

SIXTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 10 a.m., Feb. 7, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Lane, Moon, and Jones; by invitation, A.G.Adams. Prayer by Morrison and Irwin.

The Committee met for the purpose of considering the affairs of the Christiania Publishing House. The Chairman read a number of communications from Elder Evans, and one from J.C.Ottosen, giving a view of the situation in Christiania and Skodsborg.

The question resolved itself into three heads: First, shall we take steps to save the Christiania Publishing House from bankruptcy? Second, Shall J.N.Nelson remain there to take the management of the publishing house, as suggested by that Association, and shall he be allowed the rate of \$20 per week and expenses? Third, Shall the General Conference Committee consent to the using of any of the funds raised for the publishing house, in the Skodsborg Sanitarium?

Meeting adjourned until 3 p.m., February 7.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SEVENTIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., February 7, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Lewis Johnson. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Lane, Moon, Jones; by invitation, Lewis Johnson, H.L.Henriksen, and A.G.Adams.

The Chairman read again the communications from Scandinavia, including some from Elder O.A.Olsen.

The Committee considered the matter at some length, and deemed it proper to enlarge the members of the council by inviting the following-named persons to meet at 3 p.m., Sunday, February 11, 1900: W.C.Sisley, J.I.Gibson, J.H.Kellogg, L. Mc Coy, C.M.Christiansen, G.H.Murphy, W.H.Hall, J.S.Comins, C.D.Rhodes, P.A.Hansen of Iowa, and N.P.Nelson of Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., February 11, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair, Prayer by Elders Morrison and Irwin. Members of the Committee present: Irwin, Morrison, Lane, Breed, Moon, and Jones. By invitation, P.A.Hansen, N.P.Nelson, Lewis Johnson, H.L.Henriksen, W.C.Sisley, J.I.Gibson, C.D.Rhodes, J.H. Kellogg, L. Mc Coy, G.H.Murphy, W.H.Hall, C.M.Christiansen, J.S. Comins, A.B.Olsen, A.G.Adams, I.D.Van Horn, W.H.Saxby.

The Chairman stated briefly that the object of the meeting was to consider the crisis that had come to the Christiania Publishing House; and in order to get the matter fully before the brethren, he deemed it necessary to read all the communications that had been received from Scandinavia bearing on this subject. He also read the statement of Elder I.H.Evans and J.N.Nelson, who had been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as a committee to investigate the situation; also the resolutions that had been adopted by the Christiania Publishing Board.

The brethren felt very sad at the outlook for the publishing house, and felt that the situation was a very grave one, and far-reaching in its effects. It is the first crisis of the kind that has ever come to the denomination, and all thought that whatever steps were taken now would have a very material effect on the future of the denomination. No one seemed disposed to repudiate an honest debt, but that everything should be done that could be consistently to meet the obligations. But the question of how it should be done was what concerned the committee most. Remarks were made by quite a number present.

A proposition was made to suggest to the creditors that we give them the property at a fair assessment, and we make up the balance. In fact no one present felt that it was right for us to repudiate an honest debt, even if it took all we had.

As the Committee had been in session for so long, Elder Breed, suggested that a committee be appointed, who would take under consideration the communications that have been received, and the suggestions that have been made, and formulate something to bring before the Committee at a future meeting.

Elder Jones remarked that it would be better if this council would settle on some definite principle, and then the committee would have something definite to act upon, when the following motion was made by Jones, seconded by Mc Coy: That it is the sense of this body that the entire denomination is morally bound to pay one hundred cents on the dollar on the Christiania Publishing Association's just debts.

There was considerable discussion as to just what this motion involved, when it was asserted by different ones that it meant only the opinion of the members of this council; that it did not bind any one.

Others were of the opinion that it did bind the entire denomination. Some were fearful that a policy would be entered into that would obligate the denomination to come to the rescue of every plant that had been mismanaged, and to pay the debts that had been contracted without the due counsel of the body. Others did not feel that it was necessary for us to vote that we were honest.

The motion was finally put and carried.

Elder Moon then moved, seconded by Breed, that the Chair appoint a committee of five to formulate plans or suggestions that will govern our agents in the settlement of this question, and submit it to this body at a future meeting.

The Chair requested that the members present select the Committee. The following-named members were selected by vote: Elders Allen Moon, N.P.Nelson, S.H.Lane, A.J.Breed, and L.Mc Coy.

Committee adjourned until 2:30 p.m., February 12, 1900.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., February 12, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder N.P.Nelson. Present: Irwin, Lane, Moon, Morrison, Breed, Jones, N.P.Nelson, P.A.Hansen, H.L.Henriksen, Lewis Johnson, W.H.Hall, C.M.Christiansen, W.C.Sizley, C.D.Rhodes, A.B.Olsen, L. Mc Coy, J.I.Gibson, W.H.Saxby, Dr.J.H.Kellogg. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting to formulate plans to submit to the creditors of the Christiania Publishing Association, submitted the following report:--

"We, the committee to whom was referred the question of propositions for the settlement of the indebtedness of the Christiania Publishing House, beg leave to submit the following:--

"We recommend that our agents in Christiania be instructed to propose to transfer all our interest in the printing plant, including the machinery, to the creditors of the institution, other than depositors, and that the value of the institution be placed at not less than Kr.222,222 (\$60,000), and that the balance of \$56,350.90, due to the creditors the first of May next, be paid in five equal semi-annual payments without interest after the first of May next. The payment of this sum to be assumed by the General Conference Association.

"Also that the publishing business be released by said creditors, and be permitted to retain the stock of books on hand, and all the accounts receivable for the benefit of depositors.

"Moved and carried that we recommend that all money secured by loan be under the supervision of the General Conference Association. Interest on notes given not to exceed five per cent.

"Committee: Allen Moon(Chairman), S.H.Lane, L.Mc Coy, A.J. Breed, N.P.Nelson."

Moved by W.C. Sisley, seconded by C.M. Christiansen, that we adopt the report of the committee. After due deliberation, the motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then stated that the next question would be the appointment of a business manager.

It was moved by Moon, seconded by N.P. Nelson, that we cable I.H. Evans and J.N. Nelson, that they remain there until the statement of the result of this meeting is received from here; and that they present the matter to the creditors, when Elder Evans remain there to work out the details of the settlement; and at that time, if thought best, J.N. Nelson may return as soon as the decision of this Committee is presented to the creditors. Carried.

The Chairman then raised the question as to the further work of Elder L. Johnson and H.L. Henriksen, when it was voted that this question be referred to the General Conference Committee and the General Conference Association.

Another motion relative to the settlement with those from whom Brethren Johnson and Henriksen had received money, was considered, when it was moved by Moon, seconded by Mc Coy, that all the notes for money raised by these brethren for the Christiania Publishing Association be referred to the General Conference Association for final arrangement. Carried.

Before the meeting adjourned, Elder A.T. Jones rose to call the attention of the Committee to the condition of every institution in our borders, as spoken of in the Testimonies; that their condition was similar to that of the Christiania Publishing House; and that this whole question should be a lesson to us that we should change our policy, and institute a thorough investigation of every institution in our denomination, or else what has happened to the Christiania Publishing House might result to every other institution.

Several brethren of the Review and Herald Publishing Board expressed themselves as desirous that the General Conference should take steps immediately to investigate every phase of the work in the plant at this place, and bring in a report at the next stockholders' meeting, which will be held in the spring.

It was moved by Gibson, seconded by Rhodes, that the Chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the Review and Herald Publishing Association as suggested by the Testimony read by A.T. Jones, and have a report ready to present to the stockholders' meeting in the latter part of March. After some consideration, the question was put and carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Moon, Morrison, and Breed. Elder Morrison declined to act, on account of ill health, and the Chair appointed L.A. Hoopes in his stead.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 8:30 a.m., February 13, 1900.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., February 13, 1900, 8:30 a.m.

Prayer by A.J.Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Morrison, Moon, Lane, W.C.Sisley, A.G.Adams, N.P.Nelson; by invitation, P.A.Hansen, H.L.Henriksen, and Lewis Johnson.

The first item considered was the motion of yesterday's meeting referring to the General Conference and the notes for money raised by Elder L. Johnson and H.L.Henriksen for final arrangement.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Lane, that the General Conference Association be instructed to arrange to replace as soon as possible, at a lower rate of interest, all the money that has been secured by L. Johnson and H.L.Henriksen, for the Christiania Publishing House, which bears a higher rate of interest than five per cent.

After due discussion, the motion was put and carried.

The understanding was that the General Conference Association would assume all the obligations bearing five per cent. or under; and that at the earliest possible date those bearing a higher rate of interest would be replaced by notes bearing a lower rate, or liquidated altogether.

It was then moved by J.H.Morrison, seconded by A.J.Breed, that it is the sense of this body that we do not authorize any one to borrow money for the support of the Skodsborg Sanitarium on the credit of the General Conference or the General Conference Association.

The mover of this motion expressly stated that it was not to single out any one institution or any one man that this motion was made; but, if possible, to put a check on the policy of going into debt to establish and build up institutions; that to borrow money at a high rate of interest was a ruinous policy, and, at no distant day, would finally bankrupt any institution. Every institution in our midst should be placed on the self-supporting and paying basis, or else steps should be taken to discontinue its work.

Other members of the Committee stated that by the Testimonies we are forbidden as a General Conference Association to assume any more debts by taking on the debts of institutions.

The motion was voted and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9 a.m., March 25, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder S.H.Lane. Members present: G.A.Irwin, E.H.Lane, R.M.Kilgore, N.W.Allee, A. Moon, A.T.Jones, H.W.Cottrell, A.J.Breed, J.H.Morrison, and W.T.Knox; by invitation, the Presidents of Conferences who are members of the Auditing Committee, ---A.E.Place, C. Santee, J.D.Gowell, H.W.Decker, J.W.Westphal, W.J.Stone, R.R.Kennedy.

The meeting was called to consider a proposition made by the Review and Herald Board, who was also present, which consisted of Sisley, Gibson, Mc Coy, Smith, and Rhodes.

The question was the propriety of submitting to the stockholders at the annual meeting for 1900, the matter of the rotation in the election of the members of the board of directors. Heretofore the plan adopted has been to elect all the members of the board at once. The board of directors had under consideration a recommendation to have the officers elected at the present time as follows: The three receiving the highest number of votes to have the term of office for three years; the two having the next highest number of votes to serve for two years, and the next two, for one year. They wished to have the counsel of the General Conference Committee before the question was submitted to the stockholders.

It was moved by Cottrell, seconded by Gowell, that the plan submitted by manager Sisley be endorsed, and that the same be recommended to the stockholders at the next annual meeting. The question was voted, and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned until 3 p.m.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., March 25, 1900.

The members of the General Conference Committee and Presidents of Conferences named in the 74th meeting were present, with the exception of Elders Breed and Moon. Elder Irwin in the chair.

After a season of prayer the Chairman spoke of the importance of this council, and mentioned several matters that would be brought up for consideration by the brethren assembled, and advised that the presidents of conferences here remain during the annual meetings that would be held. Among the subject that would come up for the consideration of this body, the following were mentioned: viz., The annual meetings of the Review and Herald Publishing Association;

the annual meetings of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association; the report of the special committee to investigate the workings of the Review and Herald Publishing Association; also the question of where the next General Conference shall be held.

The Chairman then asked if any present had matters they wished to bring before the Committee. Elder Morrison spoke of the needs of the work in Manitoba; that workers had been removed, and that others should be supplied. Elder Cottrell mentioned the Maritime field, and suggested that Elder P.F. Bicknell labor in that field. Elder Kilgore said that Elder States desired to be released from the work in Arizona on account of the altitude not being conducive to his health. The name of E.W. Webster was suggested for the vacancy. Elder Knox said that it was desired by Elder Reaser and Brother Willoughby that the southern portion of Idaho be cut off from the Upper Columbia Conference, and added to the Utah Mission field; that a colporteur wagon was desired for Utah; also a gentleman Bible worker; and that Elder Willoughby desired a change of director for that field.

Elder Decker spoke of the work in Alaska. Elder Knox asked that a president for the California Conference be appointed. Elder Cottrell said the New England Conference asked for a Conference President; and, further, that two Bible workers be sent to take Elder Leland's place, and that an exchange be made with Elder Grant Adkins, and his place be supplied.

The Chairman stated that 3 p.m. was the time set for the Review and Herald Publishing Co. to meet with this Committee for the purpose of hearing the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the workings of that institution. The Committee not being ready to report, the business of the General Conference Committee was again resumed.

Elder Knox again brought up the matter of connecting Southern Idaho with the Utah Mission. After some explanation of the situation, it was moved by Elder J.H. Morrison, seconded by Elder Kilgore, that Owyhee, Cassia, Oneida, Bear Lake, Bannock, Bingham, Logan, Elmore, Ada, Canyon, Alturras, Boise, and Fremont Counties of Idaho, be added to the Utah Mission, subject to adoption by the Upper Columbia Conference Committee. Carried.

Elder Knox then said that additional help would be needed for that field, and made a call for a minister, a Bible worker, and a colporteur.

Elder Lane moved that Elder Geo. O. States go to that field and labor. It was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Morrison, seconded by Elder Kilgore, that Elder H.W. Oliver connect with the work in the Utah Mission field, under the supervision of the Superintendent of that field, subject to adoption by the Upper Columbia Conference. Carried.

Elder Knox then moved that Elder C. Santee, of Iowa, go to California, and take the presidency of that Conference. The motion was seconded by Elder Cottrell. After remarks were made by Elders Irwin, Morrison, and Santee, it was carried.

It was moved by Elder Kilgore, that Elder E.W. Webster, of Trinidad, return to America, and make Arizona his field of labor. The motion was seconded, and carried.

Elder Kilgore mentioned the case of Marcial Serna, of Arianna, and moved that he receive ministerial license from the General Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

Moved by Elder Kilgore, and seconded by Elder Lane, that Elder J.M. Willoughby make California his field of labor. Carried.

Moved by Elder Knox, seconded by Elder Morrison, and carried, that Elder R.S. Donnell be recommended to go to Utah, and take the superintendency of the work in that mission field.

Moved by Kilgore, seconded by Lane, that Elder J.M. Rees, of Colorado, go to Indiana, and take the presidency of that Conference. Carried.

It was moved and carried that the Colorado brethren make a choice for president for their Conference, and report to this body.

Elder Irwin read a letter from Elder A.E. Field, President of the Arkansas Conference, asking that \$50 tithe now in the hands of their treasurer belonging to the General Conference, be donated to the Arkansas Conference. It was moved by Cottrell that this request be granted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Elder Cottrell moved that Elder P.F. Bicknell make the Maritime Provinces his field of labor. The motion was seconded by Elder Jones, and, after some remarks, was carried.

Elder Cottrell also moved that Fred A. Tracy be granted missionary credentials, and connect with the work in the Maritime Provinces. The motion was seconded by Elder Kilgore, and carried.

Elder Morrison moved that the General Conference pay the expense of moving Brother L.F. Starr back to Iowa from Manitoba. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned until 7 p.m., even date.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman. W.J. Stone, Sec. Pro tem.

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SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 p.m., March 25, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by J.W. Westphal. Present: All the persons named in the 74th meeting, with the exception of Gibson and Rhodes.

The object of the meeting was to consider the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the workings of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The Secretary was then called upon to read the report of their findings and recommendations, which is as follows:--

"Report of special committee appointed by the General Conference Committee at the request of members of the Review and Herald Board, to investigate the workings of that institution.

"Your committee appointed to investigate the Review and Herald Publishing Company, of Battle Creek, Mich., would respectfully submit for your consideration their report of findings and recommendations, as follows:--

"First, your committee began their work on the 23d day of February, 1900. They carefully considered all the special Testimonies they could obtain that would bear on this question, dating back as far as 1886.

"This was done to ascertain, if possible what has been the main point aimed at in the reproofs and admonitions contained in the Testimonies. The committee then held several meetings with the Board, and also met with those who have the management of the various lines of work. They then visited every department in the plant. While the duties of this committee were not clearly defined, yet after a careful investigation, the committee decided to group the findings under the following heads:--

1. The religious or spiritual condition.
2. The Physical condition.
3. The Financial condition.
4. The policy or plan as worked out by the institution.

"1. The Religious and Spiritual Condition.

"Your committee would not attempt to add to, or detract from, any of the statements contained in the Testimonies alluded to. However, it is due the present management to report that, after their receiving the Testimonies bearing upon the religious phase of the work, they have endeavored to put into operation the suggestions contained in the Testimonies.

"They have a general roll-call and religious service every Sunday morning. Every department begins its work each day by prayer. Every Thursday the hour from 11 to 12 o'clock is devoted to a special prayer- and social-meeting, either in the chapel or in the various departments. The last-named meeting is left open for the employees to exercise their free will, whether they attend or not. At all other meetings the employees are expected to be in attendance.

"There is a noticeable improvement in the various departments since they adopted the plan of beginning the work in the morning by prayer. The employees are more prompt, and more work is accomplished. Many of the foremen expressed themselves in favor of the plan in preference to any other that they have had.

"Your committee found many things that were admirable,-- the promptness in the morning worship, the diligence in business, the neat and tidy condition in which the various departments were kept, the systematic arrangements in all the work of the institution.

"A study of the policy that has been carried out, may possibly reveal where some of the responsibility lies for the spiritual condition of things as set forth in the Testimonies. Too much importance can not be attached to this phase of the question, when we consider the object for which the institution was called into existence; viz.,

to spread the message by means of the printed page, and by educating laborers to become missionaries at home and in other lands. This is taken up further on in the report.

"2. The Physical Condition.

"The object of this phase of the report is to give a fair description of the plant, as your committee found it.

"a. The Buildings. The INLAND PRINTER for June, 1898, contains the following statement, which we have found to be correct:--

"The plant takes up one immense building, containing 80,000 square feet of floor space, and overflows into a number of smaller structures adjoining. The visitor, in endeavoring to obtain a concise idea of the lay-out of the establishment, is very apt to become confused. There are so many rooms devoted to the different branches of typesetting, so many nooks and corners occupied by little editorial sanctums or proofreaders' snuggeries, so many stockrooms and rooms devoted to work in a partial state of completion, that one soon loses all idea of continuity, and decides that he is examining, not one, but a score of printing offices,---each apparently complete in itself, and independent of the others. He soon learns, however, that together they form a whole, complete institution, dominated by a single spirit, controlled by a master mind, operated for a specific purpose. The chopped-up appearance of the building is due to the fact that the business has been one of gradual development. In 1850, when it was first instituted, a small building was ample for its needs. The original building has been retained, but wings have been added and additions built, so that it resembles the original about as much as the proverbial pocketknife, with new blades and a new handle, resembles the original knife that came from the factory. All this has been at the sacrifice of symmetry, so that in this one essential the establishment may be said to be lacking."

"b. The Equipment. The buildings are well lighted and ventilated. A thorough system of electric wiring for lighting and telephones has recently been put into excellent repair. Almost the entire plant has been required, and is in first-class condition.

"Credit is due the management for keeping the rooms, machinery, the tools and stock, from cellar to attic, in a clean, tidy, and orderly condition, capable of rendering the best service at the least expense to the institution, and at the same time being a most valuable object-lesson to all who may be brought in touch with the publishing house.

"In the manufacturing department we would especially mention the equipment, without going into the details of financial items. We shall only attempt to give a general account of what we found.

"In the basement we found four large boilers, three of eighty-horsepower apiece, and one 180-horsepower; with steam pumps sufficient for the service. These boilers supply the steam for the power, and heat for the entire plant, besides hear for the General Conference rooms and the Tabernacle.

"A large engine supplies the power for the entire machinery, with the exception of two auxiliary engines, which may be called into requisition when, for any reason, they do not want to start up all the machinery.

"In the basement may also be found a room for general repairs of pipes, adjoining which may be found a room where a general, yet well classified stock of repairs, such as bolts, nuts, pipes, elbows, tools, etc., all of which shows that haphazard work is not in order.

On this floor are to be found three fire-proof vaults, where all the valuable cuts and bookplates are kept, with the exception of the cases in the time-keepers' room, which are excluded for lack of room. These are all classified and fully indexed.

"On this same floor are new and commodious rooms for storing paper. The stock of paper is systematically and conveniently arranged. The floors are cement, and the stock is so arranged that practically no damage comes to it from dirt or mildew.

The room is provided with three paper-cutters, from which paper is distributed by means of truths and elevators to all parts of the building. On the floor above this are three other divisions of the stock department. In these may be found all the supplies for the plant not found below.

"On the same floor with the engine (first floor above basement) is the cylinder pressroom. Here may be seen eight cylinder presses. Six are practically new. Two are old, but we found that the REVIEW was being printed on one of these, while it is thought that the other may be used for a scoring press for the carton-box work.

"The capacity of the presses of this room is from 16,000 to 18,000 impressions per hour. It is estimated that these presses would last twelve or fifteen years, hard usage. Recently each press has been placed on a brick foundation, separate from the floor.

"In an adjoining department is the folding room, a department of the bindery. This room usually required forty-five laborers; now the force is reduced to twenty-six, and still the capacity is increased over what it was formerly. This is due to the fact that there are four of the most improved folding-machines, which are capable of turning out more work than can be supplied by the rest of the plant. The room is well fitted with wire-stitchers, paper-cutters, book-trimmers, signature-presses, all of which are in good condition. Machinery has been recently added to this department, to the extent of about \$4000.

"On this same floor, in another room, may be found a case-cutter, and five embossing machines, two being run by steam-power and three by hand. This is also a part of the bindery department.

"The rest of the bindery department occupies the whole of the third floor, which the exception of the foundry and photo-engraving departments. This department is well equipped with modern machinery, consisting of three book trimmers, paper-cutters, three sewing machines, three paging machines, two ruling machines, three roller backers, twelve book presses, besides all the many smaller conveniences and appliances for the making and finishing of books in all styles. The department is prepared to turn out as well made books as are to be found anywhere on the market.

"The equipment is sufficient for eighty men, whereas only sixty are employed now. This includes the entire bindery force. The amount of outside work is about fifty per cent., and the department could, under full force, turn out much more than it does now. A new sewing machine has been added, costing \$1,600. However, an old machine was turned in at \$600.

"While on this floor we notice the foundry and photo-engraving departments. The foundry has a working force of thirteen men. The department is equipped with good machines, and capable of supplying a much larger plant with cuts and plates usually manufactured in this department. Some of the machines are inventions of the latest improvement, and are sufficient to turn out the finest up-to-date work with the greatest despatch.

"In an adjoining room is found the photo-engraving department. Here all the half-tones, zinc-etchings, and brass-embossing-plates are made. About fifty per cent. of the work of this department is for our own books and periodicals. There are five men in the department, and it is estimated that they can supply the entire plant with all that would naturally come from such a department.

"On the second floor are to be found all the editorial departments, the book rooms, the job-press room, and the foreign department.

"In the book rooms about forty-five persons are employed. Here the type is set and the forms prepared for all the English periodicals that are printed by the house. Here all our standard books and pamphlets and tracts are prepared. The rooms are better equipped than ever before. There is quite a good deal of new type, also a good deal of poor type, so that it is necessary to order a lot of new type every time a new job is contracted. It is strongly urged that there should be one or two typesetting-machines for this department.

"The periodicals printed are the Review and Herald, the Youth's Instructor, Good Health, Medical Missionary Magazine, Modern Medicine, Medical Temperance Magazine, Religious Liberty Library, General Conference Bulletin, Bay View Magazine, the Politician, besides some other papers.

"The job-press room adjoins the book room on the same floor. This is a well equipped department, with new type, and ten presses,-- three cylinder presses and seven platen presses, and one scoring press for carton work. The equipment for carton work is complete, and furnishes a large per cent. of the work of the department.

"The room now has forty hands, and could employ fifty. Probably fifty per cent. of the work in this department is outside work.

"On the first floor are to be found other lines of work other than those departments mentioned,--the art room, the electrical rooms, the time-keeper's room, a telephone exchange, and the business department.

"Under the present status of our own publications, the art department does not have the amount of work that it did formerly; but it has a fair outside trade. It is closely connected with the photo-engraving department.

"The manufacturing department is under the direct supervision of the Superintendent. Under the blanket-order system the Superintendent is enabled to know the exact status of every job in the business. Every job is presented at the business office, where it is investigated by the estimator, and estimates obtained from the various departments. When the estimator has obtained these, he is soon prepared to determine what factor of expense must be added to decide the cost of the job to the customer.

"3. THE FINANCIAL CONDITION.

"We herewith give the financial report of the institution for the year ending December 31, 1899, as submitted by the present board of directors:--

STATEMENT OF THE RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE

S.D.A. Publishing Association for the Year

Ending December 31, 1899.

