " " " six months,	- - - - -	.30
Renewals, " " one year,	- - - - -	.90
" " " " six months,	- - - - -	.45
No single subscription received for less than,	- - -	.25
Extra copies of any one issue (to agents), each,	- -	.01

SPECIAL OFFER:---

Persons wishing to work a part of their time canvassing for the paper can avail themselves of the club rates, or our special offer, as follows:---

- a. Two new yearly subscriptions, or one new yearly subscription and one renewal, sent us at one time, \$ 1.75.
 - b. Three new yearly subscriptions, or two new yearly subscriptions and one renewal, sent us at one time, \$ 2.50.
 - c. Four new yearly subscriptions, or three new yearly subscriptions and one renewal, sent us at one time, \$ 3.00.
- This offer entitles you, as a "special agent," to secure a year's subscription free for yourself.

SPECIAL AGENTS:---

Any person complying with special offer "b" will be considered a special agent. Thereafter such may send up new yearly subscriptions at 75 cents each, and six-month subscriptions at 40 cents each. Renewals same as in terms to agents.

Sample copies sent on application.

In disposing of this matter, it was---

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Voted, That the present arrangements with the Pacific Press concerning THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, be continued; that single subscription rates continue as formerly, except the three-month subscriptions, which shall be twenty-five cents instead of thirty cents; that the schedule of terms to agents, as submitted by C.H.Jones, be the policy pursued from this time.

Elder Moon called attention to the necessity of setting before Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world the vital importance of our missionary work. He suggested also that the relations existing between our missionary organizations, as created at the late General Conference, be as clearly defined as possible, so that the people might understand the present order of things. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Holser, That we recommend the issuance of an Extra to the HOME MISSIONARY, setting before the people the present situation of the missionary work, and the meaning of the steps taken at the General Conference in dividing the territory as was done. Carried.

It was suggested that the EXTRA to the HOME MISSIONARY should be gotten out under the supervision of the General Conference Committee.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That we invite Elder A.T.Jones to write an article for the EXTRA of the HOME MISSIONARY, on the present needs of the work. Carried.

Moved, To invite the Chairman of the General Conference Committee to write an article for the HOME MISSIONARY EXTRA. Carried.

A letter was presented from August Kunze, asking for assistance to locate in some Southern field to engage in teaching, missionary work, etc. It not appearing clear to the Committee as to what could be done in the direction of meeting Brother Kunze's

requirements, no action was taken.

Attention was called to the financial needs of certain widows of Seventh-day Adventist ministers, and the lack of sustenance for the General Conference endowed bed at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. In response, it was---

Voted, That ~~it~~ is the sense of this body that a relief fund should be created, out of which the Sanitarium endowed bed expense should be met, and assistance furnished to disabled ministers and dependent widows of Seventh-day Adventist ministers.

Moved, That twenty-five dollars be sent from this fund to Mrs. Freddie G. Hyatt, widow of Elder W.N. Hyatt. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L. T. NICOLA,

Secretary pro tem.



MINUTES OF COUNCIL HELD AT COLLEGE VIEW, NEBR. 810

7:45 A.M., April 27, 1897.---A council of the members of the General Conference Committee and Presidents from Districts Four and Five, who were present, was held.

Meeting was called to order by the President of the General Conference, Elder Geo.A.Irwin.

Members of Committee present: Irwin, Morrison, Evans, Jones, and Kauble. Presidents present: Robinson, of Nebr., Hyatt, of Kans., Flaiz, of Minn., Nelson, of the Dakotas, Santee, of Ia., Hennig, of Mo., and W.B.White, of Ind.

After prayer, the first question considered was the condition of the finances of the General Conference, the General Conference Association, and the Foreign Mission Board. Elder Evans made the following statement:---

"Our finances are in a very embarrassing state. I wish to state to you how we stand, as nearly as I can. On our audit of last year we have overdrawn on Review and Herald \$12,500.00. We have on our list of audits unpaid over \$5000.00, so that we owe on last year's work nearly \$18,000.00.

"We have paid as little to our workers this year---since January---as possible. Many have not enough to live on, and are in most embarrassing circumstances. One brother writes the latter part of April, 'I ordered some money March 4. I have tried to be patient, but I can not get money enough to leave home. Can you not send me a little?' We have not had a dollar at our command. We could borrow the money, but we dare not do it, as we have nothing to assure us that we can meet it. The General Conference is running

behind to the extent of \$29,000.00, or more, a year. There was a shortage last year of above \$14,000.00. The present arrangement takes the tithes from the mission fields, and otherwise, to the extent of \$15,000.00.

"The General Conference Committee should lay plans for some present help, and then plan for a permanent fund to come to the General Conference treasury. We must have at least \$44,000.00 per annum more than we have been receiving, as we have nearly \$15,000.00 interest on notes we owe the brethren. I am sure our brethren will help us out; but we must be honest with them, and tell them how matters stand."

Many other things were said, but it is not needful that they be repeated.

He then read a letter from Brother Gibson, giving a statement of the Battle Creek (Mich.) Tent Manufacturing Co. While he did not think that we could do anything at this time, yet he wanted to state to the council how the matters stand. Brother Gibson has the present management, and Brother Meade Maguire is to keep the books.

The next thing was the consideration of the Colorado Sanitarium. The statement showed that nearly forty-five per cent. of the items of the accounts of the finances were in error.

Elder Evans then made reference to A.R. Henry's attitude toward the General Conference Association.

A recess was taken to give place for Elder Jones to give to the school a general statement of what the College Board had done.

The council was again called at 10:15, Elder Irwin in the Chair. The first question called up was how best to relieve the present financial situation.

Elder Evans suggested that something be done to relieve the present situation, and that something permanent be arranged to meet

the regular annual deficit.

Elder Jones stated that for some time he had a burden in this direction, and suggested that a regular hour each day be set apart for the Committee to pray to the Lord that He work in the hearts of the people that means be brought into the cause, It was also suggested that wherever any member of the Committee may be, that he engage in prayer, or invite whoever may be there to unite with them in prayer, for that purpose.

Moved and seconded, That the twelve o'clock hour each day be set apart for a special season to seek the Lord for means, that He may operate upon the hearts of the people to give of their means for the support of the cause. Carried.

Elder Evans moved, and Elder Morrison seconded the motion, That May 29 and 30 be set apart for fasting and prayer, and that a donation be taken up to relieve the General Conference in its present distressed condition. Carried.

Elder White asked if the General Conference funds and the General Conference Association funds were together now. The Chairman replied that they were separate. Elder Santee felt in sympathy with the plan.

Elder H.E. Robinson felt that the tide has been turned in the general management of things, and that expenses will be cut down, and that the money now raised will be well used. Elder Hyatt said, "I have the utmost confidence that God will help us in emergencies. When brought into close and straitened circumstances in Texas and Kansas, when the matter was taken to God, He greatly blessed."

Elder Kauble said he was not discouraged. Not a sermon preached on finances in Colorado. But they did preach on the tithes and the cause. The people were moved. The Conference had an immense debt; now they are four thousand dollars ahead.

Elder Jones suggested that pages sixty-seven to seventy-four of No. Nine, Special Testimony, be struck off and sent to every Sabbath-keeper in the General Conference of North America. Elder Hyatt stated that they had already done that thing in Kansas, and they are receiving rich returns.

The question on the motion was called for, and carried unanimously.

A motion prevailed to ask the Conference Presidents to remain and help us in our council.

Voted, To take a recess until 12:30.

At 12:30 the Chair called the meeting to order. This hour was spent in an informal discussion of the financial question. Elder Santee spoke on the question of the great number of different donations. He thought that so many offerings served rather to defeat the object of the offerings. Elder White spoke on the same strain. He thought that much more should be made of "Missionary Farming." Elder Evans stated that the last General Conference voted that the proceeds derived from "Missionary Farming" be given to the Medical Missionary Association.

Elder Nelson suggested that each Conference Committee send out circular letters to those who have means, asking them to send any sum, from one dollar up, to the General Conference. This letter is to state the situation of things just as they are.

Elder Evans then showed how the work has been divided, and that some lines are receiving more than others, and that practically the General Conference Association has no source of revenue, but rather a deficit all the time in the institutions held by the Association.

Elder Hyatt thought that a letter by the President of the General Conference would do lots of good. Elder Irwin read from

a Special Testimony relative to the disproportion of the medical missionary work as compared to other lines carried by us, and urged that care be taken to not work against the interests of that line.

Elder Morrison thought that the plan of the General Conference President's sending letters out would not work well in some Conferences. Elder Kauble thought that the President of the General Conference could have influence in Colorado. But the Colorado people would hear no other man outside, except their own President. Elder Morrison thought it well to recognize the rights of these brethren, and labor in a way that will commend itself to them.

Elder Jones said that the deposits go to the General Conference Association, and that that should be taken into account.

Elder Evans said that no deposits were being made.

Elders Morrison and Jones thought that the people everywhere should be educated to help lift on the general work.

Voted, To adjourn till 3 P.M..

Meeting called; President in the Chair.

Prayer by Elder Hyatt.

Minutes read and approved.

Elder Nelson asked a question with reference to the semi-annual offerings,---what are they? He thought that two offerings should be taken, one in the spring and one in the fall; and that one should be given to the General Conference, and the other to foreign missions.

The Chairman then stated that there should be more of a general education among all our Conference Presidents, so that they may know what a heavy drain there is on the General Conference. He was glad to see the loyalty of the brethren in this council, to the General Conference and the general cause.

Elder Jones read from pp. 18-30 of Special Testimony No. Nine, showing the danger of our holding ourselves aloof from the work.

Elder Hyatt thought that the General Conference Association meetings have done much to educate the Presidents in the general work.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That the General Conference Committee prepare a special number of the "Bulletin," containing four readings,---one reading for May 15, one for May 22, one for May 29, and one for May 30. These readings are to set forth the conditions and wants of the cause in every line of work. On one day of the special season of prayer there should be a special donation taken up to help the General Conference in its present embarrassment. Carried.

The wants of the Scandinavian cause in the Dakota Conference were next ~~mentioned~~ considered. Elder Nelson stated that the two laborers in that language were unable to labor any longer, on account of ill health; and desired to have Professor Berthelsen connect with that Conference at the close of the school.

Moved by Elder Kauble, and seconded by Elder Evans, That his request be granted, and that Berthelsen go there to labor. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that Elder E.G.Olsen exchange fields of labor with Elder H.R.Johnson. A motion was substituted that, if agreeable to the Iowa Conference Committee, Elder E.G.Olsen make Iowa his field of labor, and before he goes to another Conference, arrangements be made between the two Conferences. Carried.

The same idea prevailed in the case of Elder H.R.Johnson, with reference to the Nebraska Conference. Carried.

The same idea prevailed with reference to the German work. It was voted, That Elder Boettcher be asked to attend the camp-meetings in North and South Dakota, and Manitoba.

It was suggested that pp. 67-74 of Special Testimony No. Nine be inserted as one of the readings of the special "Bulletin."

Elder Evans next called up the case of Brother A.R. Henry. He wanted advice as to what course to pursue in the case, if it comes up. Should we make a defense, or let it go by default?

Elder Morrison called for the reading of the statement which Elder Evans read in the forenoon. The general impression obtained that if Brother Henry enters suit, that a stay of proceedings be taken until the books be audited; and that such counsel be obtained as is needed in the case.

Voted, To adjourn till 7 P.M., to meet in the Scandinavian chapel.

Meeting called; President in the Chair.

Prayer by Elder Flaiz.

The Chair then read a letter from the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, stating that the Board had just been in session, and has proposed that the General Conference Committee take up the regular semi-annual offering in the latter part of May, and that it be equally divided with the General Conference and Foreign Mission Board; and that the fall donation be divided, one-third to the General Conference and two-thirds to the Foreign Mission Board.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the action taken at the 3 P.M. hour this day by the General Conference Committee be carried out, and that the annual offerings be equally divided between the General Conference and the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

Voted, That the matter of Elder Jones' going to Manitoba be left with him and the District Superintendent.

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Kauble, That, as Missouri can not see its way clear to receive Brother C.L. Boyd, and

as Brother Boyd has suggested his desire to establish an orphanage for colored children somewhere in the South, the Committee be willing to release him from General Conference work, to carry out his wishes as to the orphanage, with the understanding that the General Conference shall in no way be financially involved in it. Carried.

The case of Elder W.G.Kneeland, for Minnesota, was considered. Elder Flaiz did not feel quite clear in the case. If his (brother Kneeland's) health is such that he can not lead out in the work, he thought they had enough of that kind of men to whom they feel already indebted. The question was deferred to another meeting.

The President read a request from Elder Breed, asking him to visit District No. 6.

Moved and seconded, That Elder Irwin be recommended to visit that District, going by the way of Walla Walla as early as May 10. Carried.

Voted, To adjourn till 8 A.M.

GEO.A.IRWIN, President.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

College View, Nebr., 8 A.M., April 28, 1897.

Meeting called by the Chairman.

After prayer, it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Jones, That we request the Executive Committee of the General Conference Association to send Jno.I.Gibson to Boulder as soon as possible, and make a thorough audit of the books and accounts of the Boulder Sanitarium institution; and then to College View to do the same with Union College. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the

communication from Elder Holbrook be referred to the Superintendent of District No. Five, with the request that he investigate the matter and make the request that the General Conference Committee give them a donation as requested. Carried.

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Evans, That Brother J.E.Tenney ~~go~~ do the office work of the educational journal, with the understanding that the General Conference is not obliged to pay for the same. Carried.

It was voted, That Brother Julius Jensen be advised to go to work with his hands, in Colorado, to resuperate his strength; and that, when he does regain his health, the way is open in the Dakota Conference for him to labor. Carried.

The minutes of the 3:15 and 7 P.M. meetings of yesterday were read and approved.

Elder Kauble moved a reconsideration of the action taken in the cases of Elders Olsen and Johnson. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Evans, That Elder H.R.Johnson make Iowa his field of labor. Carried.

The same motion prevailed that Elder E.G.Olsen make Nebraska his field of labor, if agreeable to the Nebraska Conference Committee.

Elder Anglebarger requested that he be permitted to take his nephew with him to Las Vegas. He offers to purchase the tent and donate it to the General Conference.

Voted, That his request be granted.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, to send Elder J.O.Corliss to Philadelphia, to engage in tent labor, the General Conference paying only the wages of Brother Corliss. Carried.

A communication was received from Elder G.C.Tenney, relative to the Battle Creek College, desiring that a committee of three be

selected from the General Conference Committee to act with a similar committee from the College Board, to formulate a plan for the reorganization of the College organization. It was---

Moved by Elder Efana, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That, inasmuch as there are so few of the Committee present, they deem it not advisable to appoint such a committee as he proposes, before the entire Committee is in session. Carried.

Sdjourned.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

President.

L. A. HOOPES,

Secretary.

MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 16, 1897.

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The General Conference Committee was called at 8 A.M.

President Irwin in the chair.

Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Evans, Jones, Hoopes, and W.C. Waite.

After a general season of prayer, the Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the case of H.M. Sagaard. He desires to borrow \$50 from the Conference funds, for the purpose of paying his transportation to Denmark, where he is to engage in the bakery. He says that the brethren in Denmark will send him the money, and doubtless it is on the way by this time.

It was suggested that there were already over \$1300 of requests from the laborers in the field lying on our table. Elder Evans stated that we must have the \$2500 for the Kansas Conference in August. This was promised from the special donation taken up May 30. It was also stated that a demand for \$1500 for the St. Helena Sanitarium was made.

The question of loaning Brother Sagaard the \$50 was decided by common consent that it would not be granted, unless there was more means in the treasury.

