

EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 7, 1899, 3 p.m.

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President Irwin in the chair.

Prayer by Elder R.M.Kilgore.

Members Present: Irwin, Olsen, Breed, Holser, Jones, Morrison, Evans, Moon, Kilgore, and Allee; and members of the Auditing Committee, by invitation.

The minutes of the last three meetings held at Battle Creek were read and approved.

A question arose concerning the appointing power of the General Conference Committee respecting the delegates at large. The President answered that there was no limit in the constitution.

Elder Underwood stated that the Presidents of Dist. No. 1 made a request that, inasmuch as W.A.Wilcox had a good deal to do in financial matters in this district, and especially in connection with the school, the General Conference Committee appoint him to act as a delegate at large. The Committee acceded to their request.

Elder Moon requested that Elder G.B.Wheeler, of Washington, D.C., be invited to act as a delegate at large, provided the International Religious Liberty Association pay the traveling expenses. The motion carried.

The President suggested that Judge Jesse Arthur, who is now in the employ of several of our leading institutions in Battle Creek, and inasmuch as it is probable that he will be closely connected with our work, it would be wisdom to invite him to come to the Conference as a delegate at large, as this would give him a better idea of our work in general. Elder Olsen moved, and Elder Jones seconded, that credentials be granted him. The motion prevailed.

The next question that was raised was pertaining to the daily program of the coming Conference. Shall it be arranged beforehand for the entire meeting, or shall there be a committee appointed to arrange the program for each day? The concensus of opinion seemed to favor the plan of publishing the program each day, and that the general reports be in the BULLETIN the day they are to be considered.

The plan of work and instruction was next considered. Several members of the Committee expressed themselves as favorable to the idea of having instruction in the forenoon and the evening. These meetings were to be varied according to circumstances and the leading of the Spirit of God.

It was voted to appoint a committee of three to take this question of daily program as to the order of exercises, into consideration, and report. Elders Morrison, Olsen, and Evans were named as said committee.

The general opinion of the Committee was that the Conference should spend much time in considering the work that is before us, that of getting the message to the millions of people who are in darkness.

The next question considered was the appointment of the regular standing committees. It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three for the seating of delegates.

The next motion that prevailed was that the chairman and two others act as a committee to nominate members of the various committees, and report to the General Conference Committee. Elders Moon and Breed were named as members to act with the chairman.

Elder Irwin then brought up the question of the Medical Missionary work. Dr. J.H.Kellogg requested that he be informed at an early date how much time, and about when, he could be here, as he could not spend all the time at the Conference. A motion prevailed to grant two days for the consideration of this question, the time to be selected from Feb.19-21. Meeting adjourned to call of chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

Resolved to invite J.A. Brumson to act as Delegate at large.

NINETIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 10, 1899, 3 P.M.

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President in the chair. Prayer by Elder Underwood.

Members present: Elders Irwin, Olsen, Morrison, Breed, Kilgore, Underwood, Holser, Moon, Allee, Jones, Kauble, and Evans. Members of the Auditing Committee present by invitation.

Minutes read and approved.

The first thing considered was the program for Sabbath, Feb. 11. Elder Olsen was invited to speak in the forenoon.

Then arrangements for the Sabbath-school were considered. It was arranged for all delegates to meet in the ^{Academy Chapel} ~~new Home~~, thus giving the school and the church the use of the church, as formerly.

The Committee on order of program presented the following report:--

"Your committee to suggest a program of time for the coming General Conference, would respectfully submit the following:--

That devotional exercises be had in rooms, or otherwise, before breakfast, if convenient.

8 to 9. General Conference Committee to supply this hour, and that Elder A.T.Jones be invited to lead out in a study on the books of Daniel and Revelation.

- 9 to 9:30 Recess.
- 9:30 to 10:30 Conference.
- 10:30 to 10:40 Recess.
- 10:40 to 11:30 Conference.
- 11:30 to 1:30 Committee work.
- 1:30 Dinner.
- 3 to 4:15 Conference.
- 4:15 to 4:25 Recess.
- 4:25 to 5:30 Conference.
- 5:30 to 7 Committee work.
- 7 to 8:15 Service. *conducted by*

The evening service to be ~~divided between~~ Elders E.J.Waggoner, W.W.Prescott, A.F.Ballenger and others as may be deemed best.

J.H.Morrison,
I.H.Evans,
O.A.Olsen. COMMITTEE.

The report was amended to except Saturday and Sunday nights, which time would be supplied by the Committee on Religious Exercises. The

report as amended was adopted.

The next thing considered was the report of the committee to nominate standing committees for the coming Conference. Elder Breed, the secretary of the committee, read a report, which was copied by the members present. As the Sabbath came on before they got through with the discussion of the question, the report was referred back to the committee, with instruction to rearrange it and present it at the next meeting.

The chairman next called attention to two brethren that should be invited to take part in the Conference as delegates at large; namely, W. Reavis, Secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association, and T. A. Kilgore, member of the Foreign Mission Board. It was voted that credentials be granted them.

Motion prevailed to adjourned until 7 o'clock, February 11.

Geo. A. Irwin,

Chairman.

L. A. Hoopes,

Secretary.

NINETY-FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 11, 1899, 7 P.M.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder A.T.Jones.

Members present: Elders Irwin, Moon, Breed, Morrison, Jones, Olsen, Holser, Kauble, Allee, Kilgore, Evans, Underwood. Other delegates by invitation.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The first item of business considered was the report of the committee to nominate committees to act during the session of the General Conference.

Moved by Jones and seconded by Evans to amend the report by disposing of the Finance Committee, and embodying its work in the Committee on Plans and Resolutions. Carried.

Voted to increase the Committee on Plans and Resolutions to eleven members.

The report as finally adopted, is as follows:--

"Your committee appointed to suggest names for the various standing committees for the General Conference would respectfully submit the following for your consideration:--

"Committee on Delegates' Credentials and Seating of Delegates:
S.H.Lane, L.H.Crisler, W.A.Hennig.

"Committee on Nominations: J.N.Loughborough, H.W.Decker, A.E. Place, Lewis Johnson, Wm. Covert, C. Mc Reynolds, R.R.Kennedy.

"Committee on Plans and Resolutions: C.H.Jones, J.H.Morrison, N.W.Alee, O.A.Olsen, Allen Moon, J.H.Kellogg (alternate C.M.Christiansen), H.P.Holser, I.H.Evans, R.A.Underwood, A.G.Daniells, *W.W.Prescott.

"Committee on Credentials and Licenses: R.M.Kilgore, J.M.Rees, N.P.Nelson, R.S.Donnell, W.B.White, C.W.Flaiz, H.W.Cottrell.

"Committee on Distribution of Labor: General Conference Committee, W.T.Knox, H.C.Basney, *S.H.Lane, C.Santee, W.A.Hennig, J.D.Gowell, K.C.Russell.

"Committee on Education: L.A.Hoopes, N.W.Kauble, E.A.Sutherland, J.H.Haughey, W.T.Bland, C.E.Lewis, J.W.Loughhead, C.W.Irwin, H.S.Shaw.

"Committee on Religious Exercises: A.J.Breed, J.E.Jayne, Geo.B. Thompson."

(Signed) Geo.A.Irwin, A.Moon, A.J.Breed."

Meeting adjourned to call of the chair.

Rec. Minutes of next meeting
G.A. Irwin, Chairman
R.A. Hoopes, Secy.

NINETY-SECOND MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 12, 1899, 9:30 A.M.

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President Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder H.W.Cottrell.

Members Present: Elders Irwin, Moon, Kauble, Morrison, Breed, Olsen, Evans, Kilgore, Allee, Underwood, Holser. Other delegates by invitation.

Minutes read, and the following corrections made: That the name of S.H.Lane be substituted for that of W.W.Prescott on the Committee on Plans and Resolutions; and that the name of W.T.Millman take the place on the Committee on Distribution of Labor made vacant by the removal of S.H.Lane.

The next thing considered was the locating of committees.

Committee on Distribution of labor will meet in the General Conference Committee room, in southeast corner room of old dormitory, first floor.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions will meet in Foreign Mission Board room, just back of the General Conference Committee room, same floor of the dormitory.

Committee on Nominations, the southeast corner room of dormitory, the third floor, room No. 20.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses meet in the northwest room in the basement of the church.

Committee on Education meet in the east gallery of church.

The chairman then brought up the general question of organization, and presented a diagram, showing the organization of the denomination in all its various branches as recognized in the Testimonies to the church. It was voted that the Chairman present this subject to the delegates, and that ^{cut of} a chart be prepared to be published in the BULLETIN, to illustrate the subject.

The order of business was next considered. After considerable discussion, the following order of arrangements for the various organizations was made.

February 14.* Services 10 A.M. In the afternoon the President's address, and the organization of the Conference.

February 15.* General Conference Association in the forenoon. International Tract and Missionary Society in the afternoon.

February 16.* The International Sabbath-school Association.

February 17.* The International Religious Liberty Association.

February 19 and 20 or 20 and 21. The International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

February 19* or 21* The Educational work.

February 22* The Foreign Mission work.

February 23* The Circulation of our Literature.

Moved by Underwood and seconded by Morrison that W.C.Sisley, O.H.Jones, I.H.Evans, H.P.Holser lead out in fifteen-minute speeches on the general program for the publishing work throughout the world. Carried.

Moved by Elder Moon and seconded by Underwood that the editors be authorized to make a double number of the second issue of the BULLETIN, in order to contain many of the reports that could not be put in the first number.

Moved to adjourn to the call of chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN,

Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,

Secretary.

* Set ahead one day on account of storm which delayed coming of delegates.

NINETY-THIRD MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 13, 1899, 3 P.M.

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President in the chair. Members present: Irwin, Olsen, Morrison, Underwood, Kauble, Kilgore, Allee, Moon, Breed, Evans, Holser.

Prayer by L.A.Hoopes. Minutes read and approved.

Voted that six p.m. each day be set apart to the work of the General Conference Committee.

Voted to add the name of F.W.Howe to the Committee on Education.

Moved and supported that the name of Professor W.W.Prescott be substituted for that of W.A.Hennig, and that Prescott be the chairman of the Committee on Distribution of Labor. Carried.

Moved by Moon and seconded by Olsen, That the President present to the delegates two talks on organization, at the eight o'clock hour; this to be followed by a talk by Sister Henry on the woman's work. Motion carried.

Voted, That it is the sense of this Committee that the Auditing Committee for the next biennial period be elected at this Conference.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

Geo. A. Irwin,

Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,

Secretary.

NINETY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 15, 1899, 6 P. M.

Elder Irwin in the chair.

Members present: Irwin, Moon, Evans, Breed, Underwood,
Morrison, Olsen, Allee, Jones, Holser, Kauble, Kilgore; and J. D.
Gowell by invitation.

First question under consideration was the work at Ottawa,
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Moved by Jones, seconded by Olsen, that A. J. Bristol go
back to Ottawa. Carried.

The chairman then brought up the question of program for
Thursday, February 16. Inasmuch as the International Tract Society
Secretary will not be prepared to render a definite report so soon
on account of the press of business in the "Bulletin".

It was moved by Evans that Thursday be devoted to the consid-
eration of questions pertaining to the General Conference Association.

Voted to adjourn to 2:15 P. M., which will be the regular
time for the meeting of the General Conference Committee.

Geo. A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L. A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

NINETY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

South Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 16, 1899,

2:15 P. M.

Elder Irwin in the chair.

Elder A. T. Jones offered prayer.

Members present: Irwin, Jones, Olsen, Underwood, Morrison, Kauble, Evans, Holser, Breed, Allee, and Moon.

The first matter considered was that of supplying a name on the Committee on Plans and Resolutions to take the place of Elder A. G. Daniells.

The Chairman made a statement that Elder Daniells could not be at the Conference.

Moved by Elder Allee, and seconded by Elder Olsen, that W. L. H. Baker, who has recently returned from Australia, take the place of A. G. Daniells, on the Committee on Plans and Resolutions.

Carried.

The next question considered was pertaining to W. H. Spear, who is in the ministerial work at Ottawa, Ont.

The motion prevailed to recommend him to the Michigan Conference, and that in turn the Michigan Conference give us Wm. Simpson to go to Ottawa.

It was then voted that Elder J. H. Morrison negotiate with the Michigan Conference in this matter.

Elder N. W. Allee called up the question of Elder I. E. Kimball.

It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of two to confer with Elder Kimball concerning his work in the South.

The Chair named N. W. Allee and R. A. Underwood on said committee.

The meeting adjourned to 2:15 P. M., Friday, Feb. 17.

L. A. Hoopes, Sec'y. Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

Elder Irwin in the chair.

Prayer by Elder Breed.

Members present; Irwin, Olsen, Underwood, Allee, Breed,
Morrison, Evans, Moon, Holser, and Jones.

Minutes read and approved.

Elder J. H. Morrison reported ^{a conference} with J. D. Gowell, in the matter
of the Michigan Conference giving Wm. Simpson to the work in Ottawa.

It was to this effect that Michigan did not feel free to give
Brother Simpson, because they had his work laid out for some
time to come.

Elder Olsen remarked that Michigan is willing to let us
have either of the Sturemans.

Moved by Morrison, and seconded by Jones, that B. F.
Stureman and A. J. Bristol go to Ottawa. Carried.

By common consent the program for the future is, that the
I. R. L. A. take the forenoon of the 21st; the ~~B.~~ F. M. B. all day
the 22nd; The work of the circulation of our literature the 23rd;
~~the~~ F. M. B. Sunday, the 26th.

It was planned to have these brethren from the foreign
mission fields render their reports and speak in several of the
meetings; to give reports of the field, and occupy some evenings
in speaking to the Conference.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Geo. W. Irwin,
President.

L. A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Held at South Lancaster, Mass.,

Febr. 22, 1899; 2:30 P.M.

President Irwin in the chair.

Members present: Irwin, Olsen, Jones, Allee, Moon, Kilgore, and Holser.

The Chairman introduced a request from H.C.Basney, President of the Maine Conference, to supply a Scandinavian laborer to the extent of the back tithe that is due the General Conference. Elder O.A.Olsen desired to occupy some time before the Committee to speak to this question.

Elder Kilgore, the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses, desired the mind of the Committee as to the advisability of granting credentials to those who are not heads of our schools, also secretaries and stenographers not having any other employment, and not having the ministry in view.

By common consent the Committee did not see wisdom in granting licenses and missionary credentials, merely to obtain favors in transportation over the railroads.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Geo. A. Irwin,

Chairman.

L. A. Hoopes,

Secretary.

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NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Held at South Lancaster, Mass.,

Mar. 2, 1899; 2 P.M.

President Irwin in the chair.

Present, Irwin, Olsen, Breed, Allee, Jones, Adams, Holser,

R.A. Underwood, Moon.

Prayer by H.P. Holser.

Voted to take up the question of the auditing of the European laborers Friday, 2 P.M.

Eld. I.E. Kimball met with the Committee to speak concerning the work in Charleston.

The following requests were turned over by the Committee on Plans and Resolutions for the consideration of the General Conference Committee:--

COMMITTEE ON PLANS AND RESOLUTIONS.

We call your attention to what seems to us a self-evident fact when viewed from the standpoint of location and conditions, namely,--

That the state of Louisiana be joined to the Keene Academy district.

Please suggest the same to the Conference.

C. McReynolds.
C. C. Lewis.

Referred to the General Conference Committee.

College Place, Wash., Feb. 19, 1899.

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF A NEW COLLECTION OF SONGS FOR USE IN TENT MEETINGS, REVIVAL MEETINGS, AND MISSION WORK.

Believing that there is a longfelt and deepseated desire on the part of the workers who are giving the three-fold message to

the world, for a new collection of gospel songs, we would recommend that the General Conference Committee take steps, as soon as possible, to prepare and publish such a collection as will meet the demands of the present hour.

In connection with this recommendation we would suggest that all of our laborers be requested to make selections of favorite songs, and that this selection be submitted to a competent committee who shall make the selections which shall make up the entire collection.

Referred to the General Conference Committee.

Suggested that the General Conference Committee take into consideration the advisability of providing for a small collection of gospel songs for evangelical work.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND PLANS OF WORK.

Dear Brethren:--

Representing as I do, the field in Virginia, I would be glad to have considered by this Conference the advisability of transferring to the Virginia Conference that part of the Atlantic Conference lying west of the Chesapeake Bay, or at least the "District of Columbia," for the following reasons:--

For many years the work in Virginia has been struggling along, financially embarrassed. We do not feel free to ask the General Conference to assist us under its present embarrassment, but I do believe, that if this transfer could be made a new impetus would be imported to this Conference, and all in Virginia encouraged to take hold, and our workers paid so they could provide for themselves, and do better work.

There is ^{are} another reason I might give here, but will not at this time. I have talked some to the president of the Atlantic Conference, and I am sure he will be willing to comply with this request.

I have also talked the matter over with some of our leading brethren, and all, so far, have favored the move. Elder Wheeler, of the Washington church, favors the move. I will be glad to consider or talk the matter over with you if necessary.

Your brother,

D.C.Babcock.

Referred to the General Conference Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Geo. A. Irwin,

Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,

Secretary.

NINETY-NINTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Held at South Lancaster, Mass.,

March 3, 1899; 2 P.M.

President Irwin in the Chair.

Members present, Irwin, Moon, Jones, Olsen, Breed, Morrison, Holser, Kilgore, Allee, Underwood, and by request, D.W.Reavis, C.P.Bellman, and M.H.Brown.

Moved by A.Moon, seconded by R.A.Underwood, that we recommend that the General Conference arrange for the transfer of the American Sentinel to the I.R.L.Association. Carried.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Morrison, that it is the sense of this Committee to recommend the removal of the I.R.L.Association from New York to Chicago. Carried.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Jones, that the copyright of the American State Papers be restored to the I.R.L.Association, for them to arrange and order the publication. Carried.

✓ The Secretary of the International Sabbath-school Association, M.H.Brown, made some statements relative to the plans for the Association, and requested that the General Conference support a field worker for the said Association.

✓ After some discussion it was moved by Morrison, seconded by Breed, that instead of having a field man, the Association Secretary communicate, and work through the District Superintendents. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Geo.A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes,
Secretary.

ONE HUNDREDTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Held at South Lancaster, Mass., Mar. 5, 1899.

President Irwin in the chair.

Prayer by Elder Moon.

Members present; Irwin, Moon, Olsen, Underwood, Allee, Breed, Evans, Jones, Kilgore, Morrison.

W.W. Prescott came before the Committee and presented a request for some man of experience to come to the British Field. He had had a talk with Elder Loughborough, and felt that if Brother Loughborough was free, after he had attended the Pacific Coast camp-meetings, he come to the British field.

The Committee voted to grant the request if Brother Loughborough was free.

Moved by Evans, seconded by Breed, that the chairman call a meeting of the College school boards as soon as convenient.

Carried.

Adjourned.

Geo. A. Irwin,
Chairman.

L. A. Hoopes,
Secretary.

THIRTY - FOURTH BIENNIAL TERM

of the sessions of the

General Conference Committee of the Seventh-day Adventists.

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First Meeting of the General Conference Committee,

Held at Battle Creek, Mich., 6 p.m. March 11, 1899.

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Elder G.A.Irwin in the chair. Prayer by H.W.Cottrell.

Members present: G.A.Irwin, A.Moon, A.T.Jones, J.N.Loughborough, N.W.Allen, H.W.Cottrell, J.H.Morrison, R.M.Kilgore, S.H.Lane, O.A.Olsen; By invitation Capt. Henry Norman and J.O.Corliss.

The first item of business was the selection of a minister-missionary to connect with Captain Norman's vessel. He desires to support a minister on his ship, under the auspices of the denomination. His ship runs between Melbourne and Singapore.

Moved by A.T.Jones and seconded by J.H.Morrison, that we recommend Elder J.O.Corliss to labor on Captain Norman's vessel, under the auspices of the Seventh-day-Adventist denomination, the captain to support the laborer, and Elder Corliss to meet the vessel at Singapore, June 28. The motion was carried unanimously.

The captain offered his yacht which is at Bath, Maine, to be used by the General Conference in New York harbor.

Elder Olsen raised the question whether he would be permitted to take a tour of about six weeks to visit some of the leading Scandinavian churches in Iowa, Nebraska, and other conferences where our Scandinavian churches are situated.

Moved by Jones and seconded by Loughborough, that the request be granted. Carried.

Voted to adjourn to call of the chair.

G.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

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Second (JOINT) MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
General Conference Association, Foreign Mission Board, and Interna-
tional Religious Liberty Association.

Held at Battle Creek, Mich., 9:30 p.m. March 14, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by L.A.Hoopes.

The first item of business was pertaining to the General Conference Association; so Elder Lane took the chair.

Professor Prescott presented the question of the London Publishing House. After some discussion there was a committee consisting of I.H.Evans, W.W.Prescott, O.A.Olsen, A.G.Adams, and A. Moon, appointed to look into the accounts of Australia and the London house with the General Conference Association, and recommend something to this committee.

The General Conference Association took a recess until 9 a.m. March 15.

The General Conference Committee and the International Religious Liberty Association proceeded to consider the propriety of securing the AMERICAN SENTINEL to the International Religious Liberty Association.

C.H.Jones, the President of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, was present, and did not feel free to commit his board to selling the SENTINEL before he had time to confer with them. He stated that it was the idea that the New York office should be strengthened, and that if the SENTINEL remained in New York they would have a common treasurer, and they would charge the I.R.L.A. only a manufacturer's profit. As no definite proposition was submitted, it was suggested that Brother C.H.Jones confer with his board, and submit something to the General Conference Committee.

Meeting adjourned to call of the chair.

G.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

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THIRD MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held at Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., March 15, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, Jones, Olsen, Breed, Moon, Loughborough, Evans, and Allee. By invitation: Elders R.A. Underwood, H.C. Basney, G.B. Thompson, W.A. Wilcox, K.C. Russell, J.E. Jayne, A.E. Place, J.O. Corliss, I.N. Williams, Mrs. S.M.I. Henry. Prayer by Elder R.M. Kilgore.

Sister Henry was requested to state to the Committee the nature of her work, and the help which, in her judgment, she needed to prosecute the same. She stated that if it was expected that she should extend her work to the camp-meetings, and be in the field quite largely, she would need additional help; and she rather had the impression that that was what was expected of her in the Testimony that was sent her. However, if she remains at home, she thought that she and Miss Durland could carry on the correspondence. After some consideration of the question, it was--

Moved by A.T. Jones, seconded by S.H. Lane, that we add Miss Laura L. Fisk to Sister Henry's corps of helpers. Carried.

Elder Corliss at this juncture raised the question of the BULLETIN---whether it should be an eight-page or a twelve-page number. It was found that a twelve-page paper would cost half as much as the regular issue. It would make an additional expense of nearly \$100 just for the few sermons that were to be run in the four-page insert. By common consent, it was decided to have only an eight-page number, and publish the extra articles in the REVIEW or quarterly BULLETIN.

The next item considered was with reference to the South Lancaster Academy. Elder Cottrell was requested to state briefly the condition of the Academy. The South Lancaster Board also desired that the General Conference Committee would give some counsel as to what policy they should pursue in the future as regards the principal and the teaching force of the school. Quite a number of the brethren spoke to this question. It was thought that the General Conference Committee could not give very much detailed information as to how the school should be run; but the question of removing teachers is quite a perplexity, and heretofore the General Conference has, through their Educational Secretary, taken the responsibility of recommending teachers and heads of schools to move from one institution to another. The condition of the school at South Lancaster is such that something will have to be done to supply them with competent teachers, as four have resigned.

It was the general sentiment of the Committee that there should be a definite understanding by all the schools that the General Conference Committee had the oversight of these institutions; and it was ---

Moved by Elder O.A. Olsen, seconded by Elder I.H. Evans, that the President and Secretary of the General Conference look after and provide teachers for the various schools, in connection with the

boards of the several schools and the General Conference Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Elder A.E. Place called up the question of the division of laborers and territory of the Atlantic and Chesapeake Conferences. Since two of the strongest churches which formerly belonged to the Atlantic Conference, now belong to the Chesapeake Conference, the tithe amounting to about \$1100 per quarter, it affected the Atlantic Conference considerably to have it set apart to another Conference. He desired that this Committee would give some counsel as to the division of the laborers. During the discussion of this matter, the Chairman read a letter from the elder of the Washington (D.C.) church, in which they urgently requested that the Virginia Conference be not united with the Chesapeake, as there would be some questions that would certainly militate against the work. By common consent, the question of the division of laborers for these two Conferences was left with the Presidents of the same, in counsel with the District Superintendent.

The Committee was not prepared to take immediate action on the perplexity of setting apart the Virginia Conference, without more careful consideration, especially until the full committee could be called together, as several members had stepped out of the room on other committees.

A few other items were considered, but no definite action taken. The meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

SEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 10 a.m., March 16, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elders Breed and Irwin. Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Lane, Morrison, Olsen, Allee, Cottrell, Breed, Moon, Evans, Jones, Loughborough. By invitation K.C. Russell. The minutes of the 97th, 98th, 99th, and 100th meetings of the Thirty-third biennial term, and of the 1st, 2d, and 3d of the Thirty-fourth biennial term, were read and approved.

