

MINORITY MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in Elder Daniells' office at noon, February 14, 1902.

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Members present: Chairman A.G. Daniells, Elders Evans, Flaiz, Cottrell, Prescott, Lane. (6)
Others present: Professor Magan, Elder Mitchell, Elder Spicer, and Brethren Edwards and Palmer.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that in harmony with the plan adopted at the late General Conference, the General Conference Committee should organize itself from year to year, and it was therefore in order to name a committee on nominations for the ensuing year. It was accordingly--

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to nominate officers of the General Conference Committee, and its Departments and Boards.

The Chairman named as this committee, Elder H.W. Cottrell, Elder W.H. Thurston, and P.T. Magan.

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MINORITY MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in Battle Creek, Mich., February 15, 1902, at 7 P.M.

Members present: Chairman A.G. Daniells, Elders Flaiz, Cottrell, Evans, Lane, Prescott. (6)
Others present: Elders Thurston, Mitchell, Magan, Spicer; also Brethren Edwards and Palmer.

The question of assistance for the Washington (D.C.) church having received considerable attention from the Committee, it was--

VOTED, That Elder J.S. Washburn be requested to make Washington, D.C. his field of labor.

The committee on nominations then presented the following report:--

"Your committee on nominations respectfully recommend the following:--

- "1. That the Pastoral Committee be discontinued.
- "2. That the Finance Committee be discontinued, except that P.T. Magan continue to act as Finance Secretary.
- "3. That W.W. Prescott take the Chairmanship of the Educational Department, and E.A. Sutherland the Secretaryship.
- "4. That the name of H.R. Salisbury be dropped from the

Sabbath-school Department, and that of Grace Amadon be substituted in its place.

"5. That the personnel and organization of the Treasury Department of the General Conference remain for the present as it now is. That the officers of the General Conference and the Executive Committee of the General Conference Association be, and hereby are requested and authorized to consider the needs of the Treasury Department, and to make such changes, both in its personnel and organization as shall be in their judgment for the best interests of the work.

"6. That Howard Osborne, in addition to his duties as Secretary of the General Conference, associate himself with, and assist Elder W.A.Spicer in the work of the Mission Board, office. And we further respectfully recommend that the General Conference Committee, acting in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of the Review and Herald, consider the advisability of connecting Elder W.A.Spicer with the editorial staff of the REVIEW AND HERALD.

"7. That, excepting the changes and recommendations for action outlined in this report, the officers of the General Conference, the Departments, and the personnel of the Departments, remain for the coming term as they now are.

H.W.Cottrell, Chairman,
W.H.Thurston,
P.T.Magan, Secretary."

The first and third recommendations were passed as read.

The second was modified in its wording to read as follows:

"That the Finance Department be discontinued. And that P.T.Magan act as Financial Secretary of the General Conference."

The fourth recommendation was amended by substituting the name of H.E.Osborne for that of Grace Amadon.

Recommendation number five was amended by substituting the name of H.E.Osborne for that of Grace Amadon, striking out the first sentence.

Concerning recommendation number six, Brother E.R.Palmer stated his belief that the President should be relieved from the burden of numerous details in connection with his work, by appointing a strong, experienced man as Secretary of the General Conference, with younger men associated with him as heads of departments under this secretary. After considerable discussion, in which Brethren Magan, Prescott, Daniells, Evans, Spicer, and others participated, the following substitute was voted:

"That H.E.Osborne be made Assistant Secretary of the Mission Board."

To that phase of the recommendation relating to the editorial staff of the REVIEW AND HERALD, careful consideration was given, and it was finally unanimously

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Spicer,

Elder Spicer, that Professor W.W.Prescott be made editor in chief of the REVIEW. This important question was discussed freely by the brethren present, and there was a remarkable unanimity of opinion as to the propriety of this action. It was further--

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, that Elder Uriah Smith and Elder W.A.Spicer be associate editors of the REVIEW AND HERALD. Also,

VOTED, That A.G.Daniells and E.R.Palmer be a committee to negotiate with the Pacific Press Publishing Company the exchange of L.A.Smith and C.M.Snow.

Before taking action on the final recommendation of the committee, the following decisions were recorded.

"7. That E.R.Palmer be made a member of the Mission Board.

"8. That John D.Bradley be added to the Religious Liberty Department.

"9. VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans seconded by Professor Magan, that Professor W.W.Prescott be chosen Vice-President of the General Conference."

The report of the committee as submitted and amended was then adopted by vote, and read as follows:

"1. That the Pastoral Committee be discontinued.

"2. That the Finance Committee be discontinued. And that P.T.Magan continue to act as Financial Secretary of the General Conference.

"3. That W.W.Prescott take the Chairmanship of the Educational Department, and R.A.Sutherland the Secretaryship.

"4. That the name of H.R.Salisbury be dropped from the Sabbath-school Department, and that of H.E.Osborne be substituted in its place.

"5. That the officers of the General Conference and the Executive Committee of the General Conference Association be and hereby are requested and authorized to consider the needs of the Treasury Department, and to make such changes as shall in their judgment be for the best interests of the work.

"6. That H.E.Osborne be made Assistant Secretary of the Mission Board. And, further, that W.W.Prescott be made editor in chief of the REVIEW AND HERALD, with Elder Uriah Smith and Elder W.A.Spicer as associate editors. And, also, that A.G.Daniells and E.R.Palmer be a committee to negotiate with the Pacific Press Publishing Company the exchange of L.A.Smith and C.M.Snow.

"7. That E.R.Palmer be made a member of the Mission Board.

"8. That John D.Bradley be added to the Religious Liberty Department.

"9. That Professor W.W.Prescott be chosen as Vice-President of the General Conference.

"10. That, excepting the changes and recommendations for action as outlined in this reported, the officers of the General Conference, the Departments, and the personnel of the Departments, remain for the coming term as they now are."

Considering the question of assistance for Elder Daniells on his western trip, it was--

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Professor Magan, that we request the Review and Herald Board to release Brother A.J.Bourdeau, to accompany Elder Daniells on his western trip as stenographer,

VOTED, That Elder H.W.Cottrell, W.H.Thurston, and W.A.Spicer be a committee to consider and make recommendations concerning the case of Elder Geo. E. ~~Maffian~~ Fifield.

Acting on the suggestion of the Auditing Committee concerning the case of Elder D.T.Bourdeau, the following recommendation was adopted, on motion of Elder W.A.Spicer,--

VOTED, That it is the sense of this committee that Elder D.T.Bourdeau be retired from active ministry in the field, at a rate not to exceed \$6 per week, and further--

That Elders A.G.Daniells, W.C.White, and W.T.Knox be requested to act as a committee in conferring with Sister White to learn if there are any special reasons why this action should not be executed.

VOTED, On motion of Elder Lane, that Elder I.H.Evans and Professor W.W.Prescott be a committee to make recommendations concerning the European delegation.

Motion to adjourn was then prevailed.

A.G.DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E.OSBORNE, Secretary.

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 16, 1902.

Members present: A.G.Daniells, H.W.Cottrell, I.H.Evans, S.H.Lane, W.W.Prescott. (5)

The committee appointed to make recommendations concerning the labors of Elder Fifield presented the following report:--

"We recommend, That work be provided for Elder Fifield in the West or Northwest, or such other field as may be thought wise, and that the arrangements be varried out by the General Conference officers.

"Further, That counsel be given him regarding his weakness of criticizing his brethren, and his intimacy with women, before he is assigned work. And, further, that it is the sense of ~~this~~ this committee that publicity should not be given to his labors through our papers until he has had time to demonstrate that he is a changed man.

"H.W.Cottrell,
W.H.Thurston,
W.SA.Spicer."

The committee on delegates to the General European Conference presented their report, and after consideration, it was--

VOTED, That we would be glad to see the following named persons attend the General European Conference, if it seems consistent, and that Brethren Daniells, Spicer, and Palmer be a committee to arrange the details regarding the delegation:--

A. G. Daniells,
W. A. Spicer,
J. H. Kellogg,
E. R. Palmer,
W. C. White,
A. T. Jones,

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

On Sunday evening, February 16, 1902, Elders Daniells, Evans, Lane, and Prescott, members of the General Conference Committee, together with several other brethren, considered somewhat informally the following items of business. It was--

VOTED, That the account of J.W. Franklin, of Graysville, Tenn., be balanced, in view of the fact that his overdraft of \$25 was, in the judgment of the brethren, offset by labor which had not been reported.

VOTED, On motion of Professor Prescott, that Brother Lane and the elders of the church inquire concerning the salary to be paid to Brother H. Nicola, suggesting that, if satisfactory to Brother Nicola, \$6 or \$7 be accounted as fair remuneration for his labor.

VOTED, That the recommendation of the Auditing Committee suggesting that Elder Geo. I. Butler be placed on the General Conference pay-roll, at a salary of \$17.50 per week, the same to be deducted from the General Conference appropriation to the Southern Union Conference, be endorsed by the General Conference Committee.

Other questions were discussed informally, but none involved any action on the part of the members present.

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INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in Elder Daniells' office, March 20, 1902.

Elders Daniells, Evans, Cottrell, and Lane, representing the General Conference Committee, and other brethren were present. It was--

VOTED, That the Medical Board be invited to appoint an instructor in health principles for the approaching union conferences.

Elder Cottrell presented Elder Haskell's request for Brother Kite or some other minister, to assist Elder Warren in the mission work in New York City. In view of the large interest which Brother Kite now has in Lincoln, it was thought advisable to consult with the Nebraska Conference, and accordingly, it was agreed to lay the matter before the brethren at the approaching session of the Northwestern Union Conference.

Elder Haskell further desired a suitable man to take up the work of preparing and editing matter for insertion in the city papers. No action was taken.

The situation at Washington, D.C. was considered somewhat at length, and it was finally agreed that Elder Shoafe should be invited

to attend the Northwestern Union Conference, giving opportunity for consultation between himself, Elder Washburn, Elder Daniells, and other brethren. In case no satisfactory arrangement for the Washington work could be effected at this meeting, it was suggested that Elder Sheafe be invited to labor in Minneapolis.

The future labors of Elders Hersum and Fifield were considered, but no action taken.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in Elder Daniells' office, March 23, 1902.

Several brethren being present, the plan of the Scandinavian brethren concerning a council meeting in connection with the Northwestern Union Conference, was considered, and it was---

VOTED, That we advise the Committee on Scandinavian work to meet at Des Moines, to counsel concerning the conduct of the Scandinavian work.

The question being raised with reference to devoting the proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in Greater New York to the establishment of a local school, it was---

VOTED, That "Christ's Object Lessons" should be sold for the purpose of cancelling the current indebtedness of our educational institutions, rather than for the establishment of new schools.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held April 24, 1902.

Members present: A.G. Daniells, I.H. Evans, W.A. Spicer, H.M. Mitchell; also E.R. Palmer and H.E. Osborne.

Prayer was offered by Elder Evans.

Elder Daniells presented the necessity of securing a stenographer to accompany himself and party to England; also presenting the request of the brethren from that field that a suitable young man be brought, with the expectation that he take up work in the office of the International Tract Society. It was---

VOTED, That the Review and Herald Board be requested to release Brother Will White, to go to England, with the understanding that one of the Mission Board stenographers be permitted to supply his place.