The next question that was considered was an examination of the list of American laborers whose names appear on the audit for 1896, together with the new laborers who have been taken on since January 1. The list that was considered is that found in General Conference Secretary's letter book No. 21, page 435, where it was found that the names of---

Erik Arnesen,
 E.P. Auger,
 M.S. Babcock,
 J.A. Brunson,
 E.P. Boggs,
 Mrs. S.A. Boggs,
 Mrs. Belle Ballenger,
 J.B. Beckner,
 H.W. Cottrell,
 C.F. Curtis,
 G.W. Colcord,
 I.C. Colcord,
 W.E. Cornell,
 J.H. Durland,
 C. F. Dart,
 Jacob Duerksen,
 John Edwards,
 Guy C. Emery, after June 15.
 S.A. Farnsworth,
 G.E. Fifield,
 Mrs. V.J. Farnsworth,
 John I. Gibson,
 Abner T. Hood,
 Worthy Harris Holden,

Dr. A.W. Herr,
 S.G. Haughey,
 J.L. Humbert,
 O.A. Johnson,
 H.F. Ketring,
 C.L. Kilgore and wife,
 C.H. Keslake,
 Frank Lyndon,
 M.W. Lewis,
 I.J. Lair,
 J.G. Lamson,
 Allen Moon, after April 1.
 F.L. Mead,
 E.A. Morey,
 E.M. Morrison,
 O.A. Olsen,
 E.G. Olsen,
 Dr. A.B. Olsen,
 M.E. Olsen,
 J.R. Palmer, deceased.
 W.W. Prescott,
 E.A. Sutherland,
 Zach. Sherrig,
 F.D. Starr,

J.W. Westphal.

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were to be dropped from the list of General Conference laborers.

By a glance at the list it will be seen that---

G.H. Abbott,
 A.G. Adams,
 N.W. Allee,
 Edgar Allee,
 W.A. Alway,
 Hattie Andre,
 G.W. Anglebarger,
 Grace Durland,
 H.J. Dirksen,
 I.H. Evans,
 B.F. Gowdy,
 L.A. Hansen,

Mrs. S.M.I. Henry,
 Eunice Hobbs,
 L.A. Hoopes,
 H.L. Hoover,
 G.A. Irwin,
 W.L. Iles,
 Maren Johansen,
 N.W. Kauble,
 L.C. Sheafe,
 G.O. States,
 R.A. Underwood,
 G.B. Wheeler,

Birdie Watson,

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were added to the list of General Conference workers.

It was moved by Evans, and seconded by Morrison, to request the Atlantic Conference to assume the responsibility of paying Elder V.H. Lucas.

The cases of C.E. Shafer and wife and C.T. Shaffer were to be looked up, and see what disposition has been made of these laborers.

It was found that at the present time Elder Matthew Larson is working with his hands, and would doubtless not draw on the Conference very heavy.

Next, Elder Evans made a statement of a request which Elder Allee made, that collections be taken on the first three Sabbaths in October, to be given to the Huntsville and Graysville schools. The Committee deemed that this was impracticable, as it would virtually break into the resources of the Foreign Mission Board.

Next a communication was read from Sister White, asking that the requests of our old laborers, especially of Elder Haskell, be considered, and, as far as possible, to concede to their desires; in Elder Haskell's case, that she wanted her letter should be used to see that his request respecting the settlement of his account with the General Conference be granted.

It was moved by Elder Moon, That the names of Mrs. E.G. White and S.N. Haskell be retained on the list of General Conference laborers.

This motion was not seconded, but it called for the statement from W.C. White respecting the attitude of his mother toward the general work. He thought that it properly should come to the General Conference Auditing Committee. He made the statement that for several years, the different publications, the Signs, the Review and the Instructor have paid nothing for these articles. He supposed it was because there was no one to specially look after it.

By a general request, Elder White was to write a letter to the Committee, making a statement of the case, how it has been in the past, and what the Committee should look to in the future with reference to this matter.

Moved by Moon, and seconded by Morrison, That the labors of Sister E.G. White and her helpers, on articles for the papers and special testimonies be referred to the General Conference for auditing; also that the name of S.N. Haskell, if he so desires, be retained on the General Conference list of workers. Carried.

The financial question was next considered. Upon this point Elder Irwin read extracts from Testimony Vol. 5, pages 374-5, to show how God regards the work when finances seem to be close; how that we should not take a narrow view of the question by shutting off any of the workers, or in any wise curtailing the work; but that we should bear a straightforward testimony, placing before the brethren the wants of the cause, and, like Caleb and Joshua, bear a faithful testimony of good cheer.

At this juncture Elder White gave the experience of the Australasian Union Conference. While the brethren in America were enjoying a good degree of prosperity, the brethren in that far-off field were in rather straitened circumstances because of the financial crisis, and they were admonished by their brethren in America to be as economical as possible. So he stated that, in order to meet these demands, and carry forward the work and make it as self-supporting as possible, they decided to ask their brethren, some of the ministers, to go into the field in the book or paper work, and make what they could by the sale of publications, for at least four months in the year, and the Conference help them the rest of the time. While it brought the brethren in close and straitened circumstances, they were greatly blessed in their work; many souls were brought to the truth, and the financial aspect of the question was greatly relieved.

He next called our attention to the special testimony with respect to the management of our several missions, and inquired why it was that this testimony passes by so unheeded. Called our attention to the special testimony on tent-meetings; how that they suffered so many defeats in making preparations for these meetings, advertising them and announcing them so long beforehand, and then see such little results.

The next question considered was the resignation of Elder F.M. Wilcox as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and editor of The Missionary.

Moved by Morrison, and seconded by Evans, That his resignation be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Professor P.T. Magan, of Battle Creek College, be invited to take the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and editor of The Missionary. After some considerable discussion on the part of all the members of the Committee, it was carried.

Voted to adjourn to 8 o'clock A.M., Thursday, June 17, 1897.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 17, 1897.

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The Committee met at 8 A.M., as per appointment. President Irwin in the chair.

Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Evans, Jones, and Hoopes.

After prayer, the minutes were read and approved.

Elder Jones called up the question of the ordination of Professor Magan. Former action had been taken that he be ordained; but when he was connected with the school work, it was deemed expedient to leave the matter for the time being.

Moved by Morrison, and seconded by Moon, That in case Professor Magan be accepted by the Foreign Mission Board as its Secretary, that he be ordained. Carried.

The question of the ordination of J.E.White passed by the last General Conference, was called up by the Chairman. The question was laid over until W.C.White could meet with the Committee.

The next question was that of finances. Elder Evans stated that the Wessels brothers have instructed the Sanitarium to draw on the General Conference for \$1500 to pay for supplies they had purchased.

It was thought by several members of the Committee that the matter alluded to in the remarks of Elder White in the preceding meeting, wherein he stated that they had set the ministers to work canvassing, would not work the same in all Conferences; the fields were not alike; and that care should be exercised in that, lest a demoralizing effect be brought upon the work.

Elder Moon suggested that the foreign mission work would prove a practical solution of a large share of this financial question; that was, to turn the laborers into the foreign mission fields as fast as possible; then go before our people and make a plea for help, from the standpoint of the needs in foreign fields.

It was suggested by Elders Evans and Jones that the thing for the Committee to do, would be to carry out the instruction of the Testimonies, that of getting the Presidents of the Conferences to do their duty in regard to the matter of placing the importance of the tithes and offerings before the people. Elder Evans thought that many of our Conferences entertained the idea that all the tithes above the tenth which was sent to the General Conference, belonged to the home Conference, and that they should be generally instructed to give liberally to the general work; that there was a narrowing down, instead of a broadening, in the minds of our brethren with respect to the general work. Elder Irwin expressed the same thought.

Elder Moon suggested that ministers should study to present the tithing question in the most attractive way, the same as any other question. Elder Morrison suggested that there were two extremes in the presentation of this question: one was, to pass it over lightly, and say nothing about it; and the other was, to preach on it all the time, and make the people sick of it; but the best way is to bring it in in connection with other subjects.

Elder Jones thought that the man who preaches tithes, and does not pay it, kills it.

The next question considered was that of making special calls for funds. Elder Morrison feared that so many special calls would become so general that they would affect the general calls.

Moved by Evans, and seconded by Jones, That we appoint July 1-6 as self-denial week for our people; that each individual or family give all saved, or as much as the Spirit of God may influence them. This donation to be sent to the General Conference Treasurer, Battle Creek, Mich.; that the money be equally divided between Mexico, Australia, and the Southern field; and that there be an article published in the REVIEW, and through all other available agencies, setting forth this request. Carried.

It was the understanding of the Committee that the amount to Australia was to apply on the appropriation recently made by the Foreign Mission Board.

Moved by Evans, That Brother C.L.Boyd be given employment by the General Conference, and that he be instructed that we do not know how much we can pay him; and, further, that the President and the Secretary correspond with Elder Crisler and others, and see if there is an opening for him in their fields. Carried.

Voted, That the Secretary should correspond with Elder R.S.Webber, and ascertain if Levi Longard has ever held a missionary license, or credential, from any Conference; and if Brother Webber deems that he is worthy of such recognition, that the President of the General Conference is authorized to issue missionary license, if Elder Webber decides he should receive one.

The next consideration was the question of the educational journal. This question has been holding over for some time, owing to various reasons. Some time ago the General Conference Committee voted that Professors Sutherland and F.W.Howe were to be associated in some way in the editorial work of the journal. But for some reason they did not feel clear to go ahead with the work, when the President sent out letters to all the members of the General Conference Committee, and in reply it was the unanimous agreement of the members of the Committee that the educational journal should not be published as was intimated in the report of the Committee on Education, on March 26; but that, in harmony with the suggestion of the editors of the Review and the Instructor, articles should be run through those papers, until such a time when they would see their way clear to publish the journal.

At this juncture the question was raised by the Corresponding Secretary, what was expected in the line of educational work from this office. The President replied that, inasmuch as the office of Educational Secretary has been dropped, and, inasmuch as the schools are under the jurisdiction of the General Conference, the work of correspondence would naturally fall to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference. The detail work of the Secretary in this line was not outlined.

The matter of publishing the journal was further considered by the members of the Committee, when it was moved by Evans, and seconded by Moon, That the action taken by the different members of the Committee as expressed in the letters before alluded to, be the sense of this Committee.

In the discussion of this question, some of the members expressed themselves as not feeling free at this juncture to go ahead with the journal, or to do anything contrary to the action of the Committee at that time.

Pending the discussion of this resolution, meeting adjourned till Friday morning, 8 o'clock, June 18.

G.A.Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,
Secretary.

MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 18, 1897.

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The Committee met Friday morning 8 o'clock. President in the chair. After prayer, the minutes were read and approved.

Present: Irwin, Moon, Morrison, Evans, Jones, and Hoopes.

The President made statement that he had met with the Medical Missionary Board, and laid before them the resolution passed by the Committee relative to the Self-Denial Week July 1-6. He said they would cooperate in the plan, and that it was suggested that articles be put through the Review, and that special letters be sent to the churches. Elder Irwin was to prepare an article on the Southern Field; Dr. Kellogg, an article on Mexico, and Elder W.C. White, on Australia.

The President then submitted a letter which he had prepared to be sent out to the Presidents of Conferences laying before them the action of the Committee, and the matter of presenting the question directly to the churches instead of to the churches through the Presidents, for the lack of time. Inasmuch as it was a donation that would not affect the Conference work in any way, they felt free to go ahead with this plan.

At this juncture it was necessary for the President to attend to the matter of getting the articles in the Review, and preparing the letters to be sent out to the churches. Elder Morrison was called to the chair, when the Secretary presented some items that needed consideration by the Committee, in order to aid him in his correspondence.

The first was a clearer understanding of the relation of Mrs. S.M.I. Henry to the work of the General Conference. Elder Moon stated that it was an understanding that Mrs. Henry was to go to Chicago during the month of June and conduct those noon-day meetings in the W.C.T.U. Temple, and that her work in the Sanitarium was a work which pertained to her little booklet, "How the Sabbath Came to Me," which was recognized as a good work, and one that could not be well carried on independent of herself.

The next was the matter of granting a license to the editor of the Christlicher Hausfreund, T. Valentiner. Elder Durland had previously presented to the Secretary a request that the General Conference Committee grant him a license, with the understanding that it did not involve any financial aid, only a recognition that he was a worthy man to go out and represent the cause in various places. With this in view, a motion prevailed to grant him a Ministerial license.

The next question was that of supplying a colporteur for H.J. Dirksen, in Manitoba; also a tent-master one Alex. Ritchie, for Elder Fester, of the same field. After some discussion, it was voted that Elder Jones investigate the matter under consideration, and report to the Committee, which would be the basis of future action.

The next question considered was that of the sub-treasury business in Manitoba, also of the directorship of the mission. It was moved and seconded, That Jones and Kauble be a committee to investigate all matters pertaining to the Manitoba mission field, and report. Carried.

The sub-treasury feature of the question was laid over to a future meeting.

The next question under consideration was that of the reporting system of the Conference, the proper relation that the Corresponding Secretary should sustain to the reports of the General Conference. After some considerable discussion, it was deemed best to leave this matter until another meeting.

The next item of business was that pertaining to the General Conference library. The Secretary desired to know what should be done with it, whether any part of it was for sale, or what regulations should be made with reference to the future management of the same.

It was moved by Evans, and Seconded by Jones, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference should have the charge of the library, keep an accurate account of the same, on the library plan of public schools, and should keep an account of all books that were taken out, and charge them to the individual that draws them. Carried.

Committee adjourned till 8 o'clock Sunday morning, June 20, 1897.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 20, 1897.

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Sunday, June 20, 8 A.M. President in the chair.
After prayer, minutes read and approved.

Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, Evans, Adams, Hoopes.

The first question considered was that of the sub-treasuries in the several mission fields. After a general discussion of the subject of sub-treasuries, it was the general opinion of all members present that the following resolution was what was needed:---

Moved and seconded, That these mission treasurers act as collectors, and report each quarter to the General Conference Treasurer; and that no money be paid out to laborers in any field without a written order from the President of the General Conference. Carried.

Then followed a free discussion on the subject of the various funds, and the accounts of the same as they appear on the Treasurer's books. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the tithe fund should be kept sacred, and be disbursed to the laborers as intended by the Lord.

The next question considered was that of the reporting system in the Conference. It was thought by various members of the Committee that there should be a system of reporting that would enable both the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the General Conference to obtain all the information necessary for their offices. Elder Jones was of the opinion that we would better dispense with the names Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, and have a Secretary of the General Conference; that in the matter of checking orders, under the present arrangement it leaves the Recording Secretary to draw orders on himself, inasmuch as he is the Treasurer; which is wrong.

It was moved and seconded, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three, to revise the report blanks, so that the Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary may have the necessary information for each office. Carried.

The Chair announced as such committee L.A. Hoopes, A.G. Adams, I.H. Evans.

The next question considered was the relationship that exists between the General Conference and the Atlantic Conference. Elder Moon gave some explanation of the agreement entered into by Elders Olsen, Porter, and Jayne; to this effect, that the General Conference support a laborer to each one supplied by the Atlantic Conference, in New York City, in a series of tent-meetings. This, however, was formerly arranged by the General Conference Committee, but due to some complications that came in, the sickness of Elder Farnsworth, and some other considerations, it was left with Elder Jayne to make the final arrangement for the laborers in that field. Elder O.O. Farnsworth, who was the one employed by the General Conference, took sick, and it was necessary for him to quit the field, at which time the General Conference supplied his place with the labors of Elder V.H. Lucas; and it was in this last-named case that it was deemed expedient on the part of the President of the Atlantic Conference to arrange for Elder Lucas to go to the city of Washington. Elders Franke and Keslake remained in New York City; the tent-meeting ceased, and they conducted their meetings in a hall, and at this present time the tent-meetings are no longer conducted in New York City, but are taken over to Brooklyn.

It was thought best by the Committee to leave the question until the President and other members of the Conference Committee would meet on the Mission Board in July.

The President then read a letter from Elder E.H. Gates, in which he states his feeling in regard to the work, and why he is where he is at the present time. The Committee deemed that it was a very peculiar and embarrassing situation, and was one that demanded the attention of the Committee. It was therefore--

Moved and seconded, That the Chair write him, and submit to him the proposition that Dr. Kellogg has made in reference to his

case, and if that would not sui in his case, to let him select some field where it would be good for his health and for the health of his family. Carried.

The President then read a communication from Elder J.M. Willoughby, in which he sets forth the condition of the work in the Utah mission field. In it he is greatly at a loss to know what they shall do in carrying forward the work with the limited means that is supplied them, and the irregularity with which it is supplied. He asks the question whether it would not be advisable for some of the laborers to be set to work in the canvassing field. He thought this should be done. Some of the laborers have been contemplating taking up some trade or manual labor to support their families.