The first item of business taken up was the final decision of the matter pertaining to the Atlantic and Chesapeake Conferences referred to in the last meeting. After some deliberation, the following preambles and resolutions were passed unanimously:--

"Whereas, The case of D.C. Babcock was referred back to the General Conference Committee for their further consideration and direction; and, ---

"Whereas, The Committee finds a condition of circumstances that renders it impracticable for Virginia to be united with the Chesapeake Conference; therefore, ---

"We Recommend, That Delaware, Maryland, (excepting the three western counties), and the District of Columbia constitute the Chesapeake Conference, and that the Virginia Conference remain intact as formerly, with D.C. Babcock as its president."

Moved by Olsen and seconded by Allee, that the division of funds between the Atlantic and Chesapeake Conference go into effect the 1st of April, 1899. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Evans and seconded by Olsen, that the General Conference bear the moving expense of K.C. Russell to the Chesapeake Conference. Carried.

Committee adjourned to call of the chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Battle Creek Mich., 9 a.m., March 17, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Morrison. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Jones, Breed, Allee, Cottrell, Kilgore, Loughborough, Moon, Evans, and Olsen. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee took up the case of G.E. Langdon, which was referred to the General Conference Committee for their consideration and direction.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Cottrell, that G.E. Langdon be recommended to take the presidency of the New England Conference, with the understanding that he be not connected with the financial matters of the Academy and Sanitarium which are located in that Conference. Carried.

The chairman read a statement from Brother A.R. Henry, of the expenses of his transportation to General Conference.

Elder Evans moved that, inasmuch as Brother Henry was encouraged to present his bill, that we recommend the President of the General Conference to request the chairman of the General Conference Association to pay out of G.C.A. funds the transportation of A.R. Henry as per statement, \$31.43. Carried.

The chairman then read a request from H.M.J.Richards, in which he asks that the General Conference loan him money to get to his field. After some consideration, Elder R.M.Kilgore moved and I.N. Evans seconded, that the original plan concerning the case of H.M.J. Richards that he go to Colorado, be carried out. Carried.

The matter of loaning him money was deferred until the President could see him and notify him of this action, and request that he correspond with the Colorado Conference, and request that they advance him some funds.

Meeting adjourned until 2 p.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
Battle Creek, Mich., 2:3 p.m., March 17, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by O.A.Olsen. Present: Irwin, Olsen, Kilgore, Allee, Loughborough, Morrison, Cottrell, Breed, Moon, Evans, and by invitation H.P.Holser, L.T.Nicola, and W.W.Prescott.

The chairman stated that it was his design to take into consideration the work of the International Tract and Missionary Society, and asked the Secretary of that Society to take the minutes of the meeting.

Moved by Prescott and seconded by Cottrell, that the International Tract and Missionary Society be located at Boston, Mass., or Brooklyn, N.Y., and that a committee of three be chosen to look into the matter, and, in counsel with some brethren with whom they could confer in that section, decide the matter. Carried unanimously.

The Committee considered the matter of accepting the yacht offered by Capt. Henry Norman, to be used in New York harbor. Moved by Prescott and seconded by Olsen, that the offer be accepted, and that the committee chosen to locate the International Tract Society look up this matter, and advise something definite for the Society to carry out. Carried.

The matter of supplying copies of THE PRESENT TRUTH for use on the yacht was next considered. Moved by H.P.Holser and seconded by O.A.Olsen, that one hundred and fifty copies of PRESENT TRUTH be supplied for that purpose. Carried.

Moved by Prescott and seconded by Loughborough, that L.T.Nicola, A. Moon, and H.W.Cottrell constitute the locating committee for the International Tract Society. Carried.

After these matters pertaining to the International Tract Society were considered, the Committee voted that Elder Breed connect with the work in District No. 3 as soon as he could get back from California.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., March 19. IRWIN, Chmn. HOOPES, Sec'y.

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 19, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elders Evans and Irwin. Members present: Irwin, Moon, Kilgore, Morrison, Allee, Loughborough, Evans, Olsen, Cottrell, and by invitation W.C.Sisley. Minutes of the meetings held on the 17th read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Harmon Lindsay, stating the amount of expense to general Conference and return. It amounted to \$34.52. A motion prevailed to allow the expense, and ask the Chairman of the G.C.A. to handle this case the same as that of A.R.Henry's.

Elder Loughborough, the chairman of the committee appointed at the General Conference to investigate the question of royalties as related to the action between authors of books and publishing houses, submitted the following minutes and findings of the Committee:--

"By a vote of the General Conference, March 2, 1899, the following-named committee was appointed to examine the question of royalties as related to the connection between authors of books and our publishing houses: J.N.Loughborough, C.H.Jones, W.C.Sisley, S.H.Lane, A.J.Breed, W.T.Knox, E.J.Waggoner, J.O. Corliss, J.H.Kellogg, A.T.Jones, I.H.Evans, H.P.Holser, L.R. Conradi.

"This committee met the same evening and organized, selecting J.O.Corliss as secretary. The meeting then adjourned to the call of the chair.

"The committee, with the exception of C.H.Jones, J.H. Kellogg, and H.P.Holser, met again March 8, on the train, while passing through Ontario.

"W.C.Sisley was asked to make a statement relative to the question in hand, when he said that for two years the Testimonies had repeatedly come to the Board of Trustees of the Review and Herald Company, saying that robbery was being committed in the office. The Board, supposing that this called for reformation throughout the working force of the office, began an investigation of the various departments, and made radical changes in many of them. But after this was done, the Testimonies still came reproving wrong, and finally stated that the question of royalties was involved in the wrong committed. About a year after the Testimonies were received which reproved the Board for these things, Elder A.T.Jones came before the Board, and among other statements, said, that after a year's study, he thought that the rate of royalties on books should be as high as ten per cent. Brother Sisley then wrote to twenty or more book firms, asking them what rates of royalty they were paying authors; and received the general reply that they paid no royalties where they could avoid it, but where royalties were paid, the average was five per cent. on the retail price of subscription books, and ten per cent. on trade books.

"Two years ago, W.C.White, representing his mother, talked to Brother Sisley about royalties, and they together went through the records to look up all that had ever been paid on books.

In their investigation, W.C.White said that he thought the rates of five and ten per cent. were fair royalties. The Office, consequently, settled on these figures, which had since been paid to authors, with the exception of some manuscripts which had been bought outright. He thought, however, that late Testimonies condemned the usage of buying manuscripts.

"Elder Evans then read resolutions passed by the Review and Herald Board, in which it promised to make restitution where, on investigation, wrongs might appear to have been done to any author.

"W.C.Wisley then said that years ago the office bought the manuscript of the "United States in Prophecy," of Elder Smith, agreeing to give him \$625 for the same; but for some reason he had never been paid more than \$500 for it. After carefully considering that case, the Office Board agreed to pay him two and one-half per cent. royalty on 125,000 copies sold, which amounted to about \$2,800. Appeals were then sent in to investigate other cases; such as, "The Advent Keepsake," compiled thirty-three years ago, by G.W.Amadon. The book "Sunshine at Home," compiled by Mary Stewart, was also brought to the notice of the Board, and remuneration was asked for the work done on it.

"Elder Corliss was then asked to make a statement regarding the book "Bible Readings," which he did; rehearsing the thing from its inception to the present time. He said that no bargain had ever been made between him and the office Board, and that he received nothing while making the book; long after the book was made, he received \$150; and then afterwards, \$267, making \$417 in all received. He thought the matter should receive the fullest consideration.

"Elder A.T.Jones then read from the Testimonies as to what would be right in the matter; namely, to restore what had been unjustly taken from authors.

"Elder S.H.Lane suggested that rates of royalty on the proper basis first be established before taking up individual cases, which might afterward be settled on their respective merits. Brethren Evans and Sisley orally agreed to this.

"Elder Jones said that his mind was that the only right way to determine the true basis of royalties would be to find the initial cost of a book, then estimate a fair profit to the house, publishing it; after which the surplus should be divided evenly between the author and the house.

"Elder Conradi said that if the European publishing houses were obliged to pay royalties on books outside of the German, after meeting the expense of translations, they would never be able to endure it.

Elder Evans moved, that Elder A.T.Jones collate all the Testimonies which relate to royalties, and present these to the next meeting of the Committee. Carried.

"W.C.Sisley suggested that the next meeting be called at as early a date as consistent.

"Elder Evans then moved to adjourn to the call of the chair. Carried.

J.N.LOUGHBOROUGH, Chairman.

J.O.CORLISS, Secretary.

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"THIRD MEETING, March 12, 5 p.m., in Manager Sisley's office, Battle Creek, Mich. Prayer by Elder A.T.Jones. Minutes of last meeting approved. Members present: J.N.Loughborough, C.H.Jones, H.P.Holser, S.H.Lane, L.R.Conadi, A.T.Jones, E.J.Waggoner, W.C.Sisley, and J.O.Corliss.

"Referring to a vote of the last meeting Elder Jones said that in the little tract "Report of Special Meeting," he already had collated all that the Spirit of God has said concerning royalties.

"C.H.Jones raised the question as to how a uniform rate of royalties can be established on books of varying values. He then cited illustrations in one of which he said that the manuscript of the book came to the publishers in so crude a condition as to require nearly as much work as would have been required to write the book at first. He raised the question as to whether the author of such manuscript should receive as high royalty as another whose manuscript was completed before reaching the publishers. Another case in hand was a book of poems which the author simply wrote as a contribution to the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, for which she was fully paid as a contributor; but the after-thought of the publishers brought it out in booklet form, having it fully illustrated. He said that the author had nothing whatever to do with illustrating the subject.

"Doctor Waggoner said that, resting the question on the illustrations, the same would be true of all books, and he thought that cut no figure in the settlement of the question. He further said that the difference between writing and compiling a book should be considered.

"Speaking of Elder Jones's suggestion to divide profits with the author after paying initial expenses, H.P.Holser said that European experience had shown that some books never paid the initial expense, in which case the author would be deprived of any remuneration for writing the book.

"Elder Lane asked if the surplus made on books should be divided if authors would not be liable to receive much less remuneration for their work than though they received a certain per cent. on the books sold.

"W.C.Sisley said that the Review Office was paying a percentage royalty on some books which it was doubtful if enough of them would be sold to pay the initial expense.

"Elder Conradi thought that some books costing hardly any brain effort of an author sold more readily than some other valuable productions, and which cost the author years of hard study. He thought that the royalties on these more valuable books should be higher than on the cheaper grades.

"W.C.Sisley was of the opinion that, inasmuch as the author was always at more or less expense in time and material in making a book, that he should not be asked to wait until the initial expense was returned to the publishers. He thought that the author's expense should be reckoned as a part of the initial expense of the book, and this should be recovered to the author as fast as realized from the sale of the book.

"C.H.Jones here interposed, saying that great expense was attached to getting the book on the market after it came from the press. He thought that this expense should also be considered in figuring the amount of royalty to be paid.

"A.T.Jones said that what puzzled him was how that five per cent. was considered a high royalty when A.R.Henry had said that he, in the face of the Testimonies, had caused royalties to be reduced from ten per cent. to five, and that the Testimonies had ever since then been condemning the low rate as an injustice to authors.

"C.H.Jones said that he did not think A.R.Henry's statement hardly a fair one, that is to say, he did not fairly represent the matter, since he had never known of a ten per cent. rate of royalty being paid.

"A.T.Jones said in reply that ten per cent. was now being paid on trade books, while the royalty on subscription books had been reduced to five. This was evidence that reduction had been made, and, whatever reduction had been made, was condemned by the Testimonies.

"Elder Lane thought that five per cent. ought to be paid on each style of binding, rather than to figure the royalty on a medium binding. The adjustment would then, he thought, be equitable; inasmuch as the royalty was not paid on the binding, so much as the book itself, that if the percentage was reckoned on the lower bindings, the royalty ought to be higher than five per cent.

"C.H.Jones said that the only true way to find the basis of royalty would be to pay a certain amount on each book sold, or to figure a percentage on each style of binding. He said that as it is now, the offices make very little on their books.

"In reply to C.H.Jones's last statement, A.T.Jones said that it was an awful thing to undertake to work against God's blowing on the funds of the offices. All agreed that the matter ought to be arranged in harmony with the demand of the Testimonies.

"H.P.Holser said he favored settling royalties on the basis of a percentage rather than on the division of profits.

"C.H.Jones replied that all we can do is to arrive at some general average in the matter, and then make some special exceptions both ways, that is, paying some a higher, and some a lower, per cent., according to the merits of their productions.

"W.C.Sisley then raised the question whether the basis arrived at shall be made retroactive, that is, whether the offices should go back and pay royalties on which none have been paid in the past. He said that to do this would involve two or three hundred thousand dollars.

"Special cases were then taken up by way of illustration, and at 7:45 the committee adjourned to two o'clock, Monday, March 13, 1899.

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"FOURTH MEETING, Tuesday, 2 p.m., March 13. All members of the committee present except J.H.Kellogg. Prayer by Elder S.H. Lane, after which minutes of the last meeting were approved.

"A.T.Jones then read a late Testimony bearing on the question of royalties.

"The circumstances accompanying the making of certain books were then given some attention by general discussion.

"Meeting adjourned to 8 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, March 14.

J.N.LOUGHBOROUGH, Chairman.

"J.O.Corliss, Secretary.

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"FIFTH MEETING, 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16. Members present: J.N.Loughborough, L.R.Conradi, A.J.Breed, S.H.Lane, W.C.Sisley, A.T.Jones, H.P.Holser, E.J.Waggoner, and J.O.Corliss. Prayer by Elder Breed.

"A.T.Jones said that, inasmuch as the Testimony had come telling of one author being induced to take lower royalty on his books; and that a later Testimony points out that author as Elder Uriah Smith; and inasmuch as the figures on his books were lowered from five per cent. to two and a half, is not this case a good starting point for consideration? After reading from the Testimony in evidence of the point as he stated it, he thought this specific case should be investigated and made the basis of all other cases.

"In reply W.C.Sisley said that the book "United States in Prophecy," was purchased outright from Elder Smith. On "Daniel and the Revelation," he had accepted ten cents a book royalty, which meant about three and one-half per cent. Sister White had received on some books fifteen cents each,

but paid the initial expenses of such books. This made the royalty about equal in each case. To make Elder Smith's books not him five per cent. royalty, they would have to add seven and one-half cents per book to the royalty of Wister White's early productions.

"Elder Holser said that the European house pays the initial expense on getting out Dr. Kellogg's books, and then gives him five per cent. royalty; but he said if five per cent. were paid on all books, some of them would net the author more profit than the publishers received. Still, from the Testimony, he thought that five per cent. would be about the right average.

"A.T.Jones: I move that, in the light of the Testimony, we express our belief that five per cent. on subscription books, and ten per cent. on trade books, ought to be the basis of royalties in all cases where the publishing house bears the initial expense of publishing the book.

"Elder S.H.Lane seconded this motion.

"At this point W.C.Sisley said that the office was paying royalties on Professor Bell's language series all the way from fifteen to forty-five cents on each book; but was not prepared to tell why this was done, because this rate was established by the General Conference Association when it was doing a book business.

"Elder O.A.Olsen was called in at this juncture, and asked how this rate of royalty was placed on Professor Bell's books. Replying, he said he did not know just why. He knew that Prof. Bell had pleaded wrong treatment toward him in the past, and that he had worked hard to produce the books, and that although the entire committee felt that the demands made were exorbitant, yet they yielded, with the hope that in time the matter would adjust itself.

"A.T.Jones: What was the basis of profit from such figures?

"O.A.Olsen: I don't know. W.O.Palmer figured largely in it, and he would be likely to know. [Palmer was called.]

"While waiting for Palmer to appear, W.C.Sisley said that Professor Tenney at the College said a good deal about Prof. Bell's books, and expressed a desire to go to Minnesota to introduce them in public schools. The office agreed to send him if the royalties could be reduced to that rate where the office could afford it. Prof. Bell was accordingly called in and consulted, on the point, and was offered a uniform rate of ten per cent. on the books that might be sold. He utterly refused to yield on this point, which made it utterly impossible for the office to push the sale of his books.

"Just here W.O.Palmer came in, and was asked by A.T.Jones on what basis of profit the royalty was figured so high on Prof. Bell's books.

Palmer replied that the consideration, so far as he knew, was that of the author's work, and the cost of the books.

"W.O.Sisley replied that Prof. Bell paid no initial expenses, but that these were met by the office.

"W.O.Palmer: Prof. Bell's books were counted as trade books, and therefore should have greater royalty than subscription books.

"A.T.Jones: But how could such a rate of royalty be paid and not lose money on the books?

W.O.Palmer: I don't know. I only know that there was a small profit on the books to the Association.

"W.C.Sisley: Book No. 1 of the series cost, including royalty, forty-three and six-tenths cents each, and retailed at sixty-five cents. We usually give fifty per cent. discount on trade books; but on these we could only give twenty per cent., and so our branch houses could not handle them. Book No.2 cost forty-one and two-tenths cents, and retails at sixty-five. No. 3 cost forty-nine cents, and retails at eighty. No. 4 cost seventy-three and six-tenths cents, and retails at one dollar and twenty-five. Book Five cost about ninety-six cents, and retails at one dollar and seventy-five cents.

"W.O.Palmer said that Prof. Bell told him, not many months ago, that he expected to reduce the royalty on his books, when he could do so without feeling that he was pressed on the point; but that he did not believe the office should repudiate their contract with him. He felt that he was not well treated, because his books were not being pushed as fast as they should be.

"W.C.Sisley said that Prof. Bell had been told that his books would be pushed beyond denominational lines, if the royalty could be placed at a rate where that could be done without a loss.

"S.H.Lane, addressing W.O.Palmer: Can you tell the committee to what rate Prof. Bell proposed to reduce the royalty on his books.

"W.O.Palmer: I am not just certain about Book No. 1, but on the others he intended to throw off from five to ten cents on each book.

"H.B.Holser asked if this were not a matter for the office board to settle.

"A vote was then called on the motion made by A.T.Jones, and was carried unanimously.

"S.H.Lane: As a member of the office board, I wish we could have the help of this committee in adjusting individual cases.

"Adjourned to 6 p.m., to-day.

J.N.Loughborough, Chairman.
J.O.Gorliss, Secretary.

"SIXTH MEETING, 7 p.m., Thursday March 16. Members present: J.N.Loughborough, A.T.Jones, W.C.Sisley, H.P.Holser, A.J.Breed, E.H.Waggoner, L.R.Conradi, J.O.Corliss. Minutes of last meeting approved.

"W.C.Sisley said that by request of the office board, he had written to Sister White, telling her all that was involved in paying back royalties on books, and asked her counsel as to whether her Testimonies on the subject of royalties intended that the office should pay all these back claims for royalties. He said that he hoped to hear from her in due time on the point.

"H.P.Holser said that it seemed quite clear that the Office was in the condition of the man revealed in the Scriptures who owed ten thousand talents, and was unable to pay the debt. He thought the best thing to do would be candidly to acknowledge the debt, and receive the forgiveness of the creditors. He further stated that the committee seemed unanimous that, so far as the past was concerned, each claim for back royalties should be settled on its own merits, according to the agreement made between the respective authors and the publishers. He then asked why some such recommendation could not be passed by the committee, and himself moved such recommendation. This was supported by A.T.Jones, and carried unanimously.

"It was then moved by H.P.Holser, and supported by L.R.Conradi, that the Secretary report the findings of the committee to the General Conference. This was unanimously carried, and the committee adjourned sine die at 8 p.m.

J.N.Loughborough, Chairman.

J.O.Corliss, Secretary.

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"TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:--

"The committee appointed March 2, 1899, at South Lancaster, Mass., by the chairman of your body, to investigate the matter of royalties paid authors by our publishing houses, have held six meetings, and is now prepared to report its findings.

"The Committee finds that several authors have furnished manuscripts for books to the Review and Herald office, for which they received no adequate remuneration. In view of what the Testimonies of God's Spirit has said to direct the course of restitution in these cases, the committee voted to recommend that hereafter five per cent. on subscription books, and ten per cent. on trade books, be the basis of royalties in all cases where the publishing house bears the initial expense of publishing the book.

"It was further voted, that in the matter of settling claims for the past, that each case be adjusted according to its merits, as may be agreed upon between the authors and the publishing board concerned.

"The detail work of the committee may be studied by examining the accompanying report of the different sittings of the committee.

"J.O.Corliss, Secretary for the Committee."

After the Secretary read the minutes and report of findings, Elder A. Moon moved, Elder R.M.Kilgore seconded, that the report be adopted.

This motion elicited considerable comment by various members of the Committee, but was carried unanimously.

At this juncture Brother W.C.Sisley made a statement of the feelings of the Review and Herald Board as to some of the public statements that have been made relative to the Publishing Association. He felt that there were some things that were rather of a detrimental nature, and that in some way the General Conference Committee should make a statement that would set matters right in the minds of the brethren in the field; that some have entertained the idea that it was rather a private concern. Some have already expressed themselves that they could not conscientiously work for the institution, inasmuch as they would simply be enriching a private enterprise. Quite a number of the members of the Committee felt that something should be said in our public prints that would set these matters right.

Elder Evans moved, and J.H.Morrison seconded, that a letter be prepared and published in the REVIEW AND HERALD, that will set matters in the right light before the public, showing the real object for which the publishing association was established; and that this letter go out over the signature of the President of the General Conference, for the Committee. Motion prevailed.

The Committee next considered the rate of salary of F.R.Rogers and his wife, who went from Washington to Yazoo City, Miss., to connect with the school at that place. It appears that they had been under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board to go to a foreign field, but by some means J.E.White, of Yazoo City, induced them to go to that place to take up school work for the colored people.

It was moved by Evans and seconded by Morrison, that this matter be referred to the District Superintendent and the President of the General Conference, with power to act, and if they deem it proper, that they allow him enough to make up to the amount of ten dollars per week as salary for himself and wife. Carried.

The Committee then voted the rates for the following-named persons, respectively:--

R.E.Eldred, \$10 per week and traveling expenses and board.

Addie Cooper, the regular pay she receives from the Review and Herald, and traveling expenses and board.

The same arrangements for W.E.Cornell and Roy V. Ashbey.

Wm. Mc Reynolds, \$8 a week, and traveling expenses.

The Committee voted to grant Clarence Hamel, who is connected with the school in Vicksburg, Miss., the privilege to draw \$5 per week, leaving the final settlement of his salary with the Auditing Committee.

At this juncture Professor Prescott appeared before the Committee to ascertain information concerning Brother Tabor Davies and wife of this city. Several of the brethren expressed themselves that they had some acquaintance with him, and were very favorably impressed with his appearance, and thought he would make a valuable laborer

wherever he is. Professor Prescott stated that Brother Davies had received a letter from his folks in Scotland, requesting him and his wife to come there to give them some information concerning the light they have received on the principles of health, and the religious faith which they have recently embraced.

It was moved by A.T. Jones and seconded by O.A. Olsen, that the General Conference Committee send Brother and Sister Davies to the British field under the pay of the General Conference.

The chairman stated that at each meeting, the General Conference is taking on more laborers. Elder Evans somewhat questioned the propriety of this move, while there is the great field in the South that is dependent on the General Conference for help. Elder Morrison stated that there is something to the motion. We need to exercise some faith, and in this set a good example to our Conferences. The motion was carried.

Moved by Kilgore and seconded by Loughborough, that the General Conference grant ministerial license to Brother Tabor Davies, and missionary credentials to Sister Davies. Motion deferred until Professor Prescott could converse with the parties.

The Committee then proceeded to consider further the items on the schedule furnished by the Secretary.

The first item is the training-school for the South. Moved and supported that it is the sense of this Committee that such a work be established in connection with the Huntsville and the Graysville schools, and that the Superintendent of District No. 2, the President of the General Conference, and the Chairman of the General Conference Association constitute a committee to confer with the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Board as embodied in the recommendation of the General Conference. Carried.

The next item taken up was the appointment of editors. The appointment of editors of the REVIEW AND HERALD, YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR, and CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR was deferred by the Committee until such time as they could have the Review and Herald board with them.

It was moved and supported that this Committee recommend that the same editorial staff of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES be retained, if agreeable to the Pacific Press Publishing Company. Carried.

The appointment of editor for the AMERICAN SENTINEL was deferred.

L.A. Hoopes was appointed as editor of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN.

The next item was the auditing of the account of Elder I.E. Kimball. Moved by Evans and seconded by Jones, that we audit Elder Kimball's account the same as last year, and that he be advised to labor under the direction of the District Superintendent.

The Committee then took up the recommendation of the General Conference requesting that a fund be provided to assist in the improvement and circulation of the paper PRESENT TRUTH, of London, England. It was moved by Loughborough and seconded by Morrison, that a request be written out and published in the REVIEW for such a fund. Carried.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m., March 20.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 20, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder R.W.Munson. Members present: Irwin, Morrison, Allee, Evans, Lane, Loughborough, Kilgore, Cottrell, Moon, Olsen, Jones; and by invitation Elder R.W.Munson.

Brother Munson desired to come before the Committee to state his convictions relative to the truth, and to acquaint the Committee with his past experience in the Methodist Church, and his mission work in India. He also desired to be connected with the body in church relationship; and as soon as he got through with his connection with the Sanitarium, he desired to have some humble part in the work of the third angel's message, as he was one with us.

After this the Committee considered the matter of preparing small books on Daniel and Revelation as called for in the Testimonies. Moved by Morrison, that Elder A.T.Jones be requested to prepare something on these books, as called for in the Testimonies. Carried.

The Chairman read a telegram from Elder N.W.Kauble, in which he requests that the Committee inform him if it was expected that he would soon go to Illinois to take the presidency of that Conference. A vote was passed to ask him to come soon.