Elder Daniells briefly mentioned the necessity of securing loans for the General Conference, by which it might pay its laborers the balances due on audits for the years 1900 and 1901. It was---

VOTED, On motion of Professor Prescott, that we request the General Conference Association to secure loans for the General Conference, for the purpose of paying the laborers' accounts for 1900 and 1901.

VOTED, To request the Review and Herald to produce an edition of Testimonies for the Church, No. 6, in the Danish-Norwegian language, the same to be ready for distribution in September of the present year. And, further: That an effort be made to secure advance orders for this work, that the edition may be governed by the demand. It was suggested that Elder Evans superintend this effort in this country, while Brethren Daniells and Palmer give attention to it in the Danish-Norwegian field.

VOTED, That we do not advise the publication of Brother Mortensen's tract, relating to the Nelson faction, entitled "A Warning." It was suggested that Elder Spicer notify the parties interested, ~~then~~ making it plain that this action is based on the opinion that this fanaticism should not be published in this manner, rather than on any specific objection to the work itself.

VOTED, That Elder Daniells and Professor Prescott confer with Brother Henry Nicola concerning his wages.

VOTED, That it is the sense of this Committee that the recommendation of the Auditing Committee concerning the remuneration of the clerk and librarian of the Battle Creek church should be followed; and, further: That a meeting of the church Board be held on Sabbath afternoon, the 26th inst., in which this and other questions shall be given consideration.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held April 25, 1902.

Members present: A. G. Daniells, W. W. Prescott, I. H. Evans, W. A. Spicer, E. A. Sutherland, P. T. Magan.

In view of Elder Daniells' long absence from the office, it was thought advisable to adjust the responsibilities of the office work, and the following suggestions were made.

That Brother Rogers conduct the General Conference correspondence, execute Elder Spicer's correspondence when in the city, and render such assistance in the Mission Board as might be demanded.

That Miss Zeidler be released to connect with the office of the Financial Secretary in Berrien Springs.

That Mrs. Jessie Rogers take the burden of the copying work in the Mission Board offices.

That additional help for Mission Board be obtained as needed.
A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman. H. E. OSBORNE, Sec'y.

INFORMAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Held in Battle Creek, Mich., July 31, 1902.

Present: Prescott, Evans, Spicer, Mitchell, Osborne.

Professor Prescott called attention to the camp-meetings to be held in the Central States during August and September, and sought the advice of the brethren with reference to the attendance of general laborers. The following meetings were indicated as those for whom help should be provided:--

Lake Union Conference: Ohio, August 7 to 18, Wisconsin, August 14 to 25, Illinois, August 28 to September 7, Michigan, August 25 to September 7.

Central and Southwestern Union Conferences: Kansas (local), August 7 to 17, Missouri, August 17 to 25, Oklahoma, August 21 to September 1, Iowa, August 28 to September 7, Kansas (State), September 26 to October 6.

After some consideration, it was agreed that these meetings should be supplied as follows:--

Elders Spicer and Prescott to attend the Ohio meeting. Elders Spicer and Brunson, the Wisconsin and Illinois meetings. Elders Daniells and Prescott, the Michigan and Iowa meetings. Elder Lane, the Kansas (local), Missouri, and Oklahoma meetings. Kansas (State) meeting to be supplied subsequent to Elder Daniells' return.

Brother A.O. Wilson having requested to attend some of the camp-meetings in the interests of the paper for the blind, it was recommended by the brethren that he should be advised not to attend these meetings.

The Western Oregon Conference having called for \$1000, apportioned to it at the time of the division of the North Pacific Conference, the same representing a part of a loan to the general Conference by the North Pacific Conference, it was agreed that the amount should be paid from the general Conference Association funds, in harmony with the recommendation that the general Conference Association should secure loans for the purpose of meeting the financial obligations of the General Conference.

W.W. PRESCOTT, Chairman.

H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

August 25, 1902, 8 P. M.

PRESENT: Members--A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, W. W. Prescott, J. H. Kellogg. Other brethren--W. A. Spicer, E. R. Palmer, H. M. Mitchell.

NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Chairman outlined the considerations which had led the members of the Executive Committee, in council with European brethren, to favor a session of the General Conference this fall. Letters expressing the view of absent members were read, and after carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages involved in the proposal, it was

VOTED, On motion of W. W. Prescott, seconded by I. H. Evans, That in the judgment of this committee we should not call a general gathering this fall.

The expression "general gathering" was understood to apply to a large council of the committee and other general laborers, as well as to a General Conference. It was thought that a general council could be postponed till the early part of 1903, when the auditing committee must be convened to execute its work for the current year.

It was also suggested that the time, location, and character of the next General Conference session might be deferred for decision at this council.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

H. W. OSBORNE, Secretary.

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at 4 P.M., September 17, 1902.

PRESENT:

A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, H.M. Mitchell, E.R. Palmer, H.E. Osborne.

TYPEWRITER: FOR E.G.C.:

Elder Daniells called attention to the need of a typewriter in the office of the European General Conference. It was--

Voted, That we present the European General Conference with one of our best typewriters not in general use.

WINTER'S CAMPAIGN:

Some consideration was then given to the question of our policy concerning denominational work during the approaching winter. After some consideration, it was--

Voted, That Elders Evans, Prescott, Colcord, and Brother E.R. Palmer be a committee to bring in recommendations concerning a wide-awake, energetic winter's campaign; and, further, that they advise concerning the preparation of suitable literature for use in connection with this work.

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at 3 P.M., September 18, 1902.

PRESENT:

A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, H.M. Mitchell, E.R. Palmer, H.E. Osborne.

CREDENTIALS:

Voted, To grant missionary license to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Wilbur, who are to sail for Hong Kong, China. Further--

Voted, That missionary license be granted the Drs. Lockwood, under appointment to Japan.

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at 10 A.M., September 19, 1902.

PRESENT:

A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, H.M. Mitchell, E.R. Palmer, H.E. Osborne.

SOUTHERN SITUATION:

After some counsel among the brethren present concerning the situation in the South, it was--

Voted, That we request Elders Daniells and Evans to visit Nashville, at once, and personally investigate the situation there.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

The preparation for the week of prayer was then considered, and the following general suggestions were made:--

That the time be the week of December 20 to 27. That the general topic considered be "Service." That the subject be treated in a connected series of readings bearing on various phases of the general theme.

Voted, On motion of E.R. Palmer, that Elder Daniells be requested to treat upon the openings in the European field, and that Elder Spicer present in his reading similar opportunities in the general field.

It was further suggested that the subject might be divided and assigned as follows:--

"Open Doors for Service," Elder A.G. Daniells. "Macedonian Calls to Service," W.A. Spicer. "Saved to Serve," W.W. Prescott. "The Call to Service," Mrs. E.G. White. "The Consecration of Our Means to Service," A.T. Jones. "The Preparation for Service," L.A. Hoopes. "The True Motive for Service," M.C. Wilcox. An article relating to the medical work, J.H. Kellogg.

Voted, That W.W. Prescott confer with Dr. Kellogg, and arrange for a reading, either from him or from some suitable medical worker whom they might suggest.

It was further agreed that Elder Daniells would make request for the desired readings from Elders Hoopes, Wilcox, and Jones; and that Elder Spicer would arrange for the reading by Sister White.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

INFORMAL MINORITY COUNCIL OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Held at St. Helena, California, October 17, 1902.

Present: A.G. Daniells, W.T. Knox, W.C. White, A.T. Jones,
J.O. Corliss, and E.R. Palmer.

Prayer was offered by A.T. Jones, A.G. Daniells, and W.C. White.

W.T. Knox was elected to the Chair, and E.R. Palmer was requested to record the minutes of the meeting.

Elder Daniells was called upon to state the object of the meeting. He stated that many General Conference matters of great importance should receive consideration, and that time should also be given to consider important local matters on the Pacific Coast.

Elder Daniells introduced the question of the time and place of the next General Conference. The Committee discussed the several advantages and disadvantages of several large cities, principal among which were Chicago, Lincoln St. Louis, Nashville, Washington, and New York.

Voted, That we suggest to the General Conference Committee the advisability of holding the next General Conference in New York City, from March 25 to April 15, 1903.

Consideration was given to the relation of our general organizations, ~~pp~~ the General Conference, the Mission Board, and the General Conference Association. Elder Daniells stated that the work of organizing Union Conferences had successfully proceeded until nearly all administration affairs were now conducted in the Union Conferences and Boards; and he believed that the future work of the General Conference would be, primarily, that of a great Missionary Board; therefore, he thought that all work could be handled by one committee.

Voted, That we suggest to officers of the General Conference Mission Board and General Conference Association that they form an outline of a plan for simplifying the organizations of the General Conference, and present the same to the next General Conference in session.

In considering the extension of the Message to foreign lands, the following points were presented and discussed.

- (a) The development of a standard literature for each of the great nations of the world.
- (b) The policy of pushing out our young people into foreign lands, and of making provision for them to complete their training for foreign work in the fields ~~where~~ they are to labor.

Hearty support was given to both of these lines of policy.

Voted, That Harry Armstrong of Scotland be suggested to the Mission Board as a suitable worker for Burmah, and that Elder Westworth, whom the Vermont Conference has sent to Great Britain be suggested for Scotland.

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Voted, That Elder Everson and his wife be invited to go to Rome.

Adjourned to 8:00 P.M.

W. T. Knox, Chairman.

E. R. Palmer, Secretary.

SECOND MEETING.

3:00 P.M. October 17.

J. Present: A.G. Daniells, W.T. Knox, W.C. White, A.T. Jones,
J.O. Corliss, and E.R. Palmer.

The time of this meeting was occupied by considering our publishing work and our financial policy.

Voted, That the Mission Board take steps to secure a man who shall give his ~~simulated literature in all languages~~ of producing a

Elder Daniells outlined the efforts being made to free the denomination from debt, and mentioned some difficulties which had prevented progress. It was unanimously agreed that a definite cash policy should be adopted by the denomination and published in the REVIEW and HERALD.

Adjourned.

THIRD MEETING.

October 18.

Present: A.G.Daniells, W.T.Knox, W.C.White, A.T.Jones,
J.O.Corliss, and E.R.Palmer.

Prayer by A.G.Daniells.

Object of the meeting: To consider the Medical Work on the Pacific Coast. Elder A.T.Jones led in the discussion of this question, and read extensively from Minutes of meetings held for the purpose of framing a form of organization for the Medical Work on the Coast. It was the opinion of the meeting that the outline presented by Elder Jones should be published.

Voted, That we request A.T.Jones to prepare a series of articles for the REVIEW and HERALD, setting forth the principles of the organization of the Medical Work.

Adjourned.

W.T.Knox, Chairman.

E.R.Palmer, Secretary.

FOURTH MEETING.

2:00 P.M. October 18.

Present: A.G. Daniells, W.T. Knox, W.C. White, A.T. Jones,
J.O. Corliss, and E.R. Palmer.

Prayer was offered by E.R. Palmer.

Elder Daniells presented the need of a complete reorganization of the General Conference Treasury Department. The present management, he stated, was weak and quite incapable of handling the weighty matters devolving upon that department. He believed that a strong man of long experience should be placed in it. The names of I.H. Evans and W.T. Knox were suggested. It was thought that I.H. Evans could not be released from his present work, and it was generally agreed that W.T. Knox should be selected for that position. Elder Knox upon being questioned said that he would not from a personal point of view object to that work although he was not prepared at present to give a definite answer.