This was a perplexing question for the Committee to decide. This was one of the many questions of like character that have come up for discussion during the session of the Committee, and it seemed apparent that something must be done soon.

Moved and seconded, That the Committee recommend that the Sanitarium take Elder J.O. Corliss on its pay-roll. After some discussion, this motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that the Chairman, the Secretary, and Elder Morrison, look over the list of General Conference laborers, and ascertain where there are laborers for whom it would not work a hardship, and recommend that they work on the self-supporting plan.

This motion drew out considerable discussion from all members present. The President was not clear in the matter that this motion should be put without a clearer understanding. He was fearful that it would work hardship in nearly every case. There might be some incidental cases that it would be easier for them to do otherwise. He could not see a wise policy in curtailing the work or laying off laborers, even though they could make more in other employment than in the cause. Then again, there was danger of the feeling arising, that it is the "other fellow" that is to get along with limited means.

Elder Evans did not think it was best to cut down the wages. He gave the experience that they had in Michigan when they were greatly in debt. Instead of curtailing the wages, they even raised them, and they inspired such courage in the laborers that they all went to work with a hearty good-will, and soon raised the debt.

Elder Jones expressed the opinion that this lesson should be impressed upon the minds of all the laborers, that of faithfully laying before our people the importance and necessity of faithfulness in the payment of the tithe.

It was therefore moved and seconded, That the Chairman prepare a letter to be sent to the Presidents of the various Conferences, setting before them what the late Testimonies have said upon the subject of the tithes. Carried.

The Chairman then read a communication from Elder I.E. Kimball, in which he asks advice concerning his MSS. for a book which is an exposition of the eleventh chapters of Daniel and Revelation. He has presented this matter before the "Signs" publishing committee and

they seem to have endorsed it; but he has seen nothing of the matter in public print, and he now asks for counsel with reference to the matter. He agrees to submit it to the General Conference or some one selected by them, for their consideration, and asks that they give it a careful study; and if he is wrong, to show him the places wherein he is wrong, by historical proof or otherwise.

The Chairman recommended that there be some recognition given to his request, and it was moved and seconded that a committee of three, consisting of bookmen and Bible scholars, examine the MSS. above mentioned, and advise what should be done with them. Carried.

The Chairman announced as such committee A.T.Jones, P.T.Magan, J.O.Corliss.

Voted to adjourn to 5 P.M., even date.

G.A.Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 20, 1897.

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General Conference Committee was called 5 P.M., as per appointment. President in the chair.

After prayer, minutes were read and approved.

Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Evans, Jones, Hoopes.

The question of the salaries of the International Sabbath-school Association officers was first called up by the President. He made the statement that the Recording Secretary of the International Association had suggested that the officers be paid from the funds of the International Association. It was suggested that that would decrease the amount of funds that would go to the Foreign Mission Board, and the Committee could not see that it would be any particular advantage in paying the officers from these funds. At this the question was dropped.

The Chairman then read an appeal from Elder Russell, of the Oklahoma Conference, in which he requests that Elder J.T.Boettcher attend their camp-meeting in October. This brought up the matter of who should pay those ministers who attend the camp-meetings and labor principally in the interests of the colleges. Last year the General Conference paid the salary of Elder Boettcher in his work at the camp-meetings, while at the same time L.A.Hoopes was attending the camp-meetings in the interests of the college, and received his pay from the college. It was thought that, inasmuch as Elder Kauble, the President of the Faculty at Union College, was receiving his pay from

the General Conference while at the camp-meeting, that it would be right to ask Union College to pay for the labor of Elder Boettcher.

It was therefore moved and seconded, That Union College pay Elder Boettcher for his time and expense while attending camp-meetings.

During the session of the Conference Committee held at College View, in April, the question of some back tithes which the Arkansas Conference was owing to the General Conference, was considered. At that time it was decided that the President should write the Superintendent of District No. 5, and ask him to request the General Conference to make a donation of the same to the Arkansas Conference. This the Superintendent has done, and the amount is \$263.69. A motion was entertained, and passed, That the General Conference make a donation to the Arkansas Conference to the amount of the back tithe, \$263.69.

The Chairman then brought up the matter of the Vicksburg (Miss.) church. Inasmuch as L.A.Hansen has gone to Nashville, and Elder J.E. White will be gone for the summer, the Chairman thought that some one should be sent there to take charge of the work, some good man and his wife. It was stated that J.E.White thought that perhaps they could get along without some public laborer for that time; and after some discussion it was voted to leave the matter with Elders Irwin and Allee to arrange.

The next question considered was that of corresponding with men of means. Some members of the Committee thought it would be a good thing if Elder Evans could find interested men and visit them, and lay before them the situation of the cause, and do what he could to interest them in the work. It was also thought advisable that a correspondence be opened up with them in the matter of laying before them the progress of the cause in its various departments. It was thought that in this way an interest in these brethren could be revived, such as is not usually entered into by the State Conference laborers. It was not the design of this correspondence to make a plea for means.

Elder Evans gave the substance of a request made by Elder Allee, that Evans and Irwin visit District No. 2. Elder Allee felt that there was a need of reviving courage in the work in all lines in the South. After some considerable discussion, the Committee did not feel free to recommend anything definite at the present time; ~~that~~ It was thought that when the Committee meet again in July there would then be time enough to decide the question of their taking a visit to the Southern field.

Committee adjourned.

G.A.Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,
Secretary.

MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 20, 1897.

The General Conference Committee was called at 9 A.M.; President Irwin in the Chair.

Present: Elders G.A.Irwin, J.H.Morrison, Allen Moon, A.T.Jones, and I.H.Evans.

Prayer was offered by Elders Moon and Irwin.

The Chairman made a statement to the effect that inasmuch as there were some members of the Committee present, it would be well to consider some matters which have been, for convenience, compiled in the following schedule:---

1. The case of Elder V.H.Lucas (transferrance of, to Atlantic Conference).
2. The case of C.F.Curtis (see letters).
3. The case of Elder R.D.Hottel (settlement, on account of ill health).
4. The case of Elder C.L.Boyd.
5. The case of Elder W.G.Kneeland (invited to Dakota Conference).
6. The case of Elder J.T.Boettcher (money borrowed from Dakota Conference).
7. Approximate wages per week of new laborers.
8. The case of Elder W.L.Iles (see letter concerning purchase of horse and spring wagon).
9. Account of assistant for J.Christiansen (see letter).
10. Action of the Foreign Mission Board, to be approved by the General Conference Committee.
11. Letter from Elder A.Moon, concerning licenses.
12. Report of Elder A.T.Jones, on Manitoba.
13. Report of Elder W.C.White (see last minutes).
14. Expense of publishing the "General Conference Bulletin;" should the Foreign Mission Board be asked to stand part of it?
15. Educational matters; what has become of the educational journal? Etc.
16. Files of our books and periodicals for schools.
17. Editor for "Youth's Instructor" be to appointed.
18. Special Testimonies; shall we have the numbers out of print reissued?
19. Does the General Conference donate the tracts used by the workers in the field?
20. Names to be considered,---persons workers for Conference, holding no papers: W.L.Bird, licentiate; Mrs.H.P. Booth, Bible worker; Maren Johansen, medical missionary; Geo.R.Drew, ship missionary; C.F.Curtis, licentiate; C.W.De Vault, licentiate.
21. Newfoundland, director for, to be appointed.
22. E.P.Auger, communication of, to General Conference.
23. Report of C.H.Abbott to General Conference.

24. Director for Montana mission, appointment of.
25. Ministerial help for Battle Creek church (request that General Conference Committee supply more help).
26. Time for fall council (Oct. 20, 1897, suggested).
27. Atlantic camp-meeting, August 13-19, wants Jones, Irwin.
28. President for Atlantic Conference, ---K.C. Russell and O.P. Hollman suggested.
29. Matter of license for W.A. Wilcox, business agent of South Lancaster Academy. Holds license at present from New York Conference.
30. Help at camp-meetings, ---Texas (see letter).
31. Cablegram from O.A. Olsen.
32. International Tract Society; what disposition is to be made of it?
33. Conradi's case (with reference to some correspondence).
34. Vermont, president for, to be provided.
35. Letter from elder of Saginaw (Mich.) church, Elder. S.M. Butler.
36. Sale of brigantine "Pitcairn;" see correspondence from O.H. Jones; an answer is desired.

A statement was made that the President of the Atlantic Conference would prefer to have the action relative to Elder V.H. Lucas deferred until their annual meeting. The President had seen Elder Lucas on his recent trip to the East, and he expresses himself as having a preference that he be transferred to the Michigan Conference for several reasons, mainly because his family are all here, --- not that he had anything against the Atlantic Conference, only that it was quite far removed from his family. It was---

Moved and seconded, That the Secretary be instructed to correspond with the Michigan Conference, and see if such an arrangement can be made; if so, that he be recommended to make the Michigan Conference his field of labor. Carried.

The next item was carried as follows: That the Conference settle with Brother C.F. Curtis up to the present time, and that from henceforth he labor on the self-supporting plan.

In the case of Elder R.D. Hottel, it was voted to allow expenses and twelve dollars per week, subject to the action of the Auditing Committee at the time of their meeting.

The case of Elder C.L. Boyd was deferred until after the Summer School.

Question No. 5: It was recommended that Elder W.G. Kneeland go to the Dakota Conference, at the request of Elder N.P. Nelson.

The question with reference to Elder J.T. Boettcher was concerning the sixty dollars that Elder N.P. Nelson had given him to assist in general expenses this summer. Voted, That the General Conference pay it to the Dakota Conference.

Question 7 was left to the President and Secretary to arrange, according to the wages received by similar laborers.

Question 8 was relative to the Conference giving a note of fifty dollars for a horse and spring wagon. Voted, That Elder W.L. Iles buy a rig and use as in needed, and when it becomes necessary, sell the same, and if there is any loss, charge the difference up to expense account.

Question 9: A letter from J. Christiansen was read, requesting that Brother Albert Ornell be retained on the New York Harbor boat. Voted, That Albert Ornell be retained on boat "Sentinel," and be allowed six dollars per week.

Question 10 was relative to some proceedings of the Foreign Mission Board which were to be approved by the General Conference Committee. The proceeding in question was the selection of Elder J.E. Jayne as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. It was Voted, To adopt the action of the Foreign Mission Board with reference to the Secretary.

Voted, To grant the request of the Foreign Mission Board in question 11; that is, that Ministerial Licenses be given E. Bambridge and A. Drollet. (See minutes of General Conference, College View, Nebr., March 7, 1897; and "General Conference Bulletin," Vol. 2, No. 1, p. 66, last column.)

In answer to question 12, Elder A.T. Jones gave a verbal report of what he was requested to do by the Committee in a former meeting. The report was, in substance, as follows:---

Elder Jones had advised that E.H. Huntley, who was the former canvassing agent, seek the Lord for wisdom to direct in deciding whether he follow the canvassing work or that of the ministry. Inasmuch as there were many indications that the Lord was leading in that direction, and as he had a large interest in church work in process of development which needed his attention, he felt upon to take to the ministry.

In order to supply a man to take the place in the book business Brother G.W. Sawler, a man of wide range of experience in the canvassing work in the colonies, and with a good Christian character, was chosen as the one to be recommended to the publishing house as the general book agent. By this arrangement Huntley would go to his field with his wife. This leaves a vacancy at Winnipeg in the Bible work. It was then voted by the brethren present to ask Sister Falconer to take up the Bible work, as she had been laboring more or less in the tract work. They were instructed to make the work self-supporting as far as possible; and that in cases where they called laborers to the work in that field, that they should make provisions to support them by the funds raised in the field.

Another important matter was the consideration of the city mission work at Winnipeg. It was requested by the brethren that a city mission worker and his wife be located at that place to take charge of the city mission work, and thereby enable Elder W.H. Falconer to visit the companies in the mission field. If this could be done, Elder Falconer would locate at Brandon. He stated that tent-meetings would be conducted at Winnipeg this summer.

The brethren were in debt considerably in the mission work, and to meet these emergencies collections and pledges were taken up to the amount of two hundred and twenty dollars.

They then appointed a local committee of three, to act with Elder Falconer, to manage local funds and affairs. The three men chosen to act as the committee were said to be the best men in all that region,---Brethren G.K.Kirkland, bookkeeper of a large firm in the city; Neil Mc Gill, of the French settlement; and John M.Ramsay.

They also provided for a tract depository. Brother Alex. Ritchie was appointed to look after it.

Owing to the renewed health of Sister W.H.Falconer, it was thought best that Elder Falconer remain and take curther directorship of the mission. The brethren asked for a German colporteur to be sent there to assist Brother Dirksen. Elder J.T.Boettcher recommended Brother Meyer, from Wisconsin. Then they want a Saandinavian laborer, a Norwegian, to do city mission work in the Norwegian settlement in the North. The matter of a city mission worker for Winnipeg was especially emphasized.

The following financial report from the Manitoba mission was presented by Elder A.T.Jones:---

"FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MANITOBA MISSION
for year ending June 30, 1897.

	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
Cash on hand, July 1, 1897, - - - - -	\$ 27.35	\$
Tithes:		
Winnipeg church, - - - - -	\$ 348.28	
Wakopa church, - - - - -	143.15	
Austin church, - - - - -	78.10	
Morden church, - - - - -	111.	
Roden church, - - - - -	<u>171.45</u>	851.98
Thanksgiving offerings:		
Wakopa church, - - - - -	\$ 5.	
Roden church, - - - - -	4.20	
Morden church, - - - - -	3.	
Winnipeg church, - - - - -	<u>6.95</u>	19.15
Free-will offering, - - - - -	119.70	
For Haskell Home, - - - - -	2.50	
Worthy-poor fund, - - - - -	34.67	
Sent to Haskell Home, - - - - -		2.50
Paid out to laborers, - - - - -		970.35
Paid out for poor fund, - - - - -		34.67
Paid out for expense, - - - - -		2.95
CASH ON HAND, - - - - -		<u>44.88</u>
	<u>\$ 1055.35</u>	<u>\$1055.35</u>

"Besides this, Brother J.C.Foster raised a city-mission fund to amount of about \$150.00, but of which we have received no report, and can not speak definitely.

"While we have received but \$34.67 on poor fund, yet we have found it necessary to pay out \$55.15. The balance we were obliged to borrow from the other donations. Arrangements have been made to have this replaced by regular contributions to the poor fund.

(Signed) Tillie Olds,
Treas. Manitoba mission."

Question 15 was made the special order for 2:30 P.M., at which time Professors Sutherland and Howe would meet with the Committee to consider the question of the educational journal.

Question 13: The report of Elder White reads as follows:---

"Battle Creek, Mich., July 19, 1897.

"To the General Conference Committee; and the publishers of the 'Review and Herald,' 'The Signs of the Times,' 'The Youth's Instructor,' 'The Present Truth,' etc., etc.:

"Dear Brethren:---

"For many years the publishers of our journals paid mother a given sum for each article she furnished for publication, and used by them.

"But when mother ~~wanted~~ was arranging to go to Australia, it was arranged that the General Conference should furnish suitable help to aid in preparing these articles for the papers, and also the special, and personal, Testimonies; and it was understood that the General Conference would collect from the publishers of our journals the weekly sums formerly paid to mother for her articles.

"During the last six years the General Conference has done its part in paying for the helpers, and the articles have been furnished to the journals quite regularly, and I suppose that the publishers are ready to pay the expense, if the matter is not overlooked.

"Trusting that this statement may prove to be a useful reminder, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W.C.White."

(See minutes of August 7, 1891, meeting of 6 A.M.; Aug. 8, 1891, meeting of 7:30 P.M.; and March 20, 1892, meeting of 11 A.M.)

The matter was left as a part of the minutes, to be looked after by the Secretary of the Conference.

The matter of supplying files of our publications and books for schools, was answered as follows: That we can not supply them with the files of the papers; but where we have duplicate copies of our denominational books, that we be instructed to donate them to Graysville and Keene Academies and Oakwood School, providing they can pay the freight.