The next item of business was the appointment of editors for the papers published by the Review and Herald. The members of the Review and Herald board were called in. The first editorship considered was that of the REVIEW AND HERALD, when it was voted that Elders A.T.Jones and Uriah Smith be retained as editors of that journal.

The editorship of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR was next considered. After considerable discussion and comment, it was moved by S.H.Lane and seconded by J.N.Loughborough, that the joint committee endorse the following resolution passed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association: "That the directors be instructed so to change the style and character of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR as to make it conform to, and answer the design of, its original purpose as far as possible; and that such difference be made in the price of the journal as shall be permitted by the change." The motion prevailed.

Moved by C.D.Rhodes and seconded by A.T.Jones, that we ask the International Sabbath-school Association to cooperate with the Review and Herald Publishing Company in placing the INSTRUCTOR in all our Sabbath-schools. Carried.

It was then moved by C.D.Rhodes and seconded by N.W.Alee, that Miss Addie B. Cooper be appointed editor of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. Carried.

Moved by I.H.Evans and seconded by N.W.Alee, that Elder A.T. Jones, W.C.Sisley, and Mrs.S.M.I.Henry be an editorial advisory committee for the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. Carried.

The next editorship considered was that of the Christian Educator. As there had been a motion in the meeting of the publishing association to discontinue this journal, and the matter had been referred to the General Conference Committee, there was much discussion as to the propriety of its continuance.

It was moved by I.H.Evans and seconded by J.I.Gibson, that it is the sense of this Committee that the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR be discontinued for the present.

The discussion on this question developed the fact that the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR had hardly carried out its original purpose. It was thought by some that it was due to the fact that the educators were not giving the paper the support they should, for various reasons which are not necessary to be stated at this time. However, all felt that there was a field for the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR, if the paper received the support of our leading men. The President hardly felt that it was just the thing to drop the paper at this time, for if they ever expected to take it up again, it would be much harder to do anything than it would be to continue it from the present.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by J.H.Morrison and seconded by A.T.Jones, that this motion be laid on the table. Carried.

W.C.Sisley moved, J.I.Gibson, seconded, that the present editor be continued on the EDUCATOR. Carried.

Moved by I.H.Evans and seconded by N.W.Alee, that G.A.Irwin, L.A.Hoopes, and E.A.Sutherland constitute an advisory committee for the CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR. Carried.

The next item considered was our foreign publications, the CHRISTLICHER HAUSFREUND, SIGNS VAKTARE, and EVANGELIETS SENDEBUD, published at this place. A motion was made to ask W.C.Sisley to correspond with Elder H. Shultz about the proposed church paper for the Germans, and ask him to ascertain the sentiment at our camp-meetings for such a paper, and work up subscriptions to the HAUSFREUND. It was also suggested that a similar arrangement be had for the other foreign papers.

The Chairman stated that there were to be general meetings for these nationalities in this country, and he thought the outlook for the work in the foreign languages was more favorable than it has been for some time.

The Chairman then read a communication from the Battle Creek College Reorganization Committee, as follows:--

"Battle Creek, Michigan, March 19, 1899.

"Elder L.A.Hoopes, City.

"Dear Brother: At a meeting of the College Reorganization Committee held to-day, it was voted that we ask the General Conference Committee to take some specific steps to assist in the matter of the raising of the debt hanging over the North addition of the College.

"Very sincerely yours,

[Signed] Percy T. Magan."

Moved by J.H.Morrison and seconded by S.H.Lane, that this Committee give its moral support for the raising of the College debt in District No. 3. Carried.

The Committee then considered the subject of camp-meetings. The brethren suggested that if possible we could have a list of available help that could be distributed to the camp-meetings, and then leave the matter in the hands of the District Superintendents, the presidents of the conferences, and the brethren situated at Battle Creek to arrange later. A motion prevailed to this effect.

Professor Prescott reported his conference with Brother Tabor Davies. He said that Brother Davies would rather not be ordained, but thought that any paper recognizing him as a laborer would be sufficient; and that after he had laid before him the action of the Committee relative to his case, he thought he would be ready to go to England with the company in May.

Brother Jones was asked to see Brother Davies and ask him to meet with the Committee in the afternoon meeting.

At this juncture Elder Moon made a statement relative to some real estate in the city of Washington, which the brethren have been endeavoring to secure for church work in that city. Elders A. Moon and H.W.Cottrell were appointed as a committee to look into the matter, and make some recommendation.

The Chairman called up the question of the South Lancaster Academy. The matter has been left rather indefinitely concerning the principalship of that school. It was the mind of some of the brethren on the Academy Board that H.C.Basney take the presidency of the Academy. The President of the General Conference suggested that Professor Frederick Griggs might serve them well as principal. This suggestion received considerable favor, when it was voted that the chair correspond with the Board of South Lancaster Academy, and suggest to them that the General Conference Committee would favor Professor Griggs for the principal for their Academy.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

NINTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., March 20, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Allee, Loughborough, Kilgore, Evans, Cottrell, and Jones. By invitation, W.C.Sisley. Prayer by Elder S.H.Lane.

Brother W.C.Sisley came before the Committee to call their attention to some matters in connection with the INSTRUCTOR. He stated that the Review and Herald Board and Sister Cooper desired that Elder M.C.Wilcox and Miss Alberta L. Little be requested to act as corresponding editors of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. The Committee looked with favor upon such a recommendation, and it was,---

Voted that Elder M.C.Wilcox and Miss Alberta L. Little be requested to act as corresponding editors of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the editorship of the AMERICAN SENTINEL. It was--

Moved by Elder Moon and seconded by Elder Allee, that L.A.Smith be retained as editor of the SENTINEL. Carried.

Moved by Elder Moon, seconded by Elder Evans, that further editorial help for the SENTINEL be deferred until it is finally determined whether the SENTINEL be retained in New York or removed to Chicago. Carried.

Brother and Sister Tabor Davies then came before the Committee to state their convictions relative to the truth, and their willingness to go to Scotland as representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. The motion pending granting him ministerial license, and her missionary credentials, was voted, and carried.

At this juncture Elder Cottrell read a letter from Brother S.A. Farnsworth, in which he stated that he did not feel clear to go to the Maritime Provinces. This, with other letters which he had received from New England, rather changed his mind as to what was the right thing to do in the matter of the presidency of the New England Conference. It was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, seconded by Elder Kilgore, that the Committee rescind its action relative to Elder G.E.Langdon's taking the presidency of the New England Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Allee, that the presidency of the New England Conference be left with that Conference and the District Superintendent. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Morrison, that it is the sense of this Committee that Elder G.E.Langdon continue his labors in the Maritime Provinces. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Morrison, that the Conference Committees of the Conferences in which men are working under pay of the General Conference, be requested to fix the rate of these laborers, and draw on the General Conference quarterly for this amount. Carried.

Moved by Elder Kilgore and seconded by Elder Morrison, that we recommend that Elder C. Mc Reynolds receive the same rate for his time in Arkansas that he receives from the Oklahoma Conference. Carried.

Moved and supported that we request the chairman to arrange with Michigan to take the oversight of Ontario, with its laborers. Carried.

Adjourned till 8 a.m., March 21.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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TENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 21, 1899.

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Elder G.A. Irwin in the chair. Prayer by L.A. Hoopes. Present: Elders Irwin, Loughborough, Kilgore, Morrison, Cottrell, Allee, Lane, Evans, and Moon. Minutes of last three meetings read and approved.

Elder Cottrell called up the case of S.A. Farnsworth, which was referred back to the General Conference Committee. A motion prevailed to recommend him to remain in the New England Conference.

Elder R.M. Kilgore laid before the Committee the needs of District No. 5. He thought that some provision should be made for an exchange of laborers. ~~But~~ If Elder Mc Clure came to Arizona, as recommended by the General Conference, then Elder J.E. Evans should make California his field of labor. No action was taken in this case.

He also thought that this Committee should make some recommendation with reference to the presidency of the Missouri Conference, and appealed to the Committee to rescind the recommendation of the General Conference to send Elder H.S. Shaw to Montana, and take action recommending that he go to Missouri, with a view of his getting acquainted with the field, and, if thought best in the future, to have him take the presidency of that Conference. No definite action was taken in the case.

Elder L.C. Sheafe appeared before the Committee to lay before them his plan with reference to the work for the colored people in the South. It is to visit the schools for the colored people, and lay before them the principles of healthful living and some features of the third angel's message, with a hope that there would be more fruitful soil in that class of people than elsewhere; also with a hope that laborers could be raised up to go out and preach the truth

to others. . It was----

Moved and supported, that Elder Allee be recommended to look into the matter, and make such arrangements for Elder Sheafe to take up this work in connection with the schools, as in his judgment is deemed best. Carried.

Elder Allee at this juncture requested that, inasmuch as Sister Lillian S. Pierce is expecting to return to Michigan, we invite Sister Mollie Long, of Iowa, to labor in District No. 2, in place of Sister L.S.Pierce. Carried.

Brother Allee also stated that for the past year the general Conference had paid the teachers of the Southern Industrial School, which was appreciated very much by the Board of that institution. He felt that they would hardly have known what to do, had it not been for the help that was given by the General Conference. He also made the following request: That the General Conference pay the principal of the Southern Industrial School. This does not include the salaries of the other teachers. It was----

Moved by Elder Loughborough, seconded by Elder Morrison, that the General Conference pay the principal of the Southern Industrial School. Carried. [N.B. This closes May 23, 1899.L.A.H.C.W.I.]

Elder Allee stated that the institution was out of debt; but their equipment was such that it required all the income from various sources to build and equip buildings for school purposes; and he desired the mind of the Committee as to what they should do in the future---whether they should go on as they had in the past, and put up the buildings as fast as they could obtain funds, by the use of the student labor, or not. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon and seconded by Elder Morrison, that, inasmuch as the school was not costing the General Conference for anything of that kind, and was not running in debt, the plan outlined by Brother Allee for the extension and enlargement of the work at Graysville, be endorsed. Carried.

Brother Kilgore brought up the case of Elder W.L.Mc Neely, of Texas. He stated that Brother Mc Neely had a burden to go to District No. 2 to labor for his own kinsmen in North Carolina. It was---

Moved and supported, that the removal and exchange of Brother Mc Neely, of Texas, for some man in District No. 2, be left to the Superintendents of Districts Nos. 2 and 3. Carried.

The Chairman then read a communication from Elder H. Shultz, in which he makes an appeal for the work in Chicago, and for a German worker for Elder Conradi, and a German worker for the Oklahoma Conference, which is as follows:--

*TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:--

*I should like to see the work opened up in Chicago among the Germans; and I would suggest that you send Brother Scholl, now at Battle Creek College, to labor in Chicago with tracts and pamphlets from house to house, in order that he might learn the lay of the city, and also where the Germans generally dwell. Then when the school closes at Union College, that Elder J.T.

Boettcher, from Union College, College View, Nebr., be sent to Chicago to connect with Brother Scholl, and together open up the work among the Germans as the way may open. Brother Schaeffer, now doing missionary work in Chicago, lives there. He would be quite a help to them; and together it would make a force, in my mind, that might be the means, in the hands of God, of raising up a church in that great city. I submit this for your consideration. I am anxious to see the work opened up among the 125,000 German inhabitants of that city. If the Illinois Conference does not see fit to take hold of the work, because of their financial straitness, can not the General Conference take this matter in hand, and open up the work in that city, and then draw the tithe that may accrue from that work to the General Conference, until the money paid out for this work will be brought in again?

H. Shultz."

"Later: Brother L.R. Conradi wants some men to be given him for Europe; and he asked me in regard to Brother John Lorenz; and knowing what I now know of him, I would recommend that he be sent with him, if he desires to go; that is, you will know that I have no objection to it.

"As Brother Behrens, of Minnesota, who was recommended for Oklahoma, has no burden for the German field whatever, his burden being with the English, and he having been laboring among the English, I would recommend that he be left in the field where he is, and that Elder S.S. Shrock, of Pennsylvania, be sent to Oklahoma in his stead, to connect with the Oklahoma work.
H. Shultz."

Inasmuch as Brother J.H. Behrens, of Minnesota, has no burden to go to Oklahoma, and especially no burden to labor in the German tongue, a motion prevailed to rescind the action taken by the General Conference recommending Brother Behrens's going to Oklahoma.

It was then moved by Elder Moon, seconded by Elder Morrison, that we recommend Elder S.S. Shrock, to make Oklahoma his field of labor. Carried.

Moved and supported, that we look with favor upon the plan of Elder Shultz to open up the work in Chicago; and further, that we ask Elder S.H. Lane to present the matter to the Illinois Conference. Carried.

Elder Moon brought up matters pertaining to the International Religious Liberty Association. He had waited several days, hoping that D.W. Reavis, the Secretary, would be here; but fearing that many of the members of the Committee would be gone when he would arrive, he desired to get the minds of the General Conference Committee with reference to important matters pertaining to that Association.

Moved by Elder Jones and seconded by Elder Evans, that it is the sense of this Committee that D.W. Reavis continue as a field man for the International Religious Liberty Association; and that H.E. Osborne be asked to take the secretaryship. Carried unanimously.

It was also voted that the election of a treasurer for the International Religious Liberty Association be deferred until the increase of business warrants it.

Moved by Elder Lane and seconded by Elder Jones, that W.H.Mc Kee and J.C.Bartholf connect with the Religious Liberty Association, under the direction of the International Religious Liberty Association Board. Carried.

Adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., March 21, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Members present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Evans, Kilgore, Cottrell, Moon, Allee, Loughborough, Jones, and Morrison. Prayer by Elder Jones.

After some time was spent in considering who could be obtained as pastor of the Battle Creek church, it was--

Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Lane, that Elder A.J.Breed be asked to act as pastor of the Battle Creek church. Carried.

Moved and supported that Elder W.A.Hennig, of Missouri, be asked to act as assistant pastor of the Battle Creek Church. Carried.

Elder D.T.Bourdeau came in before the Committee to lay before the brethren his plan for the work among the French-speaking people. He stated that there was some work to be done in the Northwest, also in Illinois, after which he desired to work in Montreal and vicinity. He also desired that his brother associate with him in the work in Montreal. He thought it would be well for their families to locate in that place. He also made a plea that one Sister Lucy Vaes be permitted to labor in connection with their work in Montreal, as Bible worker, and occasionally do work as stenographer and typewriter, and meanwhile spend a considerable portion of her time in general missionary work along with Miss Sarah Andrews, step-daughter of A.C. Bourdeau. It was---

Voted, that Elder D.T.Bourdeau be permitted to carry out his convictions relative to the work in the Northwest, Illinois, and Montreal.

Voted, that A.C.Bourdeau be recommended to connect with Elder D.T.Bourdeau in Montreal.

Voted, that Miss Lucy Vaes connect with the Montreal French work, at the rate of \$3.50 per week.

Elder J.N.Loughborough filed with the Secretary the following standing resignation as superintendent of District No. 6:---

"Battle Creek, Mich., March 21, 1899.

"TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

"Dear Brethren:--

"I hereby tender my resignation as Superintendent of District No. 6, and member of the General Conference Committee, the same to take effect at such time as you shall select one to superintend District No. 6.

Yours in the work,

[Signed] J.N.Loughborough."

Meeting adjourned till 6:30 p.m., even date.

Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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TWELFTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 6:30 p.m., March 21, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Moon. Members Present: Irwin, Moon, Allée, Evans, Kilgore, Lane, Loughborough, Cottrell. By invitation, W.B.White.

Elder W.B.White was called in before the Committee to consider the question of an exchange of laborers in Montana and Missouri. Elder Kilgore felt that he would like to have Elder H.S.Shaw, who was recommended to go to Montana, recommended to go to Missouri instead, since Elder W.A.Hennig has been invited to act as assistant pastor in the Battle Creek church. It was Brother Kilgore's mind that Brother Shaw would make a good president for the Missouri Conference.

Elder White laid before the Committee the condition of the work in Montana, and the need of having a competent man who could take charge of the mission in Butte City, which is the leading city of the State, and contains about one-third of the population of the State. The mission work is in a prosperous condition at the present time; but when Elder C.N.Martin is taken away to California, and Elder W.J.Stone comes to the Sanitarium to take the training-course, it will leave the Conference in a desitâte condition; in fact it will leave only one member of the Conference Committee there.

After considerable discussion, Elder Kilgore moved, Elder Moon seconded, that Elder H.S.Shaw take the presidency of the Missouri Conference. Carried.

Elder Moon suggested that, inasmuch as Brother J.H.Behrens was not going to Oklahoma, he would make a good man to take up the mission work in Montana; would also make a good man on their Conference Committee.

Elder Cottrell moved, Elder Allee seconded, that Brother J.H. Behrens, of Minnesota, go to Montana in place of H.S. Shaw, and take a place on the Conference Committee in the stead of C.N. Martin, who goes to California. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m., March 22, 1899.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8:30 a.m., March 22, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Cottrell. Present: Irwin, Cottrell, Loughborough, Moon, Lane, Jones. Minutes of the last three meetings read and approved.

Elder Loughborough read a communication from Elder D.T. Bourdeau making some statements relative to the French work. He stated that the French Sabbath-keepers had donated very liberally, and that they should be remembered. He felt confident that the General Conference Committee would be liberal with them if they understood the situation.

Elders Moon and Cottrell, the committee to investigate the proposition concerning the church property at Washington, D.C., reported, stating that they had nothing definite to recommend for this time.

A motion prevailed to increase the size of the committee by adding the President of the General Conference, and that they be asked to investigate the matter further, and report at some future meeting.

Inasmuch as some of the members of the Committee have gone to their fields of labor, and others are going, it was voted that all unfinished business that is contingent on further investigation, be left with the President and the Secretary and other available members of the Committee to decide.

The above minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned until 3 p.m., even date.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., March 22, 1899.

Joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the International Religious Liberty Association Board. Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Elders G.A.Irwin, Allen Moon, J.N.Loughborough, S.H.Lane, A.T.Jones, J.O.Corliss, and D.W.Reavis.

The item of business considered was the recommendation of the General Conference Committee relative to the secretaryship of the International Religious Liberty Association.

After hearing the statement relative to the condition of things in the I.R.L.A. office, it was thought best to defer action on the question until another meeting.

Committee adjourned till 9 a.m., March 23.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9:45 a.m., March 23, 1899.

Joint meeting with the International Religious Liberty Association Board. Elder G.A.Irwin in the chair. Present: Elders Irwin, Jones, Loughborough, Moon, Lane, Corliss, Reavis. Minutes of the fourteenth meeting read and approved.

After a statement by the Chairman, D.W.Reavis tendered his resignation as Secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association.

After considerable discussion on this question, Elder J.O.Corliss moved, J.N.Loughborough seconded, that this resignation be referred to the I.R.L.A.Board. Motion prevailed.

Moved by J.O.Corliss, seconded by J.N.Loughborough, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair, to proceed to find a home and locate the I.R.L.A.Board headquarters. Carried.

The chair appointed Allen Moon, J.O.Corliss, and D.W.Reavis as said committee.

Moved by Elder Moon, seconded by Elder Loughborough, that the I.R.L.A. accept the offer of the Religious Liberty Library from the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Carried.

Elder Moon desired that the Secretary read the following:--

"I earnestly and conscientiously tender my resignation as Chairman of the International Religious Liberty Association.
[Signed] Allen Moon."

Committee voted to adjourn.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary. Geo.A. Irwin, Chairman.

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SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2 p.m., April 26, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Members present: G.A. Irwin, O.A. Olsen, A.T. Jones, Allen Moon, S.H. Lane, and A.J. Breed. Prayer by Elder Olsen.

The first case considered was that of Elder J.O. Corliss. Inasmuch as there was some uncertainty as to the probability of Elder Corliss's connecting with Captain Norman's vessel, the "Fox Hall," it was---

Voted, that the Secretary be instructed to correspond with the California brethren relative to a field of labor for Elder J.O. Corliss. This contemplates work in the Pacific Press or Healdsburg College.

The next question considered was that of Ralph W. Munson, who came before the Committee. Elder Munson has recently come to the denomination from the Methodist church. He is a returned missionary from East India, where he worked under the auspices of the Methodist body, and had been baptized and united with the Adventist church in this city. He now desires to take up work under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination,--at first, to spend some time in labor where he can become better acquainted with the doctrines and the best method of presenting the same; also, in the fall of the year, to go to Holland to learn the Dutch language, preparatory to his going to Padang, Sumatra. He was of the opinion that it might be necessary for him to go as a representative from Holland. He thought there might be advantages in this.

After the Committee considered the case for some time, it was thought best to recommend him to connect in tent effort for the summer. Moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Olsen, that the Secretary open up correspondence at once with the Chesapeake Conference, with a view of having Elder Munson engage in tent work. Carried. Elder Munson took very kindly to the proposition.

A motion then prevailed to grant Elder Munson ministerial license.

In response to a communication from Elder W.H. Saxby, relative to Sister Mollie Long connecting with the work in Louisville, a motion prevailed to refer Elder Saxby's card and Sister Long's case to the Superintendent of District No. 2.

In response to the request of Elder H.W.Cottrell that the Committee consider the case of Professor J.H.Haughey, with a view of providing him a field of labor, the Committee thought best that the Secretary open up a correspondence with Professor Haughey, and ascertain if he has any special burden in any direction in the school work, and also ascertain, if possible, if there are any openings for him.

The next question considered was a letter from Elder J.M.Willoughby, in which he requests that the General Conference assist in renting a suitable hall this coming fall for a public effort in Sale Lake City, Utah. Prior to this, he felt that there should be a work done in the line of placing tracts in the hands of the people, so that they can be reading and be more fully prepared for the meetings. He also stated that a young lady had recently come from the Congregational church, and had connected with the work in that place, and he desired that she be provided with tracts with which to work, and also that she be allowed \$25 for the summer's work, that she can procure herself some clothes.

The matter of supplying the tracts was considered, and a motion prevailed to refer this question to the International Tract Society for their consideration.

The Secretary then called up the case of Elder Geo.O.States, who is now in Flagstaff, Arizona. In a recent communication he speaks of his health breaking down, and that there is danger of an attack of nervous prostration. He did not know but that it would be necessary for him to engage in other lines of work, or have another field of labor, for awhile. It was moved and supported that the Committee grant the request of Brother States, for him to take some time off and recuperate. Carried.

The next case considered was that of Elder W.L.Bird, who is now in Blencoe, Iowa. Elder Bird is one of our laborers in District No. 2; but, on account of failing health, he deemed it expedient that he have some time in a Northern climate, and requested that if it was in harmony with the Committee, he be recommended to some Conference in the North. In considering this question there were two places mentioned, the Minnesota Conference, and the Dakota Conference. In Minnesota several ministers have been removed to other fields, and the Committee thought that that would be a good place for Brother Bird to labor. The same is true of the Dakota Conference. The President of that Conference had expressed a desire that if Elder W.H.Falconer does not come to that State, the Committee send them another laborer who would come to make it his permanent field of labor. A motion prevailed to ask the Secretary to correspond with the Minnesota Conference first, and ascertain if they will accept Brother Bird; if not, to correspond with the President of the Dakota Conference, and recommend ~~Bird~~ to that field, providing Elder Falconer does not go there. *Bird*

The Committee next considered the case of supplying a field of labor for Elder H.E.Robinson. It was the mind of the brethren present that until such time as he regains his health, they have no special recommendation for labor; but that we authorize the Secretary to issue orders at the rate of \$8 a week, from January 1, 1899, to the time he left Battle Creek,--April 18, 1899.

At this juncture Professor E.A.Sutherland came before the Committee, and submitted a plan of school work for the South, on the self-supporting basis. The plan was something like this: To have a place, a headquarters, where those who want to engage in self-supporting missionary work in the South as teachers, can go; a family to be sent in advance to rent or buy a farm. It was not the design to have a large settlement of workers; but wherever there is an opening, competent persons and those who have a real burden for work in the South may go there and form a nucleus for the work in those sections.

The brethren looked with favor upon the plan, but no definite action was taken.

The meeting adjourned to 8 a.m., April 27.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary. Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

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SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 27, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Members present: Elders Irwin, Moon, Olsen, Breed, and Lane. After an earnest season of prayer, minutes were read and approved.

By common consent, the name of R.T.Nash was referred to the Superintendent of District No. 2.

A letter from Elder C. Mc Reynolds, relative to the work of Elder S.S.Shrock, was read; and the Committee, by common consent, sanctioned the proposition of Elders Kilgore and Mc Reynolds,---that Elder Shrock would labor in Oklahoma for the season, and then return to his field in Pennsylvania in the fall, and not move his family.

The Committee did not feel free to recommend anything different in the case of Elder Eugene Leland, than what was recommended at General Conference.

The matter of a church school for Manitoba was referred to the District Superintendent.

Inasmuch as Dr.M.G.Kellogg is not actively engaged in the ministry, the Committee did not see their way clear to grant him credentials at this time---that the title of "M.D." is sufficient recognition of his work.

The Committee next considered the statement of the account of labor of Sister E.G.White and her helpers. The following is the statement:--

"The General Conference Committee,
Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A.

Dear Brethren:--

"Enclosed please find report of time and expenses for Sister White, also of the time put in by her helpers on general work. Will you kindly audit this and send to the Union Conference a report of your audit, and an order for the amount due her, on the Echo Company, or the cash for the amount? We will then deduct what we have advanced to her and pay her the remainder.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed] E.M.Graham, Sec'y and Treas."