Real Estate, - - - - -	- \$70,326.	
Personal Property, - - - - -	121,669.31	
Bills Receivable, - - - - -	27,804.24	
Accounts Receivable, - - - - -	150,356.31	
Cash on Hand, - - - - -	4,437.33	
Cash in Bank, - - - - -	8,887.77	
Material, - - - - -	36,855.18	
Work in Progress, - - - - -	20,338.55	
Fuel, - - - - -	325	
Type, - - - - -	11,549.78	
Cuts and Engravings, - - - - -	4,265.07	
Stock in Retail Department, - - - - -	2,550.27	
Stock in Wholesale Department, - - - - -	-74,689.05	
Bills Payable, - - - - -		- \$160,097.34
Demand Notes, - - - - -		16,241.40
Accounts Payable, - - - - -		96,850.19
Capital Stock, - - - - -		149,460.
Stock not Issued, - - - - -		61,647.27
Surplus, - - - - -	\$33,631.10	
Net Gain, - - - - -	<u>16,126.56</u>	49,757.66
	<u>\$534,053.86</u>	<u>\$534,053.86</u>
Capital Stock, - - - - -	- \$149,460.	
Stock not Issued, - - - - -	61,647.27	\$211,107.27
Surplus, - - - - -	\$33,631.10	
Net Gain, - - - - -	<u>16,126.56</u>	49,757.66
Present Worth, - - - - -		- \$260,864.93

"This report is that which is to be submitted to the stockholders at their annual meeting.

"We find that the plant is carrying an insurance of ~~\$100,000~~ \$100,000 on the east building and contents, and \$50,000 on the west building.

"There are some features of this report that demand the consideration of the General Conference Committee. We would speak particularly of the item, "Stock in Wholesale Department." You will observe that it is a large sum, ---\$74,689.05. In many cases the invoice is below the cost of manufacture. Your committee, upon investigation, found that there was a large amount of stock in different languages, both bound and unbound signatures, which has been on the shelves for a long time; and it has seemed to your committee that something should be done to work off this large surplus of stock, and thereby enable the institution to liquidate a part of its debt. There is now in stock in this department, in the English, German, Danish, and Swedish languages, in signatures and bound copies, a total of \$36,477.98 worth of books of the following titles: "Bible Readings," "Daniel and Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Prophecies

of Jesus," "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Coming King."

"Upon examination of the balance-sheet, it was found that the periodicals, the Youth's Instructor, the Evangelists Sendebud, the Sions Vaktare, and the Christlicher Hausfreund, were all reported as having been conducted at a loss, which certainly indicates that something should be done to increase the circulation of these periodicals. It is, of course, within the province of the General Conference Committee to make whatever suggestions they may deem proper concerning this question.

THE PLAN OR POLICY.

"It has been the adopted plan of the present board of management to keep every part of the plant in the best condition possible, besides making whatever improvements which seemed necessary for the carrying forward of the work of the institution. This may be illustrated by the following points:--

"You will observe in the financial report, under the heading of Resources, the item of 'Real Estate,' \$70,326. This is the same valuation that was given one year ago. But the present invoice is an estimate; for after \$128.35 of property was sold, and \$1,026.75 improvements were added, and \$157.30 likewise added, it amounted to \$71,381.70. Still the present invoice is \$70,326, leaving \$1,055.70, which is charged to 'loss and gain' account. The same thing has been done in the matter of personal property. The invoice showed \$116,766.08; purchased during the year, \$11,858.73; and sold, \$2,995.38; while the repairs were \$576.45; making a total of \$126,205.88, while the invoice is \$121,669.31. Here it will be observed there is an increase of \$9,439.80 over last year's invoice, and the depreciation is estimated, so that 'loss and gain' is charged with \$4,536.57.

"Item entitled 'Type' is treated in a similar manner. The previous invoice was \$11,393.63; purchased during the year, \$2,474.28; and sold, \$538.63; thereby making a total of \$13,329.28; yet the present invoice is \$11,549.78. 'Loss and gain' is charged with \$1,779.50, whereas the present invoice is actually \$156.15 higher than a year ago. Practically, the plan is to lay aside enough each year to make good the depreciation of the property, thereby keeping the plant in first-rate condition all the time.

"Further: The manager stated that there is a 'factor of expense' added to every job of work. This 'factor of expense,' forty-two per cent., is made up of a number of items, such as the salary of non-producing laborers, including the manager, superintendent, heads of departments, helpers in the Circulation Department; and also interest, Taxes, insurance, and profit to Manufacturing Department. All the periodicals have been treated in this way; that is, they have been charged with all the actual expense; then the 'factor of expense' per centage is added.

To sum up THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE, they are practically there:--

"1. There are evidences of the spiritual condition of things as set forth in the Testimonies. However, as before stated, it is due the present management to report, that, after their receiving the Testimonies bearing upon the religious phase of the work, they

have endeavored to put into operation the suggestions contained therein.

"2. The physical condition of the institution is in first-rate order, and speaks well for the management. The equipment is sufficiently large and complete to answer every demand of the message.

"3. The financial condition is as set forth in the published report, and is capable of sustaining a heavy financial strain, provided the management and all concerned turn their attention on to the distribution of the publications containing the third angel's message. Otherwise, they will be dependent upon commercial work for a support, and will therefore be subjected to all the financial uncertainties of the times.

"4. While the policy of the managers is to lay aside enough to keep the plant in first-rate condition, financially, yet the method adopted is a worldly policy, and will, from the very nature of the case, crowd out the spirituality that should exist. The policy is to substitute machinery for hand work. The present plan of departments is one of rivalry in the line of improved facilities, and is not conducive to the best spiritual interests and general unity.

"5. The present plan of having a number of employees on the board of managers is not a good one, for various reasons: (a) It gives them a prestige over other employees, which is detrimental to the best interests of all concerned. (b) Any differences which may arise between the management and employees must be brought before these same individuals as a board of managers, which is unsatisfactory. (c) It is natural for the management to see a great many places where a small expenditure of means would make the institution a first-class one from a worldly standpoint; whereas, the message may not call for any such outlay of funds; wherefore such a move should be carefully considered by a committee or board who would work in general.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

"1. That for the best interests of all concerned, the board should be made up of others than the management or employees, except perhaps the president.

"2. That no policy should be pursued with the idea of enlarging the plant, as it is sufficiently large to do our own work.

"3. That commercial work should be regarded secondary in every case.

"4. That instead of giving so much attention to commercial work, the board of managers, in conjunction with the General Conference Committee, should turn their attention to the manufacture and disposal of the publications treating on the message.

"5. It is the judgment of your committee that one reason why so many of the standard books have fallen off in their sales, is because new books covering practically the same grounds have been published and thoroughly advertised through the Review and Herald, Signs of the Times, as well as the many State papers, which has turned the attention of the people toward the new publications, which of themselves state no advanced truth. Therefore it seems to us it should be the policy of the board of directors of the Review and Herald and the General Conference Committee to carefully counsel together as to the advisability of printing new books, if there is a

liability of displacing the older books in the field.

"6. Whereas, There is a deficit in the publication of some of some of the periodicals, that more of a fostering care should be given these papers, and it is recommended that the management should deal more liberally with them.

"7. That there be a rearrangement of help in the foreign departments. This seems to your committee essential, that the circulation of the periodicals be increased, and that this large surplus of foreign publications be worked off, besides enlisting other workers in these languages.

Allen Moon,
L.A.Hoopes, Committee."
A.J.Breed,"

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Allee, that the report be adopted.

After some general remarks concerning the report, the Chairman suggested that it would be well to act on the report item by item, and that if no one objected to the first part of the report concerning the findings of the committee, they would proceed to the recommendations.

The first recommendations was read. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Smith, that recommendation No. 1 be stricken from the report. This elicited considerable discussion.

Pending this discussion, the meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., March 26, 1900.

G.A.Irwin, chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 26, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Moon. Present: All persons named in the 74th meeting, with the exception of Gibson. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The motion pending when the last meeting adjourned, was taken up and considered. After some discussion, the motion, together with the recommendation, was, by vote, laid on the table for the present.

The Secretary then read the following recommendations: 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Pending the consideration of recommendation No. 6, meeting adjourned until 3 p.m., even date.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., March 26, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by L.A. Hoopes. Present: General Conference Committee, presidents of conferences; brethren Sisley, Rhodes, and Mc Coy. Minutes of the 74th, 75th, and 77th meetings read and approved.

The Chair requested that before the consideration of the motion pending when the last meeting adjourned, they consider another matter.

A communication was received from Brother A. Swedberg relative to a traveling expense bill of \$18, incurred by Erik Pilquist. This was his expense from Battle Creek to the council meetings of the Scandinavian brethren at Sioux City, Iowa. This brought up the whole question relative to the mission in China. C.D. Rhodes stated that there was nearly \$600 in the treasury which had been raised for mission work in China.

Elder Santee stated that the Iowa people had the idea that Brother Pilquist was a full fledged Seventh-day Adventist, and that he would not go out under the auspices of the missionary society that he was under before. Elder Morrison corroborated this statement, and further stated that this fund should be forwarded on through its proper channel; viz., to the Foreign Mission Board, stating the idea of the donors.

It was also stated in the meeting that there were in the Review and Herald treasury, under the name of Swedberg, \$34 which had been deposited specifically for Brother Pilquist. A motion prevailed that instead of granting the \$18 traveling expense, that the whole amount of \$34 be turned over to Erik Pilquist.

The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of the report that was pending when the last meeting adjourned. The Secretary then read recommendations 6 and 7, when it was moved by Elder Kilgore, seconded by Elder Westphal, that the question which was laid on the table in the forenoon meeting, be taken from the table. It was carried.

Elder Cottrell then moved the following substitution for recommendation No. 1.: "That for the best interests of all concerned, the General Conference Committee outline a general policy (in resolution) for the incoming board to follow, and that the same be submitted to the corporate body now in session for their adoption." This motion was seconded.

At this juncture Elder Jones entered a request that this entire company set apart a special time when the College Board and Faculty can all meet before them, and consider the school question, and ask whatever questions they desire, it to be done before these brethren leave the city.

The discussion on the substitution, and the principles involved in the recommendation for which it was substituted, occupied the entire time of the meeting.

Pending the discussion of this motion, it was moved by Elder [unclear] that [unclear] to the call of the chair

Before putting the motion, the Chairman admonished the brethren that when we adjourn, we each seek God most earnestly for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may see eye to eye.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 27, 1900.

Prayer by Elders Jones, Morrison, and Gowell. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee and Presidents of Conferences; also brethren Sisley, Gibson, and J.E. Jayne. Minutes of the 78th meeting were read and approved.

The Chair stated that the question pending at the last meeting was now open for consideration.

At this juncture Elder Jones stated that since the meeting last evening he had carefully considered the whole question that was before the house, and that, inasmuch as he had been largely instrumental in having a committee appointed to investigate the publishing institution, and in order to relieve all embarrassment from the nominating committee in their work, and the General Conference Committee in whatever policy they may frame, the best thing he could do was to resign from the General Conference Committee. He accordingly submitted to the Secretary the following notice of his resignation, and did not ask the Committee to accept the resignation; the notice is as follows:--

"Battle Creek, Mich., March 27, 1900.
"To the Secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists,
"Dear Brother: You are hereby notified that I have
resigned my membership of the General Conference Committee.
"With all respect to all, I remain,
Truly,
Alonzo T. Jones."

Following this the Committee proceeded to the discussion of the recommendations before the house. Remarks were made by Brethren Gibson, Sisley, Morrison, Moon, Allee, Breed, and Cottrell.

Elder Irwin read some Testimonies touching the principles that should enter into all our work in our relationship with the various institutions. From his observation, selfishness was the main thing that was the cause of all the difficulties that pervade our institutions; that if we would get right as individuals, we would find that the difficulties in our institutions would correct themselves. He also stated that it would be better for the meeting to adjourn, as the meetings of the health institutions were to convene in a short time, and that before we came together again, we seek God earnestly, that he will lead us in all our councils.

Meeting adjourned until 3 p.m.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

EIGHTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., March 27, 1900.

Prayer by C. Santee. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee; presidents of Conferences, and Elder J.E. Jayne. Minutes of the 79th meeting read and approved.

Moved by Elder Knox, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that the Recommendation 1 of the report of the special committee, and the substitution for the same recommendation, which is now under consideration before the house, be referred to the General Conference Committee for further consideration. The question was voted and carried.

The motion to adopt the report as amended was voted and carried.

Elder Lane then asked if this report was to be submitted to the Review and Herald Board. The Chair replied that that remained for them to decide, as they called for the committee to be appointed, and since they have heard the report, it is for them to exercise their own pleasure in regard to the matter.

The Secretary then read a report from the Secretary of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, giving account of the receipts and disbursements of the tithes of the Sanitarium family from May 25, 1898, to December 31, 1899. We herewith append the action of the General Conference Committee respecting the use of this tithe, which was passed at a special meeting of the Committee held May 4, 1898:--

"At this juncture Dr. J. H. Kellogg came into the room, when the Chairman announced that we would waive the consideration of the Kelchner enterprise for the time being, and take up the question of the propriety of using the tithe paid by the Sanitarium helpers for the express purpose of supporting trained workers and nurses to carry the light of health reform principles into the various conferences for the education of this denomination.

"Moved by Jones, that it is the sense of the members present that the General Conference should support Sanitarium trained workers in the United States, under the auspices of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in conjunction with the General Conference Committee, and as far as possible with the cooperation of State Conference Committees; such support not to exceed the amount of tithe received by the General Conference from the Sanitarium helpers."

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 28, 1900.

Prayer by Elders Breed and Lane. Present: Irwin, Breed, Lane, Allee, Moon, Morrison, Kilgore, Cottrell, Knox; by invitation, C. Santee, J.D. Gowell, R.R. Kennedy, J.E. Jayne, A.E. Place, W.J. Stone.

The Chair called up the question of the audit of Elder O.A. Olsen's account. It was voted to grant him \$15 per week.

The audit of the account of Guy Dail was reconsidered, when it was moved and supported that his rate be put at \$11 per week, and street-car fare, instead of \$12. Carried.

The Chairman then read a communication from Sister E.G. White, addressed to the General Conference Committee, which was received in the morning mail. The communication is as follows:--

"Sunnyside," Cooranbong, N.S.W., Australia, February 13, 1900.

"To the General Conference Committee,
Dear Brethren:--

"A new board of directors should be formed at Review and Herald, of men who give evidence that they will not deviate from the way of righteousness. A change must be made. Things must be so ordered that Christ will be recognized in every movement made. Those who occupy positions on boards or committees should be men who seek the Lord with their whole heart, men who preserve the humility found by seeking counsel from God.

"All the planning of men will come to nothingness if un-Christlike attitudes are woven into the work. It is wisdom to place in positions of responsibility and usefulness only those who give full proof of their ability, who show that they are able to fulfil in a proper way their weighty trusts. Positions have been given to young, inexperienced men, which ought to have been given to men who had an experience gained in the early history of the work. Let positions of trust be given to experienced, Godfearing, proved men, men who will bear the message of reproof sent by God.

"When men trust in men and make flesh their arm, when they show that they know not the voice of Him who is the only source of wisdom and power, let responsibilities be taken from them as soon as possible, and given to men who wait on the Lord, who do not consider their time so valuable that they can not take part of it for prayer, who will not dare to move without divine counsel. To men and women God has entrusted gifts and endowments. Those who keep these gifts and endowments pure, holy, and consecrated, will be guided by the Holy Spirit. God will be their help and stay, and to him will they ascribe all the glory.

"Daniel declared, 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his; and he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kinds, and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know

eth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.' There is no position so lofty that God can not cut down those occupying it. There is no humiliation so great that God can not raise up humble men to enjoy the richest blessings. The Lord works to humble human pride in whoever it is found, that men may learn to develop a spirit of true submission to his will. He can not work with men who counteract his purposes. Those who use their perceptive powers to create an order of things which turns aside God's purposes, will lose the powers, which if exercised aright would have increased and strengthened. God honors those who seek him in sincerity, humbling self and exalting him. But when men will not consent to walk in the counsel of God, their wisdom is removed from them. They become incapable of knowing God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent.
[Signed] Ellen G. White."

The remainder of the meeting was taken up in counsel relative to the work of the nominating committee of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The committee found themselves considerably handicapped because there were so few men of experience who were accessible and could take a place on the Review and Herald Board. Some members of the committee stated that, in looking over those whom they would probably select, it was found that they are men who have no stock in the institution, and therefore are ineligible; and since the communication read, calls for a change in the make-up of the Board, they are still more perplexed to find men who would be suitable for the place.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m., March 29.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9 1/2 p.m., March 28, 1900.

Prayer by Elder A.E. Place. Present: Irwin, Lane, Cottrell, Breed, Morrison, Allee, Moon, Kilgore, Jones; by invitation, J.E. Jayne, A.E. Place, C. Santee, H.W. Decker, R.R. Kennedy, A.D. Adams, J.N. Nelson.

The meeting was called to listen to the report of Brother J.N. Nelson pertaining to the Christiania Publishing House. As he was not in at the beginning of the meeting, the time was taken up in considering other matters.

Elder Cottrell submitted the proposition from the President of the Vermont Conference, requesting that two lady Bible workers be sent to that Conference, to take the place of Elder Leland, who has moved to Michigan, to take care of his aged parents. It was also requested that a minister be sent to take the place of Grant Adkins, who contemplates going to the Pacific Coast. In the call the names of the Bible workers were mentioned; namely, Anna Rice and Clara Lecklider, two Bible workers now in the employ of the Indiana Conference.

Elder Cottrell stated that he had conversed with the President of the Indiana Conference, and learned that the said Conference would accede to the request.

It was moved by Cottrell, seconded by Morrison, that the two sisters named be recommended to the Vermont Conference as Bible workers. Carried.

In the case of Brother Adkins and other help that might be desired for that field, the matter was left with the Superintendent of the District to arrange.

Elder Cottrell also brought up the work in Newfoundland. A request has come for the General Conference to consider the matter of assisting in a church school, also to supply a tabernacle for that field. The church school matter was dropped, as the Conference could not enter into that matter at the present time. So far as the tabernacle is concerned, at a meeting of the General Conference Committee it has been voted that that field be supplied with a tent, but that the director of the field do what he can to raise the funds in that field.

At this juncture Brother J.N.Nelson came into the room, and submitted the following statement with reference to the Christiania Publishing House:--

"Assets.	Kroner.
Real Estate, Akersgaden 74, and Th.Olsensgade 1, - - -	168,000.00
Machinery, - - - - -	15,000.00
Books, papers, etc., - - - - -	5,000.00
Type, - - - - -	3,000.00
Mortgage on Property, Colletsgade, No. 37, - - - - -	8,000.00
Accounts Receivable [Total 77,319.30; doubtful and poor, 30,631.22], - - - - -	46,788.08
H.J.Hansen, (Deposit of third mortgages as collateral), -	49,215.55
H.C.Lund, (fifty per cent. of 31,355.40), - - - - -	15,677.70
Hver Eight-Day (no per cent. of 5,210.35), - - - - -	-
Lorntz and Hver Eight-Day (12 1/2 per cent. of 1574.10),	196.76
Lorntz and H.C.Lund (12 1/2 and 50 per cent. of 473.76),	296.10
Lorntz and Aas (12 1/2 per cent. of 170.00), - - - - -	21.25
Stevenson and Lund (50 per cent. of 500.), - - - - -	250.00
Lund and P. Larsen (50 per cent. of 290.00), - - - - -	145.00
Paper on hand at A. Schiander's office, - - - - -	-
Hver Eight-Day (no per cent. of 7050.24), - - - - -	-
H.C.Lund (50 per cent. of 10,539.85), - - - - -	5,269.92
Total, - - - - -	Kroner 307,860.36

"LIABILITIES.

First mortgage real estate (Akersgaden 74, and Th.Olsen- sgade 1), - - - - -	-62,000.00
Balance due on second mortgage, - - - - -	35,000.00
Borrowed on Mortgage Colletsgade No.37, - - - - -	4,800.00
Bills payable in Bank, - - - - -	23,970.17
Bills payable endorsed by H.J.Hansen, - - - - -	46,802.66
Bills payable endorsed by us, - - - - -	-
H.J.Hansen (Thorsbad, signer), - - - - -	40,215.55
H.C.Lund, - - - - -	31,355.40

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Hver Eight-Day, - - - - -	5,210.35
J. Lorntz, - - - - -	5,208.08
Lorntz and Hver Eight-Day, - - - - -	1,574.70
Lorntz and Lund, - - - - -	473.75
Lorntz and Aas, - - - - -	170.00
Stevenson and Lund, - - - - -	500.00
Lund and P. Larsen, - - - - -	290.00
Bills payable at Falkebanker, Julius Aas, - - - - -	508.00
Accounts payable, - - - - -	43,273.71
Total, - - - - - Kroner	<u>301,352.38</u>
Depositors' account, - - - - -	<u>33,198.49</u>
	334,550.87

"Of the accounts reckoned as good, Kr.21,877.51 are not collectible; but we will make them good by taking a transfer into accounts payable due the Foreign Mission Board. On the condition that we are granted a full release, and that our endorsers be released from any obligation on our paper, we will pay in cash within thirty days, Kr. 20,000.00, in addition to the foregoing assets, and we will further exempt you from any claims of our depositors, the total amount of which is Kr. 33,198.49."

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., March 29, 1900.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 29, 1900.

Present: Irwin, Lane, Kilgore, Breed, Knox, Jones, Allee, Moon, Cottrell; by invitation, R.S.Donnell, C. Santee, Wm. Covert, J.W.Westphal; R.R.Kennedy, H.W.Decker, A.E.Place, F.D.Starr, J.D.Gowell, J.E.Jayne, N.N.Nelson. Minutes 82d meeting approved.

Brother J.N.Nelson then continued his report concerning the work in Scandinavia. He spoke of the financial condition at Skodsborg, and stated that it was really in a worse condition than the publishing house in Christiania; that so far as the church is concerned in Christiania, and the funds they have invested in the plant on the consideration of a meeting place, that this is a matter that should be investigated further.

The question of a power of attorney for Elder Evans was considered, when it was learned that Elder O.A.Elsen already had a power of attorney, and that all legal transactions could be made through him. And in answer to Elder Evans' cablegram, that there was no change to suggest in the plan that had been submitted.

The brethren felt that their representatives, Elder Evans and Brother Nelson, had acted discreetly, and felt satisfied with the efforts they had put forth to effect a settlement.

The next item of business considered was that pertaining to the foreign mission work. The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Elder Jayne, was called upon to state, in brief, the more important matters that needed attention. He mentioned the work in India, Japan, and Matabeleland, which needed immediate attention.

In India the principal need is a superintendent. He then gave a brief outline of the situation of the work as it is at the present time, showing that the workers there are already overworked, and are in need of help. The matter of supplying help for this field is one that should be attended to immediately, as there are important phases of it that must be considered or the work will suffer loss. As the Foreign Mission Board will not meet until the fore part of May, it was thought that if possible some one should be selected to go before that time.

It was moved by Moon, seconded by Knox, that a committee of three be appointed to look into the matter of help for India, and bring in some recommendation regarding that field. The question was carried, and the Chair appointed as said committee Elders Moon, Jayne, and Breed.

The work in Japan was also considered, when it was thought best to refer this field, and the selection of a superintendent, to the same committee.

Elder R.S. Donnell appeared before the Committee to state his convictions relative to the recommendation for his taking up the directorship of the Utah Mission field. He stated that he saw no light in the move, unless the brethren had something else other than the consideration of the health of his wife; that he would much prefer to remain in his own Conference, and develop some things that were already started.

The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., March 29, 1900.

Prayer by Elder F.D. Starr. Present: Irwin, Lane, Kilgore, Breed, Knox, Allee, Moon, Morrison, Cottrell; by invitation, the Presidents of Conferences, and the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Minutes of 83d meeting approved.

The committee appointed in the morning meeting was not ready to report.

The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board then gave a report of the situation of the work in China, and what was already in progress in the North Pacific and Upper Columbia Conferences in the way of funds to open up the work, and to sustain it after it is

up work in that field.

Elder Knox said that he was acquainted with Dr. Charles Keene, and knew him in their Conference for some length of time. He has been a member of the Healdsburg School, and is quite well known in California.

Elder Decker said that the money from the Upper Columbia Conference was from the sale of a farm, which was to be used for foreign mission work when the farm was sold. He said that in his own Conference, the North Pacific, they had voted to support a missionary in a foreign land, and that they had selected China as that field; that one man they had in mind had sickened, and is probably dead by this time; but the funds were being raised, so that when the Foreign Mission Board is ready, they will be ready to cooperate with them.

Elder Moon suggested that there was a danger of localizing the work of the Foreign Mission Board by different conferences starting up local interests.