Question 17 was considered at some length by all members of the Committee present. After canvassing the matter quite thoroughly, the name of Professor W.H.Me Kee was suggested, when it was voted, That, provided it meets his mind, Professor W.H.Me Kee be recommended to take the editorship of the "Youth's Instructor" when he returns in the fall with Professor Prescott.

Question 18, respecting the Special Testimonies, was laid over, for lack of information as to what was best to do in the matter.

Question 19 was answered by a "No."

In answer to Question 20, it was voted to grant Mrs.H.P.Booth Missionary Credentials, and C.W.De Vault Ministerial License.

Voted, That the Atlantic Conference be requested to assume the responsibility of paying the salary of Maren Johansen, at the time of their annual camp-meeting.

In answer to question 21, it was voted, That Elder G.E.Langdon take the management of the mission work in Newfoundland, and that Elder Hersum labor in New Brunswick.

Questions 22 and 23 were paseed, as they were simply reports of work done in the field.

Question 24 was passed, because Elder Breed will see to the appointment of a director at the time of the Montana camp-meeting.

Question 25 was quite fully discussed. The question was raised as to whether Battle Creek Church was General Conference territory for labor as well as for the tithe. As that matter had been quite fully and freely discussed pro and con at the different General Conferences, it was thought best to leave the matter rest as it is, and the General Conference go ahead with the management.

Voted, To accept for favorable consideration the invitation on the part of the church elders of the Battle Creek church, to supply help for the same.

In answer to question 26, it was voted, That the date of the fall council be set for October 17, 1897, in case the President and available members of the Committee near the time deem it advisable to hold one. Several of the members questioned the propriety of having a meeting at that time. All expressed the thought that it would be better to have a general meeting once a year; and if it could be held at that time when all the general meetings of the institutions were held here, that it would save a good deal of time and expense.

In answer to 27: Voted, To leave the matter with Elders Irwin and Jones, they to act according to their best judgment.

Elder Morrison raised the question with reference to the Michigan State meeting. He thought something should be done to meet the demands in this direction, as this was a large Conference. He also stated that Indiana wanted Elder Evans to attend the Logansport camp-meeting. Elder Allee wants Elder Evans to attend the Tennessee River Conference meetings.

The next question considered was that of providing the President for the Atlantic Conference. Pending the discussion of this question, the meeting adjourned till 2:30 P.M., even date, when the special question for that hour would be taken up.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

GEO.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 20, 1897.

The Conference met, as per appointment, at 2:30 P.M.; President in the Chair.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, and Evans; and Professors E.A. Sutherland and F.W. Howe by invitation.

Prayer by Elder Jones.

The Chairman then made a statement of the object of the meeting. He thought that some definite action should be taken at this time with reference to the educational journal. He stated that, for lack of time, after a long and tedious meeting, this question was really robbed of the due consideration that its importance demanded, and that at this time something definite should be done.

Professor Sutherland spoke as follows:- He thought that the greatest difficulty in the question was rather on how it was to be managed. He thought it hardly time to get before the outside world with the journal.

Professor Howe expressed that there were some very much disappointed, and have been for two years, inasmuch as they have expected that there would be an educational journal, and for some reason it has been passed by. He had written to the heads of all the schools, and had received replies from nearly all of them; and they favor having a journal of that kind, in which they could better express themselves on educational topics than through any other paper. He stated that many of them have delayed sending articles until they saw the paper. They thought that it might fall through as before. He suggested that a large, representative committee might be appointed to either take the editorial work, or as an advisory committee. He thought it would help to advertise the schools,---that one page might be devoted to the advertising of the schools in certain Districts, and when that number of copies for that District has been struck off, then put in a page that would advertise another school, for another District; and so on, thus making it a journal that would be adapted to all the schools.

When asked when it could be gotten out, replied that he thought in about three weeks; that the first number should be rather a sample of what they might expect the paper should be; then in the one that would follow, they could advertise the various schools, as above suggested.

Many ~~numerous~~ questions were raised as to the attitude that it would sustain to these different schools, and the general work.

The question was raised as to whether the "Review" would still continue their proposition to club with the "Journal." No one seemed to know of any change in their minds with reference to that matter. The plan was that the "Review" would be sent out, and the educational journal, for two dollars; or where the journal would be sent separate, it would be forty cents.

It was voted by the Committee, That we go ahead and start the journal.

The question of editorship came up for consideration. Elder Jones stated that the way the recommendation was voted before, Professor F.W.Howe associate with Professor Sutherland, and not together.

Professor Sutherland then made the statement that, owing to his press of duties, he did not feel that he would be doing his work and the cause justice by accepting the position.

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Evans, That Professor F.W.Howe take the editorship of the educational journal. Carried.

Then the question of an advisory committee was taken up and considered, when it was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elders G.A.Irwin, E.A.Sutherland, W.W.Prescott, A.F.Jones, and Dr. J.H.Kellogg, be an advisory board. Carried.

The next question considered was No. 28, the presidency of the Atlantic Conference, under consideration at the adjournment of the former meeting. After duly considering the statement of Elder Underwood, the Superintendent of the District, and the letters by Elder Jayne, the President of the Atlantic Conference, it was thought that either one of the two suggested,---Elder K.C.Russell, of Pennsylvania, or Elder C.P.Bollman, of Tennessee,---would be accepted by the Atlantic Conference. Quite a number of questions seemed to be linked with this one. Elder Evans suggested that Bollman take the Atlantic Conference, and Russell go to Vermont. Elder Moon made a statement that Elder Bicknell was rather waiting for a reply from Africa before he moves; and thinks that whatever is done should be done before camp-meeting. Elder Irwin stated that Elder Haughey, who was recommended to go to Vermont, will not go before he regains his health; so the question seems to be left open. By common consent, the whole matter was left to Elders Irwin and Jones when they arrive on the ground at the Atlantic camp-meeting.

The question of granting license to W.A.Wilcox, of South Lancaster Academy, was left the same as to teachers of other schools.

In answer to question 30: Elder Allen Moon expects to go, but wants advice. There is great need of working up the Foreign Mission funds; and it was advised by the Committee that Elder Moon make a general tour of the camp-meetings in District No. 5, for the purpose of working up the foreign mission work.

The cablegram mentioned in question No. 31 was one received from Elder O.A.Olsen, which advises that we wait for letter; and inasmuch as the letter had not reached us, it was voted, To defer until further information.

In reply to question 32, the Chairman read the responses of the various members of the Board and Conference Committee as to the advisability of moving the Tract Society to some other city outside of Battle Creek. All favored a move, but were not fully decided as to the exact location. Elder S.H.Lane had written the freest of all on the subject.

The President thought best to refer the matter to a joint meeting of the Committee and members of the Board of the International Tract Society, for further consideration. The time set for this meeting was 6:30 this evening.

Question 33 passed without any definite action. The members concurred in the position the President had taken in his statement of what he had done in the matter.

Question 34 passed.

The letter referred to in question 35 was read and considered. The Committee thought it advisable to let such matters cool down, and not stir them up any more than was necessary.

Question 36: The matter of selling the brigantine "Pitcairn" was next considered. The President read letters from C.H. Jones which he had received, and answers he had made thereto; and it was seen that we could not get for the "Pitcairn" more than one-half what it would cost to build another ship suitable for our work. After some discussion, it was thought that it was best not to sell it.

There were some matters left undecided; but inasmuch as there were quite a number of very important matters pertaining to the financial phase of our work, it was voted, To call a meeting for the consideration of these questions at 7:30 A.M., July 21.

Moved by Elder Morrison, That Elder I.H. Evans be invited to attend both the Tennessee River Conference meetings, and the Logansport, Indiana, camp-meeting. Carried.

Voted, To adjourn until 6:30, even date, and call a joint meeting of the Committee and members of the International Tract Society Board.

L.A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 20, 1897.

The Special committee, consisting of the General Conference Committee, and members of the International Tract Society Board, was called at 6:30 P.M., July 20, 1897, as per appointment; but owing to the absence of some of the members of the Tract Society Board, it was decided to adjourn to 8 A.M. The Conference Committee then concluded to hold a meeting, to consider some matters which were left over.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, and Evans.

Prayer by Elder Evans.

The question of granting license to L.A.Spring was first considered. After some discussion, it was moved, and carried, That he be granted license by the General Conference, if Colorado does not renew his papers.

The next question was that of C.D.Wolf, a brother who had been advised to do special work by Elder Smith Sharp, in Kentucky. The Chairman made a statement that he had written to Elder Allee and others about this case, and that, considering the circumstances under which we are laboring at present, and inasmuch as Brother Wolf was an excellent canvasser, that it would be well for him to continue in that line of work. The Committee then voted, That C.D.Wolf be recommended to take up the canvassing work again.

Elder Moon then spoke quite lengthily on the financial prospect of our work, especially that relative to the foreign mission funds. What he desired most of all was that there might be a plan whereby there would be cooperation in raising funds for the needs of all our various general enterprises. He felt that it would be useless for one organization to go into the field alone; that there should be cooperation. At this juncture Elder W.C.White, who had come into the meeting, spoke as follows: We have to get at the hearts of our people, and the way that this can most effectually be done is through the words of the missionaries. The "Home Missionary" should be transferred to the seat of operation without a moment's delay. The editor should give at least a monthly review of the whole field. Letters from the laborers in the field should be inserted. While we should not insert their mistakes in grammar, yet they should be edited in such a way as not to destroy the individuality of the laborer. Then letters should be sent out to churches on the first-day offering plan, and find out what success has come from the plan.

Elder Moon spoke again as follows: That some of the brethren in the field object to the first-day offerings, on the ground that the text that is usually cited applies to the poor saints at Jerusalem, and therefore refuse to pay any first-day offerings.

Elder Irwin suggested that there will be some who will oppose every plan. He thought that all should labor earnestly to work on all these lines. Elder W.S.Hyatt, the President of the Kansas Conference, was cited as one who was instructing his Conference on the broad plan. He felt perfectly free to go there and lay before his members any plan we had, and get all the help he could. As a result, he sees the work coming up in that Conference. He stated that the tithes this year, for corresponding quarters, had increased over three thousand dollars from what the amount was last year. He felt that where the brethren were laboring on that principle, and not dwelling so much on this State's-rights idea, there was a coming up on all these subjects. He felt that the first-day offering depends largely upon the librarian of the church. If a good live librarian can be secured, then the first-day offerings usually rise; in fact, all the enterprises of the church.

At this juncture Elder Lane came into the meeting, and was asked by Elder Moon if he had any light on the subject of foreign mission offerings. He replied that it was usually hard to obtain

the first-day offering on Sunday, inasmuch as the brethren are called upon about every Sabbath to give a missionary offering. If the brethren met on Sunday, it might not be so difficult; but inasmuch as they do not, they have usually given about all they have the day before.

Elder Moon suggested that the following plan be considered. It is as follows: That the librarians provide envelopes for the first-day offerings, and that these be distributed regularly each Sabbath to the members for their first-day offerings the next day, so that their offerings may be brought the next Sabbath to be collected. He thought this plan would work well. The most essential thing needed is to have a regular plan. He thought that sooner or later we would have to abolish the annual offerings; that the box plan of collecting first-day offerings is a complete failure.

Elder White thought that it was not a complete failure, for it was the means of obtaining something; and that, if it were dropped, there might be considerable difficulty in getting some who are making a regular practise of the plan, to adopt the new plan.

Elder Moon stated that in Minnesota they had dropped the first-day offerings, and took up every second Sabbath a foreign mission collection; and that it was more than double what it ever had been before. He then stated that he had a talk with the Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Association. The Secretary stated that they had worked on a plan similar to what we have, and they soon incurred a debt of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. They managed in some way to meet the indebtedness, and then adopted the plan of a weekly offering, and with excellent results. They deem it necessary to have the matter placed before their people weekly.

Elder Jones stated that the thing to do was to get the librarians all over the country to do missionary work, again. The librarians and secretaries of our tract societies have figured on the canvassing work and the percentages so long that they have lost track of the missionary work; and now it is essential that we get them to doing missionary work again, and turn the canvassing work over to the publishing houses, where it belongs.

The Committee then spent some time in considering the following questions which Elder W.C.White had submitted for the consideration of the Committee:---

First, "What is the attitude of this Committee toward students who may be sent to Battle Creek for special education, by foreign Conferences?" No member present seemed to have any light on the question, as they hardly knew what it implied.

The second question: "What funds do you have placed in your hands or within your reach, for the benefit of such, and who administers these funds?" The Chairman replied that he did not know that there was such a fund; and so likewise did several others of the Committee. Elder White, who was present, was asked what he meant by the question. He stated that he was knowing to the fact that such a fund was in existence, and was surprised that the Committee did not know it. Several of the members replied, How could we use such a fund, when there was nothing in it; that if there was

a credit to such a fund, and yet no money in the treasury, how could it be used, if it were needed ever so badly? Then Brother White asked, What would you do with the fifteen hundred dollars that is in the Review and Herald, which was especially set apart for the purpose of assisting in the education of foreign students? The question was raised, How was such a fund created? Elder White replied that he was known to the fact that his mother, before her departure to Australia, and Elder Smith, and perhaps one or two others that he knew, consecrated the royalties on their foreign books to such a fund; and he was recently informed by the President of the Review and Herald that it had accumulated to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars. He suggested that the latter should be locked into. The question was raised by several members of the Committee, How was this fund to be disbursed? Elder White did not know definitely, but thought that it was at the disposal of the General Conference Committee.

The next question was, "What is your policy of plans regarding church, Sabbath-school, and mission song-books? Who owns our present song book? and to what are the profits on this work applied?" It was the general opinion of the Committee that the hymn book belonged to the General Conference. Elder White replied, that from a statement that he had received from the President of the Review and Herald, there was a different understanding from that,---that it had been sold to them by the General Conference Association. The Committee thought this was a question worthy of investigation.

The next question proposed by Brother White was, "With whom rests the responsibility of getting out new works in foreign languages, and of making corrections in those which are very faulty?" This question had some complications; in some instances it would rest with the author; in others, it would rest with the author and the ones publishing it, either the General Conference Association, or the publishing houses, or whoever is the publisher.

Question 5 is, "Is it your plan to publish in the next number of the 'General Conference Bulletin' statements regarding the reorganization of the Sanitarium; and the facts regarding the charges of A.R. Henry against the General Conference Association?" The reply to this question was, "No."

Adjourned to 8 A.M., July 21, 1897.

L.A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

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MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 22, 1897.

General Conference Committee called to order at 4 P.M.;
President in the Chair.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Moon, and Jones.

Prayer by Elder J.H.Morrison.

Professor F.W.Howe was invited to meet with the Committee to state his case, which was as follows: Before he left California he had written to Elder Irwin, stating that in a short time the street commissioners were about to open up a street which would pass through his house, and that something must be done immediately, as he did not care to rent another house. The circumstances were rather peculiar. It will be remembered that Professor Howe had been asked to take the assistant editorship of the "Christian Educator," but for some reason the matter had been postponed until later developments. Under these circumstances, the advice that Elder Irwin would give would be simply counsel in the matter. He wired Brother Howe to come on. Professor Howe desires to know what attitude the Conference would take toward his moving expenses and the fare of his wife. In reply to this, the Committee thought that had he been invited by the Committee to do a work for the General Conference, they would be under obligations to meet his expenses; but this was a case where it was hardly settled at the time just what should be done; that it was merely a matter of convenience for Professor Howe. The Committee did not feel free to assume the responsibilities of allowing the entire expense of moving his household effects, or the transportation of his wife. They advised that these matters be left with the auditing committee to settle. It was Voted, That the transportation or traveling expenses of Professor Howe from Healdsburg, Cal., to Battle Creek, Mich., be allowed. This applied to his personal transportation.

Professor Howe raised the query about the incidental supplies for the educational journal. The Chairman replied that this could be arranged for through the Secretary of the General Conference.