"GENERAL CONFERENCE in account with Mrs.E.G.White,
To Mrs.E.G.White's labor, June 30 to Dec. 31, 1898, six months.
Miss M. Hawkins, [27s. 6d, a week] twenty-one weeks, five days.
Miss Marian Davis, [35s a wk.] three weeks.
Miss Maggie Hare [30s a week] thirteen weeks.
W.C.White [53,10s. a wk.] two weeks, three days.
Sara Mae Enterfer [32s. a wk.] June 30 to Dec.31,1898, six months.
Mrs.E.G.White's expense in connection with Brisbane Camp-meeting,
520,2s. 4d. Newcastle camp-meeting, 3s. 6d. Stamps, stationery,
sundry train fares, 510, 11s., 10d."

A motion prevailed to allow the account as audited by the
Australasian Union Conference.

At this juncture Elder Olsen made a statement of an account that was against him on the Foreign Mission Board books. The amount was \$212.30, traveling expenses of Elder Olsen to South Africa. From Elder O.'s statement, he had never charged himself with this amount, hence did not bring it in in his report; and when the audit was made, this item was overlooked, hence the bill of expense was not allowed. Moved by Elder Moon, seconded by Elder Lane, that we recommend that this expense be allowed, and that the Foreign Mission Board remit to A. Bacon, who advanced money for the tickets. Carried.

The Committee next considered the matter of providing help for the general camp-meetings. The consensus of opinion was that there should be a list of available laborers, and that the arrangements be made by correspondence between the Secretary and the Superintendents and the various Conference Presidents.

Meeting adjourned till 4 p.m., even date.

L.A.Hoopas, Secretary.

Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

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EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 4 p.m., April 27, 1899.

Members present: G.A. Irwin, A.T. Jones, A.J. Breed, O.A. Olsen, Allen Moon, and S.H. Lane. Minutes read and approved.

The Secretary brought up the case of Elder J.O. Corliss, and suggested that employment be given him in connection with the Battle Creek church, in counsel with Elder Breed; then prepare for work at camp-meetings until we can hear from the California people. Perhaps the Religious Liberty Association work will be more clearly defined by that time. Elder Jones moved, Elder Moon seconded, that such an arrangement be made for Elder Corliss. Carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Elder H. Shultz, in which he raised the question why Elder H.J. Schnepfer was not sent to the North Pacific Conference, as the Iowa Conference was agreed to the arrangement. The Chairman also read a letter from Elder Santee, making a statement to that effect. It was---

Moved by Elder Breed, seconded by Elder Moon, that Brother H.J. Schnepfer, of the Iowa Conference, be recommended to go to the North Pacific Conference. Carried.

Elder Shultz also recommended that, inasmuch as the way did not seem to be open for Brother Schell to go to Chicago, and inasmuch as there was an earnest plea for a German laborer to be sent to the Northwest Territory (in Alberta), the Committee recommend him to that field. It was--

Moved by Elder Lane and seconded by Elder Breed, that this request of Elder Shultz, for Brother Charles Schell, now in Battle Creek College, to go to Alberta to labor, be granted. Carried.

The Chairman then called attention to a request of Elder Morrison, the Superintendent of District No. 4, that, since one of the Bible workers of Manitoba, Miss Olive Olds, is planning to attend the medical missionary training-school, he would be glad if the Committee would find a competent Bible worker to take her place. The name of Miss Marthina Sorenson, of the Illinois Conference, was suggested. She has been a Bible worker in that Conference for a great many years; and if the Illinois brethren felt free to release her, she would be an excellent worker for Manitoba. It was--

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Jones, that, provided the Illinois Conference will release her, Miss Marthina Sorenson be invited to go to Manitoba to labor as a Bible worker. Carried.

The Committee next considered the recommendation of the Religious Liberty Board relative to the case of Elder Geo. B. Wheeler. It was---

Moved by Elder Lane, seconded by Elder Olsen, that Elder Geo. B. Wheeler be recommended to go to the New England Conference, in harmony with the action of the I.R.L.A. Board; and that correspondence to that effect begin at once. Carried.

The next question considered was that of a hymn book for tent-meetings. It was the consensus of opinion that this would require more time than the entire Committee could devote to it at present, and that a subcommittee should be appointed. A motion prevailed to refer the question of the hymn book to a committee consisting of Elders L.A.Hoopes, A.T.Jones, and S.H.Lane, with power to act.

A question was then raised as to what work should be given to J.C.Bartholf, as he had been recommended by this Committee to work in connection with the Religious Liberty Association. Elder Moon stated that at present they had no lecture bureau, and there was no special demand in that direction at this time, and he hardly knew just what should be done. Other members of the Religious Liberty Board were called in, when a motion prevailed to recommend that J.C.Bartholf connect with the office of the International Religious Liberty Association in New York City, with a view of taking the Secretary's work when Brother Reavis takes up the field work, as recommended by the Board.

Elder Breed brought up the question of the work in Utah again. He said he was acquainted with the young lady that was mentioned in the meeting of yesterday, and knew her to be a worthy young woman. He also stated that the work in that city demands more attention than we have given it. He further raised the question as to whether Elder Loughborough would continue to act as District Superintendent. The Chairman stated that that was his mind,--that is, until another person can be appointed to take that place. It was then---

Voted, to leave the Utah matters in the hands of the acting Superintendent of District No. 6.

Elder Lane raised the question of donations and surplus tithes in our various conferences. He wanted to know what the mind of the Committee is with reference to this matter, and what should be said at our coming camp-meetings. Is it to be left to the specialists that will come in, to present a strong plea and get the donations? Or should there be special instruction given along these lines? Where should the brethren be recommended to place their funds? He wanted to know if there was any Testimony bearing upon this point, that should be read at the camp-meetings.

Elder Olsen was of the opinion that much instruction should be given along this line; that while it is a very delicate question, yet instruction should be given as to the judicious expenditure of funds. The laborers should be instructed to be very judicious in the expenditure of the tithes, and more should be given to help carry the work in fields where there are no organized Conferences.

The President thought that the recommendation of the General Conference, that these Conferences should support laborers in foreign fields, should be brought to their attention.

After some general remarks on this question, the meeting adjourned.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9 a.m., May 9, 1899.

Present: Breed, Jones, Lane, Hoopes.

The meeting was called to consider some matters of correspondence that had come into the hands of the Secretary.

Elder J.O. Corliss met with the Committee, and laid before them his burden of mind. His desire was to get to the Pacific Coast as soon as possible, whether to labor for the General Conference or Pacific Press Pub. Co. While he would take pleasure in attending the Iowa camp-meeting, he felt that there would be an additional expense in the matter of his finding a place for his family for a few weeks, and also of returning to Chicago in order to get the advantage of the cheaper rates to the Coast; and he felt, that, in justice to the Conference, it would be better for him to go immediately, if the Conference felt free to recommend it. However, if the general Conference chose rather to stand the extra expense of the local fares in his going to the Coast, he would cheerfully do that. He felt that he must get somewhere, and get settled with his family. The brethren expressed themselves that they would like to have a little more time to consider it, and they thought meanwhile we might hear from the Pacific Press as to the possibility of his connecting with the work there.

The next item considered was the recommendations submitted by Elder R.M. Kilgore, from District No. 5. They were substantially as follows: That the General Conference take W.L. Mc Neeley from the Texas Conference to labor in North Carolina, and that H.S. Shaw, of Huntsville, Alabama, labor in the Oklahoma Conference, the General Conference to pay half the moving expense of these laborers.

It was moved, supported, and unanimously voted, that, inasmuch as the General Conference Committee has so recently adjourned, and that the proposition contemplates taking additional help on the payroll of the General Conference, they did not see their way clear to accept the proposition for taking Brother W.L. Mc Neeley.

The Secretary then called up a request from J.M. Willoughby, of Salt Lake City, Utah. He stated that, inasmuch as one of their men had been recommended to go to another field, and inasmuch as they desired to run two tents the coming summer, that the Conference employ two young men now in Utah, to connect with the work in that mission field this summer.

The brethren were unanimous in the opinion that it would not be the best thing to employ these young men under the pay of the General Conference, and requested the Secretary to so write Brother Willoughby.

The question of supplying a board for the Battle Creek church school was next considered, when it was unanimously voted to recommend a general meeting of the Battle Creek College and Church School boards to consider the propriety of uniting these two schools.

Meeting adjourned.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

~~Secretary~~ A.J. Breed,
Chairman pro tem.

TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., May 10, 1899.

Presents: Elders A.J. Breed, S.H. Lane, A.T. Jones, and L.A. Hoopes.

The first matter considered was the case of Brother J.O. Corliss, when it was moved and voted unanimously, that we accept Brother Corliss's proposition that if the Committee will pay the fare of himself and wife to California, he will consider the Committee under no further obligations in his case.

The next thing considered was providing a teacher for the Huntsville school. The Secretary read a letter from S.M. Jacobs, regarding the necessity of some one being supplied, as Elder H.S. Shaw's health is such that it will be necessary for him to seek a more healthful location. He also mentioned that they had a partial promise of a practical nurse, and inquired if she could come. The names of H.A. Washburn and wife, who are now attending the special course at the College, were mentioned favorably. Elder Breed had talked with Mrs. Washburn. He was very favorably impressed with her. Professor Sutherland had talked with him about Brother Washburn, and thought that if he attended the school here in the summer, he would do pretty well. Brother Washburn is a graduate of Union College; Sister Washburn is a graduated nurse from the Boulder Sanitarium.

Elder Lane remarked that his half-brother, Dr. O.C. Godsmark, was quite anxious to have a place in one of our schools as a teacher, and was rather looking upon Huntsville as a possible place for his future labors. Brethren Breed and Jones expressed themselves that inasmuch as he is a practising physician, the work that would be needed in that school would hardly bring into practise the experience of the doctor, which should be used in a larger work. The question was left until Elder Lane and the Secretary visit Huntsville, and look into the situation, and then they would be able to decide more definitely what should be recommended.

The Committee then considered the condition of things as they are at Union College. Elder Jones read a series of letters from Elder O.A. Johnson and Professor C.B. Clark, and a member of the College View church.

The question of Brother B.G. Wilkinson, of Manitoba, going to College View, Nebr., at the answer of the call from Union College to take the work of teacher of Bible and history, was next considered, when the members expressed themselves unanimously that they did not think it wise for Brother Wilkinson to be taken away from the work in his field; but, if possible, have him remain there, and reinforce him with other laborers. The Secretary was instructed to so write him.

Meeting adjourned.

A.J. BREED, Chairman pro tem.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., October 3, 1899.

The General Conference Committee convened at Battle Creek, Mich., October 3, at 9 a.m. It was the plan of the Committee to hold a general council consisting of the General Conference Committee and leading men in responsible positions who are in the city, and those who are connected with our institutions. The purpose of this council was to consider recent communications from Sister White relative to the work for this time. The hour at 9 o'clock each day was devoted to this purpose. It was also planned to hold evening public services, two meetings each evening, beginning at 7 o'clock, one for the consideration of the Testimonies, and the other a series of talks on the third angel's message, by Elder Haskell. This arrangement seemed to be the best to accommodate all the institutions located at this place.

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The General Conference Committee held their first meeting to transact business at 11 a.m., October 4, 1899. Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder I.H. Evans. Members present: Irwin, Haskell, Allee, Moon, Jones, Breed, Morrison, Kilgore, Lane, Evans.

The first matter was the arrangement of the program. Then a motion prevailed to appoint three subcommittees, numbered one, two, and three, to whom different items of business could be referred, to expedite business. These committees are made up as follows:--

Committee No. One: Elders Evans, Breed, and Moon.
Committee No. Two: Elders Lane, Allee, Kilgore.
Committee No. Three: Elders Morrison, Jones, Cottrell.

The items referred to Committee No. One are as follows:--

1. Christian education of the blind.
2. Field for Elder A.F. Ballenger.
3. Garsy brothers for China.
4. Appointment of Transportation Agent for Chicago, and consideration of transportation business.
5. Credentials and licenses for foreign missionaries.
6. Field for Elder G.F. Haffner. (See letter of Eld. H. Shultz.)
7. Week of prayer; consensus of opinion concerning date.
8. Resignation of F.W. Howe.

Items referred to Committee No. Two:--

9. Articles for Week of prayer readings.
10. Field for E.P. Daniells.
11. Standing resignation of Elder J.N. Loughborough.
12. Expense of publishing Mrs. S.M.I. Henry's letters and leaflets.
13. Conferences remitting monthly.
14. Field for C. Castberg.
15. Field for Elder R.C. Porter.

Items referred to Committee No. Three:--

16. Dr. P. M. Keller and mother to Australia.
17. Wyoming to Nebraska Conference and District No. 4.
18. Ordination of F. W. Halladay.
19. Question of expenses of men in various State Conferences, under pay of the General Conference. See Elder Watt's letter.
20. Special audits of accounts of F. W. Howe, B. G. Wilkinson, H. S. Shaw, Margaret M. Kessler, Nicoline C. Nowlan, C. M. Gardner.

Items for the consideration of the Committee as a whole:--

21. Work in Battle Creek church.
22. Field for J. C. Bartholf and W. H. Mc Kee.
23. Communication from Review and Herald, regarding BEREAN LIBRARY, Missionary Reading circle, CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR, Dealings with foreign publishers, establishment of branch offices, translation of large books into foreign languages, "The Peril of the Republic," restitution to authors.

Committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

G. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES,
Secretary.

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TWENTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3: 30 p.m., October 5, 1899.

Members present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Kilgore, Jones, Breed, Lane, Evans, Allee, and Cottrell. By invitation, A. G. Adams. L. A. Hoopes offered prayer.

The Secretary then read a communication from Elder O. A. Olsen, setting forth the financial stress in which the Christiania Publishing House finds itself on account of the large bank failures in that country. It appears that they are owing about \$27,000; and it all became due at the failure of these institutions. The letter was an urgent appeal for the brethren in America to raise or secure for them about \$20,000. They were encouraged by the promise of the brethren in Germany and Switzerland that they could raise about \$7,000 for them. The letter stated that the Foreign Mission Board owed the publishing house nearly \$4,000; but that they had received replies from them stating that, while they felt very sorry for the situation, they were unable to send any relief at present, for lack of funds in their treasury.

A motion prevailed that a committee of two be appointed by the Chair, to draft an article to appear in this week's REVIEW AND HERALD, setting forth the situation of the Christiania Publishing House; also an appeal to our brethren in America, asking them that if they have any means to send to the Foreign Mission Board, they do so immediately, thereby enabling the Board to pay their indebtedness to the Christiania Publishing House. It was further recommended that a letter be written to Elder Olsen at once, stating that we do not see our way clear to raise any more in this country to apply on that debt; but that they be recommended to try to raise it in Europe. The Chair appointed Elders Evans and Lane as said committee.

Subcommittee No. 2 submitted the following report:--

- "1. In the case of C. Castberg, under the circumstances, we have no recommendation.
- "2. We recommend that if a suitable field can be found, that Elder R.C. Porter be encouraged to engage in ministerial labor.
- "3. We request that the State Conferences and others who pay tithes to the General Conference, remit the same once a month.
- "4. We recommend that the resignation of Professor F.W. Howe as editor of the Christian Educator be accepted; and in consideration of the present state of the Christian Educator, that its publication be discontinued.
- "5. We recommend the acceptance of the standing resignation of Elder J.N. Loughborough as member of the General Conference Committee and Superintendent of General Conference District No. 5.
- "6. That the case of E.P. Daniels be referred to the California Conference Committee.
- "7. In the matter of the expenses connected with the publication of Sister S.M.I. Henry's letters and leaflets, we recommend that expenses connected with the publishing of her books be settled between herself and the publishing house; that expenses incurred with her work as a Conference laborer be reported in the regular way to the General Conference."

The Committee considered the case of C. Castberg, and referred the matter to be further considered at a time when the Review and Herald Board would be present to take up the questions submitted to the Committee by that Board.

With due considerations to what the physicians have stated with reference to the health of Elder R.C. Porter, it was thought that it would hardly be proper for him to take up permanent work; and that the Chairman would communicate to Elder Porter the mind of the Committee, in reply to Elder P.'s letter.

Number 3 was carried unanimously.

Inasmuch as the recommendation relative to Professor Howe and the Christian Educator is a part of the items to be considered before the Review and Herald Board, it was voted to lay this on the table under that meeting.

Numbers 5 and 6 were carried unanimously.

Pending the consideration of No. 7, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

TWENTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 7, 1899.

Prayer by Elders Irwin, Evans, Kilgore, Lane, the chief burden of the prayer being the financial crisis in the Christiania Publishing House. Members Present: Irwin, Allee, Moon, Jones, Morrison, Cottrell, Breed, Lane, Evans, Kilgore.

Minutes of the twenty-first and twenty-second meetings of the Committee were read and approved. The motion pending at the adjournment of the last meeting was waived, to give place to the report of the committee composed of Elders Evans and Lane, relative to the appeal that was to appear in this week's Review. The appeal appearing in the Review of October 10 was adopted at the sense of the General Conference Committee.

The next question considered was the matter of supplying a laborer for the work in Washington, D.C. The name of Elder G.E. Fifield, of the New England Conference, was suggested in a request from the brethren in the Washington church.

The Committee voted the following recommendation: Moved by Evans, seconded by Morrison, that we do not see our way clear to send Elder Fifield to Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee No. 1 submitted the following partial report:--

"1. That item No. 3 of the Secretary's schedule be referred to the Foreign Mission Board.

"2. That recommendation No. 1 of the Secretary's schedule be referred to a committee consisting of Elders Irwin, Hoopes, and Lane for future action, to report at the spring meeting. That a thorough investigation be made of the practicability of some plan for the education of the blind.

"3. Inasmuch as several railroad companies have advised that application for permits from Battle Creek be confined to as few people as possible, we request all our brethren at this place to consult Brother A.G.Adams in the matter of securing permits, and other railroad business. We further recommend that Elder Allen Moon act as assistant Transportation Agent in Chicago.

"4. We recommend that the Foreign Mission Board exercise the privilege of issuing credentials and licenses to its laborers during the interim between the sessions of the general Conference."

I.H.Evans, A.J.Breed, A. Moon, Committee."

Voted to adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Geo. A. IRWIN,
Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 11:40 a.m., Oct. 8, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Jones. Members present: Irwin, Allee, Morrison, Lane, Moon, Jones, Breed, Kilgore, Cottrell, Evans. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Item No. 7 of the Twenty-second meeting, pertaining to the expenses of Sister Henry's work, was taken from the table and carried unanimously.

Elder F.J. Hutchins and wife came before the Committee to make some statements of the condition of affairs in the Bay Island field.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

G.A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., Oct. 8, 1899.

Prayer by Elder Breed. Members present: Irwin, Breed, Allee, Lane, Jones, Moon, Cottrell, Evans, Morrison.

The report of subcommittee No. 1, pending at the adjournment of the twenty-third meeting, was considered. Recommendations 1 and 2 were carried unanimously. No. 3 was amended by striking out the last sentence pertaining to the transportation agent at Chicago. The recommendation as amended was carried unanimously.

Consideration of item No. 4 was pending when meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., October 9.

GA. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8:30 a.m., Oct. 9, 1899.

Prayer by Elder Morrison. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Evans, Cottrell, Moon, Kilgore. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The first item of business was the consideration of recommendation No. 4 from subcommittee No. 1, pertaining to the granting of credentials and licenses to foreign mission laborers. The following substitute was carried:--

"No. 4. This committee would recommend that in the recommending and granting of licenses and credentials or certificates of ordination to persons under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board during the interim between the biennial sessions, that the following be observed: (a) That the Foreign Mission Board take all necessary steps to get a true status of each case, and of the fitness of the person to receive such papers from this denomination. (b) The Secretary of the General Conference shall, on the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board, issue licenses or credentials during the interim of the biennial sessions of the General Conference. (c) Certificates of ordination will be issued by the officiating elders."

Subcommittee No. 1 submitted the following further report, which was adopted:--

"5. We further recommend that the field for Elder A.F. Ballenger be left to the direction of the General Conference Committee, as the cause may demand.

"6. Field of labor for Elder G.F. Haffner: We recommend that, inasmuch as he has petitioned a change of field of labor, that the President and Secretary take the matter under advisement, and, as soon as a suitable place can be found for him, that his request be carried into effect."

Committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 10:30 a.m., Oct. 9, 1899.

Present: Irwin, Morrison, Kilgore, Allee, Jones, Evans, Cottrell, Moon, Lane, Breed. Prayer by Elder Jones. Minutes of the 26th meeting read and approved.

Subcommittee No. 1 submitted the following, which was adopted:--

"7. We recommend the time for holding the week of prayer be from December 23 to 30, inclusive, and the following-named persons be requested to furnish the readings: Sister White, G.A. Irwin, S.N. Haskell, Dr. D. Paulson, Elder J.A. Brunson, U. Smith, I.H. Evans, A.T. Jones."

The Secretary raised the question as to how the readings should be circulated. The Chairman replied that it would be the duty of the Secretary to do this work through the official organ of the General Conference Committee, viz., the General Conference Bulletin.

Subcommittee No. 1 also submitted the following memorial from the officers of the Battle Creek church:--

"Battle Creek, Mich., October 8, 1899.

"To the General Conference Committee in session assembled:

"Dear Brethren:--

"We, whose names appear below, officers of the Battle Creek Church, would respectfully petition your honorable body to consider a few points of interest from our standpoint. We have no complaints to make or fault to find, but there are a few things that we think should receive some attention by you at this time.

"The tithe of the church amounts to \$20,000, or nearly that sum, annually. The General Conference receives \$15,000,--or three-fourths of the whole amount, whether it be more or less. From a careful estimate, it seems to us that the tithe ought to be at least \$30,000 or \$35,000 annually.

"The General Conference furnishes all the labor bestowed upon the church, and for this reason, we think should give their most careful attention to the situation in this place. We are convinced that there ought to be a man located here who has a large amount of executive ability, and who can direct the missionary work, Christian help work, and in fact all lines of work as they now appear under the third angel's message. He should be an active man, one who is alive to the situation; and one who will be equally interested in every branch of the work, and will educate the people to become workers in these different lines of work. There is much need of a large amount of pastoral work being done here, and he should visit from house to house, attend the district meetings, and look after the work generally.

"We suggest that, if you can not find such a man, you look up a strong, live young man, and place him in the work to get an experience, and possibly he may, under careful direction of the brethren who are located here, become more of what to us seems to be needed here than to have some minister sent here from the field who has no special burden for the work in Battle Creek.

"The work in this church can not be carried on as well as in other places. On account of the institutions located here, it is quite difficult to hold meetings for spiritual work. Many members of the church being employed in these institutions, it often occurs that they can not attend meetings as they desire to do. The man who labors here, ought to have tact and ability to work in with the Sanitarium, College, and Review office, and to work to unify the different elements that are here.

"Inasmuch as the General Conference furnishes the laborers, it seems to us that that body ought to look after the interests of this place, that the church may fill its appointed place in the great work so plainly set before us in the Testimonies so recently read. In these Testimonies it is seen that 'the work ought to begin at the heart and work out.' We feel that we want to place ourselves and the church, over which we have been made overseers, in the right position in this great work of reform. The church has much labor from the pulpit, but in order to reach the people in close personal labor, the work must be done from house to house and in meeting the individuals face to face, as far as possible.

"We are willing to heartily cooperate with you in plans and suggestions you may feel free to make at any time. We ask you to counsel and advise us at any time you may feel free to do so.

"Another thing that is of much interest to us is this: It seems necessary, to meet the increasing demands upon us, for us to have an office where we can more properly carry on our work. And, inasmuch as the church here is more largely a General Conference church than local, we ask your body to secure for us the rooms now occupied by Judge Arthur. This will bring our church clerk and executive committee and pastor near the President and Secretary of the General Conference, whose counsel and advice we must often have in our work.

"Thanking you for past favors and help so freely given, and also thanking you in advance for granting these requests, we are,
Yours deeply interested in the success of the work in
this place,

G.H.Murphy,
H.Nicola,
J.D.Morton,
W.H.Hall,
M.J.Cornell,
C.M.Christiansen,
S.M.Booth,
W.H.Wild,
C.A.Thorp,
T.B.Lewis,

Geo. W. Spies,
Chas. F. Marvin,
E.C.Loughborough,
T.G.Lewis,
M.M.Smith,
I.N.Johnson,
W.E.Tyrel,
J.W.Smith,
J.C.Franz,
J.S.Hall."

The general sentiment of the memorial was considered in an informal way for awhile, when it was decided to act on the different items separately, the first being that of supplying a laborer to work in the church.

It was moved and carried, that Elder W.H.Saxby be called to work in the Battle Creek church.

At this juncture Elder Morrison was called to the chair.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Jones, that we favor an exchange with the Michigan Conference, of Elders H. Nicola and I.D.Van Horn.

Pending the discussion of this motion, a motion was made to adjourn.

Before the motion was put, Elders Evans and Breed requested that the District Superintendents would each look over the General Conference Bulletin, and at our next meeting submit the name of the one best suited for the work in the Battle Creek church, as the Spirit of the Lord may direct them.

Elder Breed requested to place in the hands of the Secretary the appeal that came from the Finance Committee of Battle Creek College, requesting that Elder J.W.Collie be invited to connect with the College for field work. The appeal is as follows:--

"Voted, that the Finance Committee request the General Conference to permit Elder J.W.Collie to connect with the College for field work, provided, of course, that the same is agreeable to Elder Collie and the Ohio Conference; and that Elder Breed be requested to lay the matter before the General Conference Committee."