Elder Daniells also presented the need of a more definite management and oversight of the Medical Work in Europe. He also explained and presented the position of the Basel Publishing House which is being used as a Sanitarium.

Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of a certain claim of the International Tract Society of London against the Pacific Press Publishing Co. for the sum of \$10,000. W.T. Knox and W.C. White were appointed to look into the merits of this claim, and report directly to the members of the Pacific Press Board. ✓

The meeting adjourned without date.

W.T. Knox, Chairman.

E.R. Palmer, Secretary.

FORTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, November 10, 5 P.M. 1902

The forty-first regular meeting of the General Conference Committee was convened in the West Building of the Review and Herald, at 5 P.M., November 10, 1902.

The brethren assembled joined in singing "Nearer My God to Thee." The Chairman expressed the hope that the present session of the Committee might prove both profitable to the members, ~~was~~ and a great blessing to the work as well, in view of the problems confronting us and the demands to be met. An earnest and precious season of prayer was enjoyed, Elders Covert, Daniells, and Jones leading in these devotions.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members responded to the roll-call: A.G. Daniells, H.W. Cottrell, I.H. Evans, A.T. Jones, A.J. Read, G.G. Rupert, W.W. Prescott, E.T. Russell, W.H. Thurston. (9) The following-named Conference Presidents were also present: Wm. Covert, I.J. Hankins, Allen Moon, C. McReynolds, J.M. Rees, L.F. Starr, S.E. Wight, G.F. Watson. Other brethren present: Elders J.O. Corliss, W.A. Spicer, H.M. Mitchell, and Brethren E.R. Palmer, B.R. Nordyke, S.N. Curtiss, C.H. Jones.

On motion of Elder Rupert, it was voted, that we invite the Presidents of Conferences present to participate in our deliberations. Further voted, on motion of W.W. Prescott, that Elder J.O. Corliss and Brethren C.H. Jones, B.R. Nordyke, and S.N. Curtiss be invited to unite with the Council. Also voted, that Elder Kilgore be requested to sit in council with us.

PLAN OF WORK FOR THE COUNCIL:

The Chairman then presented the following suggestive outline of work during these meetings:--

Bible study.	8:30 to 9:30	A.M.
Recess.	9:30 "	10:00 "
Session of the Committee.	10:00 "	1:00 P.M.
Dinner and Committee work.	1:00 "	3:00 "
Session of the Committee.	3:00 "	5:00 "
General meetings in the Tabernacle each evening.		

It was voted, on motion of Elder Cottrell, that the outline be followed, as far as practical.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE STUDIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES:

Voted, That Elders Spicer, Mitchell, Covert, and Corliss be named as a committee to arrange for the morning Bible studies and the evening public services.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Chairman then briefly outlined the main questions to be considered during the Council, as follows:--

First, The next session of the General Conference,-- its time, place, and character (whether large or small). Second, Reorganization,--a review of the effort made, with special reference to results thus far secured, and possible further adjustments demanded. It was suggested that consideration should be given to the inter-relationship of conferences, and the proper responsibilities of the same. Third, The financial policy of the denomination,--defining the attitude of the Committee with reference to incurring debt. Fourth, Our policy concerning foreign missions, embracing the consideration of a broad, progressive policy, necessary to meet the pressing calls now made, and the basis of the support of our work in other lands. Fifth, Funds for the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and the means by which such shall be provided. Sixth, The subscription book business, involving a study of the relation of publishing houses to the fields, the production of suitable literature, examination of manuscripts, etc. Seventh, "Christ's Object Lessons" work, 150,000 books having been sold, and the necessary Material Fund having been nearly raised, plans for the early completion of the work should be considered. It was further suggested that consideration might properly be given to the advantages and disadvantages of the plan as a means for raising money.

Professor Prescott expressed the hope that all these important questions might be considered in relation to the general work, and the one great problem, How shall we effectively plan to accomplish this work speedily.

CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS:

The Council agreed to a suggestion made by Elder Evans, that one or two persons be named to present the essential facts relating to the various questions before the Council for their consideration and action; such presentations to be followed by general discussion, in which all members should freely participate. It was accordingly--

Voted, That our financial policy be presented by the Chairman and Elder Cottrell.

That our mission policy be considered by Elders Evans, Spicer, and Jones.

That Brethren E.R. Palmer and C.H. Jones lead in the discussion of the book business.

That the question of reorganization be set before the Council by the Chairman and Elder A.T. Jones.

Voted, That the Committee consider the time and location of the next General Conference at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday).

In view of the importance of giving early consideration to the Sanitarium interests, it was---

Voted, That consideration be given to this question at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, provided Dr. Kellogg is accommodated by the arrangement.

Adjourned to 8:50 A.M., Tuesday.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 11, 10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A.G. Daniels, H.W. Cottrell, I.H. Evans, A.T. Jones, G.G. Rupert, E.T. Russell, W.W. Prescott, E.A. Sutherland, W.H. Thurston, A.J. Read. (10) Conference Presidents present: Allen Moon, Wm. Covert, J.M. Rees, J.D. Gowell, S.E. Wight, G.F. Watson, I.J. Hankins, C. McReynolds, L.F. Starr, H.H. Burkholder. Other brethren present: W.A. Spicer, H.W. Mitchell, P.T. Magan, E.R. Palmer, J.O. Corliss, C.H. Jones, B.R. Nurdyke, S.W. Curtiss, C.J. Herrmann.

The Chairman called for any additional topics for the consideration of the Council, and the following were suggested: FIRST, The educational work. SECOND, The ministry, how shall it be strengthened numerically and spiritually. THIRD, The week of prayer services.

Voted, That Professors Griggs and Sutherland be requested to lead in presenting the educational work.

NEXT SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Proceeding to the consideration of the business assigned to this session, the Chairman reviewed the results of councils held with our brethren, first in the European field, and later upon the Pacific Coast, where opportunity was given for securing the counsel of Sister White. The result of this consideration was a suggestion that the time of the Conference should be March 25 to April 15, 1905; the place, some suitable point on the Atlantic Coast, preferably New York City; its character, a limited representation, devoted to the consideration of large, world-wide questions, rather than to matters of local interest, and attended with evangelical effort in the city where located.

The subject was freely discussed by a large portion of the brethren present. Suggestions were made concerning suitable places for the meeting. Brother Covert extended a proposition made by the business men of Milwaukee, offering the free use of the Exposition building in that city. Brother Rees called

attention to the advantages of St. Louis or Kansas City, our people having a church in the latter place, with a seating capacity of 500. New York and Washington were also considered, and their advantages and disadvantages presented. Attention was also directed to the relative merits of a Conference in a quiet spot apart from the world, as compared with one embracing extended evangelical effort in some large center of population.

Voted, On motion of Professor Prescott, that April 1 to 22, 1903, be fixed as the time of the next General Conference.

Further voted, That the Chairman appoint a committee of five, including himself, to take the question of location under advisement, reporting as early as possible, and submitting the result of their investigation to this meeting, if practicable.

Adjourned to 3 P.M.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY -THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 11, 1902.

This meeting was called in the Review and Herald Chapel at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, Fredrick Griggs, S.H. Lane, G.G. Rupert, E.T. Russell, W.H. Thurston, H.W. Cottrell, A.T. Jones, E.A. Sutherland, I.H. Evans. (11) Quite a number of Conference Presidents and other brethren were also present.

Prayer was offered by Elder J.O. Corliss, after which the minutes of the forty-second meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL POLICY:

The Chairman, W.W. Prescott, announced that the topic for the hour was the consideration of the financial policy of the denomination, and that Brethren A.G. Daniells, and H.W. Cottrell would lead in the presentation of the question.

Elder Daniells then gave a review of the situation which the various institutions are in at the present time, and cited what seemed to him to be the causes which have led to the present condition of affairs. Attention was called to the fact that upon the various institutions connected with the denomination, there is at the present time an indebtedness, in round numbers, of two million dollars. The various institutions were specified, with approximate amounts for each.

Attention was called to the fact that since the last General

Conference about \$140,000 has been paid on the school debts of the denomination, while at the same time debts of other denominational institutions have been contracted to the amount of \$225,000, at the very lowest estimate, thus making a net increase of indebtedness above that existing two years ago of \$85,000, despite the determined efforts on the part of the members of the General Conference Committee to reduce the denominational indebtedness as rapidly as possible, and to conduct the work upon a strictly cash basis.

Elder Cottrell stated that the situation was heart-rending, and that, looking over the history of the work, he could not believe that the denomination had a financial policy, and that it was certainly high time that the leaders of this denomination should definitely define and strictly adhere to a policy regarding its finances that would place the work upon the lines so explicitly laid out in the Testimonies and in the Word of God.

After a rather free discussion of the question under consideration, it was, upon motion of Elder Daniells, seconded by W.H. Thurston--

VOTED, That H.W. Cottrell, I.H. Evans, and W.T. Knox be a committee to prepare a statement regarding the financial policy to be pursued by this denomination, to be submitted to this Committee for action.

The Chairman announced that the special topic for the next meeting would be the consideration of matters connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and that Dr. Kellogg would be expected to lead in their presentation.

VOTED, To adjourn to 10 o'clock, November 12, to meet in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle.

W.W. PRESCOTT, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 12, 1902.

The meeting was called in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 10 A.M., with the following named persons present:--

Daniells, Jones, White, Knox, Flaiz, Lane, Cottrell, Sutherland, Prescott, Paulson, Thurston, Russell, Rupert, Read, Evans, Griggs. (16)

Conference Presidents: Covert, Watson, Williams, Rees, J.D. Gowell, Wight, Starr, Hankins, Burkholder, Moon, McReynolds, Haughey. (13)

Other brethren: Corliss, Osborne, H.R. Johnson, Van Horn, Sanders, C.M. Christiansen, Magan, S.P.S. Edwards, Blosser, Mitchell, N. Nicola, Butler, Nørdyke, Curtiss, C.H. Jones, W.H. Edwards, Herrman, Kilgore, C.C. Nicloa, Mrs. Patience Archer,

Dr. Lillian Eshelman, E.R. Palmer, Spicer, A.C. Bourdeau, Dr. G.A. Hare, and four or five doctors from the Sanitarium. (About 30)

Prayer was offered by Dr. D. Paulson and Elder A.G. Daniells. The minutes of the previous meeting were waived.

The Chairman, Elder H.W. Cottrell, then stated that this hour was set apart for the consideration of the medical work, and that Dr. Kellogg was expected to occupy the time.

The following note sent to the Secretary, was then read:

"November 12, 1902.

Kindly inform the Committee that, owing to another engagement, and the impossibility of holding a meeting of the Medical Missionary Board last evening, I am unable to accept your invitation to ~~be~~ present any matters before the Committee at ten o'clock this morning.

Yours very truly,
J.H. KELLOGG."

In view of this, it was voted the the consideration of this matter be made the order of business for ten o'clock, November 13, and that the request be renewed for Dr. Kellogg to come before the Committee and present the matter.

MISSION POLICY:

The Council then gave attention to the question of foreign missions, Elders A.T. Jones, A.G. Daniells and I.H. Evans being called upon to lead in the presentation of the question.