Brother T.Valentiner came before the Committee to lay before them a burden that had rested quite heavily on his mind, relative to the German paper and German work. It was, in substance, as follows: That as there was talk of moving the office of the International Tract Society from Battle Creek to some other city, would it not be a good thing to move the office of the German paper to some city like Cincinnati or New York, where there are a good many Germans, and carry on the work from that standpoint? He thought there would be a better opportunity to labor among the Germans, and that it would have a tendency to cause the German people to rally to the support of the German work. Instead of centering everything in Battle Creek, it would be making a center in another city. When asked if he thought it could be made self-sustaining, he replied that he thought it could. The question was left with the Committee to Consider.

Next, the President and the Superintendent of the Review and Herald came in to make a statement concerning the cut in salaries of Review and Herald laborers. He wished that a joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the Review and Herald managers could be held. It was suggested that 10 o'clock Sunday morning be the time, which was accepted.

The minutes of all the Committee meetings held on and since July 20 were then read and approved.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 26, 1897.

At a meeting of the General Conference Committee at 9 A.M., the question of having a committee look over the MSS. of Professor Bell's Language Series, No. 4, was considered. It was voted, To send for MSS., and at a meeting afterwards to be appointed by the Chair, the entire Committee present would consider the MSS.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 27, 1897.

General Conference Committee called at 8 A.M.; President Irwin in the Chair.

Present: Elders Irwin, Moon, Morrison, Jones, and Evans.

After prayer, the first item of business considered was a letter from B.R. Nordyke, of Kansas City, Mo., requesting that a license be given to S.C. Osborne, who is appointed as district general canvassing agent for District No. 5. It was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Jones, That he be granted Ministerial License. Carried.

The Chairman then read a letter from Elder Eugene Leland, the President of the Quebec Conference. In the letter he gave a brief report of the standing of the work in that Conference. He shows that the Conference is in a very straitened condition financially, as some of the laborers have not been paid for two years; that Brother Goodrich had not received his pay for the year past. While he felt that the General Conference was in such a close condition financially, and therefore did not feel clear to ask them to render any assistance at this time, yet he had one request to make, if they could grant it; viz., to relieve the Quebec Conference of the payment of the back tithes which they are owing the General Conference

Some members of the Committee expressed themselves that there was no wonder that they were in close circumstances, when they learned that the tithes had been withheld. But, taking matters into consideration as they stand, it was voted, To donate to the Quebec Conference their back delinquent tithes.

Professor F.W. Howe had written a letter to the Committee, in which he makes a statement of his financial matters relative to his moving from Battle Creek to Healdsburg, and from Healdsburg to Battle Creek. It was his understanding that when he moved from Battle Creek to Healdsburg, that he was to have no further trouble about the expense of moving. This included the transportation of himself and wife and freight expenses on household goods. He added, however, that when he arrived at Healdsburg, there was a forty-dollar charge on the goods that he had never recovered. He gave a brief statement of the items of expense in both transportation and freight charges for himself and wife and household effects. The entire amount of expenses ran up to over two hundred and eighty dollars. After considerable discussion of the question, as to the merits involved in the matter, it was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Jones, That Professor Howe's expenses, minus freight of piano, sleeping-cay expense, and the fifteen-dollar loan which the Pacific Press had charged in its statement, be allowed. The motion prevailed.

Professor Howe's letter further expressed a desire that he might know what his weekly allowance would be, so that he might know how to arrange his affairs accordingly. Moved and seconded, That the rate of fourteen dollars per week be allowed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to 6 P.M., even date.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

J. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 27, 1897.

Conference Committee met as per appointment, 6 P.M.; President Itwin in the Chair.

Present: Elders Irwin, Moon, Morrison, Jones, Evans; and also brethren G.W. Amadon and P.T. Magan, by request of the Committee.

After prayer, Professor Magan made a brief statement of the object he and Brother Amadon had in meeting with the Committee. It was to speak concerning the memorial which the church committee had presented to the General Conference some few days ago. They were not aware that the Committee had already acted on the question. Their principal concern was to make a plea for a man who was a good organizer, and who could lead out in the church and schurb-school work. What was needed was a man who was preeminently a leader. Reference was made to a statement that Sister E.G. White had made with reference to the work in the Battle Creek church,---that the General Conference should supply a man for the place, and his connection with the work should be limited say eight or ten months. When asked what person they had in mind, there were two or three names suggested. They wanted the best man that could be supplied. The names suggested, however, were not accessible; when some one proposed that Elder A.F. Ballenger be requested to take the place. The Chairman thought that it would be quite out of the question, as he was already quite closely connected with the "Sentinel" work; and he did not see how he could be released therefrom. It was decided, however, to have a talk with Elder Ballenger, and see how he felt about it. Elders Moon and Jones thought that arrangements could be made, so that he could be relieved from the "Sentinel" office until the first of January, and still retain his Secretaryship of the International Religious Liberty Association.

The question of filling the vacancy of the Foreign Mission Board, and also of the work of Elder O.A. Olsen, were next considered. A motion prevailed to recommend that the Foreign Mission Board permit Elder O.A. Olsen to remain in Europe after the time of the organization of the European Union Conference, and that he be burdened no further with the affairs in Africa.

The question of supplying a man for South Africa was also considered. The name of Elder S.H. Lane, the President of the Illinois Conference, was suggested for that field, when it was moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Evans, That Brother S.H. Lane be invited to consider favorably the idea of going to South Africa. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to 7:30 A.M., July 28.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 28, 1897.

The General Conference Committee met as per appointment, at 7:30 A.M.; President Irwin in the Chair.

Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, and Evans.

Prayer by Elder Jones.

The Chairman read a telegram from C.H.Jones, asking if we would rent the brigantine "Pitcairn" two months for two thousand dollars. The different members of the Committee expressed themselves that they were willing to rent it, if they were positive that it was in good hands, and that the parties renting it would make good all damages, or insure it. Inasmuch as the telegram asked for an answer immediately, the following motion prevailed: That the words "Use your judgment; we favor, under safe conditions," signed "Conference Committee," be telegraphed to C.H.Jones, Oakland, Cal.

Following this, the minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and approved. It was---

Voted, That N.Z.Town and wife, and Mrs.F.H.Westphal, who are laboring in Argentina, be granted Missionary Credentials.

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Evans, That Elder W.S.Hyatt, the President of the Kansas Conference, be asked to take the place as a member of the Foreign Mission Board made vacant by the resignation of Elder F.M.Wilcox. Carried.

Elder Evans gave in substance a letter he had received from G.W.Morse, the manager of the Toronto Publishing House, in which he requests that the General Conference either pay the salaries of all the general agents and manager of the office, or else give them the privilege of collecting all the donations from Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces, outside of the tithes. It was moved and supported, That the General Conference Committee do not feel free to grant Brother Morse's request. Carried.

Elder Morrison requested that Elder A.T.Jones attend the Illinois camp-meeting at Forrest. A motion was made, and not seconded, to leave the matter with the Superintendent of the District, and Elders Irwin and Jones.

Meeting adjourned to 11:30 A.M., even date.

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Secretary.

GEO.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., July 28, '97.

The General Conference Committee met 11:30 A.M.; President Irwin in the Chair. Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, and Evans. Prayer by Elder Moon. Minutes read and approved.

Elder Moon reported his conference with Elder A.F. Ballenger concerning his work in connection with the Battle Creek Church. He reported favorably, and thought that Brother Ballenger's work with the "Sentinel" office and International Religious Liberty Ass'n could be arranged in such a way that would permit him to take up the work in Battle Creek until the first of January, 1898. It was therefore moved and supported, That Elder A.F. Ballenger be invited to take up work in the Battle Creek Church. Carried.

Elder Moon raised the following general question respecting the attitude of the General Conference toward the persons who are in foreign fields who are on the list of nurses recommended by the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Ass'n. It was voted, To grant Missionary Credentials to all medical missionaries and missionary nurses in foreign fields who are employed by the Foreign Mission Board.

Meeting adjourned.

L.A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 28, 1897.

The meeting was called at 5:30 P.M., to consider a telegram received from C.H. Jones, relative to the brigantine "Pitcairn." Elders White and E.H. Gates were invited to meet with the Committee for the consideration of this subject. The telegram read as follows: "Pitcairn getting old. Not suitable at best. Better boat can be built for same money. Council favor unanimously selling for ten thousand cash. Unfavorable to lease. Answer to-day. C.H. Jones." A number of telegrams have passed backward and forward over the lines, and also letters pertaining to the same. It was the united opinion of Elder Gates and Elder White that the "Pitcairn" was a very uncomfortable vessel to sail in, and that she was getting less valuable each year. They were surprised that ten thousand dollars had been offered for her. It was their personal opinion that we should sell the "Pitcairn," as they were quite confident that a better vessel could be built for the same money. The Committee thought that, in case the ship is sold, negotiations for a new ship should be entered into at once. It was voted that the following telegram should be sent: "Let her go, ten thousand cash. Prepare to build another with same money. Conference Committee."

Elder Moon brought to the minds of the Committee a former appointment by the Foreign Mission Board that John (Johannes) Lipke, of Kansas City, Mo., be recommended to go as a teacher to Brazil, South America. The Committee voted to reaffirm the appointment.

Adjourned.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

GEO.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 5, 1897.

The President of the General Conference called, at 8 A.M., a meeting of the members of the General Conference Committee present, together with Elders J.N.Loughborough, W.C.White, and L.A.Hoopes, to consider matters contained in a letter written by W.C.White to the General Conference Committee.

Elder W.C.White led in prayer.

The first question considered,---which was outside of the letter,---was in reference to the educational fund that was created by the royalties on certain foreign books. Elder White brought before the Committee the case of a young lady by the name of Lelia Harker, who came over from New Zealand to take the Nurses' course. He stated that she and her sister both have money which was loaned them by churches in New Zealand. At the present time she desires to return home, and expected that the money for her transportation would come on the August boat; but as yet it has not arrived. Elder White stated that he had made several attempts to borrow the money, but had not succeeded; and inasmuch as she is desirous of going with a lady friend who expects to sail soon, she would like a loan of twenty-five pounds sterling, which would be about \$121.50. Elder White suggested that it be borrowed from the educational fund, which is in charge of the Review and Herald. Elder W. felt quite sure that there is about fifteen hundred dollars now in that fund. This, he thinks, is due from Elder Smith's foreign books, the royalties on which he turned over to the General Conference Committee to administer. The royalties that came from Sister White's books she chose rather to administer herself. It was moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Evans, That the one hundred and twenty-one and one-half dollars be loaned from the educational fund to Lelia Harker to enable her to get to her home in New Zealand. Carried.

The Chairman then called up the case of John S. Reekie, a student from Australia who had been recommended by Elder O.A.Olsen to take a course in the medical school at this place. The Chairman desired to know whether it was the mind of the Committee to let him draw from this educational fund, and continue another year. Elder White suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the matter and council with the student and those in charge of the school as to the advisability of loaning him money. Elder Irwin thought that the General Conference Committee should be the custodian of the

fund, and then let the Secretary disburse the fund, and keep track of all such transactions. Elder White suggested that he would prefer to see a member of the Medical missionary school to be a member of the Committee, to O.K. all bills of students who have borrowed from the fund. That would prove a benefit in several ways.

Elder Evans moved, and Elder Jones seconded, That we continue the tuition of Brother J.S.Reekie for another year. Carried.

Some precautions were suggested as to the care and management of this fund by the Secretary of the General Conference Committee. It was thought that a full record of the fund should be on the books of the Treasurer, and that the Secretary should keep an accurate account of all the transactions between the Committee and students who borrow from the fund, so that at any time the Committee will be able to turn to the records of the Conference and see what had been done in any particular case.

Next followed the consideration of some items in the communication of W.C.White given to the General Conference Committee July 19. The Chairman read the communication to the Committee. The first item considered, reads as follows:---

"In the Battle Creek church, there has been for some time a committee to plan and encourage members who desire to move away from missionary considerations. This committee has labored earnestly and hard, and has done some good work, but its efforts have accomplished only a small part of what it seems that they ought. Why is this?

"The work undertaken is difficult, and delicate, and there can be but little hope for permanent and satisfactory results, unless the matter is wisely managed, and steadily and earnestly prosecuted. It is of little use to say to people, Go," unless they see something to go to, and some means of going. Therefore, we can not be too earnest and diligent in educating and training men and women in economical ways and in self-supporting lines of work.

"Further than this, it appears very evident to some, that this movement should be general, and not local; that it should be promoted by the General Conference Committee, and that its work should have a place in the 'Review.'" Thus the work would take the rank of a missionary effort, rather than an unsystematic effort to 'shoo away' a few from Battle Creek."

In reply, Elder Jones thought that the Committee might be able to answer the question that was asked at the end of the first paragraph; and then he briefly rehearsed an effort that he had put forth in the past, somewhere about 1893, at which time a regular and systematic effort was put forth to have people move out from Battle Creek. He spoke of the effort the Sanitarium had made in training men and women to do efficient work wherever they were. He spoke of his own sermons he had preached on the subject, and felt that it was due to the Testimonies that were read at that time that the movement had started. And when he was off in the South somewhere, a Testimony came from Sister White and was read in the church. He did not feel like blaming ~~him~~ or questioning the Testimony, or saying that that was the cause of the movement stopping; but it did stop, and it seemed to be so directly opposite to the work that he

was doing that he considered that the Lord took the matter out of his hands. There were about one hundred and fifty, or nearly that number, who were receiving training and instruction at the Sanitarium and other institutions, preparatory to leaving. It was in a very favorable time in the year,---about February. Elder Jones said that just at this present time he does not feel any particular burden in that direction; yet he believes in the Testimonies that were given before relative to this place, and thinks the time is a great deal nearer than then when those things will be surely fulfilled.

Elder Irwin thought that great caution should be exercised in such matters, as there are always large numbers of "hangers-on" who are ready to go, ~~upon~~ if there is anything to send them. Oftentimes these are just the ones not wanted in the mission fields. He thinks that the work should be systematic. Elder White suggested that it should be a general committee instead of a local one. The Chairman thought that there should also be a general committee, and they could confer with the local committee.

The next question was with reference to the appointing of a business agent in each mission field. Elder White's proposition reads as follows: "It seems to me that the message to us that it would be well to appoint a business agent in each field, applies with double force to this (the Southern) field." As the attention is called directly to the Southern field, he spoke at some length, and suggested that there should be an advisory committee to associate with the Superintendent of that District; that they should not ignore the Superintendent, but work through him; and if anything was done, there should be a committee, two or more, to advise with him with reference to the business in that mission field.

The question of obtaining donations of books from the Review and Herald, the Pacific Press, and Foreign Mission Board, and from the Sanitarium Health food Co. some health foods, to be used in the South, was considered at this time. Elder White raised the question if there was a general plan in operation by which we felt confident that they could dispose of such articles, if received. Elder Irwin stated that there was, and that already the Review and Herald, the Pacific Press, and the Foreign Mission Board, have made contributions for the purpose of assisting the laborers in the South. The Committee deemed it advisable that more definite action be taken in the case, when they passed the following preamble and resolutions:---

Whereas, The prevailing hard times have made it ~~nammas~~ very difficult for the General Conference to properly meet the increasing demands, and imperative necessities, of our missionaries in the Southern States; therefore,---

We request the Review and Herald, the Pacific Press, and the Foreign Mission Board, to make us large donations of books and other publications, such as can be used in the South, for the support of our missionaries; and that the Sanitarium Health Food Company be requested to make a donation of foods, to be used in the same field.

Voted, That Elders I.H. Evans and W.C. White confer with the Review and Herald, Pacific Press, and Foreign Mission Board, presenting the request of the Committee, and ascertain what can be done along this line.

Elder Evans brought up the question of wills to the General Conference Association. He said it had been the studied plan of brethren Lindsay and Edwards to advise the brethren throughout the field to appoint certain parties as trustees, instead of making wills. He stated he was known to a case of this kind where nothing has come to the General Conference Association, and thought that it should be looked into.

Meeting adjourned.

GEO. AIRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., August 2, 1897.

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August 2, 1897, 8 A.M. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Jones, Evans, Moon.

Inasmuch as we are close pressed for means, we therefore request that the Review and Herald Publishing Co. take the financial responsibility of publishing the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR, with the exception of paying the salary of the editor. Carried.

Geo. A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 23, 1897.