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., Oct. 9, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Cottrell. All the members present.

After the reading of the minutes, it was moved by Evans, seconded by Lane, that the Secretary request all the writers of the week of prayer readings to have them in by the first of November. Carried.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the motion pending when the 27th meeting adjourned; viz., the exchange of Elders Nicola and Van Horn. The motion prevailed.

The matter of room for the church committee was next taken up and considered. Inasmuch as there are quite a number of contingencies connected with the obtaining of a room for the church committee, Elders Evans and Lane were appointed as a committee to investigate the question, and submit a report to the General Conference Committee.

Subcommittee No. 3 submitted the following partial report, which was adopted, as follows:--

"1. Item No. 17 in the Secretary's schedule, relative to the Wyoming field: We recommend that Wyoming be taken under the watchcare of the Nebraska Conference, and become a part of General Conference District No. 4; if agreeable to the Nebraska Conference.

"2. That we recommend that F.W.Halladay receive ordination.

"3. Question 19 relative to the expenses of the man in the various State Conferences under pay of the General Conference: We recommend that the General Conference pay their expenses to the field and their salaries in the field, but not their expenses in the field."

Moved by Moon and seconded by Kilgore, that the Secretary be instructed to inform these Conference Presidents that the arrangement of supporting the laborers in their Conference by the General Conference was intended to continue only one year from the time these laborers entered their Conferences.

"4. That the accounts of the laborers mentioned in question 20 of the Secretary's schedule, be examined and audited by the Secretary and Treasurer according to last year's audit, and ordinary expenses allowed.

"5. That, owing to the lack of funds in the treasury, question 16 of the schedule, be referred back to the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association."

The next item that was considered was a communication from Elder G.W.Colcord, which pertained, first, to some notes that he holds against the G.C.A.; second, an item of five weeks' time which he holds has not been audited by the General Conference, and requests that this Committee take the matter up and act on the same.

A motion prevailed to request the G.C.A. to pay G.W.Colcord's notes as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., October 10, 1899.
G.A.Irwin, Chairman. H.A.Hoopes, Sec'y.

TWENTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 10, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Moon. Members present: Irwin, Moon, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, Allee, Labe, Breed, Evans. Minutes read and approved.

Subcommittee No. 3 stated that there were two other items in the Colcord letter not mentioned in the minutes; viz., Brother Colcord's desire for credentials from the General Conference, and also his desire to go to Arizona to labor.

The Chairman then read a communication from W.C.White, of Australia, requesting that Hattie Andre be sent to connect with the Avondale School.

It was moved by Morrison, seconded by Cottrell, that, in view of the great need of experienced teachers in the South; and, whereas, we have no one in sight to take the place of Sister Hattie Andre in the Huntsville School, which has already opened its fall term, we do not see our way clear to release her from that school at present. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

Geo. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 10, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Lane. Members present: Irwin, Lane, Breed, Evans, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, Allee, Moon, Jones. By invitation, Elder H.Nicola,

Elder Nicola desired to make a statement to the Committee, of the situation of the work for the Battle Creek church, its needs as he views them, and his personal relation to the cause. While he felt perfectly free to leave the matter in the hands of the Committee to direct with his labors as they deemed proper, yet he felt that in the matter of supplying a man to take his place, it would need some one of experience. He also presented the relation of the Battle Creek Church to the Michigan Conference, and stated that, inasmuch as the tithes from the Battle Creek church to the Michigan Conference are equal to about one-ninth of the tithe of the Conference; that the membership is not an inconsiderable part of the membership of the entire Conference, and that the increase of the membership of the church was more than that of all the rest of the Conference besides, that it was no more than right that the Michigan Conference should pay at least their pro rata for the work performed.

The Committee did not feel free to make any definite change in the action taken in a previous meeting until the Michigan Conference Committee could be consulted in the matter.

Elder Moon then presented the following: The Board of the Religious Liberty Association had accepted the resignation of D.W. Reavis as Secretary, and had selected H.E. Osborne, of the Maine Conference, to act as Treasurer. The Board had invited C.P. Bollman to act as editor of the Religious Liberty Library. The action of the I.R.L.A. Board is as follows:--

"The International Religious Liberty Association Board petition the General Conference Committee as follows:--

"Whereas, The Religious Liberty Library has been tendered to the I.R.L. Association by the Review and Herald Pub. Co., and the same having been accepted by the Association, and by a formal vote of the joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the I.R.L.A. Board, this Library is to be published monthly; and, if the American Sentinel is not to be transferred, the Library is to become the organ of the Association, and a competent corps of editors to be employed, that it may be proficient in the advocacy of religious liberty principles; therefore,--

"We ask the General Conference Committee to appoint Brother C.P. Bollman the editor of the Religious Liberty Library; and that H.E. Osborne be secured as treasurer of the I.R.L. Association."

It was then moved by Moon, seconded by Lane, that we concur in the action of the I.R.L.A. Board in selecting H.E. Osborne as treasurer of the Association, provided it is in harmony with the Maine Conference Committee. Carried.

In view of the fact that it will be necessary to find some one to take the presidency of the Tennessee River Conference if Elder Bollman takes the editorship of the Religious Liberty Library, it was moved by Breed, seconded by Lane, that if satisfactory arrangements can be made for the presidency of the Tennessee River Conference, we concur in the action of the I.R.L.A. Board in inviting C.P. Bollman to take up the editorship of the Religious Liberty Library. Carried.

At this juncture the Secretary presented the resignation of J.C. Bartholf, of his position in connection with the Religious Liberty Association, to take effect October 1, 1899.

Moved by Lane and seconded by Jones, that we accept the resignation of J.C. Bartholf. Carried.

The Secretary then raised the question as to the audit of Brother Bartholf's account, when it was voted to audit the account of J.C. Bartholf on the basis of last year, and that it be left with the Secretary and Treasurer to arrange. Carried.

As W.J. Stone's name was mentioned in connection with the probability of his connecting with the Tennessee River Conference, it was moved by Breed, seconded by Jones, that a Committee of two be appointed to wait on Elder Stone relative to his taking up work in the Tennessee River Conference. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Allee and Breed.

Subcommittee No. 3 then presented the request from H.H. Dexter, of California, to labor in the Maritime Provinces. After the question was considered for some time, there was no action taken in the case.

This same subcommittee then presented the cases of E.L. Sanford and R.D. Hottel. One request from the Virginia Conference was to the effect that the committee recommended the change of fields, Elder Hottel to labor in Virginia, and Elder Sanford to go to Dist. No. 2. This was in harmony with the communications from Elders Hottel and Sanford, Elder Sanford having a desire to go to the Carolinas, and Elder Hottel, on account of poor health and the fact that his family reside in Virginia, having a desire to labor in the Virginia Conference. A subsequent letter from D.C. Babcock rather questioned the propriety of Elder Sanford's leaving Virginia at this time, because of the interest that he has at Alexandria.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Cottrell, to exchange the fields of Hottel and Sanford, Elder Hottel to go to the Virginia Conference, and Elder Sanford to Dist. No. 2, with the understanding that Sanford be permitted to remain in Virginia to develop the interest already raised. Carried.

At this juncture the Treasurer, A.G. Adams, submitted the following statement of specific donations to different departments of the denomination, as kept on the books of the General Conference Association:--

"STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC DONATIONS.

Australian Field.		
Total Receipts Mar. 3 to Oct. 10, 1899,	\$3397.45	
Dft. on London, favor G.A. Irwin, Apr. 28, 1899,		\$3298.25
Dft. on Australia, favor E.G. White, Sep. 29, 99,		99.20
	<u>3397.45</u>	<u>3397.45</u>
Southern Field.		
Total Receipts March 3 to Oct. 10, 1899,	598.92	
Dft. to S.M. Jacobs, June 8, 1899,		200.00
Balance, - - - - -		398.92
	<u>598.92</u>	<u>598.92</u>
Oakwood School.		
Total Receipts March 3 to Oct. 10, 1899,	407.03	
Dft. to S.M. Jacobs, Sept. 12, 1899, - -		40.00
Dft. to S.M. Jacobs, Oct. 3, 1899,		150.00
Balance, - - - - -		217.03
	<u>407.03</u>	<u>407.03</u>
Chicago Work.		
Total Receipts March 3 to Oct. 10, 1899,	1.75	
Balance - - - - -		1.75
	<u>1.75</u>	<u>1.75</u>
SUMMARY.		
Deposit in Review and Herald, October 10, -	617.70	
Credit to Southern Field, October 10, - -		398.92
Credit to Oakwood School, October 10, - -		217.03
Credit to Chicago Work, October 10, - - -		1.75
	<u>\$617.70</u>	<u>\$617.70</u>

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GEN.CONF. OF S.D.A.,

January 1 to October 1, 1899.

Cash on hand January 1, 1899	- - - - -	\$	55.33	
Received from Tithe,	- - - - -		52272.44	
Received from Review and Herald,	- - - - -		53719.36	
Received from General Conf.Assn.,	- - - - -		11944.86	
Received from Laborers,	- - - - -		78547.40	
Paid to Review and Herald (Deposits)	- - - - -			\$52286.19
Paid to Tithes (Audit)	- - - - -			76634.67
Paid to General Conf.Assn.,	- - - - -			2855.29
Paid to Laborers,	- - - - -			13.12
			<u>\$196539.39</u>	<u>196539.39</u>

Supplementary Statement.

Time and expenses of laborers Jan.1 1899 to				
October 1, 1899 (Basis of 1898 Audit),	- - - - -		\$44039.52	
Paid on acct. Labor to Oct. 1, 1899,	- - - - -		31705.33	
Due on acct. Labor " "	- - - - -		<u>12334.19</u>	
Due Gen.Conf.Ass'n,	- - - - -		6530.95	
Due Southern Industrial School,	- - - - -		800.43	
Due on Deposits,	- - - - -		100.00	
Due on Previous Audits,	- - - - -		1887.70	
Total Indebtedness October 1, 1899,			<u>27163.55</u>	
Cash on hand October 1, 1899,		13.12		
Credit to Tithe Fund,		<u>17620.69</u>		
Total Resources,				<u>17633.81</u>
DEFICIT October 1, 1899.				<u>9529.74."</u>

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 11, 1899.

Members Present: Irwin, Morrison, Lane, Kilgore, Cottrell, Evans, Moon, Breed, Allee. By invitation, A.G.Adams. After prayer, minutes were read and approved.

The first item of business considered was the list of items submitted by the Review and Herald Publishing Co., as follows:--

"Battle Creek, Mich., October 3, 1899.

"General Conference Committee,

Dear Brethren:--

"We wish to respectfully call your attention to some few things that affect the Review and Herald office in its work, that we think should be considered at this fall council;

"The Berean Library. Is there any good reason why it should not be largely circulated among our own people?

"The Missionary Reading Circle. How shall it be conducted? Who shall have charge of the outline lessons, etc.?

"The Canvassing Work. What shall be done to meet the requirements of the last Testimony, which says that there should be one hundred canvassers where there is now one?

"The Christian Educator. Shall it be continued?

"Shall the Review and Herald deal direct with foreign publishers? If so, upon what basis?

"Shall the Review and Herald establish branch offices in missionary fields? If so, upon what basis?

Translation of our large books into foreign languages.

"The Peril of the Republic." Is it a proper book to be published at this time?

"Restitution to authors who claim they have not been honestly dealt with in the past.

"We trust these questions will receive due consideration at the council, and that the Berean Library, the Missionary Reading Circle, the Christian Educator, and the "Peril of the Republic," be considered at as early a date as possible, as these questions should be settled very soon in order to relieve us from embarrassment.

Yours very truly,

REVIEW AND HERALD PUB. CO.,

[Signed] W.C.SISLEY, Manager.†

Inasmuch as there was but little time, the chairman asked the Committee if there were any items that they wished to especially consider at this time.

The first item was that of the Christian Educator. Shall it be continued?

After due consideration the following was moved by Evans and seconded by Kilgore: Whereas, the Review and Herald Board has petitioned this Committee to consider the propriety of discontinuing the Christian Educator, we recommend that as soon as the Review and Herald Publishing Company can satisfactorily arrange with the subscribers of that paper, that the Christian Educator be discontinued. Carried.

The Committee then proceeded to discuss the canvassing work, when the meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

THIRTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 11, 1899.

Prayer by Elders Hoopes and Irwin. Present: Irwin, Jones, Morrison, Evans, Kilgore, Lane, Cottrell, Allee, Breed, Moon. By invitation, L.T. Nicola, W.C. Sisley, S.N. Haskell. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee then took up the consideration of the list of items submitted by the Review and Herald Board. The first question considered was the Berean Library. "Is there any good reason why it should not be largely circulated among our own people?"

There was some question in the minds of the brethren as to what should appear as the second and third numbers of the Library. It seemed to the minds of some that it would be better if the proposed small books on Daniel and Revelation by Elder Haskell should be studied in the place of the one prepared by Uriah Smith, and let Brother Smith's book still remain as a canvassers' book.

Brother Sisley stated that the second number had already been sent out, and that they could not very well change the paper. The only way it could be done would be to change the books for study in the reading circle.

After considerable discussion, Elder Haskell remarked that he would like to have a little more time to prepare his book, so that he might submit some manuscripts to Sister White, to see if that was what met the mind of the Spirit of God in the preparation of these small books on Daniel and Revelation. So that probably Elder Haskell's books would not be prepared until about this time next year, when they would be used for study at that time.

With this idea in view, there was no reason given why the Berean Library should not be largely circulated among our people.

The question of the missionary Reading Circle, how it should be conducted, and by whom, elicited considerable discussion. Quite a number of the brethren did not have a clear understanding of the true situation of the question. Some feared that it was ineffective because there was no definite plan.

W.C. Sisley outlined quite fully the plan as it was arranged at the special meetings of leading brethren in the place when the question first came up.

The Secretary also read the minutes of those meetings, and stated that this work of the Reading Circle was not to take the place of the International Tract Society, nor to supersede any particular line of work; but that, inasmuch as the President of the General Conference was in Australia, and the members of the General Conference Committee were considerably scattered, and could not convene until the fore part of October; and, further, that it was necessary that something be done immediately to get the people educated up to the necessity of doing something, and doing it now, that Mrs. Plummer was temporarily employed to attend to this correspondence, and that the question was merely awaiting further development and organization by this body.

It was therefore moved by Morrison and seconded by Breed, that a Committee of three be appointed to take the matter under advisement, and bring in a report at some future meeting of the Committee. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders I.H.Evans, W.C.Sisley, and L.T.Nicola.

Committee adjourned until 8 a.m., October 12.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., October 12, 8 a.m., 1899.

Elder J.H.Morrison in the chair. Prayer by Elders Cottrell, Morrison, and Lane. Members Present: Morrison, Cottrell, Lane, Breed, Moon, Allee, Kilgore, Jones, Evans, and Irwin (latter part) Minutes read and approved.

The Secretary called up the question of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, and desired that the Committee would take some action relative to this periodical. He stated that the funds were liable to run short before the expiration of the term, and wished the Committee to recommend some means of increasing the funds, or helping in some way to carry the paper free from a shortage.

After due consideration, it was moved by Lane, seconded by Moon, that a committee of three be appointed to look into the situation of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, and bring in a report at a subsequent meeting relative to the increase of the subscription list. Carried. The Chair appointed Elders Moon, Cottrell, and Allee.

The Secretary then raised the question as to the field of W.H. Mc Kee. Elder Moon, the Chairman of the I.R.L.A.Board, stated that that Board had Brother Mc Kee in mind as an assistant editor in the religious liberty lines, to work in connection with the LIBRARY and such other editorial work as the Association may need.

Elder Breed then presented the following resolution adopted by the Wisconsin Conference:--

"In harmony with the request of the Business League of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Conference would extend to the General Conference a hearty invitation to hold its next biennial conference in the city of Milwaukee; and further we request that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Conference."

Moved by Moon, seconded by Kilgore, that we express our appreciation of the very generous offer of the Business League of Milwaukee, and assure them that at the proper time it will receive due consideration. Carried.

Elder Morrison then made a statement of the Manitoba Mission field, giving a brief history of the changes that have taken place in recent years, and felt that the situation in that field demanded that something be done immediately. They were in need of a director and another field man. He also suggested, that, inasmuch as the Iowa Conference was quite strong, and well able to stand on its own feet for the present, that he would feel free to recommend Elder C. Santee to go to Manitoba as the director of that mission field, and that Chas. Buhaltz, of the Iowa Conference, go to Manitoba as a field man.

He therefore moved, Elder Evans seconding, that we recommend C. Santee and Chas. Buhaltz, of Iowa, to go to the Manitoba mission field, Elder Santee to act as director of the field, and Chas. Buhaltz as a field laborer.

Pending this motion, the meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

J.H.MORRISON, Chairman pro tem. L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 P.M., Oct. 12, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder L.T.Nicola. Present: Irwin, Cottrell, Moon, Morrison, Lane, Kilgore, Evans, Breed, Jones. By invitation, W.G.Sisley, L.T.Nicola, A.G.Adams. Minutes read and approved.

The motion pending at the adjournment of the last meeting was postponed to give way to the consideration of the report of a special committee who had under advisement the Missionary Reading Circle: First, How shall the Reading Circle be conducted? Second, By whom shall the management of the Circle be directed? The report is as follows:--

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

"Your committee appointed to consider and make recommendations with reference to the Missionary Reading Circle, report as follows:--

"Two leading questions seem to need our attention; viz., (1) How shall the Missionary Reading Circle be conducted? (2) By whom shall the management of the Circle be directed? In covering the ground of these questions, we would recommend the following:--

- "1. That the work of the Circle in the field, as relates to reading and study, be undertaken by individuals and families.
- "2. That each individual or family following the course endeavor to enlist the interest of their neighbors and friends in the work of the Circle.

"3. That meetings of Seventh-day Adventist churches or companies be held for reviews and the general interests of the Circle work, as frequently as the work may demand, the church officers providing for the leadership of the meetings.

"4. That lessons for use of the Circle readers be prepared on present truth or the message, and on the field and its needs; and that the outline lessons on both subjects be published in the Review and Herald and the Missionary Magazine; and that supplementary Reading Circle work appropriate for young people be published in the Youth's Instructor.

"5. That there be the closest cooperation between those preparing the lessons for the departments above mentioned.

"6. That the International Tract Society provide the lessons on the Message, and the Foreign Mission Board, the lessons on the Field and Its Needs.

"7. That we ask the General Conference Committee to provide sufficient assistance for the International Tract Society to enable the society to properly engage in the Missionary Circle work.

"8. Your Committee would respectfully recommend that Mrs. L. Flora Plummer be appointed Corresponding Secretary of the International Tract Society, to devote her attention, under the auspices of the General Conference, to the interests of the Circle.

"9. That we respectfully request the General Conference Committee to prepare an article for the forthcoming Review, setting forth the importance of the Missionary Reading Circle, and soliciting the hearty cooperation of all our people.

I.H.Evans,

W.C.Sisley,

L.T.Nicola,"

COMMITTEE."

Moved by Morrison, seconded by Kilgore, that the report be adopted by considering each item separately. The report was adopted.

Moved by Evans, seconded by Morrison, that the Chair appoint a committee of two to provide an article, as called for in Item No. 9 of the report, to be published in the Review.

The Chair appointed I.H.Evans and L.T.Nicola as said committee.

Several members of the Committee spoke relative to the employment of the Corresponding Secretary. Elder Lane was of the opinion that, inasmuch as the Review and Herald was receiving not an inconsiderable amount of patronage by having the Library published at this house, it was right, in his judgment, that they should pay the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

Elder Evans remarked that we should not consider this work from simply a monetary standpoint, as we would be in danger of losing sight of the real object of the Library and the Reading Circle; but that it should be rather under the management of the General Conference, and have the sanction of the entire people behind it; that if the Review and Herald made any surplus money from the circulation of the Library, if they saw fit they could contribute of this surplus to supplying extras, which would occur frequently in the Library.

Elder L.T.Nicola raised the question as to whether there could not be some plan devised to solicit the cooperation of all our publishing houses and brethren generally; whether or not the Pacific Press could not have some part in the work.

W.C.Sisley remarked that all are equally benefited, unless the subscription list should rise to some 20,000 or 30,000 subscribers; otherwise all the publishing houses and branch offices received the library at manufacturer's prices, which would be sixty per cent. off the retail price. In his judgment, the Pacific Press was benefited equally with the Review office, because it created an interest in our publications, and served to advertise the works that they were publishing, as much as any other house. There was no action on the above suggestions.

The Committee then took up the consideration of the motion pending relative to the Manitoba mission field. The Chairman raised the question whether or not it meant to take on extra laborers, as Elders L.P.Starr and W.L.Bird had been recommended to that field, and were under the employ of the General Conference.

Elder Morrison replied that Elder Starr had gone back to Iowa on account of his health, and that he would doubtless connect with the Iowa Conference; and that he was in question as to whether the General Conference had any further responsibility in the case of W.L.Bird, inasmuch as his first request was to come North, because the climate in the South did not agree with his health; and since he went to Manitoba, the climate there did not agree with him, and the Committee would be a little embarrassed to know what to do in his case; and he felt that the General Conference had no special obligation in that direction.

After remarks by several of the brethren relative to the Manitoba field and the necessity of having able men, and those who could remain in the field until something was developed, the motion was voted, and carried.

Elder Evans moved and Elder Breed seconded, that the Superintendent of District No. 4 and the Iowa Conference Committee arrange for the chairmanship of the Iowa Conference Committee. Carried.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Jones, that the General Conference employ Sister J.P.Gravelle. Carried.

Moved by Allee, seconded by Evans, that the Superintendent of District No. 4 do what he can to have W.L.Bird connect with the Iowa Conference. Carried.

Moved by Evans, seconded by Lane, that the Superintendent of District No. 4 see Elder Wm. Covert, and see if the Wisconsin Conference would take Tillie Olds as a Bible worker in their State. Carried.

The next thing considered was the school question, its financial phases. This was brought about by the joint meetings that were held in connection with the Battle Creek College Board; inasmuch as the College Board has petitioned the General Conference Committee for advice, the question was taken up and considered at length.

The Committee did not feel free to commit themselves to any more indebtedness on the General Conference, and still they felt as a committee that they were under obligations to give advice and counsel to all the institutions in the denomination that called on them for such counsel.

Elder Evans outlined a series of resolutions that seemed to meet the mind of the Committee, and he was asked to draft them and submit at the next meeting of the Committee.

Elder Moon asked that the Committee might listen to the report of the special committee who was to wait on Elder W.J. Stone, and ascertain his exercise of mind relative to taking up work in the Tennessee River Conference, provided arrangements could be made for Elder Bollman to take the editorship of the Religious Liberty Library.

Elder Allee spoke for the Committee as follows: That they had seen Brother Stone, and found that he was willing to take up work in that Conference if satisfactory arrangements could be made with the General Conference and with the brethren in Tennessee. Brother Allee further stated that he hardly knew just how the brethren in Tennessee would look upon the transaction. He hardly knew whether Elder Bollman would be situated so that he could take up work on the Library; but he felt sure that if satisfactory arrangements could be made, Brother Stone would act in the capacity of president, if so desired.

The Secretary was then asked to write Elder Bollman, and have him wire us immediately whether he can accept the position or not.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., October 13, 1899.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 13, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Allee. Present: Irwin, Allee, Breed, Kilgore, Cottrell, Lane, Moon, Morrison, Evans. Minutes read and approved.

Elder Evans then submitted the following report as suggested in the previous meeting:--

*Inasmuch as the Battle Creek College Board has petitioned the General Conference Committee to take under advisement the best means for Battle Creek College to meet its pressing obligations, the General Conference Committee begs leave to submit its counsel and advice, and a few suggestions, with a distinct understanding that, in harmony with the Testimonies lately received from the Lord, we do not involve ourselves in the least degree in any financial responsibility in the matter of the indebtedness of the Battle Creek College.

"Whereas, The Testimonies have plainly marked out how our Colleges should be run, specifying distinctly great economy, the cutting down of salaries, and the methods of securing any necessary improvements; therefore,---

"We would recommend, (1) That a careful study of the Testimonies relating to the financial management of our schools be made by the College Board and Faculty.

"2. That these plans at once be set in operation in the management of Battle Creek College.

"3. That no further enlargement of Battle Creek College plant be made either in buildings or lands involving an outlay of any considerable sums of money.

"4. That all moneys received above the necessary salaries and running expenses be applied upon liquidating the interest and debt of Battle Creek College.

"5. That wills and legacies be received by this College to apply on its debt.

"6. That the Board of Managers devise some means by which it shall meet its demanded obligations as they become due.

"7. That, in justice to the work as a whole in all parts of the field, it would not seem wise for Battle Creek College to endeavor to raise in donations to exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) per annum, including its surplus in the running expenses.

"8. That the soliciting of funds should be limited to this school district,--General Conference District No. 3."

Moved and supported that the report be adopted by considering each item separately.

Before the motion was voted, the members took a recess to give way to the study of the Testimonies, at the regular nine o'clock meeting.

After recess the report was further considered, and finally adopted.