Elder Knox stated that in California they had raised money for specific purposes, and that they had raised quite large sums for special enterprises; but they had seen their danger of localizing their work, and are now endeavoring to educate their people to give systematically, and all the time, for the foreign missions.

Elder Moon remarked that the enthusiasm in starting a work rises quite high in some sections, but in almost every case when the enthusiasm dies away and the missionaries have gotten to their field, there is a heavy expense that follows year after year, and unless there is something to control it, there is danger of embarrassing the Foreign Mission Board in their work.

Elder F.D. Starr thought that the action of the General Conference for these local conferences to support a missionary in foreign lands, had a tendency to give this kind of education.

Elder Irwin read a portion of the Testimony for South Africa, which speaks of the Boer war, stating that if our brethren had acted in the counsel of God, and expended their means as they should have done, that that war might have been averted; that leading ministers and rulers would have embraced the truth.

Elder Jayne then spoke of the tithes that had been received from South Africa by the General Conference. Elder Lane explained how that happened to be, and moved that the tithes recently received from there be refunded. This motion was seconded by Morrison, and carried.

Elder Jayne then gave an account of the Matabele Mission, and related many experiences of the brethren in that field, and also read some extracts from letters from Elder Mead and Brother Phillip Wessels. As it was quite out of the question to take any definite steps at this juncture, it was decided to postpone action until later.

The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board then spoke of the ecumenical council which opens in New York City April 19, 1900. It seems that this council is composed of the representatives of the

leading missionary societies in the world, and delegates will doubtless be there from all parts of the world. As nearly as he could ascertain, they were endeavoring to form what might be termed a missionary trust; and he wanted to know whether it was advisable for this body to appoint representatives as delegates to that meeting. After some consideration, it was moved by Moon and seconded by Lane, that two delegates be appointed to represent our Foreign Mission Board at that council. Carried.

It was also moved and supported that the President and the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board act as delegates, and that Elder Moon act as alternate for Elder Evans, and that Elder A.E. Place act as alternate for J.E. Jayne. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., March 30, 1900.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., March 30, 1900.

Prayer by Elders Kilgore, Irwin, and Hoopes. Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Morrison, Lane, Cottrell, Breed, Knox, Allee, and Moon; by invitation, C. Santee, J.W. Westphal, J.D. Gowell, A.E. Place, and H.W. Decker. Minutes of the 84th meeting read and approved.

The Chairman made a few remarks relative to the work of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and expressed a desire that the representative brethren here would take an active part in the deliberations of that Association, and see what they could do to help along the work, and to bring in a harmonious state of feeling along all lines.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., March 30, 1900.

Prayer by Elder Moon. Present: Irwin, Moon, Allee, Morrison, Knox, Kilgore, Breed, Lane, and Jones; by invitation, R.R.Kennedy, H.W.Decker, J.W.Westphal, A.E.Place.

The afternoon was occupied in considering the work of the Religious Liberty Association. The principal topic under consideration was that of the transfer of the American Sentinel. The Secretary read two communications from the President of the Pacific Press Publishing Board relative to this transfer, both bearing date of March 23, 1900, and addressed to the General Conference Committee, and to the General Conference Committee and the International Religious Liberty Association.

A communication to C.H.Jones, from Mrs.E.G.White, Dated "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, N.S.W., December 3, 1899, was also read, bearing upon the same subject.

The form of agreement between the Pacific Press Publishing Company and the General Conference and the International Religious Liberty Association, as submitted by the Pacific Press Publishing Co., was read, as follows:--

"Whereas, The International Religious Liberty Association has expressed a desire to publish the 'American Sentinel' in the interests of the religious liberty work; and,---

"Whereas, The General Conference Committee has requested the Pacific Press Publishing Company to turn over the 'American Sentinel' to the International Religious Liberty Association; therefore,---

"Resolved, That we grant their request on the terms and conditions of the following Agreement, viz:;--

"THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____, 1900, by and between the Pacific Press Publishing Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, having its principal place of business in the City of Oakland, State of California, party of the first part, and the General Conference Committee of the Seventh-day Adventists and the International Religious Liberty Association, respectively of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois, parties of the second part, concerning the sale and transfer of the 'American Sentinel,' a paper now published by the Pacific Press Publishing Company in the City of New York, State of New York, WITNESSETH, that---

"The party of the first part agrees to sell and transfer the 'American Sentinel' to the parties of the second part, on the following terms and conditions, to-wit:--

"That the parties of the second part---

"1. Shall fill all unexpired subscriptions to the 'American Sentinel' at the time the transfer is made.

"2. Shall make, if possible, provisions for the employment of those persons now dependent upon the 'American Sentinel' for support.

"3. Shall reserve in said paper, for the use of the party of the first part, a space equal to one page of the present size of said paper for advertising purposes, this to continue during the life of said paper, unless terminated by the consent of both parties to this Agreement.

"4. Shall take at inventory price the type, machinery, material, etc., used by the party of the first part in publishing said paper.

The parties of the second part hereby agree to fulfil the foregoing terms and conditions.

Further, the Lord has recognized our leading periodicals, stating distinctly the field in which each should operate, in the following words:--

"Each of our periodicals has its own place, and is to do a specific work. . . . The blending of the "Signs" and the "Sentinel" will not be in the order of God. Each has its distinctive work to do. The "Signs is a pioneer paper to do a special work."--Testimony to the General Conference Committee and the Publishing Boards of the Review and Herald and Pacific Press, dated at Williams Street, Granville, Australia, April 8, 1894.

"In view of the above statements, this transfer is made with the distinct understanding and agreement by the parties of the second part, that the "American Sentinel" shall continue to operate in the field, and in the special line of work, for which it was started, and which the Lord has indicated.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written.

Pacific Press Publishing Company,

President,

Secretary.

General Conference Committee of the S.D.A.,

President.

Secretary.

International Religious Liberty Association,

President,

Secretary."

Committee adjourned until 6:30 p.m., March 31, 1900.

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

EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 6:30 p.m., March 31, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Morrison. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Knox, Cottrell, Lane, Allee, Kilgore; by invitation, Elders H.W. Decker, R.R. Kennedy, J.W. Westphal. Minutes of the 85th and 86th meetings read and approved.

After due consideration, it was thought best to rescind the motion recommending Elder R.S. Donnell to the Utah Mission field. Elder Knox moved, Elder Kilgore seconded, the motion to this effect, which was carried.

Moved by Kilgore, seconded by Knox, that we rescind the motion recommending Elder Rees to go to Indiana. Motion prevailed.

It was then moved by Morrison, seconded by Allee, that Elder W.A. Hennig, of Missouri, be invited to take the presidency of the Iowa Conference made vacant by Elder C. Santee's going to California. The motion carried.

It was then moved by Lane, seconded by Cottrell, that Sister Ramsey, who has been attending school in Union College, be invited to go to Manitoba as a Bible worker, if after investigation the Superintendent thinks it is advisable. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., April 1, 1900.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes? Secretary.

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EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 1, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Allee, Kilgore, Knox, Breed, Cottrell; by invitation, H.W. Decker, J.D. Gowell, C. Santee, R.R. Kennedy, A.E. Place, F.D. Starr, and J.W. Westphal. After prayer, the minutes of the 87th meeting were read and approved.

Elder Morrison was then called to the chair.

The first question under consideration was that of the distribution of labor. Elder Breed desired to express himself on this question as follows: That the committee on distribution of labor is rather handicapped, as they have to look over the entire field for men to fill important positions; and inasmuch as they have to find these men around in the various conferences, it is difficult for them to make the selection they would like, because they do not know just how they stand related to the conferences. He feels that there should be a uniformity of feeling throughout the ranks that the cause extends beyond their own boundaries.

Elder Gowell thought that in the matter of the distribution of labor, the question should be laid open and plain before all parties concerned; that when there is a full understanding in the matter, there is no special difficulty.

Elder Cottrell remarked that we are very much to blame for the condition of things in which we find ourselves. The time was when the General Conference was considered authority; that when a person received an appointment from the General Conference, it was taken as an appeal from the Lord for them to answer; but we have rather worked on the plan that we would move men because they were not suitable, and instead of going to them and stating plainly that it would be better for them to be in another place under different surroundings in order that they may develop into better laborers, we have let them go on and make the same mistakes even in the new fields to which they have been recommended.

Elder Morrison stated that our conferences are apt to get a certain mold; that a certain set of laborers place their mold upon a conference, and it requires years for that to be changed.

When it was learned that Elder J.E. Jayne had returned to New York, it was moved by Know, seconded by Kilgore, that another person be appointed to take the place on the committee on distribution of labor in the absence of Elder Jayne. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elder Knox as said committeeman.

It was then voted that the matter of recommending a suitable man to stand at the head of Walla Walla College faculty be referred to this committee on distribution of labor. Carried.

Voted to adjourn to the call of the chair.

J.H. Morrison, Chairman pro tem. L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 10 a.m., April 1, 1900.

Joint meeting of the General Conference Committee, Presidents of Conferences, members of the Review and Herald Board, Battle Creek College Board, and Sanitarium Board.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by U. Smith. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Allee, Kilgore, Knox, Breed, Cottrell; J.D. Gowell, C. Santee, A.E. Place, J.W. Westphal, F.D. Starr; W.C. Sisley, G.W. Amadon, U. Smith, C.D. Rhodes, C.M. Christiansen; E.A. Sutherland, P.T. Magan, J.W. Collie, J.H. Kellogg, Dr. D. Paulson, W.S. Sadler, E.P. Boggs, J.E. White, T.M. Steward.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the proposition made by Sister E.G. White and her son, Elder W.C. White, in the matter of donating the proceeds from the sale of one of her books, "The Parables of Jesus," to our schools, for the pur-

pose of liquidating their debts, and to make provision for the maintenance of schools that are out of debt.

The Chairman read from the following letters from Australia: One written by Sister White, January 22, 1900, entitled, "Help to be given to our schools;" one written by W.C.White to Pastor G.A.Irwin, dated "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, N.S.W., February 13, 1900; two letters by W.C.White to the Board of Managers of the Review and Herald, Dated February 13, 1900; one by W.C.White to Elder S.H.Lane, February 12, 1900; one written to Pastor G.A.Irwin, dated "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, N.S.W., October 23, 1899; and another one addressed to Professor Percy T. Magan, "Sunnyside," Cooranbong, N.S.W., ~~November 21, 1899~~ ~~October 23, 1899~~ ~~by W.C.White~~ ~~and another one written at Maitland, N.S.W., November 21, 1899, to "Dear Brethren Irwin and Haskell;" also "An Appeal in Behalf of our Educational Institutions," copies of which had been sent to S.H.Lane, W.C.Sisley, F.E.Belden, and H.E.White.~~

These communications were read for the purpose of ascertaining if possible the mind of the author of the book, and how the book should be handled for the benefit of the schools. The Chair remarked that the question was an important one, and demands a concerted action on the part of all concerned.

W.C.Sisley remarked that a few weeks ago the manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Company was in the city, and they had quite a free council together with the Review and Herald Board, and that the following proposition ---quoted from the Review and Herald Board meeting of December 28, 1899---was quite freely entered into by the managers of the Review and Herald and the Pacific Press Publishing Company, which was to continue for one year:--

"PLAN OF COOPERATION between the Review and Herald Publishing Company and the Pacific Press Publishing Company for assisting educational institutions to liquidate their indebtedness.

"The Chairman [Sisley] stated that he had talked over at length with Brother C.H.Jones the matter of helping the educational institutions to liquidate their indebtedness on the plan proposed by Sister E.G.White, as outlined in a previous meeting of the Board, and in conjunction with Brother C.H.Jones, the following rough plans had been drawn up, which he asked the Secretary to read to the Board:--

"1. Sister White will dedicate her MS. "The Parables of Jesus," for this purpose, donating all the royalties accruing from the sale of the books, to the different educational institutions in whose territory the books are sold.

"2. The Pacific Press Publishing Company will furnish all the necessary illustrations free of charge.

"3. The Review and Herald will set the type and make four sets of plates free of charge.

"4. The Review and Herald will furnish free of charge, with the exception of the cost of raw material, all books that the educational institutions located in the Review and Herald territory can sell in said territory for one year.

"5. The Pacific Press will do the same for the educational institutions in their territory. This does not include State or church schools.

"6. That the Good Health Publishing Company furnish all the paper necessary for the manufacture of these books free of charge.

"7. That the General Conference furnish all the raw material necessary in the binding of these books, free of charge.

"8. That the educational institutions shall put forth their best endeavors to sell as large a number of these books as possible, and shall not be restricted in their handling of the same in the territory apportioned to them for educational purposes, only: (a) they shall not sell to the Tract Societies; (b), that they shall not allow their agents over thirty per cent. discount; (c) that they shall not employ as agents for this book any of the regular canvassers who are engaged in the sale of other books.

"9. That the State Tract Societies handle, free of charge, or at a discount of fifty per cent., all of these books sold by them through their regular channels, and at regular discounts.

"10. All moneys received from the sale of these books shall be used in liquidation of the debts of these institutions,--- none of it to be spent for other purposes until the debts are paid.

"In institutions where they have no debt, such as Graysville and Huntsville, the proceeds may be used in furnishing necessary improvements and facilities, after these institutions have paid back to the General Conference Association the money which it has invested in them.

"If this plan is carried out, the Review and Herald Publishing Company will have to furnish books free of charge to the Battle Creek College, Union College, Huntsville School, and Graysville and Mount Vernon Academies; while the following - named schools would be located in the territory of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, viz., Healdsburg, Walla Walla, Keene, and South Lancaster.

"That in view of the help that the publishing houses purpose giving to our various schools, that they, on their part, will agree to cooperate with the publishing houses in obtaining and training canvassers to handle our regular denominational books; and further, that said colleges will refrain from starting or operating printing or publishing houses in opposition to the regular denominational publishing houses that have been so long established, and which are quite competent to handle and carry on the work of the denomination.

"Moved by John I. Gibson, supported by L. Mc Coy, that the foregoing set of recommendations be adopted on condition that the different parties and institutions named therein will acquiesce fully in the plans proposed, and jointly and severally carry out their part of the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously."

Elder Lane was of the opinion that this matter should not be put off too long; that a prospectus of a few pages could be prepared, and many of our agents put into the field, and have a large number of books sold by the time the book comes from the press in September.

Brother J.E.White was fearful that they would not have the book ready in time.

Brother Magan remarked that the book should not be too profuse in illustrations; that already he had secured a man who would give from \$800 to \$1000 for the purpose of illustrating the book.

W.C.Sisley remarked that a thousand dollars would illustrate the book very nicely. The communications from Sister White contemplated about thirty full-page illustrations. Brother Sisley was of the opinion that the canvassing should be done principally by new recruits, and thereby not take the old canvassers from our other work.

E.P.Boggs was of the opinion that the schools can arrange with the conferences very nicely for the handling of the book.

Brother R.R.Kennedy stated that we must not take all the revenues from our State Societies, because they were somewhat dependent on the sale of our books.

Professor Magan thought there was a design of God to bless all in the sale of this book; that it should reach further than simply the canceling of a few debts; all should obtain a rich experience, not only from the sale of the book, but in getting the knowledge of the truth before a large number of people.

J.E.White was of the opinion that there would be irrepressible opposition in all our societies that we do not dream of, unless there is an understanding beforehand.

J.W.Westphal stated that we should not divorce the work entirely from our State Societies, as they need some experience in this work as well as the schools.

H.W.Cottrell was of the opinion that a vigorous effort must be put forth by all.

Dr.J.H.Kellogg remarked that it would be very unfortunate if the movement was simply to pay the College debt; that we should push it as we do any other book enterprise, and that wholly on its merits; that the counsel of paying the debt should be in this meeting; that the per cent. should not be so low, but even higher than other books; but the sale of the book should be pushed as we do any other book. He estimated that two hundred thousand copies should be sold in four months' time.

Elder Santee was of the opinion that there might be some difficulty arise from some of our brethren buying a few copies and selling them at reduced prices. Others were of the opinion that there would be no difficulty in this at all, as it would only be an advertisement, and that these people could be informed that they had received them at away below advertised prices.

It was finally deemed advisable that, in harmony with the Testimonies before alluded to, a committee should be appointed by the General Conference to take charge of the plans and propositions which have been made, perfecting them, and presenting them to our several publishing houses and the managers of the various schools.

It was therefore moved by Knox, seconded by Breed, that a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, in harmony with the instruction given by Sister E.G.White, to take in charge the plans and propositions which she has made, perfecting them, and presenting them to our several publishing houses and the managers of the various schools; also to take general supervision of the enterprise from the beginning to the end. Carried.

[Later the Chair announced as such committee: S.N.Haskell, P.T. Magan, J.E.White, W.C.Sisley, S.H.Lane, J.H.Kellogg, and L.A.Hoopes.]

Elder Lane urged that something should be done now, and now wait until September.

It was moved by Dr.J.H.Kellogg, seconded by Lane, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Sister White for the generous offer she has made to relieve our situation in the matter of the indebtedness of our various school enterprises. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETIETH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 11:30 a.m., April 1, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. After prayer, the Chair announced the names of the special committee created in the joint meeting of even date, of the general Conference Committee, representatives of the Review and Herald, Battle Creek College Board, and the Sanitarium, together with the Presidents of Conferences, as follows: S.N.Haskell, P.T.Magan, J. E.White, W.C.Sisley, S.H.Lane, J.H.Kellogg, L.A.Hoopes.

The next matter considered by the Committee was the question of the time and place for our next General Conference.

The Secretary then read some letters from the presidents of the various Conferences, giving their choice of time and place for the said Conference. After the reading of these letters, several of the brethren spoke with reference to the spirit that should attend our work, the influence that should go out from our General Conference. Several spoke of the necessity of our getting back to original methods of work. The idea was entertained that if some of our churches or conferences would give the invitation to come, and board the conference delegates free of charge, it would have a salutary effect upon our brethren. Elder Irwin read some Testimonies to this effect; that if the spirit of liberality could come into the hearts of our brethren,

there would be much gain; that an impression would go out from the Conference that would be most salutary.

The letters read rather indicated that there were more people voting for the Conference to come to Battle Creek than any other place. Different members of the Battle Creek church who were in the meeting expressed the thought that they believed that the Battle Creek church would heartily welcome the Conference to come here, and that they would stand the expenses both for board and otherwise. But it was moved to postpone further consideration of this question until Tuesday, and thereby give Elder Breed an opportunity to bring the question to the notice of the Battle Creek church board. The motion prevailed.

Elder Cottrell then brought up the matter of Elder P.M. Howe's connecting with the New York Conference. He did not know definitely that the New York brethren would favor the move; but it was moved and supported that Elder P.M. Howe be recommended to connect with the New York Conference on condition that it is favorable to the New York Conference Committee. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 7 p.m., even date.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman .

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8.a.m., April 2, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Morrison and Irwin: Minutes of the 88th and 90th meetings read and approved. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Breed, Knox, Allee, Kilgore, Cottrell; by invitation, H.W. Decker, C. Santee, J.W. Westphal.

The Secretary read a communication from the Department of State, Washington, D.C., dated March 31, 1900, which reads as follows:--

"L.A. Hoopes, Esquire,
Secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference,
No. 267 West Main Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

"Sir:--

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, complaining that the Turkish Government has refused passports to all Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in Turkey, on the ground that the Turkish Government had not been informed that that denomination is recognized by the Government of the United States.

"In reply I have to inform you that a copy of your letter has been sent to the United States Legation at Constantinople with instructions to take all proper steps to secure absolute equality of treatment of the Seventh-day Adventist missionaries with those of other similar bodies that have received and are entitled to receive the protection of the United States Government.

"I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

ALVEY A. ADEE,

Second Assistant Secretary."

Following the reading of this letter, Elder Morrison occupied the time in making a few statements relative to his position and attitude toward the question that was up for consideration at the meeting of the General Conference Association April 1. He wished the brethren to feel assured that he was anxious to see the work progress; but he did entertain fears that there was some danger of a misunderstanding arising from some steps that had already been taken. He did not think that we should bind ourselves so firmly by contracts; that there was no flexibility in a contract in after years, and it would only tend to embarrass the work.

The time for the meeting of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association having arrived, the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 3, 1900.

After prayer, the minutes of the 91st meeting were read and approved. Present: Irwin, Moon, Breed, Knox, Cottrell, Allee, Kilgore, Lane, Morrison, and Jones; C.P.Bollman, H.W.Decker, J.W. Westphal, N.W.Kauble, W.D.Curtis, W.H.Mc Kee.

The meeting was called in the interests of the I.R.L.A., and is therefore an official and joint meeting of the General Conference Committee and the I.R.L.A.Board.

The first item of business considered was that of the proposed transfer of the AMERICAN SENTINEL as contemplated in the negotiations between the General Conference and the Pacific Press Publishing Company, which was considered in the 86th meeting of the General Conference Committee.

It was moved by Moon, seconded by Lane, that we accept the proposition submitted to the General Conference and the I.R.L.A. Board by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, as noted in the 86th meeting of the General Conference Committee.

The motion was spoken to by Elders Moon, Jones, Bollman, Lane, and others.

Elder Moon was of the opinion that the extra expense beyond what was submitted in a previous proposition by the manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, by way of type, machinery, and supplying unexpired subscriptions, was too much for the Association to think of carrying.

Elder Jones was of the opinion that the agreement contemplates a sale of the SENTINEL, whereas, in open session of the General Conference a vote was passed to ask the Pacific Press to transfer the

SENTINEL to the Religious Liberty Association.

Elder Lane was of the opinion that the financial phase of the question would not be as great as we might perhaps think, because we would need the type, we would need the list, and that the unexpired subscriptions, some of them have been carried at least half a year, and others a quarter a year, and that would be just and right. As to the folding machinery, there might be some question in that.

Elder Bollman suggested that the advertising contemplated would amount to a large sum, and that the Religious Liberty Association ought not to be asked to supply that indefinitely.

Others were of the opinion that the Pacific Press Publishing Company was reserving to itself the prerogative which belongs to the general body; namely, that of dictating the policy in which one of the leading periodicals should be conducted.

In the course of the discussion the reasons why the General Conference and the Religious Liberty Association can not accept the agreement submitted by the Pacific Press Publishing Company were given, as follows:--

First, That the said Pacific Press Publishing Company reserves to itself a prerogative which belongs to the general body; viz., the control and the dictating of the policy of one of the leading periodicals.

Second, The terms submitted in the agreement are along the line of a sale rather than a mere transfer, as called for in a vote of the general assembly at South Lancaster, Mass.; and that the rates are too high for the Association to accept.

Third, That the contingencies that may arise between the two different organizations in the management of the paper, make it altogether unsatisfactory to have a page reserved for advertising perpetually.

The motion was called and voted, all voting in the negative.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., April 3, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by C.P.Bollman. Present: Irwin, Moon, Jones, Breed, Knox, Cottrell, Morrison, Lane, Kilgore, Allee; H.W.Decker, N.W.Kauble, C.P.Bollman, D.W.Reavis, J.W.Westphal, Wm. Covert, W.H.Mc Kee. Minutes of the 92d meeting read and approved.

Before any resolution was presented before the house, Elder Moon addressed the assembly on a review of the reasons why we can not consider the alternative proposition submitted by the Pacific Press Publishing Company. He gave a brief review of the reasons submitted by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, which rather forbid our considered them as a definite proposition.

Elder Breed was of the opinion that this body should take definite steps in the matter of the transfer, and empower Elder Knox as their representative to meet with the Board in person, so that an early reply may be received within a definite period of time.

It was therefore moved by Moon, seconded by Kilgore, that the General Conference Committee submit a final definite counter-proposition to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, for the transfer of the AMERICAN SENTINEL to the I.R.L.A., and that a committee of three be appointed to draft said proposition. After some discussion, the vote was taken by the General Conference Committee, and carried unanimously. The Chair appointed as said committee, R.M.Kilgore, Allen Moon, H.W.Cottrell.

It was then moved by Moon, that this proposition be placed in the hands of Elder Knox as the representative of the General Conference Committee, and that he submit the same to the Board of managers of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, and request them to consider the proposition immediately; and that Elder Knox return the reply of the Board by wife to the General Conference Committee at the earliest possible date. The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously

Elder Moon remarked that something definite must be put into operation immediately for the successful operation of the Religious Liberty Board. He mentioned specifically the matter of rent; that they are liable to be turned out of their present quarters; or, if not, will be under the necessity of taking them for a longer period of time than they may wish to occupy them; and the decision of this Committee will have much to do whether they retain their present quarters or not. He also spoke of the special movements that were on foot in various sections of the country, which afford opportunities for the Association to do effective work; but if there is much delay in the matter of the transfer of the SENTINEL, or any other definite plan that they may have to put into operation, many precious opportunities for spreading the light of the message will be lost.