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Meeting of the General Conference Committee called at 8:30 A.M. President Irwin in the chair.

Members present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Evans, and Jones.

Before prayer, the Chairman read a late testimony to ministers, written August 12, 1897. It was a very stirring article, and demanded that much attention be given to the immediate work for this time. Attention was called to the Testimonies that were given for 1897; that in consequence of many in responsible positions failing to lead out in the work, the Lord has used, comparatively speaking, boys to do the work; that the thing for us to do now is to arouse and go to work, and not stand to one side and criticise those who are engaged in the work.

After an earnest season of prayer, the Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the list of items compiled by the Secretary for consideration.

The first item was with reference to the moving expense of C.L. Taylor, from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to California. After some of the correspondence on this subject had been read, it was moved and seconded that we express ourselves that the General Conference Committee does not see how it is responsible in the matter of his going to California, and therefore do not see their way clear to pay the moving expense or any part thereof. Carried.

Voted to approve the action of the President in sending \$20.00 to assist in the school work at Hildebrand, N.C.

The next question considered was help for Sister E.G. White, of Australia. The Chairman read a letter from Sister W., in which she states her request that her son, W.C. White, and Sister Sarah Peck, of South Africa, be permitted to assist her in getting out her various and numerous communications. A motion prevailed to ask Elder O.A. Olsen to arrange for Sister Sarah Peck to go at once to assist Sister White in her work, and that he arrange for some one to take her place in the South African school.

The next matter considered was the report of Elder Jones relative to the action of the Colorado Conference receiving the territory of New Mexico and its laborers. The report was as follows: At the annual business meeting of the Colorado Conference there was present Elder R.M. Kilgore, the Superintendent of the District, together with Elders A.T. Jones and Allen Moon, members of the General Conference Committee. The request of the General Conference Committee was presented to the Colorado Conference, and after the reasons for the request were stated, the territory with its workers was agreeably taken as a part of that Conference, for their future direction, said action to go into effect September 15, 1897.

A motion was made and seconded that the Committee accept the action of the Colorado Conference in taking the New Mexico territory and laborers, at the request of the General Conference Committee. Carried.

The next item considered was that of the request of B.G. Warnick, who desires to work for the General Conference. A motion prevailed to appoint Elders I.H. Evans, J.H. Morrison, and A.T. Jones as a committee to call on Elder Warnick, and ascertain his desires relative to his future work, and report to the Committee.

The next matter considered was the case of Brother E.P. Auger. Elder Evans stated that he had seen him while at the Milan (Tenn.) camp-meeting; and it was his opinion that he would better engage in the work as a colporteur rather than as a preacher; and his recommendation would be to give him \$15 cash and \$15 worth of books, and advise him to sell these books, and get the money from them for his own assistance; that this would be better than giving him all cash. He accordingly made a motion that he be given \$15 cash and \$15 worth of our publications for his work. This was seconded by Elder Jones, and the motion prevailed.

The matter of supplying more efficient help for the Treasurer, A.G. Adams was next called up. Brother Adams stated to the Committee that it was not more work that he wanted, but more efficient help. The statement was made that Brother Macguire has more work than he can do, and can not attend to anything else. Mr. Hartman has hardly the experience to take the responsibility that the work requires. The idea generally prevailed that it should be a man of some business ability. After casting about, it was seen that there was no available person in sight. It was by common consent left with Elder Moon to look up a man that was in the East, who can take the responsibility of Secretary of the General Conference Association, who can keep books, and act as stenographer. It was further agreed that the clerical work of the transportation business be turned over to H.E. Rogers, under the supervision of A.G. Adams.

The next order of business was pertaining to the incorporation of a Southern missionary society, including Mississippi and some territory adjoining; also the new book, "The Coming King," by J.E. White. Elder White came in before the Committee, and made some statements relative to the work that was already going forward, and also of our communications with Dr. Kellogg on the subject. In substance, he desired that there be a systematic way of doing business, in which various lines of missionary work, Christian Help work, etc., be carried on; that there be provided homes for the friendless, homes for the children, that they be not left to come up on the streets as they are in the cities of the South; that schools be provided for them; that the Health food industry be established, and any other line of philanthropic work for the uplifting of the colored people. He thought there would be no difficulty in getting funds of such men as Rockefeller and others of that class, to help in such an enterprise. He stated that it was designed to provide small homes for families of children. After he had spoken of his plans in some previous lectures he had had with his stereopticon, he stated that each of three different persons had offered to purchase and supply such a home. Brother White stated that it was not the desire to get off in a corner and work on an independent line, but he desired to be recognized by the General Conference; that the

work be put on a self-supporting basis.

The Committee spent some time on the consideration of the question, when it was voted that, inasmuch as Dr. J. H. Kellogg's name was brought in, the Chair appoint a committee of two to act with himself, to interview the Doctor and investigate the question, and report. The Chair named as such committee Elders A. T. Jones and L. A. Hoopes.

The matter of providing an editor for the religious liberty journal for Canada was next brought up. It was thought that there would be about \$2000 to raise in order to establish a monthly journal with an edition of two thousand copies. Elder Evans thought that, although we are in close circumstances financially, yet we should not think of stopping our work; but that we should take hold of this matter as a purely missionary enterprise. We could not reasonably expect that the people of Canada would support the paper, only the subscriptions that would be taken. He thought we could calculate on \$300 perhaps, and all the rest that we got there would be the subscriptions that canvassers would take outside. The International Religious Liberty Association offered to give \$500 toward it. If we get \$300 from Canada, and if the Michigan Conference would assist some---he thought they would---that would leave about \$1100, or the cost of the editorial work, for the General Conference to carry.

The matter of supplying an editor was where the Committee had to stop, as there was no man in sight.

The next thing in order, the Chairman read a communication from the Review and Herald Board relative to the editorship of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. The Board did not feel like employing two editors. The Committee thought best to defer action in the matter until a joint meeting could be called with the Review and Herald Board.

The question of supplying help for Mrs. S. M. I. Henry was also called up, pending the consideration of which the meeting adjourned to two o'clock, even date.

G. A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L. A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 23, 1897.

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Conference Committee called at 2:30 P.M., September 23.
President in the chair.

Members present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, Evans.

Prayer was offered by Elder A.T. Jones. Minutes were read and approved.

The first question considered was that of supplying help for Mrs. S.M.I. Henry. There was some question in the minds of the Committee as to the propriety of supplying her with a traveling stenographer, inasmuch as the policy has been thus far to furnish no traveling stenographers for any of the members of the General Conference Committee.

Voted that, inasmuch as she has made a request that a stenographer be supplied her in her travels, we supply her with one at Toronto and Buffalo; but that we lay before her the necessity for economy on account of our financial condition, and inform her that we can not consistently furnish a stenographer to travel with her, on account of the expense, but will furnish one to do her writing at home. It was thought best for the Chairman to have a talk with her, and lay the matter before her, as suggested by the Committee.

The next was the consideration of the request of H.M. Lawson, who desires to be recognized as a laborer. The Committee decided to ask him in to state his case before the Committee.

At 3 P.M. the Committee took a recess, to meet with the Battle Creek church elders. The object of this meeting was to consider the plan of the church in redistricting the church territory, and the manner in which the several officers should be chosen. The church territory has been divided into twelve districts, instead of sixteen as formerly. It was also been decided by the church to have an elder and a deacon selected and ordained for each district, and that three elders and three deacons at large be elected. The church at large has appointed a nominating committee for the officers at large, while the several districts will appoint a nominating committee for the officers of their respective district, who shall report to the general body, inasmuch as they are to be officers of the whole church. These district committees have the privilege of going outside of their districts for officers. Of course it will be necessary for them to consult with the nominees, as they may be nominated by a committee from one of the other districts.

The question of pastership, and the pastor's relation to the church board, was quite fully discussed. It seemed to be the opinion of some that he should be the chairman of the board, and of others that he should not, inasmuch as he may be a man that will be called away by other duties, and will not have the opportunity to meet with the board as frequently as its duties demand.

Pending the discussion of this, the real spiritual work and the message for this time was brought up, and spoken to by quite a number in the meeting. Elder A.F. Ballenger gave quite an interesting account of his experience this summer in camp-meetings. Professor P.T. Magan also related some interesting experiences he had had; others also related similar experiences. There was quite a free spirit in the meeting.

After the adjournment of the joint meeting, the Conference Committee met.

The first thing considered was the matter of supplying lessons in the Greek and the Latin to our various schools. The Secretary was called upon to state the object of this question, which was substantially as follows: That the lessons, which are being prepared by Professor E.D. Kirby, be printed; and inasmuch as the teachers of other schools are not familiar with them, they would not feel free to go ahead and go to the expense of providing them; and it was thought that perhaps the General Conference Committee would feel free to supply these lessons, with the view of securing criticisms from the several teachers, which would enable a committee chosen for that purpose, to prepare a text-book on the subject. There will be the matter of expense of furnishing the lessons, and mailing them to these teachers.

The general impression that prevailed on the Committee was that sample lessons be sent the teachers in these various departments, but that they be recommended to prepare lessons for themselves, with the idea that at the end of the year, notes are to be compared, with the view of preparing a text-book on the subject.

The Chairman next called up the question, "Where shall the Sabbath-school donations for the first six months of 1898 go?"

The President of the Foreign Mission Board stated that he had something to say on that question. He felt that the difficulty hitherto has been, and is now in existence, that we are starting more missions than we have the funds to carry forward; and until we can get caught up, the funds would better be turned to the support of some important missions that are already established; and he felt that the Sabbath-school donations should go there, instead of starting new missions.

Elder Jones moved that the Sabbath-school offerings for the first half of 1898 go to the Foreign Mission Board, to carry on its operations. This was seconded by Moon and Morrison, and was carried.

It was suggested that the Secretary, when he notifies the International Sabbath-school Association of the above action, make the statement of the nature of the offering, and that they can only be used for the special field to which they are given. But now as the Foreign Mission Board has charge of the entire foreign mission field, and they are in need of the funds, it was thought best to have the funds go there, to be used in the most needy mission field. It was also suggested that Elder Moon write the Association on the same question.

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The next matter considered was relative to the time when the district meetings should be held. This question received a little attention, but no definite action was taken with regard to it. It was thought it was something that could be arranged later. Elder Morrison was of the opinion that it would not be wisdom to hold a general meeting in District No. 3 this fall. He felt that there were so many meetings being held, that called the laborers from the field, that it seemed as though about all their time was occupied in attending institutes, and that they should have an opportunity to remain in the field long enough to accomplish something. He did think that where there were laborers that needed to be exchanged, that matter perhaps would better come before the General Conference Committee. He cited one case in Indiana, where one laborer, Brother Roberts, desired to labor in the South. He thought that possibly an exchange could be made with some laborers in the South. This is a matter that should be brought before the General Conference Committee.

The time, place, and organization of the Southern District was not settled upon, as that was a matter that could be attended to later on.

Meeting adjourned to 8 A.M., September 24, 1897.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 23, 1897.

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There was a joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the Review and Herald Board at 7 P.M., September 23, 1897, for the purpose of considering the matter of the editorial work and the circulation of the REVIEW AND HERALD.

Elder Irwin in the chair.

Present: Irwin, Morrison, Jones, Evans, Moon, Hoopes, Sisley, Gibson, Tenney, Smith, Rhodes, Tait.

The President of the Board, W.C. Sisley, led out in a statement of what seemed to some of the members of the Board as being a sort of hindrance in the way of the circulation of the journal. He thought it advisable to call a joint meeting of the Board and Committee, and have a good, free talk over the matter. He stated that in spite of all our efforts, the subscription list is less than it was a year ago. There seems to be a lack of interest on the part of our ministers to work up an interest in the paper. The impression seems to gain ground that there is some lack in the paper itself.

Brother Tait stated substantially the same thing. He thought that there might be some reason when one of the editors was placed at the head of the church and the chairman of the College Board, all of which takes his time from the editorial work that the work demands. He thought that what the people wanted was that the real live issues for this time should be put right through the paper each week. He then called attention to some articles which have had their effect. He thought that the people were disappointed, and therefore the subscriptions dropped off.

These remarks were not designed to be criticisms, for he felt that every one connected with the paper very much desired that it should be a success. He stated that when the subscriptions were worked up, there was quite an appeal made that Elder Jones was to have a series of articles in the paper, and Professor Magan was to have a special series, and the brethren were not disappointed in these. Professor Magan's articles were extended a good deal further than what had been arranged for. There was quite a large class that were very appreciative of the efforts put forth.

Elders Tenney and Smith both said that they wanted the brethren to feel free, as they were not at all sensitive over the question.

Elder Irwin made mention of what his idea was in the spring. He felt that the paper should give the trumpet more of a certain sound.

Elder Moon called attention to the articles, that they were above the average reader, and the people were disappointed; and that that was one reason why the subscriptions dropped off. Professor Magan's articles were of a character that a certain class would appreciate, but the average reader would hardly get the force of them.

Elder Irwin stated that in a good many places there is a lack of interest in the first-page articles. He did not understand why this should exist.

Brother Sisley asked if the President could not write some short articles occasionally on the subject.

Brother Irwin replied that he had called the attention of the brethren to this question wherever he had been. He then read a recent testimony, which includes the press as well as the ministry. The thought that was specially emphasized at this time was that there should be a sanctified ministry and press.

Elder Jones thought that the editorial columns of the REVIEW have failed to contain the third angel's message for the last six years; and until that is changed, we can not expect that part of the REVIEW AND HERALD to prosper. When that is changed, there will be no difficulty in raising the subscription of the paper to 15,000, or to its limits.

Elder Tenney felt that there was very much truth in what Elder Jones had said. He was not satisfied with his own work. He found that too much of his time was outside the work of the paper. He wanted the brethren to feel perfectly free in the matter. If they think another one can do the work better than he, his place would be vacant at any time. His whole heart is in it.

Brother Gibson called the attention of the meeting to the HASKELL HOME APPEAL, a monthly journal in the interests of the Haskell Orphans' Home.

At this juncture the meeting adjourned.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 24, 1897.

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Meeting called at 8 A.M., September 24. President in the chair. Members present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, Evans.

Prayer by all members present. Minutes read and approved.

Elder Irwin desired to change the order of business, to consider a letter from the President of the Atlantic Conference, which pertains to the case of Elder V.H.Lucas. The letter states that Elder Lucas' relationship with two young ladies in that Conference has led the Conference to ask the General Conference Committee to recall him from that field.

Voted, that, in view of the course which Elder Lucas has pursued, and which several members of the Committee had some knowledge of, he be informed that it is the intention of the Committee to revoke his credentials; but that if he desires to make any defense in his case, before the Committee, he should do so, at this place, at his own expense, by Tuesday, September 28. If he does not appear, he may consider his papers revoked.

The Chairman then read a letter from Elder A.T.Robinson. His main plea is for Elder A.A.Olsen to be left to take the oversight of the work in South Africa, and that an editor be sent there to edit the SOUTH AFRICAN SENTINEL.

Elder Jones next read a letter from Sister White to Elder Tenney, in which she inquires about the settlement of Elder Haskell's account. She admonishes that the young men who have little knowledge, and less experience, in the cause, be very considerate in their treatment of the older laborers in the message.

Elder Evans brought up the matter of the account of the Rural Health Retreat, and requested that the General Conference Committee permit the General Conference Association to make the exchange of accounts with the Retreat and the California Conference; that is, the California Conference will turn their tithes to the amount of the account over to the Retreat, and then the General Conference Association would turn the money that they would otherwise have to borrow in the case, over to the General Conference treasury. A motion prevailed to grant that privilege.

The question pertaining to the editorship of the various papers was next considered, when it was moved by Moon, and seconded by Evans, that Elder A.T.Jones take the editorship of the REVIEW AND HERALD, with Elder Uriah Smith associate editor. Carried.

Elder A.T.Jones offered his resignation as editor of the AMERICAN SENTINEL, which was accepted by the following motion: That Elder Jones be relieved of the editorship of that journal. Carried.

It was moved by Evans, and seconded by Moon, that Elder G.C. Tenney be relieved of his editorship of the REVIEW AND HERALD as soon as Elder Jones can take up his work as editor. Carried.