Elder Evans then made some general remarks as to the attitude that the General Conference Committee should maintain on every question wherein they are asked for counsel and advice from the different institutions in the denomination. In his opinion the decision of the General Conference Committee should carry with it all the dignity and influence that its position demands. The Committee should therefore be left free to give their counsel at any time, and not be held responsible for whatever action may be taken at a joint meeting; for in some instances the vote of the assembly may be directly the opposite of the minds of the majority of the Committee. He further stated that in these joint meetings it sometimes happens that the members of the Committee are held at a disadvantage in the discussion of a question for lack of sufficient opportunity to consider it, and thereby have a thorough understanding with each other before the discussion in the joint meeting.

Several members of the Committee expressed themselves as being of the same mind as Elder Evans, and were at the point of making similar suggestions.

It was agreed upon, by common consent, that whenever any body, board, or institution has a matter which they wish to bring to the notice of the General Conference Committee, to seek their advice or

counsel, that they first should present the case to the Committee, and let them have an opportunity to deliberate upon it alone, as long as it is deemed necessary, before the Committee should render their decision.

Meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30p.m., October 13, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by I.H.Evans. Present: Irwin, Evans, Breed, Allee, Morrison, Lane, Kilgore, Moon, Cottrell; by invitation, L.T.Nicola. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee appointed to prepare article on Missionary Reading Circle, which was to appear in this week's Review, read the article to the Committee, which was unanimously accepted.

The Chairman of the I.R.L.A.Board submitted the question of the editing of the American Sentinel, and its use in connection with Congress and the State legislatures. After some discussion, it was moved by Breed and seconded by Kilgore, that a committee be appointed to study the field and work of the American Sentinel, and submit a report at a subsequent meeting. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Moon, Lane, and Kilgore.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., October 15.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 15, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Morrison and Irwin. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Breed, Allee, Evans, Kilgore, Lane. Minutes read and approved.

Elder Moon read a letter from the Queen's Counsel, Mr. Ailsworth, of Ontario, relative to the Lord's Day Act which is now under consideration in the Court of Appeals in Canada, and Brother Moon wanted the advice of this Committee as to what they would best do.

The Chair raised the question as to what Elder Moon's judgment was in the matter. The general concensus of opinion was that the I.R.L. Association would better avail themselves of the opportunity of getting the truth before that people.

The Committee took a recess until 12 m.

The Chairman raised the question as to who should be invited to attend the meetings to be held at the Review and Herald chapel, where the recent Testimonies would be read to men in responsible positions. The general impression prevailed that all the men in responsible positions, such as foremen and managers, should be invited, which was accordingly done, the letter of invitation being sent to the following-named persons:--

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| G.A.Irwin, | W.H.Me Kee, | L.J.Lamson, | C.M.Christiansen, |
| A.T.Jones, | Wm. Covert, | M.E.Olsen, | Mr.Spies, |
| S.H.Lane, | J.N.Nelson, | Addie Cooper, | M.M.Smith, |
| I.H.Evans, | J.I.Gibson, | J.S.Comins, | C.F.Marvin, |
| S.N.Haskell, | C.W.Wilson, | H.E.Simkin, | E.C.Loughborough, |
| Allen Moon, | W.J.Shaw, | J.H.Kellogg, | H.L.Titus, |
| L.A.Hoopes, | B.M.Shull, | L.Me Coy, | E.D.Kirby, |
| H.W.Cottrell, | S.O.Lane, | E.J.Hibbard, | Mary Lamson, |
| N.W.Alee, | G.W.Amadon, | G.H.Murphy, | Melinda Lamson, |
| A.J.Breed, | C.C.Rathbun, | W.H.Hall, | C.L.Stone, |
| J.H.Morrison, | W.C.Dalbey, | H.G.Butler, | Rosma M.Whalen, |
| R.M.Kilgore, | J.C.Holden, | W.K.Kellogg, | Mrs.R.Ross, |
| W.J.Stone, | F.E.Robert, | W.O.Palmer, | J.M.Jones, |
| C.N.Sanders, | W.W.Robinson, | Mr.Lucas, | M.N.Cross, |
| I.D.Van Horn, | T.Valentiner, | A.B.Olsen, | A.W.Hallock, |
| H.Nicola, | A.Swedberg, | H.F.Rand, | J.P.Christiansen, |
| Wm. Ostrander, | U.Smith, | J.M.Craig, | M.Bessie De Graw, |
| L.T.Nicola, | C.A.Thorp, | Ira.Fulton, | Mrs.S.V.Sutherland, |
| J.S.Hall, | E.P.Boggs, | J.F.Byington, | E.E.Gardner, |
| A.G.Adams, | C.D.Rhodes, | W.A.George, | H.R.Salisbury, |
| J.E.White, | J.B.Chambers, | W.B.Holden, | Mrs.Dr.S.S.Edwards, |
| J.Arthur, | W.C.Sisley, | F.M.Rossiter, | Dr.S.S.Edwards, |
| F.J.Hutchins, | F.E.Belden, | C.E.Stewart, | Edwin Barnes, |
| | E.A.Sutherland, | | P.T.Magan. |

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., Oct.15, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Breed, Lane, Kilgore, Evans, Cottrell, Allee, Moon, Jones. Prayer by Elder Breed. Reading of the minutes waived.

The Chairman raised the inquiry as to what should be done in the request of Elder R.A. Underwood. Elder Underwood desires that the General Conference should take Elder E.A. Merrell, and let W.J. Fitzgerald, recently returned from England, go to the Pennsylvania Conference

After some discussion of the question, it was moved by Evans, seconded by Cottrell, that, inasmuch as W.J. Fitzgerald properly belongs to the Michigan Conference, we ask Elder Breed, the Superintendent of the District, to negotiate with the Michigan Conference, and see if they will exchange W.J. Fitzgerald for E.A. Merrell. Carried.

The Chairman then raised the question as to the vacancy on the General Conference Committee, and a president for the California Conference, when it was moved by Lane, seconded by Breed, that we recommend W.T. Knox for Superintendent of District No. 6 and a member of the General Conference Committee; and suggest that Geo. A. Snyder, of the California Conference, act in the capacity of a Vice-President of that Conference in connection with W.T. Knox, until their election in the spring. Carried.

The Secretary then raised the question as to the names of F.R. Rogers and Mrs. Clara C. Phillips, when it was voted that they receive missionary credentials.

The Secretary asked the question, Who should be recognized as the Transportation Agent for the denomination at New York City. It was moved by Lane, seconded by Cottrell, that, inasmuch as T.A. Kilgore has moved to the Pacific Coast, to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Company, W.H. Edwards act as Transportation Agent in New York City. Carried.

The President of the Foreign Mission Board desired an expression from the Committee as to what they should do with reference to the two nurses that have been recommended to proceed at once to India, when it was moved by Evans and seconded by Lane, that,---

Whereas, The Foreign Mission Board is so close pressed for funds to meet obligations past due, we do not feel free at present to recommend that the Foreign Mission Board send the two nurses under consideration, to India. Carried.

The Chairman then brought up the question of G.W. Colcord's report of labor, and requested that the Committee do something with reference to the same.

Moved by Lane, and seconded by Kilgore, that we recommend that G.W. Colcord receive ten dollars per week for the time he has reported. Carried.

Committee adjourned to 8 a.m., October 16.

Geo. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

THIRTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 16, 8 a.m., 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder S.N.Haskell. Present: Irwin, Jones, Lane, Moon, Milgore, Cottrell, Allee, Morrison, Evans, Breed; by invitation, S.N.Haskell, A.R.Henry, A.G.Adams.

The Chairman made a statement that Brother Henry wished an opportunity to speak to the Committee for a few moments relative to his attitude toward the denomination. Time was given for this purpose.

Brother Henry expressed himself as feeling that the General Conference had tried to do what they thought was right in adjusting some of the unpleasanties that had existed between them; but felt that there were others connected with some of the institutions around here that he felt had wrongfully used him and misrepresented him before the public. The Chairman then stated that at some future time an opportunity would be given for him to express himself in the presence of those whom he thought had mistreated him.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The next question considered was that of the meeting that was to be held in the afternoon with the managers and leading brethren in the place.

Brethren Evans and Morrison made a few remarks relative to the attitude of the leading men in the Review and Herald Publishing Co., and recommended that everything should be done that would bring in a conciliatory spirit. They felt that some of the brethren were laboring under a struggle with the temptations of the enemy of their souls, and that there was danger of driving our brethren to take a position that would be bad, not only for them, but for the cause.

Elder Breed made a special request that the members of the General Conference Committee, especially those residing in the place, would attend the business meeting of the church, which was to be held this evening. He felt that, inasmuch as there was a large tithe from the Battle Creek church to the General Conference, it would have a good influence on the matter. He felt that the brethren in the church were drawing toward the general Conference, and that every such step should be cherished.

The Chairman then read a communication from the Secretary of the Boulder Sanitarium, in which he made an appeal that the General Conference Committee would give them some advice as to what steps they should take in their work to provide for a place for consumptive patients or to place the institution they already have as one that would not receive such patients.

The question elicited considerable discussion by several members of the Committee, when it was moved by Evans and seconded by Kilgore, that, inasmuch as the Boulder Sanitarium Board has appealed to this Committee for advice, the Chair appoint a committee of three to draft a resolution that would be submitted to this Committee. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Evans, Moon, and Kilgore.

The Committee then proceeded to take up the matters submitted from District No. 1. The wants of the Newfoundland mission field were first considered. Several communications from that field were read, when it was moved and carried that a committee consisting of Cottrell, Moon, and Lane, be appointed to draft a recommendation relative to one E.O.Parker, to be submitted to this Committee for action; said recommendation to be forwarded to Elder Webber, to be read in the St. John's (Newfoundland) church.

On account of the failing health of Elder Webber, it was moved by Cottrell, seconded by Lane, that we recommend Elder H.J. Farman, to go to Newfoundland, if agreeable to him, to assist Elder Webber. Carried.

The next point was that of supplying help for the church in Washington, D.C. Several members of the Committee were of the opinion that it would not be well for the General Conference to designate Washington as a special field to be helped by the General Conference, but to let that be managed by the Chesapeake Conference Committee, so that there would be no severing of the influence of that church from the Chesapeake Conference.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Kilgore, that we recommend A.F.Ballenger to connect with the Chesapeake Conference, with the suggestion that it would be well for him to take up aggressive work in connection with the Washington church. Carried.

Elder Cottrell then desired advice from the Committee as to what should be done in his own case, as he is carrying more than he thinks it is his duty, when it was moved by Morrison and seconded by Breed, that it is the sense of this body that Brother Cottrell should be released from the educational and sanitarium boards in New England. Carried.

Elder Breed then read a communication from the Secretary of the Michigan Conference, stating that if the general Conference wished to employ Elder I.D.Van Horn, they would release him from the Michigan Conference.

The Committee adjourned until 3 p.m.

Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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PORTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., October 16, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Breed, Evans, Allee, Morrison, Lane, Cottrell, Moon, Kilgore; by invitation, W.C. Sisley.

The entire hour was spent in an earnest season of prayer for the special meeting which was to be held in the Review office chapel at 4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 17, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by L.A.Hoopes. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Lane, Allee, Moon, Kilgore, Cottrell, Jones, Evans, Breed; by invitation, S.N.Haskell and A.R.Henry.

Brother Henry made a still more extended statement of his case, and expressed himself as desirous of having the matter adjusted in the easiest way possible.

At 10:30 the Review and Herald Board met with the Committee to consider some of the questions covered by the special Testimonies that have been read in the special meetings during this council.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 17, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Morrison, Lane, Moon, Kilgore, Cottrell, Allee, Evans.

The first item considered was the report of the committee to consider the matter relative to E.O.Parker, which was as follows:--

"Your committee respectfully submit the following as a communication to be sent to Elder R.S.Webber, director of the Newfoundland mission field:--

"Elder R.S.Webber,
Supt. of Newfoundland S.D.A.Mission Field.

"Dear Brother:--

"We very much regret that the spirit of selfishness is made so prominent in the conduct of some of the brethren in your field. You state that Brother Ayers is going to the far west. We think this a good course for him to take under the condition of things.

"The General Conference Committee have been grieved for several years at the course taken by E.O.Parker, and do hereby state that they are in no sense responsible for, nor in sympathy with, his conduct. He alone will have to meet the result of his action in the Judgment.

H.W.Cottrell,
Allen Moon,
S.H.Lane."

COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

The Superintendent of District No. 1 then brought up the question of a fifty-foot mildew-proof tent for the Newfoundland Mission field, as requested by Elder Webber, and it was moved by Cottrell and seconded by Kilgore, that a tent be sent that field for use in that field, with the understanding that the director raise as much as possible in the field. Carried.

The Committee appointed to look up the matter relative to the circulation of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN submitted the following report:--

"Report of Committee to consider the matter of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN:--

"We recommend, (1) That after December 31, 1899, the publication of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN be discontinued.

"2. That a directory be published twice a year, in pocket form, and the price be made to cover the cost of production.

"3. That the present subscribers of the BULLETIN be supplied with the new directory in lieu of the remaining numbers of the paper.

Allen Moon,
H.W.Cottrell,
N.W.Alee."

COMMITTEE.

After some discussion it was seen that it would hardly be the wisest thing to discontinue the paper at this time, as it would appear to be breaking faith with so many of our people who have subscribed for the paper, and that it would be better to continue the BULLETIN to the end of the term, even though there be a small deficit at that time, which they would endeavor to raise by calling for donations.

It was moved by Moon and seconded by Morrison, that the motion to adopt the report, and the report, be laid on the table. Carried.

It was moved by Moon, that we continue to receive subscriptions for the unexpired term of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN for fifteen cents. Carried.

The committee appointed to look up rooms for the Battle Creek church committee submitted the following report for the information of the Committee:--

"Your committee to look up rooms for the Battle Creek church committee, would report as follows for your information:--

"1. Judge Arthur requests to be moved out into larger and more commodious quarters.

"2. W.C.Sisley, manager of the Review and Herald, objects to his expansion.

"3. W.C.Sisley offers the Michigan Conference rooms to us for a price that we shall name.

"4. He offers free to General Conference for church use, if we deem best, a room known as Beebe's room, just opposite the hall from the manager's office.

"5. The International Tract Society rooms are our own, and are empty, temporarily.

I.H.Evans,
S.H.Lane,"

COMMITTEE.

It was moved and supported to accept the room known as the Beebe room across the hall from the Review and Herald Manager's office; said room to be used as an office for the Battle Creek church. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7:15 p.m., Oct. 17, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. prayer by Lane. Present: Irwin, Lane, Morrison, Jones, Cottrell, Kilgore, Allee, Evans, Breed, Moon. The reading of the minutes of the forty-second meeting waived.

The Committee then considered the items from District No. 2. The Secretary read the list as submitted by the District Superintendent, Elder N.W.Allee.

After some discussion, it was moved by Evans, seconded by Morrison, that the chair appoint a committee of two to act with himself to consider the list of items submitted by the superintendent of District No. 2, to bring in recommendations to this Committee. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Allee and Kilgore.

The Superintendent of District No. 3 was called upon, when no special items were submitted.

The Committee adjourned until 8 a.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 18, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Evans, Morrison, and Irwin. Members present: Irwin, Lane, Morrison, Kilgore, Moon, Cottrell, Evans, Breed, Jones. Minutes of the forty-second and forty-third meetings read and approved.

The Treasurer called attention to the fact that the account of G.W.Colcord had already been paid, when it was voted that the Secretary inform Elder Colcord to that effect.

Elder Morrison then read a letter from Elder C. Santee, in which he stated that he desired that the general Conference Committee would seriously consider the frailty of his wife, and suggested that he fears that the cold climate of Manitoba would be quite detrimental to her health; he also raised the question, whether or not an exchange could be made with Missouri, for Elder Hennig to go to Manitoba, and Santee to Missouri.

After considerable discussion over the question, the name of Andrew Nelson, of the Dakota Conference, was suggested as a person that would possibly develop into an excellent director, when it was moved by Morrison and seconded by Lane, that Elder Andrew Nelson, of the Dakota Conference, be recommended to go to Manitoba, to take charge of that mission field. Carried.

It was also moved by Morrison, seconded by Evans, that Rebecca Sowler, of Manitoba, be recommended to labor as a Bible worker in Manitoba. Carried.

Moved by Morrison, seconded by Evans, that Miss Tillie Olds be recommended to labor in the Wisconsin Conference. Carried.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the questions suggested by the Superintendent of District No. 5. The first one was pertaining to the presidency of the Arkansas Conference, when it was

moved by Kilgore, seconded by Allee, that Elder C. Mc Reynolds be relieved of the presidency of the Arkansas Conference, at his request, and that Elder A.E. Field be asked to take the presidency of that Conference. Carried.

The Superintendent then brought up the case of one Márcial Serna, of Arizona, when it was found that he had embraced the truth, and a number of the members of several churches had taken their stand with him. The Superintendent stated that he would need some help, and that the brethren of that field suggest that he should have about \$10 per week. The Committee did not feel free to recommend him as a regular laborer of the Conference until the Superintendent had time to visit the field, and become better informed of the case.

It was moved by Lane, and seconded by Jones, that we allow Brother Serna eight dollars (\$8.00) per week until the District Superintendent can visit the field, and make such recommendations as he deems proper. Carried.

The propriety of giving S.C. Osborne another title in the General Conference Bulletin was considered, when the Committee did not see that it would help matters any with the railroad companies to change the name, so long as he continued in the same line of work. Yet no action was taken in the case.

The Superintendent also requested that the Committee give some advice as to the time that Colorado should hold their Conference and the week of prayer.

Moved by Evans, seconded by Allee, that we do not feel free to recommend that the Colorado Conference change their time for holding the week of prayer. Carried.

Committee took a recess.

After recess the Committee convened, with Elder Irwin in the chair. Members present: Irwin, Lane, Jones, Breed, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, Evans, Allee, Moon; by invitation, S.N. Haskell and the Review and Herald Board. Elders Evans, Irwin, and Haskell led in prayer.

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions relative to the Boulder Sanitarium submitted the following report:--

"Your Committee would respectfully recommend the following as a communication to be forwarded to the Colorado Sanitarium:--

"To the Colorado Medical Missionary and Benevolent Assn.,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Brethren:--

Greeting. Inasmuch as you have petitioned the General Conference Committee through your Secretary, Elder F.M. Wilcox, to give advice concerning certain questions relative to the management of the Boulder Sanitarium, we would therefore suggest,--

"First, That inasmuch as you have written Sister White for further advice concerning the matter of building a consumptives' home, or otherwise receiving and managing the consumptive patients that may come to you, we beg leave to say that we think it wise to study the Testimonies already received, closely, adhering to what they direct, and exercising your best judgment until you can receive further directions from the Lord.

"Second, We have received pointed Testimonies from Sister White, censuring the General Conference for putting so much money into the Boulder Sanitarium, condemning the principle of building large institutions on borrowed capital. Further, she declares that the General Conference has no moral right to forgive the principal or interest on these obligations against these institutions. It is known to yourselves as well as to us that the General Conference is under obligations for all the money that has been put into the Boulder Sanitarium, to the amount of over seventy-six thousand dollars, having already paid over eleven thousand dollars at the bank that has been put into that institution.

"Therefore it seems to be wisdom---

"(a) That no further buildings or improvements be made, consuming any large sums of money.

"(b) That the strictest economy be exercised in the managing of the aff airs of the institution.

"(c) That the Board of the Colorado Sanitarium feel under moral obligations to meet its indebtedness to the General Conference.

"(d) That an able business manager be placed at the head of the institution.

"(e) That a competent surgeon be connected with the medical faculty, that the institution may draw a class of patients whose patronage may enable the Sanitarium to meet its obligations.

"(f) We earnestly pray that the institution and the Colorado Conference may unite closely together in carrying forward all branches of the Lord's work.

"(g) That as a General Conference Committee, we beg to express to you and all who are connected with the work at Boulder, our deepest sympathy and most hearty cooperation; praying for you, that you may abound in all good works, and have wisdom from above that you may so manage the institution that the blessing of God may continually abide upon you, and his prospering hand attend the work.

"Yours in the Master's work."

Moved by Breed, seconded by Lane, that we adopt the report.

Pending the discussion of this report, the members of the Review and Herald Board came in for the purpose of further considering some of the perplexities of the wage question as related to the publishing house.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 18, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Lane. Present: Irwin, Lane, Allee, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, Moon, Evans, Breed. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The first matter submitted to the Committee for consideration was with reference to the Foreign Mission Board, by Elder Evans. The Committee spent the entire hour in considering matters relative to the Foreign Mission Board, the Medical Missionary and benevolent Association, and the General Conference, without any definite action.

Adjourned to 8 a.m., October 19.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 19, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Allee. Present: Irwin, Allee, Breed, Cottrell, Evans, Lane, Morrison, Moon, Jones, Kilgore. Reading of the minutes waived.

The first thing considered was the report of the committee on the Boulder Sanitarium matters. After some consideration, it was voted to lay the report on the table, and instruct the Secretary to communicate with the Sanitarium Board that, inasmuch as they have appealed the question to Sister White, that we do not feel free to give any other advice at present.

The time was then given to W.C.Sisley to make a statement of the Henry matter, as viewed by himself, and the part that he (Sisley) took in the same.

Committee adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTH-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 19, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Moon. Present: Irwin, Breed, Allee, Moon, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, and Elders Lane and Evans the fore part of the meeting.

The first item of business was pertaining to the transportation agents. After some discussion, the whole matter was referred to Brother Moon to draft recommendations to present to the Committee.

Some time was spent in considering other items of business pertaining to the several districts, without any definite action.

Before the meeting adjourned, Elder Moon submitted the following report:--

"We, the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, desire to express our appreciation of the many courtesies extended to the denomination by the various railroads of the country, and we beg to assure the managers of these roads of our anxiety to comply with every rule and regulation governing passenger traffic.

"For the purpose of securing this end, transportation agents have been appointed, who, with the Presidents of State Conferences, or other person selected by these Conferences, are recognized by this Committee as the proper persons through whom applications for special and trip permits should be presented."

"This Committee can not hold itself responsible for acts or representations of persons other than those named."

Moved by Cottrell, seconded by Kilgore, that the report be adopted.

Pending the discussion of this motion, meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., October 20.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., Oct. 20, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Hoopes, Irwin, and Lane. Present: Irwin, Lane, Breed, Evans, Cottrell, Allee, Moon, Kilgore, Morrison. By invitation, A.G. Adams. Elder Jones was in the latter part of the meeting. Minutes read and approved.

The first item of business was the motion pending at the adjournment of the last meeting. After some discussion, it was moved by Evans, seconded by Morrison, that the report be laid on the table. Carried.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Evans, that it is the sense of this Committee that we do not deem it best to interpret the rules of the railway companies; and, further, that we leave the railway companies free to give us whatever instruction they deem proper. Carried.

The Chairman raised the question of the responsibility of the General Conference Committee to give advice to the Pacific Press Publishing Company and the Review and Herald Publishing Company, with regard to the restitution that is to be made to the Southern work. He then read a statement made by the Treasurer of the General Conference, A.G.Adams, which is here summarized, as follows:--

"SUMMARIZED REPORT OF THE S.D.A.GENERAL CONFERENCE,
in Account with the Sabbath-school Fund for the
Southern Work.

[For items composing this statement, see the report on file in the office of the Treasurer of the General Conference;] The items may also be found in the report of the fifty-ninth meeting.]

Total debit for the G.C.A.,	- - - - -	\$9969.41
Total credit for the Gen.Conf.Assn.,	- - - - -	319.59
Balance,	- - - - -	<u>9649.82</u>

Total debit for the General Conference,	- - - - -	\$1978.25
Total credit for the General Conference,	- - - - -	220.46
Balance,	- - - - -	<u>1757.79."</u>

Moved by Morrison, seconded by Allee, that, in view of the recent Testimonies to the General Conference and to C.H.Jones and others in responsible positions, relative to the restitution that should be made to the Southern field, we put ourselves on record, as a General Conference Committee, to take the lead in restoring, at once, both principal and interest, all that the General Conference has used of the funds raised for the Southern field. and, further, that we ask the Pacific Press Publishing Co. to restore that portion used by them, and that the Review and Herald Publishing Co. be asked to make restitution as called for by the Testimonies.

This motion elicited considerable discussion, when it was thought proper that a special committee be appointed to give the statements made by Adams a thorough study, when it was moved by Moon, seconded by Cottrell, that this whole question be referred to a committee consisting of Adams, Evans, and Lane, to bring in a recommendation to this Committee. Carried.

The Committee, by common consent, set apart eleven o'clock Sunday forenoon, October 22, to visit the Review and Herald, at their request.

The Secretary then raised the question of a meeting to consider some matters pertaining to the Reading Circle. By common consent, 8 a.m., Sunday morning was given for that purpose.

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the question of literature that should be sent to the members of Congress and legislatures, submitted the following:--

"Your committee to consider the question of literature to send to members of Congress and legislatures, would submit the following:--

"We recommend, that hereafter the literature furnished the public men, such as congressmen, members of legislatures, etc., be free from personalities, and the discussion of political questions involving no great moral principle.

"That, if the American Sentinel can not be so conducted as to be the medium through which to impart a knowledge of the exalted principles of liberty, without unnecessarily creating prejudice in the minds of any class of people, other means of reaching the people should be provided.

Allen Moon,
S.H.Lane, COMMITTEE.
R.M.Kilgore."

It was moved by Moon, seconded by Cottrell, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Elder Jones raised the question if it would not be proper that the Testimony relative to this question should not be sent along with the above resolution. By common consent, the Committee agreed to that idea.