Elder Bollman remarked that some consideration should be given as to the terms in the transfer of the SENTINEL; viz., what really belongs to the SENTINEL. Is it a question of presses, type, and folders?

It was moved by Breed, that a committee of three be appointed to consider the question of what the I.R.L.A. Board shall do in the immediate future in the shaping of the policy of the Association, contingent upon either an affirmative or negative reply from the Pacific Press Publishing Company. Motion seconded by Knox, and carried.

The Chair appointed as said committee, A.J.Breed, S.H.Lane, W.T.Knox.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

NINETY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3:45 p.m., April 3, 1900.

Convened in the President's room. Present: Irwin, Moon, Jones, Breed, Knox, Cottrell, Morrison, Lane, Kilgore, Allee; and by invitation, H.W.Decker. The special object of this meeting was to consider the request of the President of the North Pacific Conference, Elder H.W.Decker. He wished to know what the decision of the Committee is as to who was recommended for the presidency of the Walla Walla College faculty.

The Chairman of the committee on distribution of labor stated that the committee had the matter under consideration; that several names had been considered; but that they were not ready to report. the one most favorably considered was that of Professor H.R.Salisbury, of Battle Creek College.

It was therefore moved by Breed, and seconded by Moon, that the name of Professor H.R.Salisbury be recommended to the respective boards of Battle Creek and Walla Walla Colleges for favorable consideration to take the presidency of the Walla Walla College. Carried.

Elder Decker then requested to know if possible who would be recommended to labor at the North Pacific camp-meeting. The Chairman stated that that was a matter that would have to be settled later, as quite a number of things need to be taken into consideration; but that a reply would be given at the earliest possible date.

Brother Decker then expressed his feelings of courage and satisfaction and confidence in the work of the Lord. He very much desired to have the General Conference Committee always stand where their counsel would be sought, and would be regarded as the voice of the Lord.

Meeting adjourned to 7 p.m., even date.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 p.m., April 3, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by W.D.Curtis. Present: Irwin, Breed, Kilgore, Allee, Lane, Morrison, Cottrell, Knox, Moon; C.P.Bollman, N.W.Kauble, W.H.Mc Kee, D.W.Reavis, W.D.Curtis. Minutes of the 93d meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed to draft a definite proposition to submit to the Pacific Press Publishing Co. submitted the following report:--

"Whereas, The Pacific Press Publishing Company has submitted to the General Conference Committee and to the Religious Liberty Board a proposition for the transfer of the AMERICAN SENTINEL to the I.R.L. Association; therefore,--

"Resolved, That we can not accept the proposition, for the following reasons:--

"1. We would not deem it wise for the I.R.L. Association to obligate itself to furnish employment for those now employed on the SENTINEL, since that Association has not decided to do the work of composition on the paper.

"2. We regard the requirement that space equal to one page of the present paper be set apart for the use of the Pacific Press Publishing Company perpetually, as excessive.

"3. We are entirely in harmony with the Testimony which indicates that each periodical has its specific field, but we would not think it proper to make this a matter of contract, as all should be left free to be directed by the Spirit of the Lord.

"4. While recognizing the legal ownership of the SENTINEL by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, we feel that this should be regarded as a transfer rather than a sale; for while the material is both legally and morally the property of the Pacific Press Publishing Co., the influence, the name, the good will, the constituency, in fact the paper itself, which has been built up and which is maintained by the denomination, belongs of right to the people, and not to any publishing house; and ought, therefore, to be published wherever it will best serve the interests of the general cause.

"5. It is self-evident that the paper which is the chief exponent of the news of the denomination upon the subject of religious liberty, ought to be controlled by the Association to which has been committed the carrying forward of that line of endeavor known among us as religious liberty work.

"6. That this is the conviction not only of the General Conference Committee, but of the rank and file of the denomination, was shown very plainly at the last General Conference by the practically unanimous action of that body touching this matter.

"7. The Religious Liberty Association is a part of our denominational machinery, created by the General Conference for a special purpose, and to it has been committed this work by the denomination in the providence of God. To challenge the right of the Association to exist, or to call in question at this time the wisdom of its formation, is to arraign at the bar of individual judgment the whole denomination. The Association has demonstrated its usefulness, and we feel that all should seek to cultivate that spirit of harmony that is so essential to the successful prosecution of the work which the Lord has committed to us as a people.

"These reasons lead the committee to conclude that the Association can not accede to the proposition of the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

"It is the desire of this committee that harmony should prevail, and that all should see eye to eye. It seems to us that the proposed transfer should not be on the basis of a sale of the paper, but on

the basis of compensation merely for material which would otherwise be dead stock on the hands of the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

"Therefore we present to the Pacific Press Publishing Company the following propositions for their consideration, in place of those submitted by them:--

"1. That a careful estimate be made of the expense of filling unexpired subscriptions, and if it appears that the Pacific Press has a large number of paid-up subscriptions, that due credit should be allowed to the Association for furnishing these papers for the unexpired terms, as shown by the subscription list.

"2. The International Religious Liberty Association shall deal as liberally with the Pacific Press as with any other Association in the matter of free space for ads. in the SENTINEL.

"3. The International Religious Liberty Association shall take at a fair valuation such of the type, machinery, and material used by the Pacific Press Publishing Company in publishing the paper, as is necessary to the publication of the AMERICAN SENTINEL.

"4. That an agreement be reached upon this within a reasonable time by some representative of the Pacific Press in conference with the President of the I.R.L. Association, and the transfer consummated not later than May 1, 1900.

[Signed]

R.M. Kilgore,
Allen Moon, COMMITTEE."
H.W. Cottrell."

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Breed, that the report be adopted.

The Committee spent considerable time in considering the report, when the vote on the motion was waived until the meeting 8 a.m., April 4.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of what shall be the immediate policy of the I.R.L.A. contingent upon the reply from the Pacific Press Publishing Company, submitted the following report:--

"Your committee appointed to suggest a policy to be pursued by the I.R.L. Association in the event of the failure to secure the transfer of the AMERICAN SENTINEL from the Pacific Press, would recommend that, in view of the increasing activity on the part of certain civil and religious combinations in this and other lands to oppose the truth in restricting the religious liberty of the people, the I.R.L. Association shall put forth earnest efforts to meet the issues that now confront us and are so rapidly developing, by placing suitable literature in the hands of the people, using for this purpose the RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LIBRARY, in harmony with the action of the last General Conference touching this question, in whatever form they may deem best.

[Signed] A.J. Breed, S.H. Lane, W.T. Knox, Committee."

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., April 4, 1900.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

NINETY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 4, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Allee, Lane, Morrison, Know, Breed, Jones, Cottrell, Moon; by invitation, N.W.Kauble, W.D.Curtis, D.W.Reavis, C.P.Bollman, W.H.Mc Kee. After prayer, the minutes of the 95th meeting were read and approved.

The motion pending when the 95th meeting adjourned was voted, and carried unanimously.

It was moved and supported, that, inasmuch as the Pacific Press Publishing Company submitted their proposition pertaining to the transfer of the AMERICAN SENTINEL, to the President of the General Conference Committee, that he be ~~appointed~~ requested to prepare a statement which would accompany the counter-proposition of the General Conference Committee to the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Carried.

The second report submitted at the 95th meeting was read by the Secretary, when it was moved and supported that the report be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

Geo. A. Irwin, C^hairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9:35 a.m., April 4, 1900.

Present: Irwin, Breed, Allee, Moon, Knox, Lane, Morrison, Cottrell, Kilgore; by invitation, N.W.Kauble.

Elder Lane stated that Elder Kauble had a matter he wished to place before the Committee for their consideration.

Elder Kauble then stated that he wanted to make a special effort in Chicago that there had been quite a sum of money donated for that purpose, and that he desired that the General Conference Committee would recommend some man for that purpose. His attention had been called to Elders Luther Warren and E.E.Franke; but from his knowledge of both men, he was of the opinion that Elder Franke would meet the request of the brethren of Illinois better than Elder Warren. He therefore requested that the General Conference Committee recommend Elder E.E.Franke, of the Atlantic Conference, to connect with the Illinois Conference.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Allee, that, in view of the request of the Illinois Conference, that Elder E.E.Franke be recommended to connect with the Illinois Conference. Carried.

It was then moved by Cottrell, seconded by Morrison, that the Atlantic Conference be requested to release Elder Franke in order

that he may comply with the request of the Illinois Conference and the recommendation of the General Conference Committee. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 5 p.m., even date.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 5 p.m., April 4, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder N.W. Allee: Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Allee, Cottrell, Moon, Knox, Morrison, Breed, and Jones; by invitation, C.P. Bollman. The minutes of the 80th, 81st, 89th, 94th, 96th, and 97th meetings were read and approved.

The Chairman announced that Elder Bollman was invited to come before the Committee to make whatever statements that he saw fit with reference to his audit, and he desired that he would feel perfectly free in speaking to the Committee.

Elder Bollman remarked that \$12 a week would hardly be sufficient to support his family in any proper shape at all in a city like Chicago, and he could not think of being separated from them all the time.

It was moved by Morrison, seconded by Cottrell, that the audit of C.P. Bollman be reconsidered. Carried.

It was moved by Allee, seconded by Kilgore, that he be allowed \$14 a week. Carried.

In the 80th meeting there was a question concerning the use of the tithe which some members of the Committee felt should receive more consideration. It was that relative to the action taken May 4, 1898, in a special meeting of the General Conference Committee, where a recommendation was passed appropriating an amount of tithe not to exceed that which was received from the Sanitarium family, in the dissemination and promulgation of the principles of health, under the auspices of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association and the General Conference, and as far as possible with the cooperation of the State Conferences.

Several members of the Committee felt that there was a great liability of a misunderstanding arising athroughout the field upon this question, and that now is the proper time to have a definite understanding.

It was moved and supported that a committee of two be appointed to take under advisement this question. Carried. The Chair appointed Elders Cottrell and Knox as said Committee.

Elder Breed then submitted the following memorial from the Battle Creek church, pertaining to the next General Conference, which reads as follows:--

"Battle Creek, Mich., April 3, 1900.

"General Conference Committee,
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"Dear Brethren:--

At a meeting of the Battle Creek church board, held last evening, the following action was unanimously and very enthusiastically passed:--

"Moved by W.H.Hall and seconded by J.D.Morton, W.E.Tyrel, and others, that it is the sense of this board that we invite the General Conference Committee to hold the next General Conference in Battle Creek, with the understanding that the delegates will be entertained free of charge; that we also invite Sister White to be present with us."

Yours for the church,
J.S.HALL, Clerk."

After some remarks by different members of the Committee, it was moved by Allee, seconded by Morrison, that the next General Conference be held in 1901, beginning February 12, and closing March 5. Carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Lane, seconded by Cottrell and Morrison, that it is the sense of this Committee that the next General Conference should be held in Battle Creek, Mich., unless some contingencies arise which make it necessary that it be held elsewhere. Carried unanimously.

The Committee then spent a little time on the subject of camp-meetings, when it was concluded that we should look over the list of available men, and as far as possible have the same men accompany the District Superintendent through his District from the commencement to the close of the season, and thereby curtail so much traveling expense from one side of the continent to the other.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., April 5, 1900.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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NINETY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 5, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Allee, Lane, Morrison, Moon, Breed, Knox; by invitation, Elder I.D.Van Horn. After prayer, the minutes of the 98th meeting were read and approved.

Elder Van Horn came before the Committee to speak to the question of the location of our next biennial session of the general Conference. He was glad to learn that favorable action had been taken by the Committee, and he wished to assure the Committee that there is a very warm feeling on the part of many in the church, and that

there is plenty of room to entertain the delegates, also abundance of accommodations for public meetings.

He further spoke of the necessity of their being a competent man and his wife to come to Battle Creek, and take the work of church clerk and the tract society. Considerable time was spent in the discussion of this question. Action was deferred for the present.

Elder Cottrell raised the question of the future work of Elder A.F. Ballenger. His work at Washington, D.C., was spoken of by Elders Moon and Cottrell.

It was moved by Morrison, seconded by Allee, that Brother Ballenger continue to labor in the Chesapeake Conference. Carried.

Communications from Dr. W.L. Winner and Sister Zaidie E. Trout, of Philadelphia, concerning the work in that city, were read. Elder Moon spoke of the early history and development of the Philadelphia church, and the danger that seemed to confront the work in that city at this time.

The necessity of bringing into Indiana a worker that would afford strength to Elder Donnell, was spoken of by Elder Breed, who suggested the name of Elder H.K. Willis; Elder E.A. Merrell was also mentioned as a man that might be helpful. The discussion took a wide range, and, without any definite action being taken, the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 p.m., even date.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDREDTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., April 5, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Hoopes. Present: Irwin, Kilgore, Allee, Lane, Cottrell, Breed, Knox, Moon, and Morrison; by invitation, J.E. White. Minutes of the 99th meeting were read and approved.

The Chair stated that by common consent Elder Allee was granted the opportunity to present some of the needs of the Southern field. Elder Allee then gave a general review of the Southern field, its needs and perplexities. He desired that after he had given a view of the field, the items should be considered one by one. Among other things he mentioned the case of Elder J.D. Pegg in his present relationship in the difficulties with his family. Elder Kilgore spoke to the same question.

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Committee in the 62d meeting, where Elders Allee and Kilgore were appointed as a committee to investigate Elder J.D. Pegg's case, with power to act, they decided that, unless Elder Pegg straightens up his difficulty with his family according to church discipline in Matthew Eighteenth chapter, that he be discontinued from the employ of the

General Conference. The brethren stated that they had dealt faithfully with Brother Pegg; had gone to him in a scriptural way, and told him of his faults, and had also investigated the case in Colorado, and were confident that the above decision was the only right course for the Conference to pursue.

It was moved by Cottrell, seconded by Knox, that we regard the decision of Elders Allee and Kilgore in the case of Elder J.D.Pegg as the judgment of this Committee. Carried.

Time was given to Elder J.E.White to present his work as it now stands in the South. His experience with the Southern people ran very similar with Elder Allee's. Considerable time was occupied in considering this question.

Elder Allee then called up the question of the relationship between the work of the General Conference and that of H.W.White in the South. He desired to have a definite understanding, so that the work may be presented in a fair and satisfactory manner before our brethren throughout the field.

Meeting adjourned to 7 p.m., even date.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes? Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 p.m., April 5, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Kilgore. Present: Elders Irwin, Allee, Kilgore, Lane, Knox, Moon, Cottrell, Breed; by invitation, J.E.White. Minutes of the 100th meeting read and approved.

The entire evening was taken up in the consideration of the Southern work.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., April 6.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 6, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Knox: Present: Irwin, Knox, Moon, Cottrell, Morrison, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Lane; by invitation, J.E.White. Minutes of the 101st meeting approved.

The meeting was taken up in considering the Southern work. Elder J.E.White occupied a portion of the time in reading extracts from communications from Australia bearing upon his work and the attitude that he should maintain toward the General Conference. He also stated that his desire was to make the work in the South self-supporting. He mentioned several enterprises that were in operation to this end: one was the Smouse enterprise; another was the manufacture and sale of cereal coffee; and another plan was to get out a new book that would be especially adapted to the Southern field.

There was quite a free discussion on the part of the members present on this subject. All felt that there should be a clear understanding of the work, so there would not be any working at cross-purposes.

Elder Allee then read a letter from Professor B.E.Nicola, respecting the school work at Oakwood, in which Professor Nicola advised that a person of considerable experience should come there to act as preceptress of the school and also teacher in the capacity of Sister Madre while she was there. He also stated that if the individual were a competent nurse, and could give instruction along that line, it would be well. They needed a nurse, and requested that this Committee look forward to that end.

It was moved by Knox, seconded by Cottrell, that an effort be made to obtain a suitable lady from the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, one who has had experience in nursing, and can give instruction in nursing and teaching in the day-school at Oakwood. Carried.

Elder Allee then suggested that, inasmuch as the books at Graysville and Huntsville have not been audited, for a long time at least, that Brother Frank Whitgrove be appointed to audit the books of the Graysville and Oakwood schools. Carried.

The attention of the Committee was called to the medical and nursing work and the dissemination of health principles at our camp-meetings in the South. The Chairman remarked that we should do what we can consistently to encourage this line of work. He then related his experience in Australia, showing how nicely the medical work went along with all the other lines at the general meetings. He was of the opinion that now is the time to take hold of this matter in this country, and take advantage of every opportunity for disseminating this light, which is a part of the message.

It was moved by Knox, seconded by Lane, that medical help be supplied at the Southern camp-meetings, and that the selection of help be left to the discretion of the District Superintendent as far as practicable. Motion prevailed.

Elder Allee then called the attention of the Committee to the fact that unless Elder Pegg takes up work in his field, that Cumberland Mission field is practically left to but one minister, the director; and wished the Committee to consider this question, and see if some one could not be recommended to that field.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Even date.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., April 6, 1900.

Prayer by Elder Morrison. Present: Irwin, Morrison, Moon, Breed, Allee, Kilgore, Lane, Cottrell, and Knox. Minutes of the 102d meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted the following report, which was adopted:--

"Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of suggesting the names of men to take charge of the work in Japan, would submit the following:

"We recommend that the name of Elder E.E. Andross be recommended for favorable consideration by the Foreign Mission Board, for work in Japan, provided he returns to the United States."

[Signed] Allen Moon, A.J. Breed, W.T. Knox, COMMITTEE."

Elder Allee then spoke of the necessity of some help being supplied for Savannah, Ga. After considerable discussion, there was nothing definite decided upon in this case.

Elder Moon then suggested that the Religious Liberty Association would need to have a field man in the South, one who could look after the correspondence with leading lawyers and representative men, when it was moved by Breed, and seconded by Lane, that Brother W.H. Mc Kee and his wife be recommended to go to the Southern field, he to work under the direction of the Religious Liberty Board, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.; and she to take up Bible work in Atlanta, Ga., under the supervision of the director of that field; that his rate be fixed at \$12.00 per week, and she to be rated at \$5.00 per week. After some consideration, this motion carried.

The committee appointed to suggest a recommendation pertaining to the tithes which were being used in consideration of the action of the special meeting of the Committee of May 4, 1898, submitted a verbal report, to the effect that they did not feel free to make a definite recommendation at this time. By common consent, the Committee deemed it prudent to let the matter rest for the present.

Elder Knox then called up the work in Utah, and suggested that Elder A.J. Osborne and wife, of California, be recommended to go to Utah, and that Sister Anna Hammond be recommended to go to the California Conference, subject to the approval of the California Conference.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Breed, that the suggestion of the Superintendent of No. 6 be carried out. Motion prevailed.

Elder Knox then read some requests from Elder Willoughby. It was suggested that, inasmuch as we were pressed for time, a committee be appointed to take under advisement this question. The Chair appointed Elders Breed and Knox, as said committee.

Elder Kilgore suggested that a man be sent to Arizona to take charge of the canvassing work, when it was voted that Elders ~~Bremer~~ Lane and Kilgore be appointed as a committee to take under advisement this question, and report at the next meeting.

It was then moved and supported that a committee be appointed to take under advisement the camp-meeting work, and suggest an arrangement of help for the various camp-meetings. Carried.

The Chair appointed as said committee Elders Morrison, Kilgore, Breed, and Cottrell.

Meeting adjourned until 7 p.m., April 7, 1900.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 p.m., April 7, 1900.

Prayer by Elder Lane. Present: Irwin, Lane, Moon, Morrison, Cottrell, Breed, Kilgore, Knox. Minutes of the 103d meeting read and approved.

The committee appointed to bring in a recommendation in reply to the request of Elder Willoughby as read by Elder Knox in the last meeting, reported adversely. They did not see that at this time it would be proper for them to establish a precedent in loaning the funds. The report was accepted.

The next question considered was that of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN. The Secretary made some statements with reference to the expense of the BULLETIN; that in the last two years the expense of the Daily BULLETIN was greater than the receipts, leaving but a very small margin for the quarterly issues.

After some consideration of the subject, it was moved by Morrison, seconded by Cottrell, that the subscription price for the entire biennial period, including the daily and the quarterly issues, be placed at seventy-five cents; and that for the Daily BULLETIN the subscription price be fifty cents. Carried.

The Secretary then called the attention of the Committee to Mrs. S.M.I. Henry's work, and the letters that are on file and in the copy books. There had been some thought on the part of her daughter, Mrs. Rossiter, that it would be a good idea to have a book prepared embodying Sister Henry's letters, as there would be many letters that would be of a typical character, and in Sister Henry's replies there would be answers that would be suitable for a certain class of letters of inquiry from the various women throughout the land.

After some consideration, it was thought that the letters were the property of the General Conference, inasmuch as she has been paid for the time, and the letters are in the General Conference files, and her replies are in the General Conference letter books. And for a reply to all inquiry that may be on this subject, it was moved by Morrison, seconded by Moon, that it is the sense of this body that the correspondence, the copies of letters on file, and the replies which are in the letter books of Sister Henry while in the employ of the General Conference, are the property of the General Conference, on the same consideration as the work and the correspondence of the President and the Secretary. Carried.

The Secretary then raised the question as to the future policy with reference to the work that Sister Henry started. It was moved by Moon, seconded by Knox, that Miss Durland be released from the women's work, and that Mrs. W.C. Sisley be invited to take up the work for the women.

Inasmuch as Miss Durland was not in the meeting, and no one had spoken to her about this motion, and further that it would be necessary for some one to see Mrs. Sisley, the vote on the question was deferred until a committee could have a talk with Miss Durland, and another with Mrs. Sisley. Elder Morrison was invited to have a talk with Miss Durland over her future plans, and Elder Irwin to see Sister Sisley.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., April 8, 1900.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 8, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Irwin, Breed, Allee, Morrison, Lane, Cottrell, Knox, Kilgore, Moon, and Jones. Minutes of the 104th meeting read and approved.

The Chairman requested that the Committee would take a little time to consider the work of the Review and Herald, as the Review and Herald Board of Directors wanted to act in harmony with the Testimonies that have come bearing upon that important enterprise. He said for the present that Brother Sisley was acting as manager, and J.N. Nelson as superintendent; but he was informed that it was thought that Brother Sisley would take both offices, and move his office over to the east building if so desired. Others were of the impression

that he would prefer to accept the call from Australia. Elder Morrison felt that, inasmuch as he had no special instruction to give, he would feel perfectly free to leave the matter of arranging the management and superintendency to the Board. Elder Cottrell was of the same opinion.

Others expressed themselves that what was needed was some one who was a bookman, one who was acquainted with our work from its early history, to act as the manager. The minds of the brethren were turned toward Elder Lane; in fact an informal expression was taken when it was unanimously voted that Elder S.H.Lane should take the management of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. This of course is only recommendatory to the Board of Directors of that Association.

The committee appointed to interview Sister Durland reported that while she did not feel that she was the proper one to take the supervision of the work that Mrs. Henry started, yet she rather has a burden along that line, and would gladly do whatever detail work she could, and would feel sad if she were disconnected from the cause entirely.

In view of this request of hers to continue the work, it was moved by Moon, seconded by Cottrell and Morrison, that we substitute for the motion pending respecting this case, that Miss Grace Durland be continued in the work for the women, with the understanding that she is to have a committee composed of older sisters, to whom she can go for counsel. Carried.

It was then moved by Knox, seconded by Lane, that the chair appoint a committee of five sisters, including Sister Irwin, who are to constitute a committee to whom Sister Durland can apply for counsel. Carried.

[Later the Chairman appointed the following-named persons as members of said committee: Mrs.G.A.Irwin, Mrs.S.N.Haskell, Mrs.A.J. Breed, Mrs.L.A.Hoopes, and Mrs.C.M.Christiansen.]

By common consent the original motion, as amended, was carried.

The Committee to bring in a recommendation concerning the canvassing work in Amazona, submitted a verbal report. However, it was moved by Knox, seconded by Kilgore, that the District Superintendent communicate with Brother P.R.Albrecht, of Wisconsin, and inform him of the real condition of the field, and that the Committee would favor his putting himself in the field as a canvasser. Carried.

The committee on camp-meetings, submitted the following report:--

"Your committee to arrange for the general laborers for the camp-meetings in the several districts, submit the following:--

"1. For District No. 1, Elders I.H.Evans and A. Moon; for District No. 2, Elder J.A.Brunson; for District No. 3, Elders Irwin, and Haskell; for District No. 4, Elder L.A.Hoopes and Mrs.L. Flora Plummer; for District No. 5, Elders S.H.Lane and H. Shultz; for District No. 6, Elders Irwin and Haskell.

"2. That Elder Breed attend the Quebec meeting.

"3. That Elder Moon be granted the privilege of attending meetings in any other District he may deem best.

"4. That the Superintendents arrange with schools and sanitariums in their respective districts for laborers from these institutions."