Elder Jones called attention to what had recently been done by the California Conference in setting apart a certain amount of its tithe for the support of workers in foreign fields, and in encouraging such workers as felt a burden to do so, to go to foreign fields; and also in calling in other persons for a training for work in both the home field and in foreign lands. The amount of tithe now going to foreign fields from the California Conference is practically half the amount raised in the Conference.

Elder Evans stated that he believed it necessary that a readjustment be made in our work; that we consider the field the world, and wherever there is the greatest need, there should be sent the greatest number of workers and means for their support. He considered the policy of going into a field and establishing institutions there before there was a constituency to support it, to be a wrong one; that institutions should be raised and supported by the local constituency, and when that is done the progress of the work will be much faster.

Elder Daniells called ~~XXX~~ attention to the needs of fields abroad, and the inability of the Mission Board to meet the world-wide demand on the present financial basis.

VOTED, On motion of A.G. Daniells, seconded by

J.O. Corliss, that A.T. Jones, G.G. Rupert, W.A. Spicer, W.H. Thurston and E.R. Palmer, be named as a committee to outline policy of mission operations.

Elder Evans suggested that the work in the home field be made the topic for the afternoon meeting.

Adjourned to 3 P.M.

H.W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 12, 1902.

Meeting was convened in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, Prescott, Thurston, Lane, Jones, Flaiz~~e~~ Cottrell, Knox, Rupert, Evans, Russell, Sutherland, White, Paulson, Read. (15)

Others present: J.O. Corliss, H.R. Johnson, C.M. Christiansen, H. Nichol, G.F. Watson, Allen Moon, Wm. Covert, R.M. Kilgore, A.C. Bourdeau, C.J. Herrmann, C.N. Sanders, H.H. Burkholder, A.G. Haughey, J.M. Rees, H.M. Mitchell, S.M. Butler, I.J. Hankins, W.H. Edwards, C.H. Jones, S.N. Curtiss, B.R. Nordyke, C. McReynolds, W.A. Spicer, J.B. Blosser, J.D. Gowell, E.R. Palmer, P.T. Magan, S.E. Wight, O.F. Campbell, Dr. Shively.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Prayer by Elder Flaiz.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK:

Following the customary devotional exercises, the Chairman stated that our missionary operations was the subject for discussion.

The Chairman also outlined the movement now in progress among our conferences, and dwelt upon its promise for the future of our work. Reference was made to the unanswered calls in various parts of the world. As the Oriental field was considered, it was--

VOTED, On motion of W.A. Spicer, that Drs. Keckline and Pampaian be sent to Egypt, their work to be arranged by the committee operating there.

Elder E.T. Russell, on behalf of the Central Union Conference, offered to support a worker either in Burmah or Mexico.

Professor Prescott referred to the special topic of this session--plans for effective effort at home. He and several

other brethren also expressed their belief that a generous division of workers and funds would prove the foundation for the revival of the work in the homeland, and would likewise develop our resources for the rapid extension of the work in all lands.

Elder S.H. Lane suggested that we plan to enter unoccupied territory at home, as well as abroad. Elder Watson felt assured that Colorado would rally to the support of this outward movement, and hoped he might sometime labor in Scotland, the land of his fathers.

Professor Sutherland emphasized the importance of training our young people to bear burdens in distant lands. Elders Russell, McReynolds, Flaiz, Covert and Jones cited evidences of good resulting from the inauguration of this movement in their fields.

Adjourned to 10 A.M., November 13.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY-SIXTH ~~MEETING~~ GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 13, 1902.

Meeting called in North Vestry of Tabernacle, at 10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, Cottrell, Evans, Flaiz, Griggs, Jones, Knox, Lane, Prescott, Paulson, Read, Rupert, Russell, Sutherland, Thurston, White, Dr. Kellogg. (17)

Conference Presidents present: Covert, Rees, Starr, Hankins, Moon, Haughey, Collie, Burkholder, McReynolds, Wight.

Others present: Edwards, Mitchell, Johnson, Christiansen, Nicola, Sanders, Bourdeau, Spicer, Herrmann, Kilgore, Parsons, Corliss, Williams, E.R. Palmer, Van Horn, P.T. Magan, Dr. Morse, Dr. Otis, C.H. Jones, Nordyke, Curtiss, Dr. Shively, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Harris, Dr. Colleran, W.K. Kellogg, Judd, Murphy, Dr. Thomason, E.E. Gardner, F.E. Belden, J.B. Blosser, Dr. Riley, Dr. Eggleston, and several Sanitarium workers. (About 40)

The Council was led in prayer by Elder Knox, several others uniting in the devotions. Minutes of the 43d and 44th meetings read and approved.

SANITARIUM INTERESTS:

The Chairman then announced that Dr. Kellogg would make a statement concerning the Sanitarium interests. The Doctor referred to the policy outlined in the minutes of the 44th meeting, and declared himself likewise opposed to the establishment of institutions before a constituency had been acquired through well-

directed educational work. He cited illustrations of difficulties arising from the pursuit of a wrong policy which has resulted in placing institutions deeply in debt.

Concerning the Battle Creek Sanitarium, the Doctor outlined briefly the events leading up to the present situation, and stated that the Sanitarium Board had instructed him to make no request of the General Conference Committee, to whom the situation must be well known.

Moved, by Professor Griggs, seconded by Elder Lane, that it is the sense of the General Conference Committee that we as a people should cooperate heartily in the effort to sell an edition of the book prepared for the relief of the Sanitariums. Some inquiry having been made by members concerning the time this campaign should be undertaken, and the manner in which it was to be conducted, Elder Jones stated that he did not understand the General Conference was to bear the burden of organizing the campaign, but was expected to actively cooperate in the work.

Professor Prescott expressed the belief that two questions should be definitely understood before intelligent action could ~~now~~ be taken on the motion before the Council, and he accordingly moved, That two committees be appointed, one to report concerning the relation of the General Conference Committee to other institutions and organizations; the second to submit recommendations concerning the character of the book suggested for circulation. The motion was seconded by Elder Russell.

Several brethren then offered suggestions, both with reference to the advantages and disadvantages of attempting the settlement of the question by such a committee, and also concerning the necessity of a definite understanding with reference to both the questions involved in Professor Prescott's motion. Dr. Kellogg expressed the hope that an examination such as was suggested should be made before the whole Committee, rather than by two or three members.

Elder Jones expressed the wish that we might consider these things together as brethren and Christians, and urged with much earnestness and feeling the importance of recognizing our mutual obligations as Christian men engaged in different departments of this work.

Professor Prescott wished the brethren to be assured that his personal attitude was one of entire sympathy, and that his grief in view of the present situation was very deep. He earnestly desired that the work should go forward as one movement in behalf of the gospel message.

Dr. Kellogg suggested that the Council enter upon an investigation of a general character, inquiring concerning the province of the General Conference Committee, as well as other organizations and institutions. He accordingly moved that such an investigation be made the order of the day, and continued until completed. Seconded by Professor Magan.

After some further consideration, Professor Prescott and

Griggs withdrew their motions, and the foregoing motion of Dr. Kellogg was then carried. Elder Jones suggested that this would open the subject of Reorganization, since the questions before us were involved in this theme.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Battle Creek, Mich., November 13, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniels, Evans, Flaiz, Jones, Kellogg, Knox, Paulson, Prescott, Read, Russell, Sutherland, Thurston, Rupert, Lane, White, Rand. (17)

Quite a number of Conference Presidents, doctors from the Sanitarium, and other brethren, were present.

Elder Knox in the chair. Elders Covert and Daniels offered prayer. The minutes of the 45th and 46th meetings were read and approved.

REORGANIZATION:

Elder Daniels then reviewed the work of reorganization, which the denomination had been called upon to effect at the last General Conference, by building upon different principles. The guiding principle had been the decentralization of authority by the distribution of responsibility. ~~Reorganizing, special~~ This had led to the organization of union conferences. In reorganizing, special attention had been given to the representation of the four features of our work--the evangelical, medical, educational, and publishing interests--on all operating committees, whether general, union, or local. The relationship of these organizations was not arbitrary, but rather advisory in its nature.

The speaker believed the principle should be recognized in our medical and publishing work, which should constitute recognized departments of church work. Reference was made to the plans developed on the Pacific Coast.

Elder Jones then read extended extracts from the minutes recording the organization of the medical work in the Pacific Union Conference, where the plan outlined had been followed. They had been guided by the principle that the responsibility of control must be placed where the work is being carried on.

This was done by finding a constituency among the members of the local church, this constituency choosing their own Board, one of whom shall be a member of the State Board, thus providing a cord of union between the general and local organizations. This they found to be harmonious with a recent testimony declaring that the principles which govern in publishing and General Conference affairs should also govern in publishing and Sanitarium work. Individual and institutional freedom had been maintained, yet in a bond of fraternal union, thus making the medical work a part of church work, and not separate from it.

Dr. Kellogg assured the council that this form of organization would be heartily favored by the I.M.M. Board, their doctors and nurses, and further stated that the Board had ever desired to work in harmony with these principles. All the medical workers present assented to this statement by standing.

Several brethren made inquiries concerning features not clear to their minds, and it was finally- -

VOTED, On motion of Dr. Kellogg, that we adopt the principles set before the Council as the right foundation of the medical missionary work.

Dr. Kellogg and others called attention to the desirability of evening sessions, and it was accordingly voted to adjourn till 7:30 to the South Hall Parlor.

W.T. KNOX, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 13, 1902.

The session was convened in South Hall Parlor at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Jones, Russell, Rupert, Paulson, Read, Prescott, Thurston, Flaiz, Kellogg, Lane, White, Rand, Evans, Knox, (16) Quite a large company of conference presidents, ministers, and other workers were also present.

Elder H.W. Cottrell presided. Prayer was offered by Elder I.H. Evans. The minutes of the 47th meeting were read and approved.

Some further statements were made concerning the proposed Sanitariums in Michigan, after which Elder Jones suggested that the Council proceed to the consideration of the relations between the General Conference and the medical work, giving opportunity to point out failures that have occurred and suggest remedies for the difficulty.

Referring to the changes which have been effected in the General Conference Committee, introducing representatives of the various departments of our work, Professor Magan believed that the Committee should outline policies, and then each should go to his place of work to execute the plans adopted.

CONSTITUENCY OF SANITARIUM:

Elder Knox raised the question as to the constituency of the Sanitarium, the nature of its Board, and its relation to the General Conference Committee.

Dr. Kellogg then read the Articles of Association of the original Incorporation, and related the circumstances leading to the new Corporation. He maintained the right to extinguish all legal claims on the part of the original stock-holders or their heirs, first because the stock had been given by the original shareholders. Second, the accumulation of value was the result of donated service on the part of physicians and nurses. Third, the statutes prescribed that when the charter expired the institution should be sold, and its business closed.

The Doctor also read from the present articles of Incorporation those parts which relate to the constituency, referring also to the fact that the original shares had been distributed as directed by the share-holders themselves. Their records indicated 562 members in the Association, of whom 132 are ordained ministers. These constituents elect the Board annually, the property being held in trust for the constituency by the Board of Trustees.

The speaker emphasized the clause in the Articles of Incorporation which provides for new Articles whenever a more favorable law is enacted, thus giving evidence of the fact that the Board regretted the limited clause concerning the expenditure of profits accruing from the work of the Institution, a restriction which the Board did not plan or devise, but rather made every effort to overcome by securing more favorable statutory provisions.