Moved by Evans, seconded by Kilgore, that we reaffirm the action of the General Conference Committee of March 20, 1896, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of the same to the editors and Conference presidents. Carried.

Committee adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman. L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FOURTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., Oct. 20, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Evans, Allee, Lane, Kilgore, Morrison. Minutes read and approved.

The Chairman read a communication from P.F.Bicknell, setting forth the situation of the cause in South Africa.

Elder Kilgore wanted to know what could be done for Arizona.

The Superintendent of District No. 2 submitted a partial report of the committee to take under consideration the Southern field. No action was taken.

The Committee adjourned to 5 p.m., October 21.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman. L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

5 p.m.

Battle Creek, Mich., ~~2:30~~ p.m., Oct. 20, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elders Evans and Irwin. Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Lane, Cottrell, Evans, Breed, Morrison, Allee; by invitation, Dr. A. B. Olsen, and H. L. Henriksen.

The time of the Committee was occupied in listening to the appeal from Scandinavia as presented by Brother Henriksen.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 22, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Evans. Present: Irwin, Lane, Cottrell, Morrison, Evans, Kilgore, Allee, Jones; by invitation, W. C. Sisley, L. T. Nicola, H. Nicola, Wm. Covert, E. P. Boggs, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Miss Addie B. Cooper.

The time was given to the consideration of matters pertaining to the Missionary Reading Circle.

Mrs. Plummer was called upon to give a general outline of the situation and the plan of work as she views it from the study she has given since the Reading Circle was started. She felt that unless the plan contemplated a revival of genuine missionary work, of setting all our people everywhere to work, she feared it would be of little good, and did not care to have much to do with it. But in order to make the plan effective, there must be the closest cooperation on the part of every one, beginning with the General Conference to every one scattered throughout the churches. Every one must be set to work.

Elder L. T. Nicola made some remarks from the standpoint of discourses that were published in the True Missionary in 1874, by Elders White and Haskell, when the Treat and Missionary Society was organized. He longed to see the work get back onto the same basis as then.

Elder H. Nicola spoke of his first experience in the work in general; that it was not as a preacher, but as a missionary worker. He believed that that was what was needed at this time more than anything else; that it is the one thing that will keep our brethren awake to their true situation. Other brethren spoke along the same line.

Elder Evans was of the opinion that it would do but little good to establish the Reading Circle unless we had some definite plans to lay before the people to set them to work; and that in order to bring about these results, there must be persons set apart especially for that work. He therefore moved that a committee of five be appointed who should give this question careful thought and study, and bring in some recommendations along the line of what our people should concentrate their efforts on this winter, and what they should distribute. Carried.

The Chair appointed Hoopes, Evans, Allee, L.T.Nicola, and Mrs.L.Flora Plummer.

The Committee adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 22, 1899.

Elder G.A.Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder A.T.Jones. Present; Elders Irwin, Jones, Lane, Kilgore, Allee, Cottrell, Evans, Breed, Morrison, and Moon; by invitation, W.C.Sisley.

The Committee proceeded to consider the list of items submitted by the Review and Herald Board. First, "Shall the Review and Herald deal direct with the foreign publishers? If so, upon what basis?"

This question brought out many remarks from different members of the Committee. Elder Irwin stated that it was something that should receive careful consideration, and that a thorough understanding should be had between all the various publishing houses. Elder Jones was of the opinion that the publishers should attend to the book business; and the evangelical department of our cause attend to that department. Evans Evans felt that the publishers should take in charge that entire work; and not leave that responsibility upon the Foreign Mission Board; for he hardly thought it was right to take the funds of the Foreign Mission Board, which were calculated to pay the ministers in the field, and use the means in paying for books, and thereby piling up a big debt.

The following motion prevailed: Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Breed, that we request all publishing houses to deal direct with each other; also all depositories to deal direct with the publishing houses; and that they all be requested to deal on the cash basis as nearly as possible. Carried.

Professors Sutherland and Magan came in before the Committee to submit a plan for the raising of funds to meet the debt on Battle Creek College. The plan was substantially as follows:--

That Professor Magan take the field, as requested by the College Board, and visit the churches; and then at some time following the week of prayer, a day be set apart to take up a special collection for that indebtedness.

Elder Irwin was a little fearful that if the privilege was accorded one institution to appoint a separate day of prayer, it would only be a little while until other institutions would claim the same thing.

It was moved by Elder Breed and seconded by Elder Lane, that the privilege be granted the Battle Creek College, as outlined by Professor Magan; viz., that some time after the week of prayer, a special day be set apart for taking up a collection in General Conference District No. 3, excepting the Ohio Conference; this collection to apply on the debt of the College. Carried.

Professor Sutherland then laid before the Committee for their counsel, their mission work in Mississippi, as undertaken by the Battle Creek College, and suggested that they had some other offers in some other Southern States. They desired that the Committee would give some advice. The general concensus of opinion was that such matters should be laid before the Committee who have charge of the Southern field, for their counsel and advice.

The Committee adjourned till 8 a.m., October 23.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-THIRD MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., Oct. 23, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elders Moon and Irwin. Present: Irwin, Moon, Lane, Breed, Cottrell, Allee, Kilgore, Morrison, Evans; by invitation, Mrs.L.Flora Plummer, L.T.Nicola, Wm. Covert, W.C.Sisley. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

The committee to make further recommendations with reference to the Reading Circle and missionary work, submitted the following report:--

*Report of subcommittee to consider Missionary Reading Circle work:--

"Whereas, The Signs of the Times, being found to serve as a general missionary paper among all classes, appearing weekly, at nominal cost, of tasty appearance, calculated to produce a favorable impression wherever it may go, and may so conveniently, appropriately, and effectively herald the third angel's message among English-speaking people everywhere; therefore,--

"1. Resolved, That we earnestly recommend that the friends of the cause throughout the field redouble their interest and efforts in behalf of this paper, that it may be given the prominence in progressive, practical missionary work that it deserves.

"Whereas, The Berean Library was started for the purpose of affording a convenience and economical medium for extensively circulating the important books and pamphlet of our denominational literature; and,---

"Whereas, The Library can be used very advantageously in the study of the third angel's message in connection with the Missionary Reading Circle work; therefore,---

"2. Resolved, That we heartily endorse the Library, and recommend our people everywhere to subscribe for it, to be used in connection with the Reading Circle work, and doing general missionary work among their neighbors and friends.

"3. Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of a committee of five to select books and pamphlets to compose the volumes of the Berean Library, and also to recommend the tracts and leaflets that may advantageously be used in supplementary reading in connection with the missionary work of the Reading Circle.

[Signed.] L.A.Hoopes,
I.H.Evans,
N.W.Alee, COMMITTEE."
L.T.Nicola,
Mrs.L.Flora Plummer."

Moved by Breed, seconded by Morrison, that the report be adopted. Brethren Irwin, Sisley, Breed, Covert, and others mentioned several things relative to the character of the literature that should be carried by the Berean Library. All were of the opinion that the original plan of the Signs of the Times should be adhered to as closely as possible, so that nothing of a sensational or political trend should go through the paper. The motion was voted, and carried.

In answer to the recommendation that provides that a committee be appointed to decide what books or pamphlets should be published in the Berean Library, the Chair appointed L.A.Hoopes, S.N.Haskell, A.T. Jones, W.C.Sisley, S.H.Lane.

The Secretary then raised the question as to who would be expected to have charge of the missionary and reading circle departments in the various papers, the Review, the Magazine, and the Instructor.

In harmony with a previous resolution adopted by the Committee, it was left with the International Tract Society and the Foreign Mission Board to conduct the outline lessons and missionary departments in the Missionary Magazine.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Kilgore, that Mrs.L.Flora Plummer be asked to take charge of the Missionary Departments, and supply the lessons, for the Review and the Instructor. Carried.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the questions submitted by the Review and Herald Board. First, "Shall the Review and Herald establish branch offices in missionary fields? If so, upon what basis?"

W.C.Sisley spoke to this question, stating that some time ago the general feeling predominated that the Review and Herald and the other publishing houses should establish branch offices in foreign countries; but later the opinion seemed to obtain in Europe that it would be better for our people not to own their publishing houses; but the recent Testimonies that have come to us have indicated that it is the duty of these larger publishing plants to establish branch offices in other countries, in new fields. But the Review and Herald Publishing Co. hardly felt free to go ahead until the general Conference Committee had taken the subject under consideration, and had given some counsel as to the relationship that should exist.

The Foreign Mission Board at one time had entertained the idea that they should control the publishing work in their territory; but now they are willing that the Review and Herald should establish branch offices. He also stated that it is not from a commercial point of view that they wish to establish these branch offices, but from a purely missionary standpoint, and that the man they would send to represent them in the South American field would simply be a member of a committee of brethren in the field to have direct management of the work.

It was moved by Morrison, seconded by Moon, that this question of establishing branch offices be referred to a committee of three, to formulate some report to submit to this Committee. Carried.

The Chair appointed Moon, Sisley, Evans.

The next question considered was that of the translation of our large books into foreign languages. W.C.Sisley spoke to this question, and said that there must be a general and hearty cooperation, not only in the preparation of the manuscripts and plates, but for the circulation of these publications when they are manufactured.

The Chairman then read a communication from W.C.White, which gave a general recital of the publication of foreign works from its beginning in the denomination. It appeared from the letter that one of the reasons why the Foreign Mission Board was organized was to take under its advisement the works that should be published in foreign languages, and disseminated in foreign mission territory.

This question was brought up at our last General Conference, and was referred to the International Tract Society, without any discussion. The brethren thought that it should have more than a passing consideration. Several members of the Committee were not clear as to what the prerogative of this General Conference Committee was in that case, inasmuch as the General Conference in open session had delegated the question to the International Tract Society. The suggestion was made, however, that, to obviate any seeming difficulty, the members of the Board of the International Tract Society who are in the place, could have a meeting, and request that the Foreign Mission Board take this matter off their hands and operate it, in harmony with the suggestion of the General Conference. There was no definite action taken in the case.

The next question brought up for consideration was the case of C. Castberg, with no definite action taken.

The Chairman read a letter from Elder O.A.Olsen, which stated that the financial situation in Scandinavia was worse than it had been presented before, and that they had really come to the point where it was necessary for the publishing house to suspend payment of its accounts. Elder Olsen expressed himself as being hopeful that in some way the Lord would bring the matter out all right, and that through it all there was an important lessons that they would learn.

The Committee adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 23, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Jones, Evans, Allee, Cottrell, Kilgore, Lane; by invitation, P.T.Magan and W.C.Sisley.

Professor Magan was called upon to state the general outline of his book entitled "The Peril of the Republic." The question that was in the minds of the Committee was whether it was a suitable book to place before the public just at this time, when the general subjects of imperialism and anti-expansion are being discussed by politicians. The manuscript had been in the hands of a number of committees for examination, and has finally been placed in the hands of the printer, the plates all made; but since the Testimony relating to politics has been received, there was a little question in the minds of some of the brethren whether the book should be published or not.

After hearing what had been suggested on the question by different brethren, both those who favored it, and those who felt somewhat opposed, it was moved by Evans, seconded by Lane, that a committee of four, Elder S.N.Haskell being one, should be appointed to examine the manuscript, and report to this Committee. Carried.

Then a motion prevailed to increase the committee by adding the Chairman of the General Conference Committee. The committee as appointed stands as follows: G.A.Irwin, S.N.Haskell, E.J.Hibbard, J.H.Morrison, and L.A.Hoopes.

The Committee adjourned until 8 a.m., October 24.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., Oct. 24, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Irwin and others. Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Morrison, Breed, Moon, Cottrell, Allee, Evans, and Jones.

The hour was given to the consideration of the foreign mission work. Elder Evans submitted the following preambles and resolutions; and moved their adoption, which motion was seconded by Elder Allee:--

"Whereas, There are urgent demands for means to carry on the foreign mission work; and,---

"Whereas, The Board at its last meeting in July, passed an action recommending that each Seventh-day Adventist be urged to donate ten cents per week for foreign mission work; therefore,---

"We recommend, 1. That we heartily endorse the recommendation passed at the July meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, which is as follows:--

"That plans be immediately set on foot to arouse the denomination to united action in raising for foreign missions an amount averaging not less than ten cents a week for each church member.'

"2. That the donation be made weekly, and taken by the librarian each Sabbath.

"3. That once a month the librarian forward the same to the State society treasurer, and they remit to the Foreign Mission Board promptly.

"4. That each District Superintendent unite with the Conference presidents in inaugurating this plan throughout the Districts."

The report was adopted.

Elder Evans then submitted the following recommendations:--

"Whereas, The Foreign Mission Board was instituted to have the oversight of the missionary operations in foreign fields; and,---

"Whereas, The General Conference at its last biennial session took action recommending 'that each of our Conferences be asked to furnish and support from the tithes one or more laborers in foreign lands, if it appears to have laborers whom God has fitted and burdened for foreign work; or if it has no such laborers, to support some other laborer, whom the Foreign Mission Board shall suggest;' therefore,---

"We Recommend, That the State Conferences adhere closely to these recommendations."

Moved by Elder Moon, seconded by Elder Morrison, that the report be adopted. Carried.

It was then voted that the Chairman communicate the mind of this Committee on this question to the State Conference Presidents, the District Superintendents, and the Foreign Mission Board.

Elder Evans then brought up the question of the work in the Caribbean Sea, and the islands and countries adjacent thereto. After some considerable discussion over the situation in those fields, the Committee adjourned without any definite action, until 2:30 p.m., even date.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 24, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder S.N.Haskell. Present: Elders Irwin, Jones, Lane, Morrison, Kilgore, Moon, Cottrell, Allee, and Evans; by invitation, Elder S.N.Haskell, W.C.Sisley, and Prof. P.T.Magan.

The Chairman read a memorial from Elder H. Nicola, in which he gave a brief rehearsal of his former experience, and his call to the Battle Creek church---that it was all unexpected on his part; and that now he desired that the Committee would feel free to consider his case in whatever light they chose; that he had been in Battle Creek at long as perhaps was necessary. He felt very thankful for the kindness and appreciation that the General Conference had shown him, and still had a desire to have some humble part in the work of the Master.

The committee appointed to consider the manuscript of Professor Magan's book, the "Peril of the Republic," submitted their report. Elder Haskell supplemented the report by making some statements; that the Committee had not gone into a minute study of the truthfulness of the statements or their application to prophecy; but they considered certain statements that seemed to be extreme from the standpoint of the Testimonies that bear on the subject of what should come from our pens---expressions that would have a tendency to arouse the prejudice of peoples and nations. The report is as follows:---

"In view of the many extreme expressions contained in the manuscript, and the general trend of the book; and also in the light of the Testimonies recently received, this committee do not feel free to recommend the publication of the book entitled, "The Peril of the Republic."

[Signed] S.N.Haskell,
E.J.Hibbard,
L.A.Hoopes,
J.H.Morrison,
G.A.IRWIN."

COMMITTEE."

Moved by Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Allee, that we accept this report as the sense of this Committee.

Elder Allee made some remarks relative to the statements that had been read from the manuscript, and expressed it as his own opinion that it would not be a suitable book to be circulated in the South; that it would only serve to arouse antagonism and precipitate a crisis before we were ready for it.

W.C.Sisley asked the Committee if there would be any objection to the author or the publishing house selling the manuscript to some worldly institution or persons for their use, at a nominal royalty.

The motion was put, and carried.

In answer to the question whether it would be the proper thing to give the manuscript to an outside party, Professor Magan stated emphatically that he would not consent to let the manuscript be used by any outside party to be used in the world for any purpose whatever, if the brethren did not feel that it was the right thing to be presented as a part of the third angel's message.

Brethren Haskell and Irwin stated that it was not the lack of truth that the manuscript contained, but the manner in which that truth was stated, to which the objection was made.

The Chairman then presented the petition from the Review and Herald Board, as follows:--

"October 16, 1899.

"Elder G.A.Irwin,
"Pres. Gen.Conf., City.
Dear Brother:--

"I beg leave to advise you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the S.D.A.Publishing Association held this morning, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Chair to appoint a committee of three members of the Board to be increased to give by the addition of two members of the General Conference; this committee of five persons to investigate the matter referred to in the communication received from Sister White relative to the moneys withheld from the work in the Southern field, etc., and submit a report regarding the same to the full Board of the Publishing Association.

"Elders I.H.Evans, S.H.Lane, and L. Mc Coy were named by the Chairman of the Publishing Association.

"I have been informed by Brother Evans, the chairman of the committee has called a meeting to be held in Elder Lane's room Tuesday evening at five o'clock.

Yours very truly,

REVIEW AND HERALD PUB. CO.,
Jno. I. Gibson, Sec'y."

It was moved by Evans and seconded by Elder Breed, that we comply with the request of the Review and Herald Board, by appointing two members of the Committee as requested in the appeal. Carried. The Chair appointed Elders N.W.Allee and J.H.Morrison.

Elder Evans then submitted some matters relative to the foreign mission work; when it was moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Lane, that we recommend that Elder Frank J.Hutchins and wife return to the Bay Islands. Carried.

The Committee adjourned till 8 a.m., October 25.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 25, 1899.

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Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder R.M.Kilgore. Present: Elders Irwin, Breed, Kilgore, Moon, Cottrell, Lane, Evans, and Allee. Minutes of last three meetings read and approved.

The recommendation relative to the sale of the boat "Herald" was stricken from the record.

The hour was given to the consideration of matters relative to the Southern field. The report submitted by the subcommittee is as follows:--

"Your committee would recommend:--

"1. Director for Cumberland mission field : That Elder C. Santee, of Iowa, be invited to make the Cumberland mission field his field of labor, he taking the directorship of the same.

"2. That an executive committee of five be appointed to direct the work of the Southern field.

"3. That the resignation of W.L.Killen as State Agent of North Carolina, be accepted, and that C.D.Wolf be appointed in his stead.

"4. That R.T.Nash and wife labor among the colored people at or near Yazoo City, Miss., during the fall and winter.

"5. That the matter of a new field for Elder D.T.Shireman and wife be deferred to the time of the District Conference for consideration.

"6. That the proposed meeting in Atlanta, Ga., as suggested by M.W.Lewis, be referred to those in charge of the work of the District.

"7. That Elder M.G.Huffman, of the Florida Conference, be recommended to labor in the mission part of the District, under the direction of the District Superintendent.

"8. That Elder J.A.Brunson continue to labor in the Southern field.

"9. In the matter of help for Louisiana, that unless the General Conference Committee feel free to furnish a minister, C.F.Dart assist Elder Horton in the work, as may be arranged with the advice of the District Superintendent.

"10. That the Review and Herald Pub. Co. be requested to pay half of the wages and expenses of the District Canvassing Agent.

"11. That \$17 railway fare of C.D.Wolf, from Florida to North Carolina, be paid by the Review and Herald Pub. Co.

"12. That \$38.20 be paid Sister Nora Brown for Signs work in Louisville, Ky.

"13. That a doctor be secured for the Graysville school.

"14. That if no other person can be secured to succeed Elder Saxby in Louisville, Ky., E.W.Carey take the work until further arrangements can be made.

"15. That the General Conference Committee define more clearly the prerogatives and work of the District Superintendent.

"16. That Miss Lillian S. Pierce return to Bible work in Georgetown, Ky.

"17. That some definite plans for the work in Vicksburg, Miss., be made. Sister M.M.Osborn desires Bessie Russell, of Ohio, to connect with the work in Vicksburg.

"18. That Elder B. J. Nicola be recommended to take the place of Elder H.S.Shaw on the board of managers of the Oakwood Industrial School."

Moved by Cottrell, seconded by Elder Moon, that we adopt the report of the subcommittee.

The report was amended as follows: That item No. 1 be referred back to the committee. No. 13 was considered, when a motion to recommend Dr. J.L. Otis to connect with the Graysville school, and that he receive \$12 per week, and that he return to the school all his earnings up to \$6 per week, was laid on the table, thereby referring the matter of providing a doctor for the school, back to the school board. Item No. 14 was referred to the District Superintendent for further investigation. Item No. 15 was referred back to the committee. Item No. 17 was referred to the District Committee.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

The Committee adjourned till 2:30 p.m., even date.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 25, 1899.

Elder J.H.Morrison in the chair. Prayer by Elder A.J.Breed.
Present: Elders Morrison, Breed, Evans, Allee, Kilgore, Cottrell, Lane, Moon.

The first item of business was relative to the letter received from Elder N.W.Kauble, pertaining to the transportation work. After consideration, the general consensus of opinion was that there should be a transportation agent in Chicago; when it was moved by Elder Kilgore, and seconded by Elder Evans, that Elder Allen Moon act as transportation agent in Chicago. Carried.

Elder Evans then brought up matters relative to the Foreign Mission Board, and wished the advice of this Committee respecting the same. First, the work in Mexico---the propriety of his going there soon. He suggested that there were several items that need attention: first, the printing-press that belongs to the Foreign Mission Board; second, the printing of the two papers; and, third, some other personal property belonging to the Foreign Mission Board. In considering these questions, several members of the Committee

thought it would be well for the President of the Foreign Mission Board not only to visit Mexico, but the Bay Islands and other missions around the Caribbean Sea. No definite action was taken.

Elder Evans then suggested that there should be a Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; that the help that they had was inadequate to carry the large volume of business that was accruing in the office. He felt that it needed the best talent in the denomination, and suggested the names of H.P.Holser or Dan.T.Jones; but the condition of the health of both these brethren is such that it would be out of the question to obtain them.

At this juncture Elder Irwin came into the meeting, when it was moved by Elder Morrison, seconded by Elder Breed, that this question of providing a Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board be referred to a committee of three. Carried. The Chair appointed Elders Evans, Breed, and Cottrell.

Elder Evans then requested some advice relative to the work in Matabeleland, South America, and the Trinidad school. Elder Irwin read a letter from Sister Armitage, stating the situation in that field; and suggested that a wrong policy was being pursued, and that the question needed to be studied carefully. As there was no one in sight to be appointed as a director for South America, that question was referred to the committee above mentioned; viz., Elders Evans, Breed, and Cottrell.

The Chairman then stated that, inasmuch as Elder Uriah Smith had declined to prepare an article for the readings for the week of prayer, as previously appointed, it would be necessary for this Committee to appoint some one else. It was moved by Elder Morrison, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that Elder L.A.Hoopes be asked to prepare the article, instead of Elder Smith. Carried.

Elder Moon then submitted a verbal report pertaining to the Washington (D.C.) church property, which was considered at some length. Elder Evans made the following motion: That, inasmuch as we are so distressed for funds to carry on the work we have on hand, and are so deeply involved in debt; and, whereas, the Testimonies have spoken against our going into debt, we do not see our way clear to advance any money to invest in the Washington City church property. Carried.

Elder Lane then suggested the name of Brother A.W.Bartlett, who desires missionary credentials from this Conference as a recognition that he is a brother in good standing, and permit him to do general colporteur work on a self-supporting basis. It was moved by Elder Morrison and seconded by Elder Evans, that we give A.W. Bartlett ministerial credentials, and that he work of a self-supporting basis as a colporteur. Carried.

Voted to adjourn till 8 a.m., October 26.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

FIFTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 26, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder N.W. Allee. Present: Elders Irwin, Allee, Morrison, Lane, Moon, Kilgore, Cottrell, Evans, and Breed. Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

The Secretary brought up the case of Elder W.J. Stone, when it was moved by Elder Allee, seconded by Elder Lane, that we recommend that Elder W.J. Stone take the presidency of the Tennessee River Conference, provided that C.P. Bollman accepts the position in the International Religious Liberty Association as previously voted. Carried.

At this juncture Brother H.L. Henriksen, of Scandinavia, appeared before the Committee in behalf of the Christiania Publishing House. After giving a brief statement of the situation, the Committee were not prepared to give any definite advice as to how much could be raised for that institution; but they wanted to assure the brother that everything would be done that could be, to express our sympathy and willingness to cooperate in any way that would be consistent with our situation.

It was moved by Elder Morrison and seconded by Elder Breed, that a recommendation be given Brother H.L. Henriksen, showing that he is a proper person to solicit help for the Christiania Publishing House, to help them in their distressed condition. Carried.

It was also stated that a meeting of the General Conference Association would be called soon, to consider the advisability of laying plans to float the debt of the Christiania institution.

The Committee appointed to investigate the account on the General Conference Association books, with the Pacific Press Publishing Co., relative to the funds of the International Sabbath-school Associations which were donated for the Southern field, submitted the following report:--

"Your Committee appointed to investigate what disposition was made of the Sabbath-school donations the first six months of 1896, for the Southern field, would submit the following:--

"First, We find the total Sabbath-school donations to the Southern field for that time to be \$11,407.61.