This report was adopted, with the understanding that, in case any of the above appointments fail for any reason whatsoever, the District Superintendent be authorized to make provision for the help necessary for the camp-meeting work. The Superintendents were also counseled to make the expense as light as possible; to effect changes between conferences as much as practicable.

The Secretary then read letters from the different members of the committees of Iowa and Missouri Conferences. The general consensus of opinion was, that, inasmuch as the brethren felt that the members of the Iowa Conference should have a voice in making their own selection of president, that it would be well to leave the matter until the time of their camp-meeting before any definite announcement is made, and to leave the question with the District Superintendent to arrange with them as he deems best to bring the recommendation concerning Elder Hennig favorably before the Iowa brethren.

The Chairman then introduced the question of the cases of Elders P.A.Hansen and O.A.Johnson to go to Scandinavia, and of M.M. Olsen, of Scandinavia, to return to Nebraska.

It was moved by Moon, seconded by Breed, that the President of the General Conference write to the brethren in Scandinavia, and ascertain if it would be satisfactory to have the respective fields in Scandinavia for Elders O.A.Johnson and P.A.Hansen to go to that field, and for M.M.Olsen to go to Nebraska; and if satisfactory, that O.A.Johnson be recommended to go to Norway, and P.A.Hansen to go to Denmark. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

G.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., April 8, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Cottrell. Present: Irwin, Cottrell, Lane, Moon, Breed, Knox, Morrison, Kilgore, Allee. Minutes of the 105th meeting read and approved.

The Secretary called attention of the Committee to a list of names of laborers who have not their rate fixed to guide the Secretary in the issuing of money on their salary.

Moved by Knox, seconded by Moon, that the President and the Secretary be authorized to fix the rate of all whose rates have not been fixed by the Auditing Committee. Carried.

Elder Allee called up the case of Elder V.H. Lucas, and remarked that he has a commendable record in the South, and would advise that credentials be restored to him, provided the brethren on the Committee see light in the move. After some deliberation, no action was taken in the matter.

The Chairman then brought up the question of the debt on the North Annex of the Battle Creek college building, and called attention to the many Testimonies that have been coming on this question.

Elder Knox moved, Elder Breed seconded, that we recognize the obligation resting upon the General Conference; and that a committee be appointed to investigate the extent of the obligation of the General Conference in this matter, and report at a later meeting. Carried.

The Chair appointed Elders Breed, Lane, and Hoopes as said committee.

Elder Moon then moved, Elder Morrison seconded, that this same committee ascertain the exact standing of the interests of the General Conference in the buildings and equipments in this place. Carried.

Elder Breed moved, Elder Morrison seconded, that in case the SENTINEL is removed to Chicago, the General Conference support both the editors of the SENTINEL during the present year, in order that the I.R.L.A. may be able to carry the expense incidental to the transfer of the paper from New York to Chicago. Carried.

The Secretary then read a memorial from Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, dated March 13, 1900? with reference to the Berean Reading Circle work.

The suggestions contained in the memorial were considered at length by the Committee. Miss Addie Cooper was called in to make some suggestions relative to this line of work also.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Allee, that we heartily endorse the work that Sister Plummer has done in the Reading Circle the past year, and that we recommend her to continue in the Circle work, to take charge of the correspondence for the year to come. Carried.

It was moved by Moon, seconded by Knox, that Sister Plummer spend a considerable portion of her time the coming summer at Battle Creek, Mich., to fully perfect plans, and carry on such correspondence as necessary to arrange for the work for camp-meetings and the opening of the Reading Circle work in the autumn. Carried.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Moon, that Brother and Sister S.N. Haskell be requested to write the lessons and notes on the Book of Revelation for the Reading Circle, to begin October 1, 1900. Carried.

Committee adjourned until 7:30 p.m.

G.A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7:30 p.m., April 8, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elder Morrison. Present: Irwin, Cottrell, Lane, Moon, Morrison, Knox, Breed, Kilgore, and Allee. The reading of the minutes of the 106th meeting were waived.

Moved and supported that the Secretary be ~~revised~~ instructed to request Sister Plummer to prepare and furnish each general laborer something for general instruction along the line of the Berean Circle work, to be presented at camp-meetings the coming season. Carried.

The Chairman then read a communication from A. Kahlstrom, of Washington, D.C., requesting the privilege of making a general appeal for a church fund in Washington. Elder Moon then spoke of a request from the same party, asking that a pastor be permanently stationed at the Washington church.

It was moved and supported to refer both matters to the District Superintendent. Motion prevailed.

The Chairman then read a communication from Mrs. W. E. White, clerk of the Portsmouth, Va., church, bearing date of January 10, 1900. It seems from the letter that there was difficulty between the officers of this church and the former president of the Virginia Conference. Elders Moon and Cottrell, who had visited that church, made some statements relative to the question, when it was voted that this be referred back to the Virginia Conference Committee.

Elder Cottrell then introduced a letter from Dr. J. H. Kellogg, respecting the audit of E. J. Hibbard.

It was moved by Moon, seconded by Morrison, that the President and Secretary be authorized to settle with Elder Hibbard on the basis of last year's audit, if, after he is notified, he still feels that he must have the full amount allowed last year. Carried.

Elder Cottrell then read a letter from Dr. Winner, in which a plea is made for a strong man to be located in Philadelphia.

A motion prevailed to refer this matter to the Pennsylvania Conference Committee.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., April 9, 1900.

G. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L. A. Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 9, 1900.

Elder Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Elders Knox and Irwin. Present: Irwin, Knox, Allee, Kilgore, Breed, Morrison, Lane, and Cottrell. Minutes of the 106th and 107th meetings were approved.

After the reading of the minutes, Elder Allee spoke of his interview with Elder J.E.White, and of the spirit of love and unity that is coming in. He greatly desired that there would be a hearty cooperation on the part of all our brethren in the North to carry out what is called for in the Testimonies respecting the Southern field.

The Chairman read his letter which was to accompany the counter-proposition pertaining to the SENTINEL, to be sent to the Pacific Press Publishing Company. The letter met with general approval by the Committee.

The Secretary then read a letter from Professor W.W.Prescott, pertaining to the account of Tabor Davies. The Chairman also read a letter from Brother Davies to Professor Magan. After some deliberation, by common consent he was regarded as a General Conference man, when it was moved by Cottrell, seconded by Kilgore, that Tabor Davies be recommended to return to the Maritime Provinces, and labor under the supervision of Elder Geo. E. Langdon. Carried.

It was then voted that the Treasurer settle directly with Brother Davies, and if he has drawn from the British Conference treasury, for him (Davies) to settle with them.

Elder Breed then brought up the question of having a man recommended to take the office of church clerk in Battle Creek. While there seemed to be a great necessity for a competent man to fill this position, yet the brethren felt very reluctant to import a man for that purpose, as there were so many in the place already who had been recommended to come for various positions, and are now doing practically nothing because others have taken their places. It was thought that this matter could be handled quite well by the members of the Committee in the place, and recommendations could be made later if thought best.

Elder Allee then brought to the notice of the Committee a question that was on the minds of some of the members of the General Conference Committee, and the Southern Committee; it was the propriety of organizing the Cumberland Mission field into a conference. He also made mention of the Southern Industrial School, and said that the industrial feature of the work was practically a failure, and that Brother M.C.Sturdevant had been called to take up this line of work. He then remarked that if Elder Pegg should go out of the field, and Sturdevant out of the ministry, they would need more help in the South. He said that Elder M.G.Huffman will need some one to help him in a tent effort in Louisiana.

These suggestions elicited remarks from Elders Lane, Morrison, and others, when it was moved by Lane, seconded by Breed, that we

recommend that, providing the brethren of the Cumberland Mission field see their way clear, that field be organized into a conference about January, 1901. Carried.

It was moved by Lane, seconded by Cottrell, that Brother Hugh Jones, of Chattanooga, Tenn., be encouraged to take up ministerial work, at moderate wages, and connect with Elder M.G. Huffman, in a tent effort in Louisiana. This motion was spoken to favorably by Elders Lane and Allee. Motion prevailed.

It was then moved by Allee and seconded by Cottrell, that the arrangement for laborers at the camp-meetings in the Scandinavian and German languages be left with the Superintendents to arrange; that if possible such arrangements be made with the Conferences to exchange laborers as much as possible along this line. Carried.

Elder Kilgore made a request that the General Conference consider favorably the propriety of assisting in Arkansas in a tent effort. No definite action was taken. However, several members of the Committee felt concerned about a certain line of work that we should encourage. Elders Lane and Breed both spoke of the young men at the College in the ministerial class, and expressed the thought that we could do no better than to pay the traveling expenses of these young men, and let them try their gifts in tent meetings.

Elder Morrison expressed himself of the opinion that the Superintendents have a duty along this line, to see that the various Conferences are doing their duty by the young men, and to see that the ministry is kept replenished by strong men.

Elder Cottrell then raised the question as to what the Superintendent or president of a conference should do with a laborer who does not pay his tithe. While the brethren did not feel free to make a definite motion, yet the sentiment prevailed that such a person should be labored with in a very positive manner.

Elder Lane then placed on the blackboard a summary of the finances of the General Conference, showing that there was a gain over last year of \$4534.99.

Elder Cottrell then brought up the case of Elder E.A. Merrell, and desired that some recommendation be made. He was willing to make some exchanges if other recommendations of the past meetings would carry.

Moved by Allee and seconded by Morrison, that, in case Elder Hennig goes to Iowa, and it is agreeable to the brethren of Missouri, Elder E.A. Merrell be recommended to connect with the Missouri Conference as a laborer. Carried.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the 108th meeting, which were approved. A motion prevailed to adjourn sine die. The meeting closed with prayer and thanksgiving.

Geo. A. Irwin, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

FALL SESSION, 1900, INCLUDING COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS.

COUNCIL CONVENED. A Council of the General Conference Committee and Presidents of Conferences and leading brethren representing the various institutions in America, was held in Battle Creek, Mich., October 11, 1900; Elder Geo.A.Irwin in the Chair. The meeting was opened by prayer by Elder S.N.Haskell.

PRESENT. The brethren present were: Members of the General Conference Committee, excepting Elders O.A.Olsen, N.W.Alee, and I.H.Evans; and Elders S.N.Haskell, J.N.Loughborough, H.W.Decker, N.P.Nelson, A.T.Jones, J.Sutherland, F.D.Starr, C.Santee, Smith Sharp, W.T.Millman, J.M.Rees, G.B.Thompson, J.W.Westphal, W.J.Stone, W.B.White, A.E.Place, O.O.Farnsworth, Geo.Watson, W.H.Saxby, G.W.Reaser, J.E.Jayne, A.G.Haughey, R.S.Owen, A.Kahlstrom, R.D.Hottel, and Dr.D.H.Kress.

OBJECT. The Chairman made a brief statement of the object of the meeting, and of the importance of just such a Council. He then read a Testimony treating upon the oneness that should exist in our relationship one to the other, and the relationship between institutions. Elder S.N.Haskell then conducted a brief Bible study touching on the same points covered by the Testimony, and showed the importance of our prayerful study of the Bible.

The meeting then took a recess until 10 a.m.

LOCATION After the recess, Elder Irwin called the meeting
GENERAL CONFERENCE to order. Prayer by Elder J.N.Loughborough.
The Chairman stated that he did not like to take up some of the subjects to be considered, until there was a fuller representation, as there were some absent who ought to be present when these matters were considered. He then suggested that we could consider the location of the next biennial session of the General Conference. He remarked that he had an interview with Sister White on this question; and while she would not take the responsibility of saying where the Conference should be held, yet she was of the opinion that if the meeting were held in Battle Creek, that it would be a large and unwieldy gathering, and that many things would militate against the good which such a meeting should accomplish. She felt that the probabilities of her attending the Conference would be much better, and it would please her personally, if the Conference were held at Oakland, California.

GEN.CONF. Considerable time was taken up in the consid-
IN OAKLAND, CAL. eration of the climate and the effect on the delegates, when it was moved by Elder Morrison, That, in view of the condition of the health of Sister White, and the desirability of having her counsel at the time of the meetings of the General Conference, that it is the sense of this Council that the next biennial session of the General Conference be held at Oakland,

Cal. The motion was seconded by Elder Knox. After considerable discussion of the motion, Elder Underwood requested that a season of silent prayer be had before the question was put to a vote. The request was granted. The question was then called, and voted. Of the thirty-one present, twenty-one voted in the affirmative, one in the negative. Several of those not voting at all, afterwards expressed themselves as not opposed to the motion. The Chairman then declared the motion carried.

DELEGATES. An informal discussion as to the number of delegates that should attend, was had, when, by common consent, it was thought best not to vote on this question, but leave each Conference free to exercise their own judgment in this matter.

TIME OF CONFERENCE. The question as to the time of the next General Conference was alluded to by Elder Lane. He expressed it as his opinion that if it could be held a little earlier, it might expedite the matters in the Conferences, enabling the brethren to get in better time in the arrangement of the general State meetings and the early camp-meetings and the other meetings, etc. The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board suggested that probably that might interfere with the work of the Foreign Mission Board, that of obtaining reports from remote fields in time for consideration at the time of the General Conference.

The meeting then adjourned till 2:30 p.m., even date.

Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Council convened at 2:30 p.m., Battle Creek, Mich., Review and Herald Office Chapel; Elder G.A.Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Kilgore. Present: Elders G.A.Irwin, R.M.Kilgore, J.N.Loughborough, A.J.Breed, J.H.Morrison, I.H.Evans, Allen Moon, H.W.Cottrell, W.T.Knox, G.B.Thompson, Smith Sharp, J.M.Rees, N.P.Nelson, W.T.Millman, C.Santee, R.A.Underwood, H.W.Decker, O.O.Farnsworth, W.J.Stone, J.W.Westphal, R.D.Hottel, F.D.Starr, A.E.Place, A.G.Haughey, G.F.Watson, R.S.Owen, J.E.Jayne, J.Sutherland, H.M.Stewart, S.M.Cobb, and W.A.Hennig. Minutes of the 109th meeting read and approved.

TIME OF CONFERENCE. The question of the time of the meetings of the General Conference was taken up for consideration. After some discussion, it was moved by Elder Underwood, seconded by Elder Reaser, That the General Conference be held February 10 to March 3, 1901. Carried.

TIME OF WEEK OF PRAYER. The Chairman then asked the brethren if they had anything to suggest as to the time for the Week of Prayer. After some discussion, it was moved and supported, That the time of the Week of Prayer be set for December 22 - 29, 1900, inclusive. Carried.

Meeting took a recess till 4:30 p.m. Geo.A.Irwin, Chair'n.
L.A.Hoopes, Sec.

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 4:30 p.m., October 11, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder A.G. Daniells. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee; Elder J.N. Loughborough; and the Presidents of New England, Vermont, Atlantic, Chesapeake, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Tennessee River, Cumberland, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota, Colorado, Upper Columbia, North Pacific, and California Conferences. Minutes of the 110th meeting read and approved.

FINANCIAL CONDITION
CHRISTIANIA
PUBLISHING HOUSE

The only item of business was the question of the financial condition of the Christiania Publishing House. The Chairman remarked that this was one of the principal questions that he desired the counsel of the presidents of conferences upon. It is one that has been under consideration for a number of months, and we have come to a time when a definite decision must be reached to relieve the situation, and we are very desirous of having the counsel of these presidents of conferences. After briefly rehearsing the matter as it has come up from time to time in the General Conference Committee and the General Conference Association, the Chairman called on Elder I.H. Evans to present a full statement of the status of affairs in Christiania, as he and J.N. Nelson found them. Elder Evans's statements were, in substance, the same as the reports found in the minutes of the seventy-third meeting of the General Conference Committee, and the various statements which are in the letter-files of the General Conference Association and the General Conference.

The Chairman then read a letter from Elder W.C. White, which was also endorsed by Sister White, instructing the brethren to do what they can to prevent the House from going into bankruptcy. Shortly after this letter was received, Elders Irwin, Lane, and Evans held a council meeting, at which time they drafted propositions, with instruction to Elder O.A. Olsen as to what to do with them after he has received further advice from Elder Lane. A copy of these propositions was read by Elder Evans, and is now on file with the General Conference Association.

The question now stands for consideration at this meeting, whether this body will submit this latter proposition to the creditors in Christiania, or stand by the old one; whether we take advantage of the bankrupt laws and repudiate an honest debt, or pledge ourselves to pay every cent we owe. This called forth remarks from many of the brethren present. Elder Evans stated that the General Conference Association is responsible for the situation of things as they are in Christiania, as they hold the deed of the property, and when the Christiania Association was turned into a stockholders' association, the General Conference Association controlled a thousand votes, against forty; and every time they delegated some one to vote their proxies, in this manner they have controlled the policy of the institution.

The meeting adjourned till 9:30 a.m., October 12.

Geo.A. Irwin, President.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened 9:30 a.m., October 12, in the Review Office Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich.; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder W.J.Stone. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee, presidents of conferences, and Elder J.N.Loughborough. Minutes of the 111th meeting were read and approved.

CHRISTIANIA. The subject under consideration at this hour was the Christiania Publishing House. The Chairman wanted to know the mind of the brethren present, whether they wanted to do anything toward lifting the debt on that House. Quite a number of the brethren expressed their regrets for the way the business has been handled in the past, and the policy that has been pursued; but that did not relieve us from doing our duty at this time. We are in ~~our~~ duty bound to pay our honest debts.

The communication from W.C.White was reread by the Chairman. It seemed that the only thing to meet the idea set forth in the letter to redeem the institution, would be to pay all the indebtedness, and take the institution back; so that whatever disposition might be made of it afterwards would be a secondary consideration. It was therefore---

CHRISTIANIA PUB. HOUSE REDEEMED. Moved by Elder W.T.Knox, and seconded by Elder W.J.Stone, That it is the sense of this body that we should and will take steps to pay the debt on the Christiania Publishing House. After considerable discussion, the question was called and voted by the brethren standing on their feet. All who voted, voted in the affirmative. As a large majority of those present voted, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE TO PLAN RESOLUTIONS It was then moved by Elder H.W.Decker, and seconded by Elder G.W.Reaser, That the Chair appoint a committee of five to formulate some plan to submit to this body, whereby the debt upon the Christiania Publishing House may be lifted. Carried. The Chair announced as said committee the following persons: Elders I.H.Evans, W.T.Knox, J.H.Morrison, Clarence Santee, and N.P.Nelson.

It was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the General Conference Committee be requested to meet with this committee. Carried.

By common consent, it was decided to devote the afternoon meeting to short speeches by different members of the meeting, in making suggestions as to the best plan as to how the debt on the Christiania Publishing House may be raised. Meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH [SPECIAL] MEETING OF THE GEN.CONF.COM.

The President called a special meeting of the General Conference Committee, together with Elders J.N.Loughborough and S.N.Has-kell, for the purpose of considering the question of the week of prayer. The meeting convened in the President's room, 12 noon. The Secretary

WEEK OF PRAYER
READINGS

laid before the brethren present the readings for the Week of Prayer which have been handed in, and asked that the Committee present assume the responsibility of arranging the order in which

these readings would be helpful for this occasion, so that the BULLETIN containing these readings could be published immediately. It was moved by Elder Moon, seconded by Elder Kilgore, That the Chair appoint a committee of two to confer with himself and the Secretary, to arrange these readings. The motion prevailed. The Chair appointed as said committee, Elders R.M.Kilgore and Allen Moon. Meeting adjourned.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

Geo.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the Review and Herald Office Chapel, 2:30 p.m., October 12; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Smith Sharp. There were present the General Conference Committee, Elders J.N. Loughborough and J.E.Jayne, Joseph Sutherland, Lewis Johnson, R.S. Owen, and W.A.Hennig, together with the presidents of the Cumberland, Nebraska, Colorado, New York, Atlantic, Ontario, California, Tennessee River, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Upper Columbia, Chesapeake, Dakota, Kansas, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, North Pacific, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and New England Conferences.

CHRISTIANIA
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The hour was devoted to short speeches by the brethren present making suggestions as to the ~~best~~ best method of raising the indebtedness on the Christiania Publishing House. As this was for the benefit of the special committee who was to draft a plan to present to this body, the Secretary took no record of the suggestions. Meeting adjourned till 9:30 a.m., October 14.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH (SPECIAL) MEETING GENERAL CONF.COM.

The President called a special meeting of the General Conference Committee to convene in his office 4 p.m., October 12, at which time Brethren A.Kahlstrom and O.O.Farnsworth met with the Committee to lay before the General Conference Committee an item of

WASHINGTON, D.C.,
CHURCH DEBT

business which had taken place in past years, beginning as far back as 1894. The Superintendent of District No. 1 was called upon to make a statement of the case. He stated that the question was with reference to church property in Washington, D.C. It appears that in 1894 the General Conference had given some assurance that the Washington church should have some financial assistance toward establishing a church in the city of Washington. The correspondence was in his hands, and while he did not take the time to read it, he called upon Brother Kahlstrom to make a statement of the case as he understood it. Brother Kahlstrom produced letters which had passed between the General Conference and the trustees of the

church, and showed that the church had acted on good faith in purchasing the property, with the understanding that they were to have assistance from the General Conference to the amount of five thousand dollars. He produced a copy of the letter, that was carefully worded, to show to the Committee that that was the idea that they had obtained when they received this letter, and that if the Conference had any other idea, he stated that they had ample opportunity in the past to make themselves understood in the matter, if the Washington church did not have the right idea.

As the hour was growing late, and the Sabbath hastening on, it was thought best to leave the question until another meeting that should be appointed for the consideration of this question. Meeting adjourned.

GEOA. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the Review and Herald Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich., 9:30 a.m., October 14, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Moon. Present: General Conference Committee, and the Presidents of the following Conferences: Ontario, Cumberland, North Pacific, New England, Cal., Tenn. River, Upper Columbia, Dak., Pa., Me., O., Atlantic, Vt., Chesapeake, Nebr., Minn., Mo., Colo., Ia., N.Y., Kans., Wis., Va., and Ind. Also the following brethren: J.N. Loughborough, L. Johnson, J.E. Jayne, D. Paulson, W.S. Sadler, C.M. Christiansen, W.A. Hennig, A.C. Bourdeau, P.A. Hansen, R.S. Owen, W.C. Sisley, J.W. Collie, P.T. Magan.

The minutes of all previous meetings were read and approved.

REPORT OF
CHRISTIANIA
COMMITTEE.

After the reading of the Minutes, the time was taken up in the consideration of a report of a special committee appointed to formulate a plan whereby means may be obtained to liquidate the debt on the Christiania Publishing House. Elder I.H. Evans, the Chairman of the committee, submitted the following report:---

"Your committee to suggest plans for raising money to meet the indebtedness of the Christiania Publishing House, would respectfully submit the following:---

"1. That the following propositions be submitted at as early a date as possible to the creditors of the Christiania Publishing House; viz.,---

"Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A., September 26,
'TO THE CREDITORS OF THE 1900.
SKANDINAVISKE FORLAGS- OG TRYKKERIFORENING,
Akersgaden, 74, Christiania, Norway.

'DEAR SIRs:---

'Since Mr. I.H. Evans' return to America, we have given much thought to the financial obligations of the Skandinaviske Forlags- og Trykkeriforening, or Akersgaden, 74, Christiania, Norway, or what is known in America as the "Christiania Publishing House;" and

from the facts as presented to us now, we realize that it is inevitable that our creditors will be heavy losers. This we deeply regret. We therefore submit to you the following propositions for your consideration and acceptance:---

'1. We will pay our creditors the full face demand of all the principal of the legal paper of the Christiania Publishing House.

'2. We will pay this principal in six equal semi-annual payments, said payments to be made January 1, 1901, July 1, 1901, January 1, 1902, July 1, 1902, January 1, 1903, and July 1, 1903.

'3. We allow and will hold all the property of the Christiania Publishing House to be solely for the benefit of our creditors, till the entire principal of our debt is liquidated.

'4. Our creditors shall appoint an attorney who shall have authority to represent their interests, to whom we may refer all matters pertaining to the settlement of their claims against the Christiania Publishing House.

'5. We shall be allowed at any time after the acceptance of these propositions, to sell, mortgage, rent, occupy, or do anything we deem best with all assets, both real and personal, of the Christiania Publishing House, when such action has been first submitted to and approved by the creditors' attorney; provided, that in case of sale, mortgage, or rental, the whole amount realized shall be applied to liquidate the principal of the obligations of said Publishing House.

'6. Our creditors shall relinquish all accrued interest yet unpaid.

'7. From the time of accepting these propositions, our creditors shall not ask or receive interest on notes which have been given by the Christiania Publishing House.

'8. Our creditors shall, on receipt of the principal of the obligations of the Christiania Publishing House, execute to said Publishing House a full discharge of all its obligations.