Moved by Morrison, and seconded by Evans, that Elder G.C.Tenney be recommended to take the editorship of the SOUTH AFRICAN SENTINEL. Carried unanimously.

Elder Moon brought up the case of James Leland, to be recommended to the Foreign Mission Board to go to Argentina, South America. A motion prevailed to recommend him to that body.

Moved by Moon, and seconded by Morrison, that A.F.Ballenger take the editorship of the AMERICAN SENTINEL. After some discussion of this question, the motion prevailed.

A motion prevailed that the General Conference does not see its way clear to employ M.E.Kellogg to write for the denominational papers after January 1, 1898.

Voted to request the Ohio Conference to take B.G.Warnick as one of her laborers.

Moved by Evans, and seconded by Jones, that the week of prayer readings be published in the HOME MISSIONARY, and that the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference be the authorized agent to send out these readings throughout the world. Carried.

Voted that Irwin, Jones, and Hoopes be a committee to arrange the readings, largely from the Testimonies, for this season of prayer.

Adjourned to 2 P.M., even date.

G.A.Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 24, 1897.

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Meeting called as per announcement. President in the chair.

Prayer by Elder Morrison.

H.M.Lawson came in before the Committee to state his case, as requested. His desire was to be endowed with proper authority that would enable him to perform marriage ceremonies and to baptize. He did not have any special plea to make, and did not fully understand the rules and regulations of the body in these matters. It was clearly indicated to him by Elders Irwin and Moon that the General Conference would not grant credentials to one without first giving him an opportunity to try his gift, as a licentiate; and even if they did, they would not have the jurisdiction over the New York Conference to send him to labor there in the manner in which he had been laboring. He was advised to connect with some Conference, and settle down to regular Conference work.

After this case, Elder Irwin brought up the matter of the change of laborers in New Brunswick and Newfoundland. He gave reasons why Elder Langdon could not go as previously recommended by the Committee.

A motion prevailed to approve the action of Elders Irwin, Underwood, and Webber in the action they took in deciding that Elder Langdon take charge of the mission field in New Brunswick, and that Elder R.S.Webber go to Newfoundland instead of Elder Langdon, as previously decided by the Committee.

Moved by Jones, and seconded by Morrison, That Alex. Ritchie be granted ministerial license. Carried.

Voted that missionary credentials be granted J.L.Johnson, Nellie Patchen, Mrs.W.H.Falconer, and Mrs.J.E.White.

Elder A.F.Ballenger came in before the Committee, at which time the Committee laid before him its action pertaining to the editorship of the American Sentinel, and the work that is expected of him between now and the first of January, when he would be expected to take up his work. He felt free to take that responsibility, but desired that Elder Jones' name should appear as special contributor to that journal.

The meeting took a recess until 4 P.M., when they would meet with the Review and Herald Board.

G.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 24, 1897.

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A joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the Review and Herald Board was called at 4 P.M., September 24, 1897.

Of the members of the Review and Herald Board there were present Sisley, Tenney, Tait, Smith, Morrison, together with the members of the General Conference Committee, and A.F. Ballenger.

Prayer by Elder Ballenger.

The President stated briefly the object of the meeting, which was the announcement of the actions of the Committee in the forenoon, relative to the REVIEW AND HERALD, the AMERICAN SENTINEL, the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR, together with the editorship of the SOUTH AFRICAN SENTINEL, so as to give every one interested in the question an opportunity to offer any suggestions or remarks they chose to.

Meeting adjourned.

G.A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 26, 1897.

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Committee met at 9 A.M., September 26. President Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones.

Prayer by all present. Minutes read and approved.

The President first called the attention of the Committee to the case of G.C.Tenney. He desired to lay before the brethren some things that seemed to be barriers in his way to his going to South Africa. He would not say that he would not go, but thought that if he understood the situation better it might prove clear that he should go. He mentioned other things that seemed to him to be demanding the attention of some one, and would feel free to enter upon these,--- the matter of looking after college interests, or working in some Conference.

It was suggested by several members of the Committee that there may be openings in some of these places that would permit him to leave his family at this place, while he could attend to these matters which are close by.

The President then read a letter from Mrs.S.M.I.Henry, stating that she desired that Miss Alice Mc Kee meet her in Chicago and accompany her on the remainder of her trip. The Committee felt that the former action by the Committee should be carried out, and that the Secretary should write her, and explain the situation of the finances, and express the mind of the Committee with reference to supplying a stenographer on her trips.

Next a communication addressed to the Medical Missionary Board, by W.C.White, was read.

Elder Moon called the attention of the Committee to two indictments in Alabama, for violation of the Sunday law, and another, that of a Sabbath-keeping postmaster in Tennessee. The last-named person was charged with insubordination because he would not report on the Sabbath. The Attorney-General at Washington, hearing of this, sent word back that he had profound sympathy for a man who had such regard for his religious convictions as not to violate his conscience to report on the Sabbath. He therefore reinstated him to his office.

Elder Moon thought that, inasmuch as the Committee has taken the Secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association and made him the editor of the AMERICAN SENTINEL, a secretary should be provided. The Committee desired some time to think over the matter before making any decision.

Elder Irwin then read a letter from Elder I.E.Kimball. He desires to labor in part on the self-supporting plan; that he charge to the Conference only for the time that he actually puts in in public meetings. The Committee did not feel that they were well enough acquainted with his plans to offer anything definite. It was thought best for the President to write him for more particulars as to his plan, and that the whole matter finally be referred to the brethren at the institute to be held in District No. 2.

The President then read a letter from Elder R.D.Hottel. He desires to know whether the General Conference will release him, to permit him to connect with the Atlantic Conference. He thinks that he will be able to go to work again in November. The Committee feels free to assure him that he should feel at liberty to connect with the Atlantic Conference if such arrangement can be made.

The next thing called up was the cases of G.C.Tenney, W.B.White, and W.A.Hennig, and the presidency of the Indiana and Missouri Conferences. Elder Hennig desires to be relieved of the presidency of the Missouri Conference as soon as a man can be found for the position. Elder White feels that unless his throat gets better he will necessarily have to quit public labor. It was thought by some of the Committee that perhaps it would be a good thing for Elder White to take the Missouri Conference, as he would be nearer his family, and the climate would be somewhat better than in Indiana; and that would probably leave an opening for Elder Tenney. These were all left as open questions.

Extracts were next read from a letter from Brother E.H.Huntley, of West Selkirk, Manitoba. He called attention to the fact that a Baptist minister, an Indian, had embraced the faith, and was now doing what he could to extend the knowledge of the third angel's message. He is a man of small family, but he refuses to accept the money from the Baptist denomination, inasmuch as the things that he preaches are not in harmony with what they believe. He hunts part of the time to support his family. He is quite a talented young man, and can speak four different languages. It was thought that he is quite a valuable acquisition to the message.

Next a letter was read from Elder Dan.T.Jones, of Guadalajara, Mexico. He makes a request to the Foreign Mission Board that a press, costing not less than \$500.00, be furnished them, and he offers to pay one-half of the cost himself. He thinks if the Pacific Press would put a branch house there, it would be a good thing. But meanwhile he feels that it should be started, and if they wish to take it off their hands, they can do so. The condition of Elder Jones' health is such that it may be necessary for him to leave that field. The Committee thought that Elder F.M.Wilcox should be notified, or held in readiness, even by telegraphic despatch, to go to Mexico in case Elder Jones fails in health. The Committee thought that the matter of the press should be left to rest for the present, as there may be other things that would better come in.

Meeting adjourned to 3 P.M., even date.

G. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 26, 1897.

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At 3 P.M. the joint meeting of the Review and Herald Board and the General Conference Committee met. President Irwin in the chair.

Prayer by Elder Uriah Smith.

Present: Irwin, Moon, Evans, Jones, Morrison, Sisley, Gibson, Smith, Tenney, Rhodes, Tait, and Hoopes.

The principal object of this meeting was to consider the price that should be charged for the REVIEW AND HERALD. There seemed to be a diversity of opinion as to what should be charged. Some were in favor of having a uniform price of two dollars; others that it should be lowered.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Sisley, and seconded by Smith, that there be a uniform price on the REVIEW to all subscribers.

Moved by Morrison, and seconded by Tenney, that the motion be amended to read, That the subscription price be \$1.50 per year. The amendment carried. The motion as amended prevailed.

Meeting adjourned.

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The Conference Committee remained and considered some other matters. One was a request from Elder Ballenger that the Conference Committee appoint a sub-committee to assist in the revival work in the church. It was voted that Elders Irwin, Jones, and Hoopes constitute such committee.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., Monday, September 27, 1897.

G. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 27, 1897.

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The Committee called at 9 A.M., as per appointment. President in the chair.

Members present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, and Evans. Prayer by all present. Minutes read and approved.

Elder F.D.Starr met with the Committee and laid before them the case of Elder J.D.Pegg. It was his understanding through the correspondence that was carried on by the President and the Secretary of the General Conference, that Elder Pegg was to charge his time to the General Conference until the time of the last biennial meeting.

In view of this, it was moved and seconded that the General Conference assume the support of Elder J.D.Pegg up to March 30; and that a committee of two be appointed to examine the correspondence and his labor report, and report to this body what time and expenses should be allowed. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Evans and Hoopes as said committee.

The Chairman then read a petition from the St. John (New Brunswick) church. The petition was a request that Elder R.S.Webber be permitted to remain in New Brunswick, and that the action relative to his case be reversed. It stated the appreciation of Brother Webber, together with other reasons which they thought should be taken into consideration why he should not leave the field at this time.

Elder Jones thought their petition was the very best evidence that Brother Webber was just the man that was needed for Newfoundland.

The editors of the INSTRUCTOR, W.H.Mc Kee and J.C.Bartholf, came in before the Committee to present the general outline of their idea of what that journal should be. The plan was to prepare a paper that will contain the principles of Bible truth, history, biography, science, etc., dressed up in an attractive style, for the youth, and not after the youth's papers of the day, which are so filled with stories and almost every other attractive thing to get the mind of the youth away from God's word. The paper is to contain a department for the little ones that follows something along the line that is suggested by Elder Luther Warren. Another department is to be styled Gospel Sunshine. This, in connection with the Sabbath-school and mission work, is to be quite a prominent feature of the paper.

The idea of these brethren is that the circulation of the paper should be connected with the editorial department. It was thought that this could be managed in such a way as to enlist all our young people in missionary work. They feel sanguine that the work will be a success. They thought that by having the circulation in connection with the editorial department, it would bring the editors in closer touch with the subscribers. They had no question

but that the subscriptions would run up many thousands more than they are now, if the attention can be turned especially to it, so as to enlist some permanent canvassers in the field for the paper. They saw no reason why many of our youth could not enter heartily upon a canvass, and feel that they were doing missionary work by extending the circulation.

The Committee expressed themselves as being favorable to their plan, and desired that they would present the matter to the Review and Herald Board, and push it for all there was in it.

The Committee next considered the question of the time when the Auditing Committee should meet. Moved by Evans, and Seconded by Jones, That the Auditing Committee meet March 10, 1898, and that the General Conference Committee be called to meet at that time, and continue as long as necessary.

Elder Moon desired that the auditing of the accounts of the laborers of the Foreign Mission Board be included in the motion. By common consent it was included. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Evans, and seconded by Morrison, that the action of the Committee at College View, respecting the annual offerings to be divided between the Foreign Mission Board and the General Conference, be rescinded. The sentiment prevailed that the Mission Board needs all of that offerings to prosecute their work. Motion carried unanimously.

The question of editor for the religious liberty paper in Canada, was again called up. Some of the brethren desired to see Elder Ballenger as editor of that paper, and thought that the motion that made him editor of the SENTINEL should be rescinded, and that Smith take the lead of the SENTINEL, with Francis Hope as second on the staff. The opinion of others was that Brother Hope is an Englishman, and is quite versed in all their ways, and would have a better impression on the minds of the Canadian people. They desired to have an interview with Brother Hope, to see what his state of mind is, and how he would take the idea of taking a place on either the SENTINEL or the paper for Canada. The question of editor for the SENTINEL was left as it was previously voted, with the view of considering the case of Brother Hope further.

The chairman next read a letter from M.N. Campbell, of Milwaukee, Wis. In this letter he presents a request that he be permitted to go to Prince Edward Island and labor. He was born in that place, and has a strong desire to go back and labor for his own people. The question of funds was necessarily brought up in connection with this. The Committee felt free to let him go if he felt like going at his own charges, and making his work self-supporting; but to tell him to go with the idea that he was to be supported, they felt that they were hardly ready to do that; and voted that his case be laid over until the spring meeting; that meanwhile the Corresponding Secretary write him and ascertain his situation; and if he assumes the responsibility of his own support, that he feel at liberty to move out in his convictions.

The next item called up was the expense of the circulation of the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR. Professor Howe was called in to explain, when he stated that it was relative to the expense of delivering the paper in the city. He further explained, however, that the President of the Review and Herald Board had paid the amount, and thought that it was a part of the expense of the circulation of that journal, and felt that that was the settlement of the question. The Committee thought the same.

The next matter considered was the question of the funds that are supplied the Graysville and Huntsville schools. Moved by Evans, and seconded by Morrison, that what funds have been supplied the laborers come from the General Conference, and that which is furnished to build up the plant, be supplied by the General Conference Association. Carried.

The question of the cruise of the "Pitcairn" was called up by Elder Moon. He wished the advice of the Committee as to whether it would be the best thing to send the "Pitcairn" out in the spring of 1898. He made the statement that the least expense that any trip has been, has amounted to over \$4000. He felt very glad indeed that the Committee voted to give the whole of the annual offering to the Foreign Mission Board. Without it they would not be able to send out the "Pitcairn" this coming year.

The Committee voted to recommend that the "Pitcairn" be sent out if thought best by the Foreign Mission Board.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., September 28, 1897.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

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Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 28, 1897.

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General Conference Committee met at 9 A.M., September 28, 1897, as per appointment. Prayer by all present, Elder Boyd taking the lead.

Members present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, and Evans.

The President called attention to the case of Elder C.L. Boyd. His case has been pending for some time. The chairman had advised that whatever work he took up, he would better labor under the direction of the General Conference. Elder Boyd was present to make a few remarks, which were substantially as follows: That his desire was to work in harmony with the body; he had laid plans for himself and wife to go down to North Carolina, and establish a sort of self-supporting missionary work. They have been at the summer school, and have learned what they could in how to give simple treatments, and what they could to carry on a work of that character. The plan now was to go to Chicago and spend a little while there in mission work, and then visit some companies on their way to North Carolina, where they would begin operations.

He was advised to correspond with Elder Allee, and ascertain if there were some points that he wished him to visit, and to counsel with him respecting his work in that District; that the District meeting would be held in the month of November.

Next the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to investigate the correspondence and labor report of Elder J.D. Pegg, reported as follows:---

"Your Committee appointed to investigate the correspondence and account of Elder J.D. Pegg, of the Tennessee River Conference, have carefully considered all the correspondence and the report, and are prepared to report favorably his time, which is seventy-two days, beginning January 18, and ending March 31, 1897---10 weeks and 2 days. Number sermons preached, 60; Bible readings held, 31; missionary visits, 30; amount received from General Conference, \$30.

"We would further recommend that Elder Pegg be allowed \$10 per week, the same as was granted him by the Tennessee River Conference."

Respectfully,

I. H. Evans, L. A. Hoopes."

Voted to adopt the report.

The next thing called up was the matter introduced by J.E. White in a previous meeting, which pertained to the incorporation of a Southern Missionary Society, and the various phases that the work would take as it developed.

Elder Irwin stated that he had had a brief talk with Dr. J.H. Kellogg concerning this question, and he felt that, while the Doctor might help in a general way in medical missionary work, yet the Doctor did not feel free to enter into any separate organization like that.

After discussing the question for some time, it hardly seemed clear to the Committee to incorporate another separate organization, and especially if it was designed to convey the impression that it was not an Adventist institution.

The question was raised as to who should hold the property if homes were provided for the colored people, as suggested in Brother White's talk before the Committee in a previous meeting.

The Chairman of the General Conference Association thought there would be no trouble, but that they could be held in the name of the General Conference Association, as they do all other property of churches throughout the country.