"Second, On January 22, 1897, the Pacific Press Publishing Company credited the General Conference Association with \$10,878.72 of the above mentioned donations. On this date the General Conference and the General Conference Association owed the Pacific Press \$1,413.80, as follows:--

DEBITS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

1896			
Dec. 31,	Lumber for Samoan Mission, - - - -	\$350.01	
	Cash to Lucy Olds on Un.Col.note,	164.38	
1897			
Jan.10,	B.S.Lib.1 yr to B.J.Cady, - - - -	.25	
	Periodicals to N.Z.Tr.Soc., - - - -	10.65	
	" " " " " " " "	1.37	
T	Trans. 2 crates paper,B.J.Cady, - -	.75	
	2000 Bible readings,B.J.Cady,	125.05	
	Pac.Hlth.Jour, J.E.Fulton, - -	1.00	
	80 cop.SIGNS, Mrs. Van Deusen, - -	14.19	
	Brig. Piteairn,- - - - -	205.83	
Jan.20,	Don.Int.S.S., Wyoming,	3.05	
	" " " Jamaica, - - - - -	4.50	
		<u>\$881.03</u>	

CREDITS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

1897			
Jan. 10,	Don.to Foreign Mission,s- - - - -	\$10.00	
	" " Orphans' Home, - - - - -	29.68	
		<u>\$39.68</u>	
	Net debit to G.C.A.,Jan.22,'97, - -	\$841.35	

DEBITS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1896.			
Dec. 31,	Cash to E.M.Morrison, - - - - -	\$275.	
Jan.10,'97	Draft to M.H.Brown, - - - - -	150.	
	Cash to Mrs.A.J.Breed, - - - - -	5.	
	Don.Int.S.S. Manitoba, - - - - -	22.45	
20,	Cash to E.H.Gates, - - - - -	<u>120.</u>	
	Net Debit Jan.22,1897, - - - - -	572.45	
	Net Debit G.C.A., Jan.22, 1897, - -	841.35	
	Total Debit G.C. and G.C.A.,Jan.22,'97,	<u>1413.80</u>	

THIRD: The General Conference Association checked out of Pacific Press Publishing Company, from January 22, 1897, to April 30, 1897, and from August 1--31, 1897, \$10,494.18, as follows:--

FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

1897			
Jan. 31,	Cash to J.R.Mc Coy, - - - - -	2.05	
	" " Brand and Lingle, - - - - -	65.	
	" " P.S.Kellogg, - - - - -	2.	
	" " Rural Health Retreat, - - -	500.	
	SIGNS to J.A.Hazel,W.Africa, - - - -	.73	
	Don.Int.S.S. Cent.America, - - - - -	10.	
Feb.10,	" " " North Carolina, - - -	1.05	
	Cash to W.C.White, - - - - -	65.	
	Two books to G.H.Baber, - - - - -	.28	
	P.P.Inv. B.J.Cady, - - - - -	18.10	

Feb. 10,	P.P. Inv. Aust. Tr. Soc.,	\$72.50
P.-86-	1 Box goods to Dr. Braucht,	3.
	Cash to Rural Health Retreat,	1000.00
	500 Letter heads, C.H. Jones, Tr. Agt.	2.50
Feb. 21,	Don. Int. S.S., British S.S.,	135.58
	P.P. Inv. Aust. Tr. Soc.,	224
	" " W.W. Eastman,	.50
	" " Aust. Tr. Soc.,	11.12
	" " A.J. Haysmer,	69.45
	Cash to W.C. White,	20.
	P.P. Inv. Brig. Pitcairn,	120.40
	Cash to Cal. Ink Co. (Echo),	25.86
28,	Don. Int. S.S. Russia,	33.84
	Tithe, " " "	.37
	Don. Int. S.S. Germany,	139.91
	Cash to Cal. Ink Co. (Echo),	130.09
	Tithe to Int. S.S. Cent. Europe,	1.16
	P.P. Inv. Z.G. Baharian,	.20
Mar. 10,	Cash to M.C. Israel,	60.
	P.P. Inv. J.R. Green and Bodden,	2.45
	" " Tatum and Haylock,	5.12
	" " G.C. Pub. Co.,	6.25
	SIGNS to Juan Davis, Chile,	2.90
	SS. Worker for Foreign Fields,	57.60
	S.S. Lessons to J.E. Caldwell,	.60
21,	P.P. Inv. Goods, Dr. Braucht,	267.16
	" " Brig. Pitcairn,	35.09
	Cash to Brand and Lingle,	55.
	" " Rural Health Retreat,	1500.00
31,	Don. Int. S.S. So. Africa,	172.26
	" " " Indiana,	3.70
	P.P. Inv. Goods to Dr. Braucht,	14.35
	Draft to R.A. Prickett,	36.55
	Draft to J.R. McCoy,	97.95
	P.P. Inv. B. [V] J. Farnsworth,	6.80
	" " Mrs. Carr and Fairbanks,	1.
	Draft to A. La Rue,	313.71
	" " H.H. Dexter,	2.73
	" " G.O. Wellman,	277.
	" " E. Hilliard,	181.93
	" " H.H. Brand,	148.25
	" " J.E. Fulton,	146.15
	" " E.S. Butz,	346.46
	" " Lillian White,	38.29
	" " J.M. Cole,	400.00
	Don. Int. S.S. Brazil,	10.63
Apr. 1,	Cash to H.H. Brand,	45.
12,	Draft to A.L. Lingle,	15.84
	" " S.S. Merrill,	37.25
	" " Millie Johnson,	6.75
	" " J.M. Cole,	295.07
	" " B.J. Gady,	655.97
	P.P. Inv. to G.C.A.,	.70
	" " Pitcairn,	83.90
	" " Poly. Mission,	7.05
20,	" " F.C.A.,	.24
30,	Draft to G.C.A.,	1000.00
	P.P. Inv. Dr. Carmichael and J.C. Green,	4.40

Part of \$50 advanced to Dr. F. E. Braucht,
 which is required to balance the
 \$10,878.72 S. S. Funds credited to
 G. C. A., Jan. 22, 1897, - - - - - \$19.39

Aug. 10,	SIGNS to J. Gargett, - - - - -	.95
	Cash to Cal. Ink Co. (Echo), - - - - -	58.32
31,	P. P. Inv. N. Z. Tr. Soc., - - - - -	2.41
	Don. Int. S. S. Manitoba, - - - - -	10.42
		<u>\$9088.38</u>

FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1897		
Jan. 31,	Cash to Mrs. A. J. Breed, - - - - -	45.
Feb. 10,	" " E. M. Morrison, - - - - -	25.
	" " A. J. Breed, - - - - -	50.00
	" " E. H. Gates, - - - - -	50.
	" " M. H. Brown, - - - - -	85.
	" " E. M. Morrison, - - - - -	75.
	" " W. F. Caldwell, - - - - -	22.05
Mch. 21,	" " " " " - - - - -	9.00
	" " " " " - - - - -	6.00
31,	Tithe, A. Walling, Oakland Church, - -	18.80
	Draft to A. J. Breed, - - - - -	55.50
	" " M. H. Brown, - - - - -	248.00
	" " W. F. Caldwell, - - - - -	37.29
	" " E. M. Morrison, - - - - -	58.61
	" " W. F. Caldwell, - - - - -	9.
Apr. 20,	Cash to E. M. Morrison, - - - - -	75.
30,	" " A. J. Breed, - - - - -	25.
	" " " " " - - - - -	25.
Aug. 10,	" " " " " - - - - -	80.
	" " A. L. Little, - - - - -	75.
	" " M. H. Brown, - - - - -	150.
31,	" " W. F. Caldwell, - - - - -	6.55
	" " A. J. Breed, - - - - -	175.
	Total Debits to Gen. Conf. - - - - -	<u>\$1405.80</u>
	Total Checks for G. C. A. - - - - -	<u>-9088.38</u>
	Total Checks for G. C. and G. C. A., 9 -	<u>\$10494.18</u>

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FOURTH: The Pacific Press Publishing Company credited the
 General Conference Association during the time intervening
 from January 22, 1897, to April 30, 1897; and August 1--31,
 1897, \$500.37. The items are as follows:--

CREDITS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSN.

1897		
Jan. 31,	Don. to Orphans' Home, - - - - -	\$- 1.40
	" " Huntsville School, - - - - -	1.40
Feb. 10,	" " Huntsville School, - - - - -	11.50
	" " N. Y. Harbor Boat, - - - - -	15.
	" " Foreign Mission, for India, - - -	10.
	" " " " " - - - - -	.75
	Sale of Typewriter, Brig. Pitcairn, - -	50.

SIXTH: The benefits to the General Conference Association were \$9649.82, which is shown by the following:--

Checks drawn prior to Jan. 22, 1897, - - - - -	\$881.03.
Checks drawn after Jan. 22, 1897, - - - - -	9088.38
Total checks drawn,	<u>9969.41</u>
Total credits for the same period of time,	319.59
Benefit to the General Conf. Assn., - - - - -	<u>\$9649.82</u>

SEVENTH: The General Conference knew it had no deposit with the Pacific Press, except Sabbath-school donations.

EIGHTH: It continually drew checks on the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

NINTH: The Pacific Press honored our checks, as it was all by order of the General Conference, and went to advance the work.

TENTH: We hereby can not see that the Pacific Press is involved, except that it should have refused to honor the General Conference checks.

ELEVENTH: Therefore, it appears to your committee that the General Conference and the general Conference Association is responsible for the restoration of these funds, and should at once pay the Pacific Press the sum of \$11,407,61, together with accrued interest, and they in turn pay the Southern field.

A.G.Adams,
I.H.Evans,
S.H.Lane."

COMMITTEE."

Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Kilgore, that we adopt the report, and instruct our Treasurer, A.G.Adams, to see that the proper entries are made on the books of the General Conference Association, General Conference, and Pacific Press Publishing Company. This motion elicited considerable discussion from different members of the Committee, when it was moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Lane, that items seven, eight, and nine be expunged from the report. Amendment carried.

It was moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Morrison, that item No. 10 be expunged from the report. This amendment carried.

It was moved by Elder Morrison, seconded by Elder Kilgore, that the following be substituted for Item No. 11, and be numbered No. 7:--

"7. It appears to your committee that the General Conference, General Conference Association, and Pacific Press Publishing Company are alike involved in the turning aside of the funds of the International Sabbath-school Association designed for the Southern field; and inasmuch as the Lord, by the Testimonies holds us responsible for the restoration of these funds to that field, we would therefore submit the following proposition: That the General Conference and General Conference Association restore an amount equal to the principal, and the Pacific Press Publishing Company an amount equal to the accrued interest."

The amendment carried. It will be seen by noticing the report, that the principal involved is \$11,407.61

At this juncture Elder Evans was called to another appointment, and Elder Jones came into the committee-room. The motion to adopt the report, with the above amendments, was put, and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to 8 a.m., October 27.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOEES, Secretary.

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SIXTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 27, 1899.

Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Allee, Kilgore, Evans, Cottrell, and Breed; by invitation, W.C.Sisley, W.O.Palmer, and H.L.Henriksen.

The fore part of the meeting was taken up in considering matters relative to the Christiania Publishing House. After rereading the letters from Elder O.A.Olsen, and giving the matter a little more consideration, it was thought proper to cable Elder Olsen, stating that the prospects for receiving help here were fair. The brethren thought it advisable to wait a little while until they could hear of the results of the meeting with the creditors on the 23d, before taking any active steps to raise the money. They wished to assure the brethren in Scandinavia that if it was absolutely necessary to raise the funds at this time, we certainly would rally to their help and do all that was in our power.

The Secretary had a few items to present before the Committee. One was a definite action relative to the resignation of F.W.Howe; when it was moved, supported, and carried, that his resignation be accepted.

Inasmuch as Henry Block, who has gone to Alberta, Northwest Territory, to labor among the Germans, has no official papers from the General Conference, it was moved by Elder Lane and seconded by Elder Allee, that Henry Block receive ministerial license. Carried.

The committee appointed to consider foreign publications and branch publishing houses in foreign mission territory, submitted the following report:--

"Whereas, Our publishing houses were established for the purpose of publishing and circulating our denominational literature; and,--

"Whereas, It seems that our publishing houses are better prepared to handle the small printing plants which need to be established in foreign fields, than the Foreign Mission Board; therefore,--

We Recommend, 1. That we request our publishing houses, in consultation with, and by advice of, the Foreign Mission Board, to establish small printing plants in such foreign fields as may be deemed wise.

2. That these plants take charge of the circulation of our literature.

3. That they publish tracts and pamphlets, and, when necessary, a suitable paper for the field.

4. That each plant be managed by a local committee of three to five members, of which the superintendent of the field and the manager of the office shall be two; the workers in the field appointing the other members.

The OBJECT of the printing plants shall be:--

1. To publish and circulate realigious, health and temperance, and educational literature.

2. Commercial work shall only be incidental, and ~~only~~ accepted only when it does not interfere with or cripple our denominational work.

3. These plants shall keep all accounts and make all collections, and shall deal on a cash basis as far as possible.

4. They shall direct the canvassing work, appoint agents, and do all in their power to circulate our denominational literature.

5. They shall cooperate in every possible way to advance the message in all its parts.

6. Our workers in these fields shall cooperate with the plants to push the work forward, helping to secure agents for canvassing, and to advance the work in all lines.

Allen Moon,
W.C.Sisley,
I.H.Evans."

COMMITTEE."

It was moved by Elder Allee and seconded by Elder Kilgore, that the report be adopted. After considerable discussion, the action was waived until another report could be submitted by the same committee.

Relative to recommending a Home Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, and a Superintendent for South America, Elder Evans, the chairman of the committee, submitted a verbal report, as follows:--

"Whereas, the General Conference has in their employ the men that the Foreign Mission Board have in mind for the positions above mentioned, we would therefore request that the General Conference release to them W.T.Knox and A.J.Breed."

The Committee adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

SIXTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 27, 1899.

Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Breed, Evans, Allee, Cottrell, Kilgore, and Moon. Minutes of the 59th and 60th meetings read and approved.

The first item was the motion pending at the close of the 60th meeting; viz., the report of the committee on foreign publishing houses and the Foreign Mission Board. The question was called for, and carried.

Elder Breed then called up the question relative to Elder I.D. Van Horn's connecting with work in the Battle Creek church. He hardly thought that it was the proper thing for us to ask the Michigan Conference to pay the laborer at this time, but that the work was of such a nature that it needs some one to take it up immediately; when it was moved by Elder Cottrell, and seconded by Elder Breed, that Elder I.D. Van Horn be called to labor in the Battle Creek church, and the General Conference pay-roll at such time as the Committee finds a place for Elder H. Nicola.

The meeting adjourned till the call of the Chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTY-SECOND MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 5:30 p.m., October 28, 1899.

Prayer by Elders Kilgore and Irwin. Present: Elders Irwin, Kilgore, Cottrell, Breed, Evans, and Allee. The readings of the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

The first item of business was the motion pending when the meeting of the 27th adjourned, relative to I.D. Van Horn. The motion was put, and carried.

The Secretary then read a communication from Mrs. A.D. Pegg, of Fort Collins, Colo., in which she requests that the General Conference Committee would investigate the case of her husband's not supporting the family, and requests that should he continue on the pay-roll of the Conference, a portion of his salary be remitted to her. After some deliberation, the Chairman decided that it would better be left with the two District Superintendents, in which the parties reside; viz., Elders Allee and Kilgore, to decide.

The Committee adjourned till 8 a.m., October 29.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

SIXTY-THIRD MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 29, 1899.

Prayer by L.A.Hoopes. Present: Elders, Irwin, Allee, Breed, Kilgore, Cottrell, Evans; and Jones at the latter part of the meeting. By invitation Elder S.N.Haskell. Minutes of last two meetings approved.

It was moved by Elder Allee and seconded by Elder Cottrell, that Elder Smith Sharp be invited to go to Louisville, Ky., to take charge of the work in that city. Carried.

Moved by Elder Allee and seconded by Elder Cottrell, that Elder Smith Sharp take charge of the Cumberland Mission Field. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Cottrell, that we recommend the Foreign Mission Board to recall Elder J.O.Johnston, and permit him to labor in District No. 2, under the District Superintendent. Carried.

It being necessary to appoint three other members on the committee for the Southern Mission Field, Elder R.D.Hottel having moved out of the field, it was---

Moved by Elder Allee, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that Elder S.H.Lane make one member of the Southern Mission Field committee. Carried.

Moved by Elder Allee and seconded by Elder Kilgore, that Elder J.E.White act as one of the members of the Southern Mission Committee. Carried.

Moved by Elder Allee, and seconded by Elder Cottrell, that Elder Smith Sharp act as the fifth member of the same committee. Carried.

[The committee now stands: N.W.Alee, S.H.Lane, S.M.Jacobs, J.E.White, and Smith Sharp.]

Moved by Elder Allee, seconded by Elder Kilgore, that Elder J.O.Johnston act as director of the Carolinas. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Breed, that we recommend the Foreign Mission Board to take a record of all foreign publications, and keep a complete list, and that we encourage the Board to make translations of foreign publications from time to time. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Lane, that the Auditing Committee be called to meet in Battle Creek, Mich., Tuesday, March 20, 1900. Carried.

Moved by Elder Allee, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that we suggest that December 27 be observed as a fast-day. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Breed, that a committee of three be appointed to arrange recommendations relative to

the day of fasting. Carried. The chair appointed Elders Cottrell, Evans, and Hoopes.

Moved by Elder Lane and seconded by Elder Jones, that C.D. Rhodes be called in at 2:30 p.m., to give a statement of the Henry case as related to the Review and Herald Publishing Company. Carried.

The Committee adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 P.M., October 29, 1899.

Prayer by Elder S.N.Haskell. Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Jones, Evans, Kilgore, Cottrell, and Breed; by invitation, S.N. Haskell, F.J.Hutchins and wife, and later C.D.Rhodes and W.C.Sisley.

Brother F.J.Hutchins and wife appeared before the Committee to speak with reference to the Bay Islands Mission Field. They read letters from different ones in the islands, showing the state of affairs, also making strong appeals that laborers be sent there, especially those who can conduct the school. Elder Hutchins spoke of the need of having the boat "Herald" to conduct missionary work along the Central American coast and among the small islands adjacent. He did not think it would be needed in other portions of the Caribbean Sea, for the simple fact that transportation lines are well established in all the principal islands of the West Indies; but along the coast of Central America it is not so.

C.D.Rhodes then came before the Committee to make a statement relative to the Henry case as he views it.

W.C.Sisley then made a statement concerning the royalties on books, and the decision of the Board relative to royalties. A meeting was appointed for 6 o'clock, when the Review and Herald Board, together with Brethren W.O.Palmer and J.E.White, could meet, to reconsider the question of the "Gospel Primer," and give Brother White an opportunity to make a statement of the situation as he views it.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m., October 30.

G.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., Oct. 30, 1899.

Prayer by Elders Haskell, Irwin, Evans, and Hoopes. Present: Elders Irwin, Evans, Breed, Lane, Kilgore, Cottrell, Allee, and Jones; by invitation, S.N.Haskell. Minutes of the 63d and 64th meetings were read and approved.

The chairman then read a letter from Professor C.W.Irwin, of the Graysville Industrial School, in which attention was called to the fact that if the general Conference withheld their support from the school this year, they would be very close pressed for funds, but would endeavor to get along in some way.

Moved by Elder Lane and seconded by Elder Jones, that we consider that Professor C.W.Irwin and L.L.Lawrence are laborers of the General Conference for the present school year. Carried.

Elder Evans then brought up some matters pertaining to the foreign mission work, when it was moved by Elder Jones, and seconded by Elder Breed, that Frank Mosebar and wife be recommended to the Foreign Mission Board to engage in school and missionary work somewhere along the Central American coast. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m., even date.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., Oct. 30, 1899.

Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Lane, Kilgore, Cottrell, Allee, Jones, Evans; and by invitation, S.N.Haskell, W.C. Sisley.

Elder Evans requested that W.C.Sisley might be permitted to give some figures concerning the number of "Gospel Primers" and "His Glorious Appearing" that were published before the "Gospel Primer" was sold to H.W.Kellogg. Brother Sisley then submitted the following statement:--

"Upon examining our records, we find that "The Gospel Primer" was first published March 14, 1894. Three editions were printed in succession, aggregating 29,050 copies, covering a period of about five months.

"Then followed sixteen editions, aggregating 278,500 copies, and extending over a period of about two years, or until the Primer was sold to H.W.Kellogg. At the commencement of this period "Glorious Appearing" was issued, and in the same length

of time 213,000 copies were sold, or \$5,000 less than the Primer.

"Since the discount given on 'Glorious Appearing' was made equal to that of the 'Primer,' about August 30, 1896, there have been 110,000 'Primers,' and 96,000 'Glorious Appearing,' sold.

"By these figures you will see--

"First, that there were only 213,000 'glorigus Appearing' sold while that work could be said to be a competitor of the 'Primer,' or while the royalties of the 'Primer' were going to the Southern field.

"Second, That the 'Primer' sold faster during the time the Glorious Appearing was selling having the advantage in discount, than at any other time.

"Third, That the Glorious Appearing has more than held its own since the discounts were made equal with the Primer, having run behind only 14,000 in 110,000, while, when it had the advantage in discount, it run behind 65,000 in 213,000.

"These figures and dates are as near correct as we can make them on account of having to divide between editions, not being able to tell exactly how many books we had on hand at the dates when the changes were made.

"The foregoing figures relate only to the English editions of these books printed by the Review and Herald and the Pacific Press.

"We further find that the royalty paid on the last nine editions printed and controlled by the Review and Herald, averages only one and fifty-nine one hundredths cents per copy, there being 84,497 copies at one and one-half cents per copy, and 5,793 copies at three cents per copy. We can not tell what the average would be on those issued before these, as we did not have full control of the same, therefore have not complete records at hand."

The above figures give a basis from which to make an estimate; when the concensus of opinion was that the offer of \$1200 made by the Review and Herald Board to the authors of the book "Gospel Primer," was too large. It was moved by Elder Evans and seconded by Elder Jones, that we request the Review and Herald Board to permit the General Conference Committee to suggest, in view of the above statement, that the Review and Herald Board credit to the book, "Gospel Primer," \$1,000 as a restitution. The question was called, and carried unanimously.

The Committee then spent some time in reconsidering the statements made by Brethren Henry, Sisley, and Rhodes, concerning the relationship that exists between A.R. Henry and the institutions in this place. No definite action was taken.

The Committee appointed to draft recommendations relative to the day of fasting, submitte the following report:--

"Your Committee appointed to draft recommendations relative to the fast-day appointed by the General Conference Committee, would respectfully submit the following for your consideration:--

"1. Whereas, There is such a spiritual barrenness in our souls, and such a dearth of the true missionary spirit manifested in our lives; and,---

"Whereas, The war spirit is in the world to that extent that it is hedging up our missionary operations; and,---

"Whereas, There is such a great need of missionaries for both home and foreign fields; and,---

"Whereas, We are in such dire distress for means to carry on the missionary enterprises already in operation, to say nothing of 'the fields already write to the harvest;' and to liquidate the large indebtedness that is resting on so many of our institutions;---

"We Would Therefore Recommend, 1. That Wednesday, December 27, 1899, be set apart as a day for fasting; and we suggest that our brethren everywhere who will of their own freewill, unite with us in laying aside, as far as possible, their worldly business and seeking God that he may let his face shine upon us, that his cause may rise and go forward.

"2. We would further recommend, that Frquent mention be made of this occasion in the Review and Herald, by the President of the General Conference.

"3. That Elder S.N.Haskell be requested to prepare an article on the subject of fasting, to be published in the Review.

H.W.Cottrell,
I.H.Evans, COMMITTEE.
L.A.Hoopes."

It was moved by Elder Cottrell and seconded by Elder Allee, to adopt the report.

Adjourned till 8 a.m., October 31.

Geo. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., Oct. 31, 1899.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Jones. Present: Irwin, Jones, Breed, Evans, Lane, Cottrell; by invitation, S.N.Haskell. Minutes of the 65th and 66th meetings read and approved.

The first item of business was on the motion to adopt the report pending at the adjournment of the 66th meeting. The motion was called, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Frank and Mrs. Laura Whitgrove, of this city, came in before the Committee to speak a word relative to her taking up Bible work in some part of the general Conference field. Manitoba was suggested.

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Breed, that Mrs. Laura Whitgrove be recommended to take up Bible work in Winnipeg. Carried.

Some time was spent by the Committee in considering some statements relative to the A.R.Henry Case.

Elder Evans then stated that he thought it would be a good thing if a recommendation could come from this Committee, that Elder J.E. Jayne and W.H. Edwards attend the District Conference at South Lancaster, Mass. Accordingly a motion prevailed to this effect.

The Committee adjourned sine die.

G.A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

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SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., December 25, 1889.

Committee met at Elder Irwin's residence. Present: Irwin, Jones, Breed, Lane, and Hoopes. Prayer by all present.

The first item of business was the consideration of the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board, that Elder Geo. W. Reaser, of the Upper Columbia Conference, take the place of Japan made vacant by the death of Elder W.C. Grainger. The Committee suggested that the Chairman write to Elder Reaser, and inquire into the situation, and suggest the name of Elder J.M. Rees, of Colorado, for President of the Upper Columbia Conference.

The next item was that of the recommendation of Elder R.D. Hottel for the presidency of the Virginia Conference, in case Elder D.C. Babcock goes to Trinidad.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Jones, that this recommendation be accepted. Carried.

The Committee next considered the case of C. Castberg. The Foreign Mission Board had recommended that he be asked to canvass for "Desire of Ages," and that the General Conference make up for the time, and that he be given some translating as the occasion may demand. The brethren present acquiesced.

The next thing considered was the proposed book of Sister White, "The Parables of Jesus," to be used to assist our various schools in liquidating their debts. The plan is substantially as follows: That the Review and Herald make two sets of plates, one for themselves, and the other for the Pacific Press, and that these houses publish the books at cost, and then let each district where there are schools sell the books, and turn the profits in to liquidate the debt of that school, or to increase the facilities for said school providing the debts have been liquidated.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Breed, that we look with favor on the plan, and will take hold of the enterprise, and cooperate with the publishing houses in getting it into operation. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.