'9. All moneys received by our creditors since the acceptance of our first proposition, to meet in part or in full any of the obligations of the Christiania Publishing House, shall be applied in the liquidation of the principal, and accepted by the creditors as a partial payment thereof, to be deducted by us from the first semiannual payment hereinbefore provided.

'10. These propositions are made with the understanding that the property and assets, both real and personal, of the Christiania Publishing House still remain intact, not having been sold or otherwise disposed of by the creditors.

'11. These propositions shall be null and void, unless we are informed of their acceptance by our creditors on or before November 20, 1900.

'12. In case our creditors accept these propositions, all former agreements with them concerning the settlement of the written obligations of the Christiania Publishing House, shall be null and void.

'GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS,

By _____, President.

'Attest: _____
Secretary and Treasurer.'

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"2. On the acceptance of said propositions, the General Conference Committee shall select a trusty, competent man, giving him power of attorney, to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the Christiania Publishing House and all its assets both real and personal, collecting all accounts, holding the funds, subject absolutely to the order of the General Conference.

"3. That all the proceeds realized from the assets of the Christiania Publishing House be applied to liquidate the debts of said Publishing House.

"4. That the book "Parables of Jesus," or "Christ's Object Lessons," be published in both the Swedish and Danish languages, at the least possible cost, and its circulation be prosecuted with vigor, both in America and Scandinavia; all the net proceeds being contributed by each country to liquidate the debts of the Christiania Publishing House.

"5. That we insist that brethren and sisters owing the Christiania Publishing House, as well as all sister institutions, promptly pay said Publishing House the amount of their obligations.

"6. That the General Conference Committee at once cause to be placed in the hands of each Conference President a statement of the financial condition of the Christiania Publishing House, with a conservative estimate of the assets of said publishing house.

"7. That the balance of the debts of the Christiania Publishing House be met by each Conference raising its proportionate share, based upon its membership.

"8. That only open frankness be used in securing this money, each party giving, having full opportunity of knowing to what he is giving.

"9. That this amount be raised by special donations, which will not directly infringe upon any general plan already in operation for raising funds for the general work.

"10. That each State Conference be requested to make strenuous efforts to raise the amount falling to them, in one canvass, if possible.

"11. That, in harmony with the above recommendations, each State Conference raise its share in its own way, the time being as short as is consistent for the best interests of the work in that Conference.

"12. That all funds raised to apply on this indebtedness, be forwarded to the General Conference Association, Battle Creek, Mich.

"13. That Sister E.G.White be requested to prepare a special appeal to our brethren in behalf of raising funds to help pay the indebtedness ~~ann~~ of the Christiania Publishing House.

"14. That the General Conference Committee cause this appeal to be printed and furnished to each President in quantities or otherwise, as is deemed best.

"15. That we all do hereby pledge ourselves to lift this debt, and that speedily, by God's help."

CONSIDERED REPORT
ITEM BY ITEM

Elder G.B.Thompson moved, and Elder F.D.Starr seconded, That we adopt the report by considering each item separately.

Suggestion 1 was read, the propositions of which are found on page 3 of the committee's report. Proposition 1 to the creditors was passed without discussion. Proposition 2 was read. The question was raised by Elders Starr and Flaiz, How much actual money is to be raised by the Conferences? Elder Evans then gave a brief rehearsal of the real financial standing of the House, showing that there is necessary to be raised about \$65,986, without disposing of our assets. But when we realize on our assets, it would be about \$51,000 in round numbers. Proposition 2 was amended so as to make the first payment February 1, 1901, instead of January 1, 1901.

Propositions 3, 4, 5, and 6 were passed without discussion.

Proposition 7 was amended so as to read: "From the time of accepting these propositions, our creditors shall not ask or receive interest on any paper (from the Christiania Publishing House), for which ~~ann~~ said publishing house is obligated."

Propositions 8, 9, and 10 were accepted without discussion.

Proposition 11 was amended so as to read "December 15" instead of "November 20."

Proposition 12 was accepted without discussion; the Chairman giving the brethren opportunity to vote on suggestion 1 of the report of the special committee, separately. Motion carried without a dissenting vote.

Elder Evans then read suggestions 2, 3, 4, 5, ~~ann~~ and 6 of the report, which were accepted without amendment.

Suggestion 7 was read, and elicited considerable discussion on the part of various members present. Quite a number of the Presidents expressed themselves as feeling that, from their knowledge of

the field and the sentiment that prevails in their respective Conferences, the brethren in these Conferences are averse to anything that savors of an assessment. All expressed a desire to see the indebtedness lifted, and were in favor of any plan that would meet with general approval in the various Conferences, and would do what they could to lift the indebtedness. It was then---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Nelson, That the Presidents be constituted a committee to draft a plan in lieu of suggestion 7, to submit to this body. The motion prevailed.

Inasmuch as the General Conference Committee had considerable business that needs to be considered at this time, it was agreed by common consent that the Presidents meet in the Review and Herald Chapel at 2:30 p.m., and that the members of the General Conference Committee meet in the President's office at the same hour.

PRESIDENTS TO
PREPARE PLANS

Meeting adjourned to call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Met in the President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 14, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Daniells. Present: Elders Irwin, Daniells, Evans, Moon, Breed, Lane, Knox, Cottrell, Kilgore, Morrison. Minutes of the 113th special meeting read and approved.

LOAN OF G.C.A. TO WASHINGTON, D.C., CHURCH, FORGIVEN. Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Cottrell, That we recommend that the General Conference Association relieve the Washington, D.C., church of any obligation in the matter of the money loaned said church by the General Conference Association, as recorded on their books. Carried.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WASHINGTON, D.C., CHURCH DEBT. Since the Washington church is laboring under the impression that the General Conference is still obligated for three thousand dollars, it was moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Cottrell, That the Chair appoint a committee of three disinterested persons to investigate this question from beginning to end, and ascertain all the knowledge they can by correspondence and otherwise, and submit a report to this Committee. Carried. The Chair appointed as said Committee: Elders Breed, Morrison, and Kilgore.

P.R.ALBRECHT'S WAGES Elder Kilgore then requested the Committee to express their mind as to what was intended in their action last spring when it was recommended that Brother P.R.Albrecht go to Arizona as a canvasser---whether it was intended that the time that he put in in securing canvassers and training them, should be paid for by the General Conference the same as State Agents in the South. The Chairman stated that it was his understanding that that was the thing to be

Other minor questions were considered, with no definite action. It was then moved by Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Moon, That the Committee adjourn till 6:30 p.m., even date, at which time the case of Elder E.R.Franke be made the special order of the hour.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Special meeting ~~was~~ held in President's room, 6:30 p.m., October 14, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Members present: Elders Irwin, Daniells, Breed, Evans, Moon, Cottrell, Knox, Kilgore, Morrison, Lane; and, by invitation, Elder A.E.Place. Prayer by Elder Cottrell.

E.E.FRANKE
CASE

As the consideration of the case of Elder E.E. Franke was made the special order of this meeting, Elder Cottrell was called upon to make a statement of the case before the Committee. He briefly rehearsed the history of the case, going back as far as the recommendation of the General Conference for Elder Franke to make the Illinois Conference his field of labor. His remarks were mostly upon the actions of Elder Franke since he returned to New York City, and especially at the time of the annual ~~Conference~~ Atlantic Conference. Elders Moon, Evans, and Daniells were also present at that Conference meeting, and corroborated the statements of Elder Cottrell. All were of the opinion that something should be done to change the situation of affairs in the Atlantic Conference. There was a diversity of opinion as to what should be done. It was therefore---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Cottrell, That
COMMITTEE the Chair appoint a committee of three brethren
E.E.FRANKE CASE to take this question under advisement, and bring
in a report to this Committee. Carried. The
Chair appointed as said Committee, Elders Knox, Evans, and
Daniells.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened at 10 a.m., in the Review and Herald Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich., October 15, 1900. Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder R.S.Donnell. There were present, the members of the General Conference Committee, Presidents of the Conferences of Cumberland, N.Pac., Nebr., Colo., Cal., Tenn.River, Pa., New Eng., Ontario, W.Va., Dakota, Upper Columbia, Vt., Mo., N.Y., Minn., Kansas, Chesapeake, Va., Atlantic, Ind., O., Me., Wis., and Iowa; also Elders J.N.Loughborough, Lewis Johnson, J.E.Jayne, W.A.Hennig, E.L.Stewart, P.A.Hansen, A.C.Bourdeau, and W.C.Sisley, J.Sutherland, and I.A.Ford. The minutes of the 114th meeting were read and approved.

PRESIDENTS'
PLANS FOR
CHRISTIANIA

The Chairman then called for the report of the committee composed of Presidents of Conferences, appointed at the 114th meeting. Elder Underwood, the chairman of the committee, called upon their secretary, Elder A.G.Haughey, to read the report which was passed by the committee of presidents. Brother Haughey read the following report:---

"Your committee to whom was referred the matter of suggesting plans for raising means to liquidate the indebtedness on the Christiania Publishing House, do hereby submit the following substitute for proposition No. 7, and that which follows affecting the same:---

"1. We recommend the sale of the Basle and Christiania properties at the earliest date practicable, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied toward the liquidation of said debt.

"2. That each of our conferences do all in their power to largely increase the annual offerings, and that the amount raised in excess of the amount received from the same source last year, be applied on said debt.

"3. That we pledge ourselves to do all we can to increase the various offerings to the Foreign Mission Board, with the understanding that a portion of the same is to be applied in the liquidation of the aforesaid debt, the amount to be fixed by the Foreign Mission Board in counsel with the General Conference Committee.

"4. We recommend that Sister White, the General Conference Committee, the General Conference Association, and the Foreign Mission Board, each be requested to write special appeals touching these points, in addition to the Week of Prayer readings, and that the same be furnished in sufficient quantities to supply all our laborers, churches, and isolated Sabbathkeepers.

"5. Whereas The Bible and the Testimonies approve of no business methods, except those conducted on a sound basis; therefore,---

"We recommend, That, as speedily as possible, all our business enterprises be established on a strictly cash basis.

"[Signed], R.A.Underwood, Chairman.
A.G.Haughey, Secretary."

REPORT CONSIDERED
ITEM BY ITEM.

It was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That the report be adopted by considering each item separately.

The Secretary read the first item, which was spoken to by Elders Evans, Underwood, Moon, Loughborough, Cottrell, Lane, Flaiz, Daniels, and Irwin. The discussion of this recommendation developed the fact that there was not a unanimity of sentiment as to that phase of the report which pertained to the disposal of the Basle property and applying it on the debt of the Christiania Publishing House. While

some thought that it was a safe policy and the part of wisdom for us to entrench by the way of selling off some of our buildings and paying our debts, and do aggressive work by putting men into the field, others were fearful that the step in the direction of the disposal of the Basle property would tend to discourage the brethren in that field. It was therefore---

**BASLE PROPERTY
RETAINED.**

Moved by Elder Underwood, and seconded by Elder Watt, That that item of the report which refers to the Basle property, be eliminated from the report. Elders Loughborough, Bourdeau, and

Flaiz spoke to this amendment. Pending the discussion of this motion, meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the Review and Herald Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 15, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder G.B.Thompson. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee, and Presidents of the following Conferences: Cumberland, North Pacific, Upper Columbia, Minn., Kans., Colo., N.Eng., O., Tenn.R., Cal., Nebr., Mo., Ontario, Ia., Atlantic, W.Va., Dakota, Pa., Ind., Va., N.Y., Wis., Vt., Chesapeake, and Maine; also, Elders J.N.Loughborough, L.Johnson, P.A.Hansen, J.E.Jayne, A.C.Bourdeau, R.S.Owen, W.A.Hennig, H.M.Stewart, I.D.Van Horn; also Brother J.Sutherland and Professors W.T.Bland and P.T.Magan. Minutes of the 117th meeting read and approved.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENTS
CONSIDERED.**

The motion pending when the 117th meeting closed, was further considered. The motion on the amendment was voted and carried without a dissenting voice.

The Secretary then read the second item of the report, which was spoken to by Elders Morrison, Underwood, Sharp, Lane, Flaiz, Daniells, and Nelson. All felt that the principal thing that was needed on this point, was that enthusiasm be manifested on the part of every one; that there was need of a determined and earnest effort on the part of every one, or the indebtedness would not be raised.

The Secretary then read items 3 and 4 of the report. No. 4 was spoken to by Elders Underwood, Daniells, Nelson, and Rees.

No. 5 was read, when the question for a vote on the entire report was called. The motion was carried unanimously.

**CHANGE OF
ORIGINAL PLANS.**

The Secretary then read the remaining suggestions of the report of the committee which was submitted in the 114th meeting, beginning with No. 7, to ascertain how many were implied in the preamble of the report of the Presidents, where it says, "do hereby submit the following substitute for proposition No. 7 and that which follows affecting the same." By common consent, all the suggestions from 7 to 15, except No. 12, were made null and void by the Presidents' report. No. 12 was amended to read as follows: "That all funds raised to apply on this indebtedness be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board, Room 1906, 150 Nassau St., New York City, N. Y."

The question was called on the entire report, and was carried unanimously.

[For copy of report, as finally amended, see ^{120th} 121st meeting.]

Before adjourning, the Chairman announced that the Union College Board of Directors would hold a meeting immediately at the adjournment of this meeting; and at 6:30 p.m., there would be a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in the Review and Herald Chapel, at which all the Presidents are expected to attend. He also announced that at the morning session, October 16, the book, "Christ's Object Lessons," would receive special attention.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPEES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened at 10 a.m., October 16, 1900, Battle Creek, Mich., in the Review and Herald Chapel; Elder G.A.Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder A.E.Place. There were present: Members of the General Conference Committee; Presidents of the following Conferences: Cumberland, North Pacific, New England, Minn., N.Y., Kans., Cal., W.Va., Vt., Tenn.Riv., Nebr., Va., Colo., Ind., Chesapeake, O., Mo., Upper Columbia, Me., Ia., Wis., and Pa.; also Elders S.N.Haskell, J.N.Loughborough, Lewis Johnson, W.A.Hennig, H.M.Stewart, A.C.Bourdeau, P.A.Hansen, R.S.Owen, P.T.Magan, and J.Sutherland, W.T.Bland, Dr. A.N.Loper, C.M.Christiansen, I.A.Ford, and J.E.Jayne.

CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

The Chairman stated that the object of this meeting was to consider the enterprise of the book entitled "Christ's Object Lessons." He stated that in his judgment, this was the greatest ques-

tion that we will have up for consideration, and that he had a conversation with Sister White on the subject, and she stated that if there ever was a plan that the Lord gave to her, it was this one. He felt that it was deserving of our earnest consideration and most hearty cooperation; that the indebtedness on our schools, which amounts to about \$350,000, must be met; and by doing this, the cause would be relieved in a great many other places, and as the Testimony stated, it would bring the jubilee song of freedom throughout our borders. The Chairman then read a portion of the Testimony that came from Sister White on this subject.

Professor P.T.Magan was called upon to make a statement of the present status of the work of the special committee appointed by the General Conference Committee to take this matter in charge. It was found that in the aggregate, taking the cash and the pledges received and the number of books which have already been sold at our camp-meetings, we could realize about \$35,000 to apply on our various school debts. However, there was some of this ~~sum~~ that was specified to apply on the Christiania Publishing House debt.

W.C.Sisley spoke to the question from the standpoint of an offering on the part of every one connected with it; that in the three hundred thousand books that were donated, the author's royalty would amount to about \$20,000; that the Publishing Houses have donated

their work, which would amount to about \$30,000; and that inasmuch as the Testimony calls upon all to do what they ~~can~~ can, it would be fair to consider it on that basis. He did not think that the canvasser should be asked to work all the time for nothing, but to donate a little time, just what they can. But figuring the 300,000 books at \$1.25 each, the value would be \$375,000. The actual cost of material and expense of handling would be \$45,000, leaving a net income of \$330,000, which ought to be realized by the denomination in the sale of this number of books. Counting the membership in this country at 50,000, it would average six books for each member to furnish; so that if each one would become responsible for six books, the denomination would realize \$330,000 on the gift.

Elder Haskell spoke on the same strain, and emphasized the difference between reasoning from the standpoint of a Christian and that of an infidel. He urged that we should talk courage, and especially when the Lord has given the plan; for there can be no failure in it, if we work according to His plan. He then gave a brief history of the Tract Society work at its beginning, and showed that the work was planned from the standpoint of liberality. He then exhorted the brethren to take hold of God's plan.

The meeting adjourned till 2:30 p.m. Geo.A.Irwin, Chairman.
L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened

2:30 p.m., October 16, 1900, Review and Herald Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich.; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee; Presidents of the Conferences Maine, New England, Vt., N.Y., Atlantic, Chesapeake, Pa., Va., W.Va., Tenn.River, Cumberland, O., Mich., Ind., Wis., Minn., Ia., Mo., Dak., Nebr., Kans., Colo., Upper Columbia, N.Pac., and Cal.; also Elder J.N.Loughborough, W.C.Sisley, W.T.Bland, E.A.Sutherland, J.Sutherland, P.T.Magan, W.A.Hennig, H.M.Stewart, R.S.Owen, A.C.Bourdeau, L.Johnson, P.A.Hansen, A.N.Loper, C.M.Christiansen, J.H.Allen. The minutes of the 118th and 119th meetings were read and approved.

It was moved by Elder I.H.Evans, and seconded by Elder Allen Moon, That the following suggestion be inserted as No. 12, and that No. 12 be No. 13, in the report to be sent to our agent at Christiania: "That we urge our brethren in Scandinavia to make a determined effort to cooperate with us in carrying out the above plans to liquidate the indebtedness of the Christiania Publishing House." The motion prevailed.

The report, as adopted, stands as follows:---

"Your committee to suggest plans for raising money to meet the indebtedness of the Christiania Publishing House, would respectfully submit the following suggestions:---

"1. That the following propositions be submitted at as early a date as possible to the creditors of the Christiania Publishing House; viz.;---

"Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A., September 26, 1900.
TO THE CREDITORS OF THE

SKANDINAVISKE FORLAGS- OG TRYKKERIFORENING,
Akersgaden, 74, Christiania, Norway.

DEAR SIRs:---

"Since Mr. I.H.Evans's return to America, we have given much thought to the financial obligations of the Skandinaviske Forlags- og Trykkeriforening, of Akersgaden, 74, Christiania, Norway, or what is known in America as the "Christiania Publishing House;" and, from the facts as presented to us now, we realize that it is inevitable that our creditors will be heavy losers. This we deeply regret. We therefore submit to you the following propositions for your consideration and acceptance:---

"1. We will pay our creditors the full face demand of all the principal of the legal paper of the Christiania Publishing House.

"2. We will pay this principal in six equal semiannual payments, said payments to be made Feb. 1, 1901, July 1, 1901, Jan. 1, 1902, July 1, 1902, Jan. 1, 1903, and July 1, 1903.

"3. We allow and will hold all the property of the Christiania Publishing House to be solely for the benefit of our creditors, till the entire principal of our debt is liquidated.

"4. Our creditors shall appoint an attorney who shall have authority to represent their interests, to whom we may refer all matters pertaining to the settlement of their claims against the Christiania Publishing House.

"5. We shall be allowed at any time after the acceptance of these propositions, to sell, mortgage, rent, occupy, or do anything we deem best with all assets, both real and personal, of the Christiania Publishing House, when such action has been first submitted to and approved by the creditors' attorney; provided, that in case of sale, mortgage, or rental, the whole amount realized shall be applied to liquidate the principal of the obligations of said publishing house.

"6. Our creditors shall relinquish all accrued interest yet unpaid.

"7. From the time of accepting these propositions, our creditors shall not ask or receive from the Christiania Publishing House interest on any paper for which said Publishing house is obligated.

"8. Our creditors shall, on receipt of the principal of the obligations of the Christiania Publishing House, execute to said publishing house a full discharge of all its obligations.

"9. All moneys received by our creditors since the acceptance of our first proposition, to meet in part or in full any of the obligations of the Christiania Publishing House, shall be applied in the liquidation of the principal, and accepted by the creditors as a partial payment thereof, to be deducted by us from the first semiannual payment hereinbefore provided.

"10. These propositions are made with the understanding that the property and assets, both ~~man~~ real and personal, of the Christiania Publishing House still remain intact, not having been sold or otherwise disposed of by the creditors.

"11. These propositions shall be null and void, unless we are informed of their acceptance by our creditors on or before Dec. 15, 1900.

"12. In case our creditors accept these propositions, all former agreements with them concerning the settlement of the written obligations of the Christiania Publishing House, shall be null and void.

"GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS,
By _____, President.

"Attest: _____,
Secretary and Treasurer.

[SEAL.]

"2. On the acceptance of said propositions, the General Conference Committee shall select a trusty, competent man, giving him power of attorney to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the Christiania Publishing House and all its assets both real and personal, collecting all accounts, holding the funds, subject absolutely to the order of the General Conference.

"3. That all the proceeds realized from the assets of the Christiania Publishing House be applied to liquidate the debts of said publishing house.

"4. That the book 'Christ's Object Lessons' be published in both the Swedish and Danish-Norwegian languages, at the least possible cost, and its circulation be prosecuted with vigor, both in America and Scandinavia; all the net proceeds being contributed by each country to liquidate the debts of the Christiania Publishing House.

"5. That we insist that brethren and sisters owing the Christiania Publishing House, as well as all sister institutions, promptly pay said publishing house the amount of their obligations.

"6. That the General Conference Committee at once cause to be placed in the hands of each conference president a statement of the financial condition of the Christiania Publishing House, with a conservative estimate of the assets of said publishing house.

"7. That we recommend the sale of the Christiania Publishing House property at the earliest date practicable; and that the proceeds of said sale be applied toward the liquidation of said debt.

"8. That each of our conferences do all in their power to largely increase the annual offerings, and that the amount raised in excess of the amount received from the same source last year, be applied on said debt.

"9. That we pledge ourselves to do all we can to increase the various offerings to the Foreign Mission Board, with the understanding that a portion of the same is to be applied in the liquidation of the aforesaid debt, the amount to be fixed by the Foreign Mission Board in counsel with the General Conference Committee.

"10. That we recommend that Sister E.G.White, the General Conference Committee, the General Conference Association, and the Foreign Mission Board, each be requested to write special appeals (touching these points), in addition to the Week of Prayer readings, and that the same be furnished in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the churches.

"11. Whereas, The Bible and the Testimonies approve of no business methods, except those conducted on a sound basis; therefore, We recommend, That as speedily as possible, all our business enterprises be established on a strictly cash basis.

"12. That we urge our brethren in Scandinavia to make a determined effort to cooperate with us in carrying out the above plans to liquidate the indebtedness of the Christiania Publishing House.

"13. That all funds raised to apply on this indebtedness be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board, Room 1906, 150 Nassau St., New York City, N.Y."

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

The entire time of the afternoon session was taken up in the consideration of the book enterprise, "Christ's Object Lessons," and was spoken to by Elders Breed, Lane, Magan, Watson, Santee, and

Knox. It was quite apparent to all that there was necessity of a careful counsel in the matter, and that some plan be devised that would meet with hearty cooperation in all the Conferences, lest confusion come in and rather discourage the enterprise. It was therefore moved by Elder Knox, and seconded by Elder Nelson, That a committee of five be appointed to meet with the committee already appointed by the General Conference Committee, to devise plans for the circulation of the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Carried. The Chair announced as said committee: Elders W.T.Knox, C.Santee, J.D.Gowell, G.W.Reaser, and R.S.Donnell. The Chair also announced that the special committee will meet in the President's room at half past five, even date; and that the Foreign Mission Board and presidents of Conferences will meet in the General Conference Committee room at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the Review and Herald Chapel, 10 a.m., October 17, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder S.M.Cobb. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee; presidents of the Conferences of Maine, New Eng., Vt., N.Y., Atlantic, Chesapeake, Va., W.Va., Ontario, O., Cumberland, Tenn.River, Ind., Mich., Wis., Mo., Ia., Nebr., Dak., Colo., Kans., Upper Columbia, N.Pac., and Cal.; Elders J.N.Loughborough, H.M.Stewart, L.Johnson, P.A.Hansen, C.M.Christiansen, J.W.Collie, W.C.Sisley, A.C.Bourdeau, J.Sutherland, E.A.Sutherland, W.T.Bland, P.T.Magan, A.G.Adams. Minutes of the 120 th meeting were read and approved.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

The Chairman called upon the special committee appointed to devise plans for the circulation of the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Elder W.T.Knox, the Chairman of the committee, submitted

submitted their report, which was duly considered and unanimously adopted, as follows:----

"To the General Workers and Presidents of Conferences Assembled at Battle Creek, Mich., October 17, 1900.