It was therefore moved and seconded that the Committee does not see its way clear to recommend the incorporation of a new society as above suggested. Carried unanimously.

A motion prevailed that the REVIEW, SIGNS, SENTINEL, and INSTRUCTOR be kept bound up, and that all other general papers be bound in the cheaper binding, such as paper, or movable covers, or several volumes under one cover. The Committee did not think it was necessary to go to the expense of putting on very expensive covers on some of the foreign publications that would not be used very much.

Elder Evans called up the question of the secretaryship of the General Conference Association. He stated that they now had the resignation of J.I. Gibson as a member of the Executive Committee and as Secretary of that body. He wished a recommendation from the Committee. He wanted them to express an opinion as to what kind of man was needed. If it was a general man, one that could have an influence throughout the denomination, then he felt that his own work would be of a different character; that it would not be necessary for two such men to be in the office all the time. But if it was to be a man to do clerical work as Secretary, he felt that Brother Meade Macguire could do that work as well as any one he knew of.

There were several considerations in the question that the Committee did not feel that they were prepared to make a recommendation.

Voted to rescind the action taken September 24, regarding Elder V.H. Lucas.

Moved and seconded that the credentials of Elder Lucas be suspended until such time as he may appear to satisfactorily explain himself against charges made against him by parties in the Atlantic Conference, if he desires to do so; but if he fails to give satisfactory proof of his innocence, after reasonable time being given, and notice of time of hearing by the President, his credentials shall be permanently withdrawn. Carried.

Adjourned to call of chair.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 29, 1897.

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Conference Committee met Tuesday 4 P.M., September 28, 1897. President in the chair. Prayer by Elder Evans. Members Present: Irwin, Moon, Morrison, Jones, Evans.

The first item of business was a memorial from Professor F.W. Howe, the burden of which was to have all the teachers of our various educational institutions licensed, and that this recognition of their authority come from the General Conference Committee. The memorial was looked upon with favor, and it was thought that it should receive the consideration of more members of the Committee than are present at this time. It was therefore voted to refer it to a time when all the members of the Committee should be convened.

The next thing considered was the matter of appointing a committee to act conjointly with a committee appointed by the Battle Creek College to consider the reorganization of the S.D.A. Educational Society. It was moved and supported that the chairman appoint a committee of two to serve with himself, to act with a similar committee appointed by the S.D.A. Educational Society in considering plans for the proposed reorganization of that Society. Carried.

Elders I.H. Evans and J.H. Morrison were named as said committee.

The next thing considered was the proposition of T. Valentiner respecting the German paper. His desire is to make the paper more of a missionary sheet; and have the reports from the field embodied in a supplement. He gave instances where these reports fell into the hands of other denominations, and were used with effect against our work.

The Committee voted to recommend to the Review and Herald Board the plan suggested, and that they give it a trial.

Motion to adjourn carried.

G.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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Minutes General Conference Committee.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 20, 1897.

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Meeting called at 10:30 A.M. President Irwin in the chair. members present: Irwin, Breed, Morrison, Moon, and Jones. Prayer by Breed, Irwin, and Morrison.

Voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman presented a schedule of items that should receive some attention by the General Conference Committee.

F. D. STARR AND IOWA CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

The first item was with reference to the Iowa Conference school, and the propriety of Elder F.D. Starr's going there to conduct the Bible study. Voted that it is the sense of this body that it would not be wise for Elder Starr to leave his Conference for the length of time desired by the Iowa Conference (ten weeks).

A.F. Ballenger--HIS FUTURE LABOR.

Moved and seconded that Elder A.F. Ballenger spend one week with the Kansas Conference at an institute, and go from there to Union College and College View church, and stay as long as occasion demands. Carried.

IOWA CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to write the President of the Iowa Conference, and say that the Committee did not see its way clear to take a man from the field to connect with the school, unless it be possible for Elder Ballenger to go for a week or two near the close of the school. (suggest that perhaps ten weeks is quite a long time.)

UTAH MISSION FIELD.

The mission field of Utah was next considered. Letters from Elders Willoughby and Alway were read. They request that Bible workers be sent. Voted that the matter of supplying Bible workers be referred to the District Superintendent.

CLARK AND RUBLE REFERRED TO FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The cases of Joseph Beecher Clark and wife, and Wells A. Ruble and wife, were referred to the Foreign Mission Board for their consideration.

H. W. PIERCE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Voted, that if the Foreign Mission Board make suitable arrangements with Elder H.W.Pierce, of Vermont, to go to South African Conference, that the General Conference Committee concur in the same.

Adjourned till 2:30 P.M.

L.A.Hoopes,
Secretary:

Geo. A. Irwin,
President.

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MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE?

Battle Creek, Mich., December 20, 1897.

Meeting called at 2:30 P.M. President in the chair. Prayer offered by Elder Moon. Minutes read and approved.

WORK FOR REVIEW AND HERALD ----BALLENGER AND HYATT.

Elder Jones requested that Elders Hyatt and Ballenger be requested to meet with the Committee, to consider their work with the Review and Herald.

Elder Ballenger then made a statement of the burden on his mind to take up work for that institution. The Committee did not feel free to vote on the question, but rather to let Elders Ballenger and Hyatt go to work and lead out as the Lord may direct.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The next question raised was relative to work in Africa, and its relation to the Foreign Mission Board. After the Committee had spent some time in the consideration of the work in South Africa, the following preamble and resolution was passed:

In view of what the Testimonies have said on expending large sums of money, and incurring debts in building and enlarging institutions; and our experience in recent years, therefore,---

Resolved, That the General Conference Committee does not deem it wise for the South African Conference to incur great indebtedness by the enlargement of institutions; and further, the Committee recommends that the enlargement of the work in Africa outside of the South African Conference be carried on under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board.

O.A. OLSEN FOR EUROPE. ANOTHER FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Voted, That the South African Conference be requested to release Elder O.A. Olsen from further burdens and responsibilities in that Conference, in time for him to return to Europe in March, 1898, to take up the work assigned him by the General Conference in session; and, further, request the Foreign Mission Board to send a competent man to take charge of the South African Conference.

Moved and supported, that, in view of the definite appointment by the General Conference in session, of Elder O.A. Olsen to the work in Europe, and in view of the fact that it never was the intention of the General Conference Committee that he should take the responsibility of any enlarged work in South Africa, or remain permanently there, it is the sense of this committee that he return as soon as possible to Europe, to remain there, and take up the work to which he was appointed by the General Conference in session. Carried.

Voted to take recess till 6 P.M.

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Meeting called at 6 P.M. President in the Chair. After prayer, minutes read and approved.

Elder Irwin read some extracts from a letter from Elder W.C. White, in which he stated that in a talk with his mother relative to the matter of Elder Olsen's remaining in South Africa, that it was substantially the same as the above action of the Committee relative to Elder Olsen's work.

NEEDS OF MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION. RECOMMENDATION TO
MEDICAL MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg then met with the Committee and read a letter from Elder D.T. Jones, in which he makes an urgent plea that money, to the amount of \$3500 or \$4000, be raised immediately, to complete the buildings at Guadalajara.

Moved and supported that this Committee recommend the General Conference Association, also the Foreign Mission Board, to relinquish all claims of title, of medical mission property at Guadalajara, Mexico, to the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. Carried.

LUTHER WARREN?, FUTURE LABORS OF.

The next thing considered was the case of Elder Luther Warren. Dr. J. H. Kellogg sent in a request that the General Conference Committee pay the salary of Elder Warren in connection with the mission in Chicago.

Voted: 1. That, because of the manifest leading of the Spirit of God in directing the mind of Elder Warren in another direction than that of the recommendation by the General Conference in session, he be released from that recommendation.

2. That the General Conference support Elder Warren six months at the Chicago mission, from the time he began in October.

GOOD HEALTH PUBLISHING CO. A RECOGNIZED PUBLISHING
COMPANY OF THE DENOMINATION.

The next question was the question relative to the Good Health Publishing Company.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg wishes to turn the profits of good health publications to the support of the Medical College; that is, if the Good Health Publishing Company can be recognized as a publishing house, with rights and privileges as other publishing houses, with the special province of publishing health publications.

Moved and supported, That, inasmuch as the Good Health Publishing Company has been in existence for over thirty years, and has been continuously in operation in publishing health literature, we therefore recognize it as one of the publishing houses of the denomination, with equal rights and privileges of other publishing houses of the denomination, with the special province to publish health publications; and we further approve of the plan suggested by Dr. J. H. Kellogg to turn the profits to the support of the Medical College. Carried.

Adjourned till 10:00 A.M., December 21, 1897.

Geo. A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

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Committee called to order at the appointed time. President in the chair. Inasmuch as some recent Testimonies relative to the general work and the office of publication, have been received, the Board of Managers, and editors of the various periodicals of the Review and Herald Pub. Co. were invited to be present to listen to the reading of the communications received. After an earnest season of prayer, the Chairman read what God has been pleased to send us.

BRETHREN PRESENT.

G.A. Irwin, J.H. Morrison, A.J. Breed, Allen Moon, A.T. Jones, U. Smith, W.C. Sisley, J.I. Gibson, G.C. Tenney, A. Swedberg, T. Valentin, C.A. Thorp, C.D. Rhodes, W.H. Mc Kee, J.C. Bartholf, A.F. Ballenger, L.T. Nicola, W.S. Hyatt, E.A. Sutherland, F.W. Howe, L.A. Hoopes.

After the testimony was read, some time was given for the brethren to express themselves. Some time was given to the consideration of the school work.

JOINT MEETING TO DRAW TOGETHER.

Moved and seconded that the boards and managers of the S.D.A. institutions in this city hold a meeting Wednesday evening at 7 P.M., in room 17, second floor of the College. Carried.

Those invited are: G.C.Tenney, E.A.Sutherland, G.W.Payne, P.T. Magan, J.H.Kellogg, W.H.Hall, G.H.Murphy, C.M.Christiansen, D. Paulson, D.H.Kress, H.G.Butler, L. Mc Coy, W.C.Sisley, J.I.Gibson, C.D.Rhodes, U. Smith, W.N.Nelson, G.A.Irwin, A.J.Breed, J.H.Morrison, A.T.Jones, A.Moon, L.T.Nicola, H. Nicola, A.F.Ballenger, W.S.Hyatt, and L.A.Hoopes.

Adjourned till 2:30 P.M., December 21, 1897.

G.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

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Committee called at 2:30 P.M., December 21, 1897, as per announcement. Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Jones, Moon, and Morrison. Minutes of last two meetings read and approved.

EXCHANGE OF LABORERS FOR SCANDINAVIA.
M.E.Olsen, C. Castberg.

The first thing called up was the matter of the request of Elder Lewis Johnson. The brethren in Scandinavia desire to have Mahlon E. Olsen come there, and inquire if we can use Brother Castberg. After considering the question for some time, the Committee did not see the way clear to have Brother Castberg come to this country, but that he remain in that country.

Voted, That, inasmuch as Mahlon Olsen has no special burden to go to the Old Country, that we do not see our way clear to make an exchange of laborers as suggested in the request of Elder L. Johnson, to the Committee.

BOOKS FOR J.E.WHITE.

The Committee next took up the questions of books which Elder W.C.White had left at General Conference store room, and at Good Health office.

Voted to turn over to J.E.White the thirty copies each of the books at the General Conference store room.

OAKWOOD SCHOOL.

Voted to recommend the change in the plan of the Oakwood school, as proposed by the brethren in counsel last summer,---Irwin, Evans, Allee, and Jacobs.

BOOKS FOR OAKWOOD SCHOOL.

The question of books for the Oakwood School was referred to the General Conference Association.

RENT OF MEDICAL ROOMS IN COLLEGE.

Voted, That, inasmuch as we have failed to find any record of any agreement on the part of the General Conference Committee to pay the rent of the rooms in the Battle Creek College occupied by the Medical College; and inasmuch as we have no money from which we can make a donation, therefore it is impossible to comply with the demand of the Medical College.

LICENSE TO SADLER.

Moved and supported that Ministerial License be granted to W.S.Sadler. Carried.

VACANCIES FILLED ON AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Voted to appoint on the Auditing Committee, to fill vacancies made by the election of some of the former board to the General Conference Committee,---

From District No. 1,	A.E.Place,	vice	R.A.Underwood.
From District No. 4,	H.E.Robinson,	"	N.W.Allee.
From District No. 3,	S.H.Lane,	"	I.H.Evans.

The Auditing Committee now stands: A.E.Place of District No. 1; L.H.Crisler, of Dist. No. 2; S.H.Lane, of Dist. No. 3; H.E.Robinson, of Dist. No. 4; W.S.Hyatt, of Dist. No. 5; C.H.Jones, of Dist. No. 6.

JOHN W. COVERT, OF INDIANA, FOR KANSAS.

Voted that John W. Covert, of Indiana, make Kansas his field of labor.

GAS LIGHTS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOMS.

Voted that the General Conference put in the improved gas burners in its various offices.

Adjourned till 8:30 A.M., December 22, 1897.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

MINUTES GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., December 22, 1897.

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Committee met at 8:30 A.M., as per appointment. President in the chair. Prayer by all present. Minutes read and approved. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Jones, Breed.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOMS.

The question of ownership of the rooms occupied by the General Conference Association, the General Conference, the Battle Creek Church, the Michigan Conference, the International Tract Society, the Review and Herald, etc., was considered.

The Committee voted to appoint L.A.Hoopes and L.T.Nicola as a committee to investigate the exact standing of the records and agreements relative to the property above mentioned, and report to the spring council, March 10, 1898.

EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL.

Professor F.W.Howe appeared before the Committee to make some suggestions or ask some questions relative to the educational work, and the prospective field for the future work of the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR. His mind was that the EDUCATOR should be more aggressive, and lead out in educational reforms, and get before the outside world. The needs were rather suggested by the following questions; the answers to these questions furnish the solution to the future policy of the journal:--

What We need:

1. A close definition of the future policy of the EDUCATOR, as to whether it shall be a strictly denominational organ, undenominational, or both.
2. If it is to have the best success in both capacities suggested, there will be needed an addition to its present work in accordance with some one of the following proposed plans:
 - a. The EDUCATOR to be a strictly denominational organ, carrying on all the work suggested. In this case it ought to be enlarged, or else published more frequently.
 - b. The EDUCATOR to be undenominational, and supplemented by one or more pages weekly in the REVIEW for the purpose of carrying on the special lines of denominational study.
 - c. The EDUCATOR to be issued as an undenominational monthly, with a tri-monthly extra of four pages for the special home studies.
 - d. The EDUCATOR to be issued bi-monthly, sixteen pages size of GOOD HEALTH; one of the two numbers with an attractive cover and suitable advertising for general circulation and exchanges, the other number cheaper and for the special use of our own people.

3. In any case the circulation of the EDUCATOR should be pushed to the utmost.

4. Its size and cover should be such as to distinguish it from the GOSPEL OF HEALTH, the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR, and any other of our periodicals. If it is to become an influential magazine, it should show an attractive appearance, faultless literary finish, and contain a considerable amount of profitable advertising. We certainly ought to maintain one first-class, monthly, educational magazine.

The general impression prevailed that the paper should be continued on the same plan as at the present; and refer the entire matter to the spring council.

Voted to refer the matter of rates to agents, to the editor of the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR and the President of the Review and Herald Board.

WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA. -- W.S.HYATT.

The next question considered was, "Who should be sent to South Africa?" Elder Moon moved that Elder W.S.Hyatt be recommended to the Foreign Mission Board to go to South Africa to take the presidency of the South African Conference, with a view to having general oversight of the field.

Elder Hyatt was called into the meeting to express himself on the question. He was asked with reference to his own convictions as to his future labor. He replied that he was ready to work anywhere the brethren saw fit to put him. He said, however, that his burden run toward a definite work, such as Conference business, where he knew just what his work was. The more he thought of his taking up the SIGNS work, the less light he saw in his taking up that line of work. When the proposition was presented that he should go to South Africa, a great burden was rolled off his mind; for he felt that he could not take up the general work of the SIGNS canvass.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee then adjourned.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.