Brethren McCoy, Christiansen, and Dr. Paulson also bore testimony to the fact that an earnest effort had been made to obviate this difficulty. After some further discussion, in which opportunity was freely given for additional questions, it was--

VOTED, That the Council consider the Doctor's book in the morning's session.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Friday morning.

H.W. BOTTRILL, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 14, 1902

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Prescott, Lane, Rupert, Flaiz, Jones,
White, Knox, Sutherland, Kellogg, Russell, Read, Paulson, Evans,
Rand. (16)

Quite a large company of ministers and other workers were also assembled.

The Council was opened with song, followed by a season of prayer, in which several members participated. The minutes of the 28th meeting were read and approved, with an additional suggested by Dr. Kellogg.

Elder Cottrell expressed his belief that the statement to the effect that the Snaitarium could be taken from the denomination at any time should receive a frank answer, in view of the fact that it had been started by the denomination, and the physicians connected with it were a part of the denomination.

Mr. Kellogg replied that the articles of Incorporation protected the institution as far as it was possible to secure protection of this character. The State is legally bound to guard the institution, and must prohibit the trustees, from diverting the property from its intended purposes and uses. While this is true, the only absolute safety of any institution or enterprise is necessarily found in the loyalty of the men connected therewith, and this loyalty is best encouraged and strengthened by confidence.

"THE LIVING TEMPLE":

Proceeding to the consideration of the Doctor's book, "The Living Temple," the author stated that the subject matter had been presented in a stereopticon lecture before the last General Conference. In the book he attempted to elaborate the principles then set forth.

Professor Prescott stated that his criticism of the book was based upon his belief that man in his natural sinful state is not the temple of God in the sense of Scripture teaching. In turning from righteousness, man ceased to be the temple of God, and is restored only by a new creation in Christ Jesus. This distinction seemed to him essential, in view of our specific work at this time in warning against the great perversion of the gospel, which has come through the attempt to establish God's presence in the place where, in reality, the man of sin is manifested.

Dr. Kellogg then stated that he saw no objection to the principles set forth by Professor Prescott. He had used the term "temple" in the ordinary sense of the word. While he was in accord with the technical or theological definition, he

had written the work from a physiological point of view. Although the work was not theological in its nature, he would be very glad to have anything opposed to the principles set forth, eliminated from the work. He believed, however, that the two-fold use of the term must be recognized. Interesting incidents were cited in which successful appeals had been made to sinners to recognize in their bodies, temples of God to be preserved from defilement.

The consideration of the subject having been continued until 12:55, it was voted to adjourn until 3 o'clock.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman,
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FIFTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Nov. 14, 1902.

The session was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle
MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniells, Knox, Prescott, Lane, Paulson, Kellogg Read,
Thurston, Russell, Cottrell, Griggs, Sutherland, White. (13)

The devotional exercises consisted of song and prayer, in which the council was led by Elder G.F. Watson. Minutes of the 49th meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Kellogg then stated that it had occurred to him that the objection to the meaning given to the word "temple" in the book might be removed by inserting in the preface a statement concerning the use of the term in this work, together with a definition of the word in its strictest sense.

Elders H.R. Johnson, W.W. Prescott, and others then cited definite passages in the proofs before them, and questions were asked, and explanations offered concerning these.

Dr. Kellogg assured the Council that he appreciated these criticisms, for he recognized the fact that if the work is to be made the Committee's book as well as his own, it should commend itself to their favor, and he did not wish to crowd upon the brethren anything ~~that~~ unwelcome to them.

It was thought that further examination and criticism of the book could be referred properly to a committee. It was accordingly

VOTED, On motion of A.G. Daniells, that Elders Prescott and Jones, Drs. Kellogg and Paulson be named as such an examining committee.

W.T. KNOX, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

FIFTY)FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 15, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Lane, Paulson, Prescott, Rupert, Russell, Knox, Jones, Kellogg, White, Flaiz, Sutherland, Read. (14)
Also quite a large company of visiting and local workers. (Over 50)

Elder H.W. Cottrell presided. Prayer was offered by Elder E.T. Russell. Council heard and approved the minutes of the 50th meeting.

Continuing the consideration of the subject before the Council, Professor Magan mentioned two great questions before the last General Conference, namely, reorganization and the expansion of our mission work. He believed that the effort than made to divid responsibility, and push forward these two lines of work, should be continued, and felt that God's providence had especially appointed Elders Jones and Daniells as fitted to lead in these respective lines.

Replying to a query from Elder Lane, Professor Magan read from the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN concerning the organization of the General Conference Committee, as to ist offices, committees, etc., calling attention to the fact that the Committee was then organized in a manner to make practicible changes in the offices, as circumstances might demand.

Brother E.R. Palmer called attention to the fact that during the past eleven months the Chairman of the Committee had spent only about six weeks in this city, his time having been devoted to the work of distributing responsibilities, as contemplated in reorganizing the work.

Professor Magan replied that his suggestion was not a criticism concerning what had been done, since he believed the changes had been in the right direction. However, the work must enlarge, and it seemed to him proper that further division of responsibility should be made.

Elder Lane also regarded a division of responsibility as essential, as, in his opinion, the burden was too great for one man to successfully carry.

Elder Flaiz believed that unity will be realized in seeking to fulfil our commission to carry this truth to the world. This involved a decision on the part of every man in responsible position as to his willingness to go to any place he might be called.

Dr. Paulson mentioned his experience in his call to the work in Chicago, and agreed that undivided individual attention

to the work before us would result in the adjustment of our perplexities.

Continuing the same subject, Elder Daniells believed that the problem before us could only be solved by a mighty forward movement by this people in behalf of a perishing world. He counted himself as a candidate for foreign service, and was only in this country as a recruiting officer, to secure men and means for the front. He further believed that we have a definite message even now due the whole world. If this is not true, then our movement means nothing.

Speaking to this question of individual attitude toward foreign service, Professor Sutherland offered himself as a candidate in the capacity of a teacher. He believed that Elder Daniells had been definitely called to rally our missionary forces, and should be released from other responsibilities.

Elder White referred to his pleasant experience in the foreign field, and felt sure that we should not look upon foreign service as undesirable. As to the readjustment of responsibilities, he believed that we should settle the questions before the Council before this was attempted. He then read a communication from Sister White, entitled "The Worth of Souls," and relating to our method of dealing with each other.

Dr. Kellogg felt called upon to deny a report concerning his attitude to the present Chairman. He referred to a conference held in the Chairman's office some time ago, and protested against the use made of the records, which had been placed in the hands of others without giving him the opportunity to examine and edit the remarks made by him as the chief speaker. He wished it to be known to the brethren that he had not turned against Sister White or her testimonies, but occupied the same position he had for the last twenty-five years. Furthermore, he had entire confidence in Brethren Daniells, Prescott, and Spicer as conscientious Christian men.

Elder Daniells stated that since the Conference mentioned was composed of members of the Sanitarium Board, the General Conference Committee, and other brethren not members of either; and since the meeting had been organized as a conference, he had no thought of working injury to any one in placing the records in the hands of three members of the General Conference Committee.

At 10:45 P.M. adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Before dispersing, the Council joined in prayer with Elder A.T. Jones.

H.W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.



FIFTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 16, 1902.

The session was called in the Review and Herald Chapel at
10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Knox, Jones, Prescott, Paulson, Kellogg,
Lane, Griggs, Flaiz, Evans, White, Russell, Read, Sutherland. (15)
Also over 60 other workers and friends.

Elder W.T. Knox was called to the chair. A season of devotion was enjoyed by the Council, consisting of songs, and prayer by Elders Corliss, Prescott, and Daniells.

Continuing the discussion of the previous session, Elder Daniells took the floor, and declared his belief that the present controversy is not personal in its nature, but involves principles fundamental to the successful conduct of our work. He made an extended statement concerning the basis of his confidence in his present attitude, as developed by personal experience in Australia. He also cited the circumstances which led to his coming to America, and assuming his present duties, since which he had made an earnest effort to unify the work. The circumstances which developed the difference in policy between himself and Dr. Kellogg were related, and the speaker declared that the real question at issue is our financial policy, whether we shall follow the custom of making debts, or whether we shall heed the instruction given us nearly two years ago, to rise up and roll away the reproach of debt. His experience among the people indicated clearly to his mind that the present effort to liquidate the indebtedness of our schools was constantly hindered by fear that additional obligations would be assumed. He has assured the people that this would not be, and had set before them the principle that those who must pay our debts are to be consulted before they are incurred. It now remains for the committees of which he was Chairman to decide whether the policy to which he held met with their favor or their disapproval. Parts of a communication from Sister White, bearing date of July 1, 1901, were read, admonishing us not to involve the cause in debt.

Elder Daniells having completed his statement, at 12:30, adjournment was taken to 3 o'clock.

(At request of Dr. Kellogg, the following statement by Elder Daniells, is added to the minutes, together with the Doctor's protest.)

In the remarks of Elder Daniells with reference to the medical work and the situation in England, and the council meetings held in connection with the European General Conference last spring, he made this statement:--

"Instead of appointing a committee to go out and look over the country for a suitable place, and then going in debt for the

institution and pledging the people of Great Britain and America to pay it, thus violating what was understood by all the people,-- that we had ceased to create debts--I felt that it would be better for us to appoint a committee to go out and inspect places, and also to arrange for raising money in America and in Great Britain; and as soon as we could get that money and find a suitable place, make the purchase. Other brethren took the same position, and this displeased Dr. Kellogg and hurt him, and he finally left the room, after telling us that if we did not purchase a place, he and Dr. Olsen would; that there should be a place purchased, and it would be; and that we were not going to be permitted to block that work and impede the medical work in England any longer."

J.H.Kellogg: "I would like to call upon the reporter here to read just exactly what you said."

(The stenographer here read from the preceding page, from "Other brethren took the same position," to the end of that paragraph.)

A.G. Daniells: "Now I shall have to say that I believe that is what Dr. Kellogg said. That is the import. Of course I can not repeat the exact words; but that was the statement essentially that he made."

J.H. Kellogg: "It is very different from what I said."

W.T. KNOX, Chairman.
H.M. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FIFTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 16, 1902.

The meeting was held in the Review and Herald Chapel at
3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Knox, Griggs, Jones, Kellogg, Paulson, Lane, Rupert, Russell, Thurston, Prescott, Sutherland, White, Flaiz, Evans, Read. (17) About 75 other persons.

Elder H.W. Cottrell presided. Council was opened with song, and with prayer by Elder Van Horn and others. The minutes of the 52d meeting were read and amended by the addition of Dr. Kellogg's protest against statements made by Elder Daniells.

Dr. Kellogg felt that he had not the wisdom and skill to meet the situation, and asked the brethren to join in prayer for him at this time. Professor Prescott led in a very earnest season of prayer, followed by Elders Corliss and Daniells.

Dr. Kellogg then reviewed the history of our medical work, in England and from the time Dr. Kress was sent there. He stated that

his visit to England was made for the purpose of suitably arranging for investing the appropriation made by the General Conference Committee, for which Dr. Olsen was earnestly calling. On his arrival there, and during all the negotiations and discussion, whether public or private, he heard nothing about a financial policy until the meeting held upon receipt of the lawyers' decision that the Isle of Wight property could not safely be purchased for Sanitarium purposes. There for the first time he heard that the brethren regarded debt as wrong. Their position he regarded as fanatical, for he discovered no different moral principle between purchasing property on loans, or renting it, as in the latter case one virtually borrows the value represented in the property.