"Your Committee appointed to devise plans for the selling of the book 'Christ's Object Lessons' and the liquidation of the indebtednesses of our Colleges and Academies, have held two sessions, and carefully considered the charge entrusted to them, and would respectfully submit the following recommendations:----

"WHEREAS, The Lord has said that the debts upon our schools are a reproach, and that all should lift harmoniously and pay these debts, and that the work should be done now; therefore,---

"WE RECOMMEND, 1. That the Bible workers, licentiates, and younger ministers in each conference devote as long a period of time as may seem necessary to canvassing for 'Christ's Object Lessons,' receiving their usual compensation from the conferences, and returning all the money received on sales to the tract society for the debt fund of the college or ~~university~~ academy in their respective territories.

"2. That each conference district its territory, and that all the available ministerial force not engaged in canvassing, devote its time to organizing the churches and companies, so that they can effectually canvass for the book, giving such instruction as is necessary, assigning to each only such territory as they can use, and keeping careful record of all territory worked.

"3. That inasmuch as the edition of 300,000 copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons' sold at \$1.25 per copy would practically pay the school debts, that each college district be encouraged to sell enough books to liquidate the school indebtedness of their district, that a uniform price be maintained in the sale of the book, and that all moneys received from these sales be appropriated to the college debt funds.

"4. That in the handling of this book the tract societies follow the plan of taking five per cent of the retail price for their commission, and paying all charges from this five per cent; or that they follow the other plan laid down by the regular committee having charge of the work, as an option; viz., to take no percentage for their work, and to bill up against the debt fund of the school in their territory only the actual cost of transportation on books.

"5. That our colleges and academies everywhere, being beneficiaries of the gift and labor of Sister White, of our conferences, and lay members, do put forth their utmost efforts to secure and train a large ~~university~~ corps of canvassers to ~~go out from~~ sell the book 'Christ's Object Lessons;' these canvassers to go out from the schools as soon as they have sufficient training to do the work; and we further recommend, that the presidents, professors, and teachers of our schools during their summer ~~vacation~~ vacation canvass with the students for this book.

"6. That the business managers and treasurers of our schools, into whose hands the funds made available by the foregoing resolutions and the work which they will cause to be accomplished, do sacredly guard these moneys and see to it that every farthing so secured shall be applied for the purpose of liquidating the standing indebtedness until such indebtedness is provided for, and that further outlay of this fund in improvements or locating of new schools be left to the judgment of the

district officers, and that these moneys shall never be used under any circumstances to pay deficits which may occur in the running expenses of the operating departments of our schools."

The Chairman remarked that he was glad to see the unanimity of sentiment that has prevailed in the meetings, and desired to urge upon all our brethren the importance of carrying out the recommendations; that we are servants of the Lord, and not one of us in any capacity have a right to say that we can do as we please, because the action is the action of the body.

Meeting adjourned till 2:30 p.m.
L.A.HOOPES, Sec'y.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chair'n.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the Review and Herald Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich., 2:30 p.m., October 17, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder H.C.Basney. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee; Presidents of the Conferences of Maine, Vt., N.Eng., N.Y., Atlantic, Chesapeake, Va., W.Va., O., Ontario, Ind., Tenn.Riv., Cumberland, Ia., Wis., Minn., Dak., Kans., Nebr., Colo., Upper Colum., N.Pac., Cal., and Okla.; together with Elders J.N.Loughborough, C.P.Bollman, H.E.Osborne, L.Johnson, P.A.Hansen, A.C.Bourdeau, H.M. Stewart, A.T.Jones, C.M.Christiansen, L.A.Smith, W.D.Curtis. The minutes of the 121st meeting were read and approved.

I.R.L.A. The Chairman announced that the special order of business for this hour is the consideration of matters pertaining to the International Religious Liberty Association department of the General Conference. Elder Allen Moon, the President of the I.R.L.A., was called upon to lay before the council some matters which needed to be considered at this time. He spoke of the work which Sister Henry started before she died, which work the General Conference Committee thought advisable to turn over to the I.R.L.A., and which ~~was~~ is no small item. If fully carried out, it would require about three thousand dollars [\$3,000] for postage alone. This has largely depleted the treasury. The removal of the headquarters from New York to Chicago entailed a heavy expense.

Elder Moon spoke of the Sunday laws in various sections, which are receiving renewed attention by their advocates. He spoke of the work in the various legislatures; also of Congress, which will doubtless be made up of a new set of men who have been educated and trained by the National Reformers. He called attention to the aggressive work now being done in Canada, in what is known as the "Lord's Day Alliance." The National Reformers are clothing their work with another garb, and are working in various places. The Christian Citizenship League is assuming tremendous proportions. Their representatives go right into the primaries and are quite open in their demands.

Elder Moon desired that the question of how our work can be extended in the Conferences, should be considered; how that a contact with the work in the field can be brought about. It was his opinion

if we had something like the Religious Liberty Secretaries---like those we had when the Association was first organized, this might enable the Association to work to better effect at a time when most needed, than they are enabled to do at the present time.

SENTINEL

Elder Moon also desired that the question of our organ, the **SENTINEL OF LIBERTY**, should be discussed. He called upon the editors, L.A. Smith and C.P. Bollman, to speak to this question. They came forward, and expressed themselves as desirous of knowing the mind of the brethren as to the future policy of the paper, and desired the brethren to ask any questions that they had with reference to the paper, criticisms for or against. This called forth remarks from Brethren Santee, Knox, and others. There seemed to be an earnest desire on the part of all to have the real issues that are before us, set before the people in an unmistakable way.

PERSECUTION

Elder Moon called attention to the Waters case, and showed how that this question is a live issue; that some of our brethren are even called upon to face death itself. But for the clemency of the Governor, Brother Waters would have had to go to the chain-gang and work six days in the week, including Sabbath, or the Association would have had to carry his case up to the Supreme Court of the United States, when in all probability the tide would turn against us, which would simply decide the case of all Sunday laws now on all the statute books in the various States.

Some of the brethren favored the idea of having illustrations in the paper. It was moved by Elder G.B. Thompson, and seconded by Elder J.W. Watt, That the Chair appoint a committee of five to make recommendations to bring in at the next meeting. The motion prevailed. The Chair appointed as said Committee, Elders C. Santee, Sam C.W. Flaiz, E.E. Gardner, G.B. Thompson, and J.M. Rees.

Before adjourning, the Chair announced that the General Conference Association would hold a meeting at five p.m., and that the Foreign Mission Board would hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel, at which time all presidents should attend. He also requested that none of the brethren should calculate to leave before the first of the week.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened at Battle Creek, Mich., 6:30 p.m., October 18, 1900; Elder Allen Moon in the Chair. Prayer by Elder H.W. Decker. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee, Presidents of Conferences, and members of the I.R.L.A. Executive Committee.

Minutes of the 122nd meeting read and approved.

The meeting was called in the interests of the Religious Liberty Association department of the General Conference. The committee appointed at the 122nd meeting submitted the following report:---

SENTINEL

"Your committee appointed to make recommendations, would respectfully submit the following suggestions:---

"1. That each Conference select a person who shall carefully note the trend of current events in its territory, and report the same to the SENTINEL; and also write or secure short, pithy articles, suited to the columns of this paper.

"2. Believing that there is an added interest where suitable illustrations are used, we recommend that carefully prepared illustrations be used in the SENTINEL, at the discretion of the editors.

"3. Believing that the SENTINEL should be a faithful watchman, pointing out the dangers toward which the ship of state is tending, we encourage helpful comments from the standpoint of the message touching the current trend of governmental events; but recommend that much care be exercised that in so doing we do not become the political partisan or ally of any.

"4. WHEREAS, The Spirit of God has clearly indicated that all unguarded words and criticisms will at some future time be used against the work of the message; therefore,---

"WE RECOMMEND, That the greatest care be used to eliminate everything of this nature from the columns of the SENTINEL.

"5. Inasmuch as the present indications point toward renewed activity in the matter of religious legislation, we therefore earnestly---

"Recommend, That each Conference carefully consider the advisability of doing all in their power to educate the legislators in their respective States in reference to the underlying principles of religious legislation.

"6. Since many read the SENTINEL OF LIBERTY who do not read other of our periodicals, we recommend occasional articles on other features of present truth."

A motion was made to adopt the report by considering each item separately. The suggestions were spoken to at length by Elders Knox, Starr, Bollman, Thompson, Smith, Cottrell, Stone, Irwin, Lane, Moon, Morrison, Sharp, Breed, Haughey, Osborne, Place, Evans. There was a deep interest manifested by all who spoke to the question. Space forbids our mentioning the discussion in full at this time. Suggestions 1 and 2 were carried.

Suggestion 3 elicited remarks from many. It was stated by some that the message should be preached in all our papers, without aiming at any party. Elder Morrison said that it was hard to hit a principle without hitting the party violating these principles or fulfilling the prophecies. Elder Irwin spoke of the importance of the question, and spoke on suggestions 3 and 4, reading extracts from the Testimonies cautioning us to weed out from our writing and speaking, every unguarded statement on governmental affairs, and exhorting us to study the life of Christ and his manner of labor and of presenting truth. Elder Sharp feared the gravity of the situation is not realized. Elder Bollman said that he was almost discouraged; that the editors of the SENTINEL had tried to keep politics out of the columns of the SENTINEL. The position in which the editor is placed, was spoken to by Elders Breed, Haughey, Osborne, Place, Evans, and others, bringing out the fact that the editor is situated differently from the minister in the field, and is more familiar with

the state of mind of the readers of the paper, than any one else can be. It was suggested that the workers in the field might keep in closer touch with the editors, and that we should be charitable in our attitude toward those who have to get out the paper. Editors should be privileged to speak the truth.

Suggestions 3, 4, and 5 were carried unanimously.

The Secretary read suggestion 6, which was laid on the table.

The report, as amended, was carried.

Elder C.P. Bollman moved, L.A. Smith seconded, That the following resolution be adopted:---

"RESOLVED, That we discourage the policy of paying fines for Sunday work, and recommend that Association funds be not used in that way."

After some discussion, it was deemed proper to take a little more time to consider this question, as there seemed to be some doubt in the minds of the brethren whether they were just ready to take action on a motion of this character. It was moved by Elder Knox, and seconded by Elder Lane, That the motion be laid on the table.

ALLEN MOON, Chairman.

L.A. Hoopes, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the General Conference Committee room, Battle Creek, Mich., 9:30 a.m., October 21, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder I.H. Evans. There were present: Members of the General Conference Committee, presidents of the Conferences of Colo., Ind., Vt., Mo., N. Eng., Tenn. Riv., Minn., Atlantic, Mich., Okla., N.Y., Ontario, O., Va., W. Va., N. Pac., Chesapeake, Kans., Ia., Cal., Nebr., and Cumberland; also Brethren J.N. Loughborough, I.D. Van Horn, W.C. Sisley, A.G. Adams, P.T. Magan, P.A. Hansen, A.N. Loper, J.E. Jayne, L. Johnson, M.J. Cornell, C.M. Christiansen, C.D. Rhodes, W.H. Saxby, and I.A. Ford. ~~Minutes adopted~~

The Chairman stated that the meeting was called to consider the special embarrassment in which our General Conference Treasurer finds himself, and that he deemed it expedient to bring the matter direct to the attention of the presidents of Conferences and leading brethren, and let the Treasurer state the matter direct. Brother Adams was then called upon to make his statement.

After rehearsing briefly his relationship with the cause, his first connection with it, and his experience in the Minnesota Conference and Tract Society, he avowed that he was free from the charge of taking the money from the Minnesota treasury, and could not tell where it had gone to. But for his conduct here, he ~~was~~ had no excuse to render. He did wrong. He did not intend to defraud the cause, but had every hope of replacing the money in a few days; that he had followed out a system of putting in checks and counting them as cash, and carried the matter too far. He overdraw his account in this way to the extent of nearly six hundred dollars, with nothing

but a slip to show that the cash had been taken at all. He felt that he had betrayed the confidence of the brethren, and did not ask that they retain him in the position; neither did he want them to express words of sympathy, for the transaction was wrong. He only asked that the brethren would forgive him. He had sought the Lord earnestly, and believed that God had forgiven him. He solemnly promised the brethren that he would replace the money at the earliest possible opportunity.

Brethren Irwin, Evans, Sisley, Lane, Hoopes, and others spoke of their associations with him in connection with the office work; and while they felt very sad for the condition he finds himself in, and had no sympathy with the wrong course which he had pursued, yet they could not do otherwise than express their appreciation of the kindly spirit he has always manifested in his official capacity. They spoke of the neatness and accuracy in which they find his books kept.

Elder Daniells spoke of the instruction that has been sent us of late in recent Testimonies---the necessity of having competent men to frequently audit the books of our treasurers in various institutions throughout the world.

The Chairman then called the attention of the meeting to a statement that was made with reference to the Review and Herald Publishing Association,---that it was said that nine-tenths of the work was for the world. The Superintendent of the Review and Herald Publishing Association was called upon to make a general statement relative to what the Review and Herald is doing. He stated that the total output of the institution for the past year was \$221,599.81; that of this amount, \$71,805.10 went to the salesroom; \$35,000, in round numbers, for our periodicals; \$40,000 in work for the Sanitarium---printing circulars and cartons, etc.; and \$10,000 miscellaneous, for the various Conferences, health food companies, etc.; making a total of \$156,805.10 for the denomination. This would leave a difference of \$64,794.81. Of the remaining work, they took in work for the Michigan University, for the Union Book Company, for Bellows Bros., and for the Flannigan Publishing Co. He said occasionally there were books of a questionable character which would come in; but as soon as they would find out the true nature of it, they would refuse that kind of work. He cited several instances of this kind.

A general request was then made by Elder Irwin, the President of the Board, for any of the brethren to visit the institution and satisfy themselves with reference to any point. Elder Lane, the Manager, asked the brethren to come, ask any question, and examine any book or any account.

It was announced that the Foreign Mission Board would meet in the Review and Herald chapel at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The 125th meeting of the General Conference Committee convened in the Review and Herald Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich., 5 p.m., October 21, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. There were present: Members of the General Conference Committee; Elders Irwin, Lane, Breed, Knox, Cottrell, Kilgore, Morrison, Allee, Evans, and Daniells; the Presidents of the following Conferences: Cumberland, Vt., Tenn. Riv., Okla., Up. Colum., Atlantic, N. Pac., Colo., Ia., Chesapeake, Va., W. Va., Kans., O., Mich., N. Y., Wis., Nebr., and Minn.; also Brethren P. T. Magan, J. E. Tenney, C. M. Christiansen, J. Sutherland, W. C. Sisley, A. N. Loper.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS." The Chairman stated that the meeting was called in the interests of the book enterprise, "Christ's Object Lessons." He stated that the committee for the relief of the schools had a report to submit to the brethren present for their consideration. Professor Magan, the secretary of the committee, then submitted the following proposed financial plan for "Christ's Object Lessons":---

"NEW PROPOSED FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 'CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.'

- "1. That the Relief of the Schools Committee raise fifty thousand dollars [\$50,000] for the material fund of 'Christ's Object Lessons.'
- "2. That the Relief of the Schools Committee pay the publishing houses for the books ['Christ's Object Lessons'] at cost of material.
- "3. That the publishing houses agree to pay all freight on lots of one hundred pounds to any point within their territory. For this reason tract societies should, as far as possible, order from the publishing houses direct to customer, thus placing cost of shipping on publishing houses, and saving cost of reshipment.
- "4. That the books be held in the publishing houses, subject to the order of the tract societies, to be shipped to the tract societies as they may request.
- "5. That the publishing houses send memorandum bills for the shipments to the educational institutions into whose territories the books are sent.
- "6. That the educational institutions bill the books to the tract and missionary societies and others at the full retail price of one dollar and twenty-five cents [\$1.25] per copy.
- "7. That the tract societies be expected to pay for these books-only as fast as they are sold.
- "8. That the tract societies receive credit on account for whatever discount they pay their agents; it being understood, that discounts are only given where absolutely necessary, and that the tract societies be credited for such expenses in handling the book as they feel that they must have according to the original agreement, and that the tract societies receive credit for books already sold at a discount.
- "9. That the tract societies make all remittances direct to the educational institution billing them the books.
- "10. That each educational institution appoint a person to attend to billing and collecting for these books, and that the fund so collected be sacredly kept and used to diminish outstanding indebtednesses of the corporation and never be used in defraying current expenses or any deficits in the current expenses of such educational institutions."

After due consideration, the report was adopted unanimously.

After announcing the meetings of the various committees, Elder S.H.Lane, the President of the General Conference Association, submitted to the brethren the matter pertaining to the loan of some money to the Keene Academy, in case a certain enterprise carried; when it was moved by Elder Westphal, and seconded, by Brother Christiansen, That the matter of loaning money to the Keene Academy, as stated by Elder Lane, be left with the Executive Committee of the General Conference Association. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 7:15 p.m., Oct. 21, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Breed. Present: Elders Irwin, Breed, Evans, Moon, Allee, Morrison, Cottrell, Knox, Kilgore, and Lane.

NEW OFFICERS,
G.C.A.

The meeting was called to consider the question of providing for vacancies made in the General Conference and General Conference Association, occasioned by the resignation of A.G.Adams. An informal discussion was held on the question, when Elder Allee was asked to see Brother Adams about his resignation from all the official positions he held in the General Conference and General Conference Association, with the general understanding that there would be a meeting called of the General Conference Association and General Conference Committee for the purpose of filling these vacancies. It was talked that C.D.Rhodes be asked to take the treasurership of the General Conference and General Conference Association, and that L.A. Hoopes act as Secretary of the General Conference Association.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in the General Conference Committee room, Battle Creek, Mich., 10 a.m., Oct. 23, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder U.Smith. Present: Members of the General Conference Committee, together with U.Smith, P.T.Magan, J.E.White, W.C.Sisley, C.D.Rhodes, G.W.Ahadon, and Smith Sharp.

COLLEGE ANNEX

The first item of business was the consideration of the north annex of the College. Professor P.T.Magan desired to speak to the brethren to call their attention to some minutes that were in the book of proceedings of the General Conference Committee; also to call their attention to the minutes of the Educational Society. He also stated that he had consulted the attorneys, Hulburt and Peachem, concerning the foreclosure of the mortgage, and that they refrained

from giving definite legal counsel, because they did not know just what claim the General Conference held in the College. The brethren present thought that inasmuch as the reorganization places the entire thing into the hands of the General Conference to be held by them by their electing a membership of thirty brethren who shall constitute the educational association, they would let the matter rest just as it is.

R. AND H.
BOARD MEETING

At this juncture, by common consent, a joint meeting was called of the Review and Herald Board and the General Conference Committee. J.E.White stated that he was preparing a book entitled, "Best Stories from the Best Book," and that it was about ready for the press, and he wished to ascertain what the Review and Herald Publishing Association would do. He had seen the Pacific Press Publishing Company, and they had decided to take an edition, but the application was so late that they did not have time to get out the plates and get out an edition before the Holidays. It was moved by I.H.Evans, and seconded by G.W.Amadon, That a committee of three be appointed to make negotiations between J.E.White and the Review and Herald Publishing Board for the bringing out the proposed new book, "Best Stories from the Best Book." Carried. The Chair appointed G.W.Amadon, W.C.Sisley, and C.M.Christiansen.

W.C.Sisley then called the attention of the brethren present to the propriety of having suitable signs to place at the front of the building, also at the top ~~on~~ at the ~~on~~ rear end of the building. The question was considered at length, by remarks from S.H.Lane, I.H.Evans, Allen Moon, G.A.Irwin, G.W.Amadon, U.Smith, H.W.Cottrell, A.J.Breed, and J.H.Morrison. All spoke in favor of the plan, when it was moved by I.H.Evans, seconded by Allen Moon, That the Board be authorized to provide suitable signs for both the front and rear of the Review and Herald buildings. Vote carried unanimously.

Elder Lane then introduced the question of the propriety of establishing a branch house in Chicago. This is a question that has been up for consideration a great many times in the Review and Herald Board. It received considerable attention at this meeting. No action taken with reference to it. The Review and Herald Board meeting adjourned to the regular meeting one week from to-day.

Meeting of the General Conference Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair. GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.
L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 24, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Morrison. Present: Elders Irwin, Morrison, Breed, Moon, Knox, Cottrell, Kilgore, Allee, and Evans. By invitation: S.N.Haskell, G.B.Thompson, A.E.Place, J.W.Watt, and C.Mc Reynolds. Minutes of the 115th, 116th, 122nd, 124th, 125th, and 126th meetings were read and approved.

The Chair announced that Elder Haskell had a burden concerning the work in Indiana, and asked that the Secretary might read a Bible study which he had prepared, touching objections to the writings of Sister White. After the reading of the Bible study, Elder Haskell wanted the brethren to express themselves as to what should be done, as he feared that unless something was done, the brethren would be greatly discouraged, and perhaps some lost. Elder Breed favored the suggestions in Elder Haskell's study, and felt very serious over the situation; for an entire Conference is involved. Elder Evans raised the question as to what relation the General Conference sustains to a State Conference, in a matter like this. There was considerable discussion over the situation, when it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Knox, That the study of Elder Haskell, as read by the Secretary, together with the Testimony relating to the recent movements in Indiana, be published in leaflet form, and be circulated throughout Indiana, at the discretion of the General Conference Committee. Carried.

After discussing the situation in general for some time, the brethren felt that whatever steps were taken, there should be ample opportunity to lay the matter before Elder Donnell and others concerned in the movement in the Conference, when it was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by several, That we invite Elder R.S. Donnell to come to Battle Creek and have an interview with the General Conference Committee respecting the movement now in progress in Indiana, in which he is taking a leading part. Carried.

The Chairman then read a communication from Professor Loughhead submitted to the editor of the REVIEW for publication. The question that was in the editor's mind was whether or not the Mount Vernon school was in the same relationship to the general cause as Healdsburg, Keene, and South Lancaster. The Chairman stated that it was.

Next, the case of W.H. Mc Kee was considered at length, when it was moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Knox, That we ask Brother and Sister Mc Kee to lay their own plans for their support from November 15, 1900, and that the General Conference supply funds to an amount sufficient to return him to Battle Creek. Carried unanimously.

Elder Knox then brought up the question of Brother L.F. Hansen, of Utah, as a colporteur. He spoke of the meeting last spring, when mention was made of the necessity of having a colporteur in that field; but on investigating the minutes, we find that no action was taken relative to the question. In order to have something definite on the books, it was---

Moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Allee, That Brother L.F. Hansen, of Utah, be put on the pay-roll of the General Conference, on the suggestion of Elder Knox. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to 8 a.m., October 25.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 25, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Present: Elders Irwin, Knox, Cottrell, Kilgore, Moon, Morrison, Allee, Breed, Evans, Lane, and Daniells; by invitation, Elders A.E. Place and G.B. Thompson. Prayer by Elder Irwin. Minutes of the 127th and 128th meetings read and approved.

Special committees were called upon to report. Elder Knox, the Chairman of the special committee to consider the E.E. Franke question, submitted the following report:---

"Your committee appointed to make recommendations regarding difficulties existing between the Atlantic Conference and Elder E.E. Franke, suggest the following:---

"1. That the President of the General Conference write a letter to Elder Franke, plainly pointing out the proper course that he should pursue toward the Conference with which he is connected.

"2. That Sister E.G. White be requested to give counsel for dealing with this perplexing matter.

"3. That the Atlantic Conference should counsel Elder Franke to labor in new territory, instead of with the New York church or any other church in the Conference; and that the Conference be advised to deal wisely with both Elder Franke and the New York church in effecting this change.

"4. That special ministerial help be provided to work with the New York church as soon as steps are taken to have Elder Franke enter new territory. "

[See minutes of 116th meeting.]

It was moved by Elder Kilgore, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the report be adopted. After considerable discussion, it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That we substitute for the report, the following: That a committee be appointed, consisting of ~~an~~ five members of the General Conference Committee, the President being one member of the committee, to counsel with the Atlantic Conference Committee in the E.E. Franke case, with ~~power~~ power to act as deemed proper by the joint committee; that the President have power to call the committee when needed. Carried.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE The President of the Atlantic Conference then appealed to the General Conference Committee that Elder A.G. Daniells be permitted to come to New York City to labor in the interests of the New York church. It was---

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Lane, That the request of the President of the Atlantic Conference be granted. Carried.

TREASURER, urership The President called up the question of the ~~treasurership~~ of the General Conference, and stated that there was no action on the minutes, and it would be necessary to have some one to sign their checks; when it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Lane, That the Chairman write to the Pennsylvania Conference, and petition the said Conference to have William M. Lee come and fill the unexpired term as Treasurer of the General Conference, made vacant by the resignation of A.G.Adams. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Moon, That Elder G.A.Irwin act as temporary Treasurer of the General Conference, until a permanent Treasurer can be obtained. Carried.