As to the right of opinion, he did not believe that a few ministers could justly decide questions for the medical workers. While he had not faltered in his loyalty to the truth, he protested against the spirit that assumed to thwart the will of the people. Since he went to England to promote plans for furthering the will of the General Conference Committee, as represented in their recommendation for the support of the medical work, he could not submit to the nullification of the Committee's plans by two or three members of the Committee.

Elder Daniells agreed that the principle was correct, and the question was now before the Committee as the representatives of the people. He also stated that remittance to Dr. Olsen had been deferred on Dr. Kellogg's advice.

Professor Prescott suggested that, having heard these statements, the Committee now be given opportunity to outline its policy.

Dr. Kellogg objected to the consideration of this question, since the Committee had no right to decide for the conferences or other organizations.

W.C. White stated that while the Committee could not adopt a controlling policy for union or local conferences or institutions, it should decide its own policy touching this question.

Elder Flaiz, as a delegate to the London Conference, stated that the American brethren had no disposition to deter the English workers from establishing sanitariums under such conditions as they chose, and the only thing that the American delegates declined to do was to assume responsibility for the obligation.

Dr. Kellogg denied that this correctly represented their attitude, since the International Health Association was to be responsible for the financial obligation.

Elder A.T. Jones believed that the question of the crisis had now been until it must be understood, and he therefore moved that we adjourn to 10 A.M., Monday, to proceed with the regular business of the Council.

H.W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 17, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Knox, Lane, Jones, Flaiz, Paulson, Kellogg, Russell, Read, Rupert, Thurston, Evans, Prescott, White. (15)

Prayer was offered by Elder E.T. Russell. Elder W.T. Knox was called to the chair. The minutes of the 53d meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

After some statements from several of the members with reference to the public attendance at the Council, and the proceedings of yesterday, it was moved by Elder Evans, and seconded, that the Council proceed to the consideration of the publishing work. Dr. Kellogg regarded this motion as out of order, since the Council had voted to continue the investigation of the province of the General Conference Committee, and its relations to the Medical Missionary Board, until the subject was finished.

After some discussion, Elder Rupert moved an amendment to the effect that we consider, on a business basis, the relation of the General Conference to the Medical Missionary Association and the Sanitarium Board. This amendment was supported.

Several members expressed their anxiety to transact the business for which the Council had convened, while others believed that we should continue the consideration of the subject before the Council until matters were satisfactorily settled.

Professor Prescott suggested that the members of the Boards directly concerned in the matter, meet together for consideration of their relationships from a business point of view.

Elder A.T. Jones then stated that since he was involved in the transactions leading to the present situations, he would request the privilege of speaking to the general question at 3 o'clock. On his motion, it was then voted to adjourn to that hour.

W.T. KNOX, CHAIRMAN,
HAR. OSBORNE, SECRETARY.

FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 17, 1902.

The meeting convened in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Prescott, Jones, Griggs, Thurston, Russell, Knox, Paulson, Rupert, Read, Sutherland, Lane, Evans, White, Kellogg. (17)

After the usual devotional exercises, the Council heard and approved the minutes of the 54th session.

Elder Jones then spoke to the question of the relations of the General Conference to the Medical Missionary Board, and all other organizations and institutions, as well. The essence of reorganization is found in the principle of self-government, with God as the source of life and power in the government. This principle he carefully followed in its practical applications, from the individual to the church, the conference, the union conference, and the General Conference, all of which were self-governing in those spheres within their respective jurisdictions. Thus the General Conference itself is self-governing in respect to affairs that arise from the relations of the union conferences. The executive committees of all these conferences are not to be control, but to be workers to help the individual or institution in its specific work. In confirmation of this, he read from the instruction given in the call to the reorganization of the General Conference Committee, which instructed the Committee to cease its efforts to control, and to impart to the responsibilities with which it has to deal. Thus work, and not control, formed the key-note of this instruction concerning the character of the Committee.

Elder Jones then related his personal experience in General Conferences since the first he had attended in 1887. He made an earnest plea for the exercise of confidence between brethren, doing what God says, and trusting Him to guide. The subject was enlarged and the lesson illustrated by examples from the Bible and personal experience.

Applying this principle to the book, "The Living Temple," he asked that we read in confidence. He had found recognition of Christ as a personal Saviour in at least twenty-three galleys of the work before him, although many chapters are strictly physiological in their nature. This he believed should commend the book to our confidence.

Elder Jones having concluded his remarks, at six o'clock adjournment was taken until 8 P.M.

The Council was dismissed by the benediction.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 17, 1902

The meeting was called at 8 P.M. Elder Daniells in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, Jones, Thurston, Prescott, Lane, Cottrell, Knox, Read, White, Kellogg, Sutherland, Russell, Flaiz, Paulson, Griggs, Evans, Rupert. (17)

Prayer was offered by Dr. Read.

Voted, That Frederick Griggs act as secretary pro.tem.

The Chairman raised the question of the future work of the Committee, saying that he would like to have suggestions offered.

W.C. White requested that the publication committee might have at least a portion of to-morrow to consider some of the following questions:--

1. The encouraging of some of the union conferences to take charge of certain publication interests in their territory, and the establishing of depositories. ✓
2. The place of publication of such German and Scandinavian publications as are carried on in this country.
3. The place for the publication of Spanish, French, and other Latin languages.
4. The advantages of a book editor who is a business man, to act as publication secretary.

Professor Prescott stated that Brother W.A. Colcord had made a classification of tracts and pamphlets, which we should consider. He thought that an effort for a vigorous campaign of scattering our tracts and pamphlets over the country should be entered upon at once.

Elder Evans inquired whether the general work of the home field was not also to be considered.

W.C. White raised the question of rights and Christian privileges of representatives from foreign fields to solicit help in our union conferences.

There was some further discussion as to the work in general, and our relation to various interests, particularly the Sanitarium work.

At 10 o'clock the meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, in the office of the Chairman.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
FREDERICK GRIGGS, Secretary pro.tem.

FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Michigan, November 18, 1902.

Held in the office of the Chairman at 8 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Flaiz, Evans, Griggs, Knox, Jones, Kellogg, Lane, Prescott, Pualson, Rupert, Russell, Read, Sutherland, Thurston, White. (17)

Elder H.W. Cottrell in the chair. Several brethren joined in an earnest season of prayer, after this the minutes of the 56th meeting were read and approved.

As Elder Kilgore, Vice-President of the Southern Union Conference, had been sent in Elder Butler's place, it was--

VOTED, On motion of Elder Daniells, seconded by Elder Rupert, that Elder Kilgore be requested to sit with the Committee and participate in its action.

Referring to the meeting of the previous day, Elder Knox felt that the principles then set forth had been the guide of the present Committee in the discharge of its responsibilities, and these principles were also heartily approved by the medical workers. In view of the facts, he raised the question why we should be in the present difficulty.

Elder Jones replying, stated that he had intended to ~~call~~ upon the relations of institutions and organizations to the ~~General~~ Conference. Owing to the fact that the medical work had not enjoyed proper cooperation in its work, it naturally followed that ~~its~~ form of organization had been affected by these unfavorable conditions. Brother Jones believed that a careful study of the medical missionary work ~~and its adjustment to its relations~~ as now organized would discover possible adaptations and adjustments in its relations to the General Conference.

Extracts from recent Testimonies were read, and it was noted that since the General Conference Committee had been re-proved eighteen months ago for its exercise of kingly authority, no word had been received indicating that the Committee was continuing this authority, neither had it been stated that the Medical Board had exercised such authority toward the General Conference Committee. It was instead located within the medical work itself, in its relation to its own work and workers.

Dr. Kellogg assured the brethren that himself and colleagues wished all such power eliminated from the conduct of the medical work, and both Dr. Kellogg and Elder Jones cited circumstances which had seemed to render necessary restrictions which the medical Board itself regretted in order to protect the property interests involved. When a local constituency could be secured, and local management provided, this difficulty would be obviated.

Further statements were read from communications written by Sister White, and extended statements were made with reference to the conduct of the work, and explanations offered concerning matters that had been discussed before the Committee, particularly the subject of the British medical work, and the situation now confronting the Battle Creek Sanitarium. It was felt that these explanations did much to make clear the misunderstandings that had arisen, and after the brethren had freely talked together concerning them, at 1:15 adjournment was taken to the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 3 o'clock, for the consideration of the publishing work.

H.W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 18, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Knox, Lane, Jones, Flaiz, Cottrell, Evans, Prescott, Read, Rupert, White, Sutherland, Paulson, Daniells, Griggs (15)

About 25 other brethren were present, representing especially the ministerial and publishing departments of the work.

Elder A.T. Jones in the chair. Prayer was offered by Elder Allen Moon. The minutes of the 55th and 57th meetings were read and approved.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS:

The Chairman stated that the Council was to consider the publishing interests at this hour, and Brethren Palmer and C.H. Jones had been requested to lead in the discussion of this subject.

Brother Palmer took the floor and made brief reference to the work that had been accomplished during the past year. He rendered a gratifying report concerning the revival of the ~~missionary~~ canvassing work in the British field, where ten experienced canvassers from this country had been sent, with the result that their splendid records had renewed the courage of the canvassers there, so that the number engaged in the sale of large works increased very quickly from eight to more than forty. He believed this an excellent way to send out young men for preparation as future missionaries.

Professor Prescott suggested that our canvassers might be supplied with leaflets for free distribution in their work. In England half million of small two-page leaflets had been circulated in a very short time.

Brother Palmer further made suggestions with reference to our policy in opening this work in foreign fields. He hoped that consideration might be given to the method of conducting work there, and to the need of securing a standard literature in other tongues.

By request, Brother Palmer read a report prepared by Elder W.A. Colcord, dealing with the character of our small literature at the present time. Brother Colcord's suggestion was that the standard should be raised and the volume decreased. Facts and figures were presented, pointing to the desirability of this. Several brethren made queries relating to the report presented.

Professor Prescott stated that in his opinion, it is not merely a question of relegating some publications to the background, but rather agreeing on something that all could circulate with all the might. He urged with much earnestness that we as a people are not awake to our privileges and responsibilities, and in this favorable time we should work like men who believe the truth of our Lord's soon-coming. He believed that the circulation of our literature would accomplish more than any other one agency, and urged that the work must be done.

At 5:30 adjournment was taken to 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

A.T. JONES, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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FIFTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 19, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle, at 8 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Knox, Flaiz, Russell, Thurston, Cottrell, Jones, Rupert, Paulson, Griggs, Daniells, Evans, Lane, Kellogg, Read. (14)

Elder Thurston presided. After the usual opening exercises, including the reading and approval of the record of the previous meeting, C.H. Jones continued the subject of the publishing work. He mentioned the effort that had been made by the Pacific Press to revise their small tracts, and approved of the suggestions outlined in Brother Colcord's report. He made some suggestions as to the circulation of small literature by our canvassers and colporters, and by all our people, by means of the package system and other methods.

Brother Jones then called particular attention to three questions:--

1. The relation of our publishing houses to the field at large.

2. The proper field of our branch houses.
3. The establishment of union conference depositories

Concerning the first question, he read extracts from the forthcoming No. 35 of the Testimonies, in which will appear sixty or seventy pages relating to our publishing work. This instruction pointed to the fact that our publishing houses are among our most effective agencies for advancing the truth, and that there are lines of effort and influence as yet by them almost untouched, in which God's providence is calling for their cooperation, ~~and~~ It was also stated that cooperation, and not consolidation, was God's plan for this work.

Brother Jones then rehearsed briefly the history of the branches established by the Pacific Press, which had been undertaken as missionary enterprises, pointing to some of the disadvantages in transferring these branches to union conference depositories, and reading from instruction from Sister White to the effect that every branch should stand and do its own work.

At ten o'clock, it was voted to adjourn for a recess of ten minutes, and that the publishing work be the order of business at the afternoon meeting.

W.H. THURSTON, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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SIXTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 19, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Knox, Flaiz, Russell, Thurston, Cottrell, Jones, Rupert, Paulson, Griggs, Daniells, Evans, Lane, Kellogg, Read, Prescott, Sutherland. (16)

Elder Cottrell occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Elders Evans and White.

HELP FOR SANITARUIM:

Dr. Kellogg then rehearsed before the Committee some of the difficulties which had attended the promotion of the medical work, and related interesting experiences in connection with the extension of health principles.

Speaking with special reference to the present needs of the Sanitarium, he stated that their loss from fire amounted to \$200,000, and at that time they owed the bank \$60,000. There

would be required for furnishing the new building a sum which would represent a total of \$300,000, as the present need of the institution.

Elder Jones then presented the following motion:---

"I move that this General Conference Committee and Council renew our hearty cooperation with the Battle Creek Sanitarium Board and the Medical Missionary Association in their plans and work to recover from the effects of the fire, to renew the institution, and to promote their work as never before. "

Seconded by Elder Rupert.

Several brethren spoke to the resolution, Brother Lane suggested that our people should be encouraged to make loans to the Sanitarium.

Elder Jones thought it would be to the interests of both the Sanitarium and our people to secure the loans from capitalists, meantime undertaking an educational campaign among our people to give, rather than to loan, their money to the Lord.

Elder White spoke in favor of the resolution, and hoped it would be lived in their experience. He also mentioned the confidence and love which our people have for our institutions, and believed we should encourage this devotion.

Elder Evans expressed his thankfulness for the goodwill manifested by the resolution, and he felt certain that the medical work appealed to that which was noblest and best in our natures. He believed that our ministers are interested in this line of work, and urged that we unite in earnestly working along these lines. He further suggested that bonds be issued to an amount sufficient for the protection of all the creditors alike, and believed that money could be secured from our people.

Professor Prescott stated that he felt in hearty accord with the spirit of the resolution, and Brother Daniells assured the Council that its sentiments found a responsive chord in his heart also. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the entire Council.

Dr. Kellogg then stated that the greatest help might be given to the medical work through an educational campaign among our own people. He accordingly moved that a committee be appointed, consisting of Elder Jones and such associates as he might name, to cooperate with the International Medical Missionary Board in the conduct of an educational campaign. He subsequently named Professors Magan and Sutherland to join Elder Jones in selecting the complete committee.

Elder Jones stated that he could not well take such a responsibility, as he must return to his work in California. He would gladly cooperate.

Dr. Kellogg withdrew the motion, substitution therefor the following:--

That all the State Conferences be asked to cooperate with the Medical Missionary Board in carrying on the proposed educational campaign.

This was heartily voted.

At 12:45 the Council adjourned to 3 P. M.

H. W. COTTRELL, Chairman,
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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SIXTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 19, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, White, Jones, Russell, Lane, Griggs, Rupert, Cottrell, Knox, Flaiz, Prescott, Sutherland, Evans, Thruston. (14)

Elder Russell was asked to preside. Prayer was offered by Elders Starr and Daniells.

TRAINING OF CANVASSERS:

E. R. Palmer was the first speaker to lead out on the study for the afternoon. He emphasized the importance of a more careful and intelligent training for canvassers and state agents. A book editor was suggested to carefully edit tracts and pamphlets. Better plans for selling periodicals is necessary. The work in England and Germany was mentioned to show what system and interest could accomplish. Brother Palmer stated that the book work was less active at the present time than it had been during the past fifteen years. He stated that the same condition existed in Australia several years ago, but a few years training of canvassers and tract society secretaries had placed the work on a prosperous basis.

Brother Palmer expressed it as his idea that the ~~missionary~~ union conferences should take hold of the educating of tract and missionary secretaries and canvassing agents. Being in close touch with the people, they have a greater influence with them than any outside party could possibly have; and then, too, it is recognized that they are not working for a good balance sheet, as is usually expected from publishing houses. They must have their office head quarters, and would be in most excellent condition to handle the general depositories.

He illustrated his remarks by the Echo Publishing House as it was when he first entered the work in the Australian field. The work at that time was very low, and after the change was made, giving the conference control of the book work, the work rapidly increased, and has continued to increase until the present time. The same has also been true with reference to the work in England. The publishing work in Germany has been under the control of the German Conference, and as a result they have 150 agents in the field.

He thought a wrong understanding might easily be obtained from the term "branches" in the Testimony. In proof of this, he cited the relation of the General Conference to the union conferences; that the General Conference has jurisdiction over the denominational work throughout the world, and that the union conferences are as branches to the General Conference. Yet the General Conference does not own the union conferences, neither does it presume to control them, only in an advisory way.

The question was asked in regard to the rates to be given to these union conference depositories, and it was stated that on some books the present rates to the branches are actual cost of production, and it was queried how the publishing houses would have means for missionary efforts expected, if such rates were given to union conference depositories.

Brother Palmer thought these details would have to be worked out by the parties concerned, but at the beginning of the union conference depositories a strictly cash basis should be established and followed. He mentioned the fact that in England and Australia, with each order a check is attached in payment therefor.

Elder Daniells next took the floor and spoke very earnestly in favor of a revival of missionary canvassing work. He stated that the work was not low because of lack of money or talent to sell books, or because the people do not buy and read books. He believed the remedy for the present stagnation in our book business was the present company assembled; that the work will rise when every conference committee, together with the ministers of the conferences, as well as the State agents, become thoroughly alive to the importance of the work. He believed that union conference depositories would be one means of bringing the work up.

Elder Thurston gave a short history of the work in Canada since the organization of the Canadian Union Conference. It was his opinion that the Canadian people were better pleased with the management of the depository by the Conference than when it was managed by the Review and Herald.

Other brethren mentioned plans for this work, and progress being made in their conferences.

Elder W.C. White then took the floor and talked for some time on the proper way of studying the Testimonies which come to

us He stated: "Every word of God is based upon principle. When testimonies are received we should study to learn the underlying principle." He spoke of the history of the establishment of the work on the Pacific coast. He believed the question as to whether the branches should be under the direction of the Union Conferences or the publishing houses resolved itself into the question of self-government. One thing against which we have been cautioned is the centralization of power and long distance management.

Elder Knox expressed it as his idea that before much could be accomplished by State agents, there must be a missionary spirit created in the hearts of men and women throughout the conferences.

On motion of Elder Daniells, a committee consisting of Brethren Palmer, Evans and Jones was appointed to draft recommendations concerning the publishing work. By request of Brother Palmer, the names of Elders White and Russell were added to the committee.

At 5:40 the meeting adjourned till 7:00 o'clock.

E. T. RUSSELL, Chairman.
I. D. FORD, Secretary, pro tem.

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SIXTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 19, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Knox, Flaiz, Griggs, Evans, Prescott, Rupert, Thurston, Russell, White, Lane. (12)

W. T. Knox in the chair. C. W. Flaiz led the Council in prayer. Minutes of the 59th and 60th meetings read, amended, and approved.

VOTED, On motion of Professor Griggs, that the educational work be considered at 3 P.M., Thursday.

The medical representatives having been detained, rendering inadvisable the consideration of the Sanitarium interests as planned, it was voted, at 7:40 to adjourn to 8 A.M., Thursday.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

SIXTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 20, 1902.

Held at 8 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:--

Cottrell, Flaiz, Knox, Prescott, Rupert, Russell, Thurston, White, Jones, Evans, Daniells. (11)

Elder C.W. Flaiz was chosen chairman of the meeting. The usual devotional exercises were enjoyed, and the minutes of the 62d meeting read and approved.

PUBLISHING WORK:

Elder White, Chairman of the Publishing Committee, requested the consideration of two questions. First, the relation of our large and small books. Concerning this, two theories were entertained: one based upon the supposed demand for low cost books; another based on the belief that since money is still plentiful and readers numerous, our large books can be sold as successfully as at any previous time. He suggested that small or juvenile books be placed on the basis of 40 percent commission to agents, by this means establishing a classification of our subscription books.

Brother P almer believed the suggestion was in order, but thought it might be advisable to retain four or five small works on the present basis of 30 per cent discount; and further suggested that a small, low cost cook book be compiled for use as a canvasser's help, to be placed in his hands at one-third the retail price.

Elder White's second question was concerning the place for the publication of our Scandinavian literature, asking if it would be proper to encourage the development of the foreign departments in the Union College by transferring the publication of the German and Scandinavian papers to that point.

Moved, by Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Knox, that the transfer of the German and Scandinavian papers to Union College be referred to a committee of three, this committee to report the result of their investigation at the next General Conference.

Elder White moved that the resolution be amended to refer to the Scandinavian periodicals only, and stated by way of explanation that the time seemed opportune for the transfer of the German paper, as the matter had been considered with favor by the German brethren, and need not be deferred for the Conference.

Referring to a query as to the advantages in the transfer, Elder Russell stated that, first, the paper would then be published nearer the center of our German constituency; secondly, it would strengthen the German Department in Union College, and prove a strong educational factor in the school. In addition to this Elder White expressed his belief that the paper would be greatly improved by bringing the editor in contact with the young people and

the work of Union College. This in turn would benefit the German field at large.

Brother Evans believed that it would be preferable to take all the foreign work from this center, if it was thought advisable to make the change, thus eliminating the expense of maintaining the foreign department here.

Elder White's amendment was withdrawn. Elder Evans offered as a substitute to his motion--

That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the suggested transfer of the Scandinavian periodicals, reporting to this Council. The following members were chosen from the floor: Elders Evans, Russell, and Knox.

It was further voted, on motion of Elder Daniells, that the committee be enlarged to five, and include Brethren Valentiner and Thorp.

Council then adjourned for recess.

C.W. FLAIZ, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 20, 1902.

The meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Evans, Flaiz, Griggs, Knox, Jones, Paulson, Read, Kellogg, Russell, Rupert, White, Thurston, Sutherland
(15)

The Council was led in prayer by Dr. Read.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN:

Professor Prescott inquired if union conference organizations for the conduct of the medical work might not be formed east of the Rocky Mountains, as on the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Kellogg replied that such organization depended upon the educational work already planned in the resolution passed by the Council, by which means a constituency would be provided, and the two branches of our work be made one.

It was moved by Dr. Kellogg that the Medical Missionary Board be requested to secure Dr. Edwards as general field secretary to promote the organization of the proposed educational campaign among our conferences, and that these conferences be requested to cooperate.

Brethren Flaiz and Prescott spoke to the motion, the former stating his wish that the responsibility might be thrown upon the churches and the conferences; the latter emphasizing the fact that we are here in council, each representing the entire work. He therefore favored making the suggested appointment ourselves as a council, rather than making a request upon any board of organization.