Elder Evans called the attention of the Committee to the question of the disposal of the Christiania property, and the selection of a proper person to take the responsibility of the work in the Christiania enterprise. After considerable discussion, it was---

Moved by Elder Daniells, and seconded by Elder Lane, That we request Elder P.A.Hansen to take the responsibility and dispose of the Christiania property, with A.C.Christensen the active agent on the ground; and that they act under instructions from this country. Carried.

Moved by Elder Daniells, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That the management of the Christiania business be placed in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

P.A.HANSEN
POWER OF ATTY. Moved by Elder Knox, and seconded by Elder Moon, That we request the General Conference Association to grant Elder P.A.Hansen power of attorney to transact all legal business in the disposal of the Christiania property; and that the power of attorney which Elder O.A.Olsen holds respecting this property, be revoked. Carried.

All the above recommendations hold good only on condition that the recent propositions submitted to our creditors in Christiania, are accepted.

The Chairman then called the attention of the meeting to the necessity of making some arrangements for the getting out of ^{BULLETIN} the GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY BUSINESS, also of general plans pertaining to the General Conference sessions. It was---

BULLETIN

Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Allee, That the GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY BULLETIN be the same size as the regular quarterly issues. Carried.

Next, the policy of the BULLETIN was considered at length, when it was---

Moved by Elder Lane, and seconded by Elder Moon, That a committee of four, the Chair being one, be appointed to take under consideration the policy of the DAILY BULLETIN and of the next General Conference, and report to this Committee. Carried. The Chair announced as said committee, Elders Knox, Morrison, and Daniells.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m., ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday} October 26, unless Elder Donnell came before that hour.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in the President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 5 p.m., October 25, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Present: Elders Irwin, Knox, Lane, Cottrell, Kilgore, Moon, Allee, Morrison, Evans, Daniells, and Breed; by invitation, Elders J.N.Loughborough, S.N.Haskell, A.T.Jones, R.S.Donnell, and G.B.Thompson. Prayer was offered by Elder Haskell.

The Chairman announced that it was a regular meeting of the Committee, and the special subject for consideration was the case of Elder R.S.Donnell and his relationship to the work in Indiana. He stated that the Committee had the question up for consideration in a former meeting, and were thinking seriously of asking Elder Donnell to resign his position as President of the Conference. Before such step was taken, it was thought best to ask Brother Donnell to appear before the Committee. In harmony with this suggestion, the Chairman wired Brother Donnell, and he is now before the Committee to act for himself. He was therefore asked to express himself freely on the question.

Elder Donnell replied that he hardly knew what to say, as nothing was said to him on this question while he was here before. He would want first to study the Testimony that was read, before deciding. He was inclined to think that the whole matter should be laid before the Indiana Conference Committee. He did not feel free to express himself.

The Chairman then read extracts from the Testimony, bearing on this question. In reply, Elder Donnell spoke of the instruments of music that they had, and gave the reasons why they had them. He also answered the charge that seemed to be in circulation, that they had gotten beyond temptation. He replied that they do not teach that, and not a man in Indiana teaches it; that we shall never preach that point in this life; for the man that says, "If you want to see a holy man, look at me," sins in that very statement.

The Chairman continued reading the Testimony, and remarked that the statement in the Testimony agrees with the report brought back by the brethren here who have attended the Indiana meeting. Elder Donnell replied that he was perfectly willing to have a thorough investigation, and to bring the entire Conference Committee here, if necessary.

The Chairman then stated that his own experience before the ministers in Indiana was anything but favorable; that there seemed to be a spirit there of disregard, and an effort was made to drown out every impression that might be made upon their minds by the representatives of the General Conference. Elder Breed's testimony was substantially the same.

Elder Lane called Elder Donnell's attention to the articles that appeared in their State Conference paper, and stated that to his mind it was a thrust at organization. Elder Donnell replied that he did not approve of what was read in that paper by Elder Lane, and the only excuse that he could have for it would be that the paper was not as carefully edited as it should be.

The Chairman asked Elder Donnell if he thought he would be able to right up the difficulties in the Conference, under the existing circumstances. Elder Donnell replied: "I do not know. I should want to think of it some. I do not think I have lost the confidence of the Indiana brethren.

Elder Morrison asked Elder Donnell if he realizes any essential difference between what he preaches, and that of the general body? Answer: Only that Christ was in holy flesh. They would be willing to drop the musical instruments.

Elder Evans raised the question: "What about these charges the brethren bring? Answer: "I think they will be careful on these points." Elder Donnell said that he had already counseled his ministering brethren to not use such strong expressions.

Elder Cottrell stated that he had watched the Indiana paper, and he is convinced that a vein of fanaticism is coming into the Indiana Conference; and that when an entire Conference is being side-tracked, then it is time that something should be done to change the administration.

Elder Allee stated that he thought the question should have further consideration before a definite action was taken; that the entire State Conference Committee should come together with the General Conference Committee and study the Testimony, and see if all could not be helped. It was---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Allee, That further consideration of this question be deferred until Monday, when the Indiana Conference Committee be present. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO. A. IRWIN, Chairman.

L. A. HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., October 26, 1900; President in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Allee. Present: Elders Irwin, Allee, Morrison, Daniells, Evans, Knox, Moon, Kilgore, Cottrell, and Lane; by invitation, Elder G. B. Thompson. Minutes of the 129th meeting read and approved.

As there were no committees ready to report, the general Committee proceeded to consider the question of editorship of the DAILY BULLETIN, when it was---

BULLETIN. Moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Cottrell, That we invite Elder A. T. Jones to take the editorship of the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN [DAILY] during the sessions of the next General Conference. Carried.

Moved by Elder Daniells, and seconded by Elders Kilgore and Morrison, That Miss Adelaide BEE Cooper be invited to act as assistant editor of the DAILY BULLETIN. Carried.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Kilgore, That we ask the Pacific Press Publishing Company to print and keep the list of the GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY BULLETIN during the sessions of the next General Conference. Carried.

Then followed an informal discussion of the policy of the BULLETIN, to assist the special committee who have this question under advisement. The consensus of opinion was that there should be a full, liberal report of all that is said and done in the General Conference.

The next matter considered was the special arrangements for the General Conference. By common consent, the local arrangements for the General Conference should be left with the Oakland church, with the assistance of the Superintendent of District No. 6.

The next matter for consideration was that of the auditing work---whether it would better be done in Battle Creek before proceeding to the General Conference, or afterwards. It was deemed advisable for the General Conference Committee and Auditors to proceed to Oakland, leaving Chicago in the latter part of January.

The next thought considered was that of transportation of delegates, when it was---

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Moved by Elder Daniells, and seconded by Elder Knox, That the Chairman, Elder Allen Moon, and Elder L.A.Hoopes constitute a committee on transportation, to handle the delegation. Carried.

TRANSPORTATION-- GENERAL AGENT

It was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Breed, That Elder L.A.Hoopes act as transportation agent in the place of A.G.Adams. Carried.

DELEGATES.

The next question was the appointment of delegates to the General Conference. On motion, the following delegates were named: Geo.A.Irwin, Mrs.

- E.G.White, W.C.White, Geo.I.Butler, J.N.Loughborough, S.N.Haskell,
- U.Smith, J.H.Kellogg, O.A.Olsen, J.H.Morrison, A.J.Breed, N.W.Allen,
- R.M.Kilgore, S.H.Lane, A.G.Daniells, I.H.Evans, Allen Moon,
- H.W.Cottrell, W.T.Knox, J.E.Jayne, L.T.Nicola, L.A.Hoopes,
- A.T.Jones, M.C.Wilcox, W.C.Sisley, C.H.Jones, H.P.Holser,
- H.Shultz, Lewis Johnson, J.E.White, P.T.Magan, L.C.Sheafe, T.A.Kilgore,
- A.F.Harrison, H.E.Osborne, L.A.Smith, Mrs. Geo.A.Irwin,
- Mrs. S.N.Haskell, Mrs. L.Flora Plummer, Miss Adelaide Bee Cooper;
- W.A.Alway to represent the Utah field.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Lane, That we invite the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, to send a delegate to the General Conference at their own expense, to represent said Association; also to arrange for a delegate to represent the American Medical Missionary College; and further, to see that each incorporated Sanitarium in America has a delegate to represent their respective Sanitarium at their own expense. Carried.

It was further voted, That the heads of our educational institutions be delegates, with a request that the school districts pay their traveling expenses to the Conference.

The question of providing delegates for mission fields was left to be arranged by a joint meeting of the Foreign Mission Board and leading brethren.

The case of Elder H.P.Holser was considered, when it was voted that the Secretary send him a draft for one hundred dollars [\$100] at present, and from the first of November, \$10 each week without his ~~making application~~ having to ask for it.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chair'n.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in the President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 8:30 a.m., October 28, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Daniells. Present: Elders Irwin, Daniells, Cottrell, Kilgore, Moon, Knox, Allee, Morrison, Evans, and Breed; by invitation, Elder J.E.Jayne. Minutes of the 130th and 131st meetings read and approved.

The Chairman raised the question of delegates' credentials, and requested, at the request of his wife, that her name be dropped from the list of delegates, when it was---

Voted, That we rescind the action relative to Mrs. Geo.A. Irwin, Mrs. S.N.Haskell, Mrs. L.Floria Plummer, and Miss Adelaide Bee Cooper. It was also---

Voted, That Elder M.H.Brown act as delegate to represent the International Sabbath-school Association.

The Committee appointed to consider the policy of the DAILY BULLETIN, submitted the following report:---

"Your committee appointed to consider the policy of the DAILY BULLETIN for our next General Conference, would respectfully submit the following:---

- "1. That there be stenographic reports of addresses, studies, and sermons.
- "2. Full reports from the field.
- "3. ~~Minutes~~ Clear reports of all business proceedings.
- "4. A good index."

A Motion to adopt the report, carried.

By common consent, it was decided that the presidents of all general organizations and institutions, District Superintendents, and treasurers submit to the editor a written report before the Conference convenes.

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder ALLEEN, That we petition all our leading organizations and institutions, when they register their cable address, that they register it as "ADVENTIST." Carried.

The committee appointed to consider the Washington, D.C., church matter submitted a report. After some discussion, the report was referred back to the committee.

The Chairman then ~~mentioned~~ desired that the Committee should come to some conclusion as to the course to be pursued in the meeting with the Indiana Conference Committee when they arrive. After considerable discussion, it was---

Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Moon, That the Chairman appoint a committee of two to act with himself to devise plans to submit to this Committee, as to the best way to meet the Indiana Conference Committee. Carried. The Chair named as said committee, Elders N.W.ALEE and J.H.MORRISON.

Committee adjourned to 5 p.m. GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.
L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Met in President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 5:30 p.m., October 28, 1900. Present: Elders Irwin, Breed, Daniells, Evans, Allee, Morrison, Moon, Kilgore, Knox, and Cottrell.

INDIANA. The question up for consideration was to consider the report of the committee appointed to suggest a plan for ~~the~~ meeting the Indiana Conference Committee. The committee submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:---

"Your committee appointed to submit a proposed plan to lay before the Indiana Conference Committee, would respectfully submit the following:---

"1. That we insist on the resignation of Elder R.S. Donnell as President of the Indiana Conference.

"2. We recommend that Elder J.M.Rees, of Missouri, take the presidency of the Indiana Conference, made vacant by the resignation of Elder Donnell. In case he can not be obtained, that Elder I.D.Van Horn be recommended as second choice.

"3. That Elder R.S.Donnell take up work in Wilmington, N.C."

After this report was adopted, the committee on the Washington church property submitted a report, which was considered at length and referred back to the committee.

DIST. 1. Elder H.W.Cottrell presented some matters pertaining to District No. 1. He called attention to the work in Newfoundland. He stated that H.C.Giles was sick, and will probably return to the States. He also spoke of the request of Elder H.J.Farman, that his daughter should come to the island to act as bookkeeper and do other work in connection

with the field. A motion prevailed to permit his daughter to go to Newfoundland and act as bookkeeper and Bible worker. Carried.

Elder Cottrell then made mention of the French work in Quebec, calling attention to a professor who has embraced the faith under Elder Bourdeau's labors in the Northwest, and who is now working in Montreal. He wished instruction as to what advice he should give when he attended their meeting this week. Elder Evans suggested that as we are so much in need of French workers, that he would move that the District Superintendent, when he visits the meeting of the Quebec Conference, and is satisfied that the Professor [J.Coignaux] would make a suitable laborer, that he employ him as a Conference laborer. The motion was seconded by Elders Moon and Morrison, and carried.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m.
L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

GEO.A.IRWIN,
Chairman.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the President's room, 8:30 a.m., October 29, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Evans. Present: Elders Irwin, Evans, Breed, Allee, Morrison, Knox, Kilgore, Moon, Daniells, and Lane. Minutes of the 132nd meeting read and approved.

The committee appointed to consider and submit a report pertaining to the Washington church property, read the following report:---

"Your committee appointed to investigate the Washington church property matter, would respectfully submit the following:---

"Whereas, The Washington church has appealed to the General Conference to assist them in raising the obligation now against their church property located in the City of Washington, D.C.; therefore,---

"The General Conference Committee, after much prayer and careful deliberation, would respectfully submit the following to the Washington church:---

"1. That we have carefully searched the records of the General Conference, the General Conference Association, and the General Conference Committee, and can find no record of any promise that the General Conference or the General Conference Association is responsible for any portion of the purchase price of the said church property.

"2. That from the statements made by Brother A.Kahlstrom and others, there seems to have been some kind of a verbal promise made by Elder J.O.Corliss, pledging the General Conference to raise five thousand dollars, more or less, to help liquidate the purchase price of said church.

"3. That this verbal promise seems to have been made without any action of the body.

"4. That the General Conference Association has already donated one thousand dollars, and made a further loan of one thousand dollars.

"5. We therefore propose to the said Washington church, (a) We will donate the one thousand dollars loaned to said church; (b) That inasmuch as the General Conference is so deeply in debt that we can hardly hope to raise so much money without the combined help of all our people, we ask the Washington church to release the General Conference from any further obligation which the said Washington church may believe the General Conference to be under.

"6. That the General Conference will supply the City of Washington with a good laborer for a limited portion of time, who, we trust, will assist in building up the church and bringing in others to the faith, thus enabling the church to raise its obligations, through the blessing of God.

[Signed] "A.J. Breed, J.H. Morrison,
"R.M. Kilgore, COMMITTEE."

The motion to adopt the report, was carried.

The next question, was, Who can be obtained to take up the work in the Washington church? No action taken in this matter. However, W.H. Saxby was favorably mentioned as being a suitable person.

The Chairman then read the request of Elder Hottel that the General Conference continue his pay another quarter. Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Breed, That the request be granted. Carried.

The next question was that of C.P. Bollman, when it was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That Elder Bollman be recommended to labor in the Tennessee River Conference, under pay of the General Conference, at the rate fixed by the Tennessee River Conference Committee, this arrangement, so far as salary is concerned, to expire at the time of the General Conference. Carried.

The Chairman then read a question from Manitoba, relative to the canvassers' school, when it was moved by Elder Breed, and seconded by Elder Allee, That this question be referred to the District Superintendent and the director of the mission field. Carried.

MANITOBA.

Another question, relative to the debt of the Manitoba Tract Society to the General Conference tithe fund, was raised. Moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That an amount be appropriated the Manitoba mission field equal to the sum said mission field tract society owes the General Conference tithe fund. Carried.

ONTARIO

The Chairman then called on Elder Breed to make a statement relative to the Ontario Conference, in which was set forth the distressed financial condition of said Conference. It was therefore moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elders Moon and Lane, That inasmuch as the Ontario conference is in a distressed condition financially, and whereas, the Ontario field has a population nearly as large as the

Michigan Conference; and whereas, the organization of the Ontario Conference relieved the Michigan Conference of a number of her laborers, and thereby cut off a large output of the Michigan tithe; therefore, we petition the Michigan Conference to donate ~~the~~ to the Ontario Conference the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Carried.

IOWA PRES. The question of supplying a President for the Iowa Conference was next mentioned, when it was thought that inasmuch as the General Conference is so near at hand, probably it would be best to defer action in this case until the time of the General Conference.

REVISION OF BLANKS The next question was that of the revision of ~~blanks~~ ~~blanks~~ for credentials and licenses of the laborers, when it was moved by Elder Lane, and seconded by Elder Allee, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to revise the credentials and license blanks, with power to act. Carried. The Chair appointed as said Committee, Elders Hoopes, Lane, and Breed.

M.M.OLSEN. The case of Elder M.M.Olsen was next taken up and considered. The general discussion indicated that it would be better for Elder M.M.Olsen to remain in Europe, and not come to this country. It was therefore moved by Elder Evans, and seconded by Elder Knox, That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Superintendent of the European Scandinavian field, and lay before him the mind of this Committee; viz., that Elder M.M.Olsen be recommended to take a new field somewhere in Denmark or Norway. Carried.

DIST. 2. The Chairman then read a communication from W.C. Wales relative to some wood-land near Savannah, Georgia, which was offered to the General Conference for a school enterprise on certain conditions. On motion, the question was referred to the District Superintendent of No. 2.

Elder Allee then brought up some matters relative to the work in District No. 2. It was---

Moved by Elder Allee, and seconded by Elder Evans, That thirty dollars be appropriated out of the Southern fund to assist in building at the colored school at Juniata. Carried.

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Knox, That it is the judgment of this Committee that Sister Annie Hemming be requested to remain in the Southern field. Carried.

Inasmuch as R.H.Patterson is the State agent of the Cumberland Conference, it was voted, That F.B.Jewell be appointed State agent of Georgia.

Inasmuch as R.T.Nash desired to move to a more healthful locality on account of his wife, it was moved by Elder Moon, and seconded by Elder Knox, That in view of the dearth of laborers in the South, R.T.Nash be recommended to labor in North Carolina. Carried.

The question as to where the restitution fund should be used, was referred to the Secretary to look up from the appeals that were made at that time, and report.

Elder Allee then brought up the case of J.L.Lawson. a

colored brother laboring in Charleston, S.C. He stated that this brother is from Baston, Mass; and has been laboring for some time without any remuneration; when it was moved by Elder Knox, and seconded by Elder Breed, That this case be referred to the District Superintendent, and if he deemed it advisable to employ him as a laborer, that he be paid five dollars a month. Carried.

The District Superintendent wished to know if it would be advisable for all the laborers in District No. 2 to spend at least one month in taking orders for "Christ's Object-Lessons." He thought it would be an encouragement to the field and the school enterprise, and would be a valuable experience for the laborers there. He was referred to the action already recommended by the General Conference.

He also called attention to a Cuban sister now at Key West, Fla., by the name of Burgess, and desired to know if the Committee would feel free to lend her any assistance. While the Committee were not free to take her on their pay-roll at present, the consensus of opinion was that she should not be lost sight of, but given that encouragement that seemed necessary.

Meeting adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in the President's room, 7:30 p.m., October 29, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Lane. Present: Elders Irwin, Lane, Moon, Milgore, Allee, Knox, Evans, Morrison, Daniells, and Breed; by invitation, Elder A.E.Place. Minutes of the 133rd and 134th meetings read and approved.

The Secretary was called upon to report on what he found the appeal was based for the work in the South in 1896. The Secretary read from Vol. 11 of the SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER, page 183, article entitled, "Sabbath-school Contributions for 1896." He also called attention to the first-page articles in the REVIEW in 1895, pertaining to the Southern field, the chief burden of which was for the colored people. While the names of the whites were mentioned, yet the general appeal was for the colored work in the South.

The Committee spent some time in listening to statements made by Elder Place respecting the work in the Atlantic Conference, and the attitude that he should sustain toward the work of Elder Franke. He mentioned a \$216 traveling-expense bill from Chicago to New York; also a \$200-a-night expense bill for a meeting-place in New York City, all of which the Committee did not favor.

Meeting adjourned till 8 a.m., October 30.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES,
Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened in President's room, Battle Creek, Mich., 8:30 a.m., October 30, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Morrison. Present:--- Elders Irwin, Morrison, Allee, Breed, Moon, Lane, Kilgore, Knox, Evans; by invitation, Elders S.N.Haskell, R.S.Donnell, S.G.Davis, A.L.Chew, A.L.Miller, and P.G.Stanley. The minutes of the last meeting were waived.

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INDIANA The brethren of the Indiana Conference committee were then given opportunity to express themselves relative to the decision of the General Conference Committee. They were unanimous in dissenting from the decision of the Committee, so far as the resignation of Elder R.S.Donnell was concerned. They desired to ~~have~~ have opportunity to prove themselves, and expressed a willingness to correct themselves so far as the Testimony is concerned, and do what they could to counteract any movement that is detrimental to the best interests of the cause both in Indiana and in general.

The Chairman stated that the General Conference Committee did not design to be arbitrary. He desired to have the General Conference Committee by themselves, that they might further consider the question.

Meeting adjourned till 2:30 p.m., with the understanding that the Indiana brethren would meet with them at 5 p.m.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Convened at 2:30 p.m., in the President's room, October 30, 1900; Elder Irwin in the Chair. Prayer by Elder Allee. Present: Elders Irwin, Allee, Breed, Daniells, Evans, Knox, Kilgore, Moon, Morrison, and Lane. At five p.m., all of the Indiana brethren were present. The minutes of the 135th and 136th meetings were read and approved.

The Chairman desired to know the mind of the Committee, since they had heard the remarks made by the brethren from Indiana. It was the unanimous opinion of the General Conference Committee that the propositions relative to the resignation of Elder Donnell as president of the Conference, should be adhered to. However, if the brethren from Indiana dissent from this, it was thought that they

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should take the responsibility of the matter themselves, which they elected to do at the time that they met with the Committee.

GEN.CONF. There were other matters considered at this meet-
TREASURER. ing. A letter was read from Elder R.A.Underwood
respecting their Treasurer. It seemed apparent
to all that Brother W.M.Lee could not come to take the Treasurership
of the General Conference. It was therefore---

Moved by Elder Morrison, and seconded by Elder Evans, That
inasmuch as it is doubtful that Brother Lee may be obtained for the
Treasurer of the General Conference for several months to come; and
whereas, Pennsylvania is very much in need of the service that Brother
Lee may render, we request the President to write Elder H.M.Mitchell,
of Ohio, to see if he can take the position as Treasurer of the
General Conference. Carried.

J.E.EVANS. Elder R.M.Kilgore then brought up the case of
Elder J.E.Evans, who last summer voluntarily
took himself out of the service of the General Conference to go to
California to seek other employment for his health. Brother Evans
is now in Phoenix, Arizona. Brother Kilgore wished to know what
should be done in his case. It was---

Moved by Elder Knox, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That
we do not see our way clear to take Elder J.E.Evans on our list
again. Carried.

DIST. 6. Elder W.T.Knox then brought up some matters
relative to District No. 6. He mentioned the
action of the brethren in Utah in the selection
of W.A.Alway as director and Mrs. Johnson as secretary. He moved,
Elder A.J.Breed seconded, That the choice of the brethren in Utah
be granted, and that Sister Johnson have a small remuneration. Carried.

Elder Knox then brought up the case of Elder Geo.O.States,
and stated that the Colorado Conference committee had invited Brother
States to come to Colorado as a laborer. Brother States also requested
that he might be privileged to go to his old Conference again. It was---

Moved by Elder Knox, and seconded by Elder Morrison, That
the ~~man~~ request of Brother Geo.O.States and the Colorado Conference
committee be granted; and that inasmuch as Brother States is now in
Colorado, it would not be advisable for him to return to Utah. Carried.

Elder Knox stated that he had had a talk with the Presi-
dent of the Upper Columbia Conference respecting a Scandinavian
laborer for the Utah field. Elder Breed moved, Elder Allee seconded,
That we request the Upper Columbia Conference to release Elder A.G.
Christianson, and that he be recommended to labor in the Utah mission
field. Carried.

I.R.L.A. Elder Allen Moon then brought up some matters
pertaining to the Religious Liberty Association
work, and requested that the brethren consider
seriously the question of providing a laborer to look after the
religious liberty work in the City of Washington. He moved, Elder

I.R.L.A. Kilgore seconded, That Elder S.B.Horton, of Louisiana, be recommended to go to Washington to look after the Religious Liberty Association work. As this motion did not seem to meet the mind of the brethren, the motion was therefore withdrawn.

Additional The question of delegates to the General Conference delegates was again considered, when, by common consent, a limited power was granted to the President and members of the Committee in this city, to appoint additional delegates, should there be good reasons for their attending the General Conference.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

GEO.A.IRWIN, Chairman.

L.A.HOOPES, Secretary.

[CLOSE OF FALL SESSION, 1900.]