Accordingly, Dr. Kellogg withdrew his motion, substitution the following:

That this Council appoint Dr. Edwards as general field secretary for promoting the proposed educational campaign among our people in behalf of the medical missionary work.

This motion was put to vote and carried.

Further voted, on motion of Dr. Kellogg, that each conference be requested to select a competent man to cooperate in this work in the local ~~mission~~ fields.

BONDS FOR SANITARIUM:

The Doctor then raised the question as to the issuance of bonds sufficient to meet the present needs of the Sanitarium, and the source from which such loans should be secured. The Chairman inquired what was contemplated in the plan with reference to the present creditors of the institution, and the Doctor replied that bonds to a sufficient amount would be issued to satisfy holders of notes, if such preferred to exchange for bonds.

Elder Jones then presented the following:--

"I move that this Council approve of the Sanitarium getting money on bonds to satisfy its indebtedness from ~~whosoever~~ it may be able, at the lowest possible rate of interest."

Seconded by Professor Magan, and carried.

Further voted, On motion of Dr. Kellogg, that Emmanuel Missionary College Board be requested to release the Drs. Edwards from their present duties.

COMMITTEE ON "LIVING TEMPLE:"

Considerable time was then devoted to the consideration of the sale of the "Living Temple" for the relief of the Sanitarium and sister institutions, involving, first, the method for conducting the sale, and second, the distribution of the proceeds accruing therefrom.

It was finally voted On motion of Elder Daniells, that a committee composed of Elder Knox and Cottrell, and Dr. Kellogg, be named to draw up a written statement concerning the plan for circulating the "Living Temple." To this committee, the names of Elder Jones and Thurston, and Drs. Paulson, Read, and Nicola,

were added; and this committee of eight was chosen by the vote of the Council. It was understood that this action did not commit the Council to the use or adoption of the book.

Voted, To continue the subject under consideration at 7 P.M.

At 2:10, adjournment was taken till 3:30.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 20, 1902.

Held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle at 8 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, Flaiz, Jones, Griggs, Prescott, Russell, Sutherland, White, Knox, Cottrell, Evans. (11)

Elder Russell presided. The Council was lead in prayer by Professor Griggs. The records of the 61st, 63d, and 64th meetings were corrected and approved.

EDUCATIONAL WORK:

The Chairman stated that the subject for consideration was the educational work, in which Professor Griggs had been requested to lead.

Professor Griggs addressed himself chiefly to two questions, which he regarded as fundamental for the consideration of the General Conference. First, the financial support of our schools, Second, text books for use in the same.

Concerning the first question, he believed that Christian education should be made possible for the children of the poorest parents. Further, that the present plan of supporting teachers subjected them to difficulties arising from local conditions. This should be obviated by providing support either from the tithe, or from general donations, as might be deemed advisable.

Second, as to the text books, the speaker cited present difficulties in securing suitable books for use in our schools, and thought consideration should be given to the question as to who should prepare such books, and by whom they should be published.

Elder White expressed the wish that we might have some Bible studies concerning the second tithe, as he believed this would reveal financial help for our schools. He also suggested that suitable text books might be secured through the publication of inexpensive school literature as demanded, allowing the

same to be developed by experience in their use.

Professor Sutherland called attention to false methods in educational work, by which the child's ability to exercise faith is dwarfed and crippled. Hence the great necessity for schools in which truth shall be taught and allowed to stand on the merit of its own evidence.

He emphasized the fact that educational reform is in its nature, co-extensive with the special truth we are to proclaim, and must therefore be closely identified with the message, both in its organization and in its proclamation.

Elder Daniells stated that he believed our educational system should be carefully studied and wrought out as one of the fundamental questions to be considered by the General Conference.

Professor Sutherland concluded his remarks by reference to the need that exists: first, for a general system of financial support for our school work; and second, the organization of the educational work in general, providing for conference direction of local church schools.

At 5:35, the Council adjourned, and was dismissed with the benediction.

E. T. RUSSELL, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 20, 1902.

Held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle, at 7 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Flaiz, Rupert, Jones, Kellogg, Evans, Russell, Daniells, Knox, Cottrell, Paulson, Prescott, Lane, White, Read, Griggs. (15)

Elder H. W. Cottrell was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by Elder G. G. Rupert. The minutes of the 65th meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee then rendered a partial report as follows:--

"Your committee appointed to recommend the financial policy to be pursued by the denomination would respectfully submit the following:--

"Whereas, The work of carrying on the third angel's message is rapidly enlarging and extending into new fields; and,--

"Whereas, Unless careful management be given to the operations in extending the message, large debts will be contracted; therefore,--

"1. We recommend, That all evangelical and missionary enterprises carried on in the name of the ~~denomination~~ denomination, or under the denomination's support, be conducted on a strictly cash basis.

"Whereas, Plans have already been adopted for distributing a portion of the assets and liabilities of the General Conference Association; and --

"Whereas, The union conferences have now been organized, and have accepted their assignment of liabilities and assets made at our last fall council; therefore,--

"2. We hereby request the officers of the General Conference Association to proceed at once to carry into effect before January 1, 1903, the divisions hitherto recommended, and to use every endeavor to liquidate the remaining liabilities as rapidly as possible.

"Whereas, Most of our corporations and institutions are carrying large liabilities; therefore,--

"3. We recommend That said corporations and institutions be requested to give special attention to the rapid liquidation of their obligations.

"4. We further recommend,--

"a. "a. That the General Conference or Mission Board from this day shall not be held financially responsible for any obligations which they have not assumed by their own action.

"b. That the foregoing be the general policy of the Union and State Conferences, and other organizations and institutions of the denomination.

"c. That all parties undertaking local enterprises, such as institutions, church buildings, and other undertakings in this country, secure their means in their respective local territories, and not by general call for means unless previously arranged.

"H. W. COTTRELL,
W. T. KNOX,
I. H. EVANS,

Committee."

Moved by Rupert, seconded by Russell, to adopt the report by considering and acting upon each item separately.

Dr. Kellogg suggested that the committee of eight to make a recommendation concerning a plan for circulation of the "Living Temple" would be pleased to make a report. Action on the finance committee's report was accordingly waived, and the following report was presented by the committee:--

"We recommend, That we cooperate heartily with the Sanitarium Board and the Medical Missionary Board in the sale of the "Living Temple," with the understanding that the entire proceeds of the book are to go to the rebuilding of the Battle Creek Sanitarium

It was moved to adopt the report. The question was raised as to the responsibility involved in the adoption, and it was understood that the Committee did not intend to commit the Council further than to assure the help of all who could approve, without coercing any.

Several brethren spoke to the motion, calling attention to the importance of securing unity of action in conducting the sale.

W.C. White expressed his deep interest that our people make a united effort for the relief of the Sanitarium. He would prefer a division of the proceeds from the sale, both for principle and policy, believing it would bring more to the Sanitarium, and other Sanitariums, as well. He also suggested that the books be paid from the proceeds of the sale. He further thought the book itself should be considered kindly, but solely on its merits.

Elder Jones then referred to the importance of having a physiological work in which God is recognized, citing an illustration of the danger arising from the omission of God in such a work. The parts of the book which occasioned question in the minds of some of the brethren did not appear to him ~~rather~~ vital. He then read extensively from the galleys, parts relating to the personality and being of God, the nature of man, and other subjects which are not clear in the minds of some. In view of the recognition of the authority of the Bible, and of Jesus Christ as the only way to God, he did not believe the common people would err in following the instruction of the book.

After quite an extended interchange of thought relative to the question, in which Dr. Kellogg made mention of his personal experience in reaching the conclusions which appear in the work, the Doctor suggested that the whole question be withdrawn, leaving the Sanitarium Board free to promote the sale with the cooperation of such as favored the teaching of the book.

Elder Knox, on behalf of the Committee, requested that the recommendation be returned to them. It was moved by Elder Flaiz, that the request of the committee be granted. This was seconded,

Elder Daniells regretted that the recommendation had been presented before all had had opportunity to thoroughly examine the book.

The motion to refer the recommendation to the committee was finally put to vote and carried, two members voting in the negative.

On motion of Elder White, it was voted that the report of the committee on examination of the "Living Temple" be set for six o'clock Saturday night.

At 10:40 adjournment was taken to 8 A.M., November 21.

H.W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Battle Creek, Mich., November 21, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office, at 8 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Knox, Flaiz, Jones, Lane, Rupert, White, Russell, Daniells, Thurston, Griggs, Prescott, Evans. (13)

The Council engaged in an earnest season of prayer, led by Elders Thurston, Daniells and White, after which Brother White read a cheering statement pointing to the fact that thousands would be called to carry forward this work.

The Missouri Conference offers to support any of its workers in foreign fields with whom the General Conference Committee may make suitable arrangements.

The minutes of the 66th meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Professor Prescott moved that a suitable committee be appointed to report on the subjects presented in the educational meeting, making this report the order of business on Sunday morning. Voted.

Brethren Griggs, Prescott, A.T. Jones, and Spicer, were named by the Council as this committee.

VOTED, On motion of Elder White that the "Christ's Object Lessons" work be the special order of business on Sunday afternoon.

The Chairman then briefly referred to items of business as yet untouched by the Council, and suggested that the members should not fail to lay plans for the furtherance of the work, even though the General Conference is near at hand.

Professor Prescott suggested that recommendations made by the Council looking toward the advancement of our work might profitably be collated and placed with our people, together with an earnest appeal for an energetic campaign, especially along the lines suggested by the present Council.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:

The Council then took into consideration the report of the financial committee.

Elder Rupert inquired if the first recommendation would prohibit the acceptance of loans for the establishment or furtherance of denominational enterprises.

Brother Lane believed that loans should not be taken if we are to follow the principle set forth in the recommendation.

Brother Knox cited the fact that such loans must usually be replaced by securing money on interest. Other brethren spoke to the question, and the recommendation was carried.

Concerning the second recommendation, Elder Lane stated that he had heard favorably from nearly all the union conference organizations, and believed that there would be no difficulty in securing the adjustment as outlined.

Elder Daniells reviewed briefly the reported assets of the G.C.A., which aggregated \$215,000, as probably available, including \$45,000 in the Boulder Sanitarium. The total liabilities figured in round numbers \$208,000 thus indicating that the organization is solvent under the present plan of distribution of assets and liabilities.

Question on the recommendation was called and carried.

Speaking to the third recommendation, Elder White inquired whether it was designed to counsel our institutions to retrench their benevolent enterprises, or the expenditure of funds for their enlargement.

Brethren Knox, Lane, Evans, and others spoke to the question of proper limit for missionary effort on the part of institutions cumbered with debt, and the sentiment seemed to prevail that in this ~~human~~ favorable time a special effort should be made to place our institutions on a safer financial basis, in view of the certainty that far more difficult times will soon be experienced.

The recommendation was then carried without amendment.

Recommendation number four was also carried, after a few remarks from Elder White concerning the importance of the proposition, and the danger arising from the possible abuse of our attitude as a denomination toward the Christiania crisis.

GENERAL STATISTIC~~ION~~ BLANK:

Brother Palmer then presented a statistical report blank, designed for general use in our conferences and mission fields. This, Brother Edwards stated, was the completion of the work begun by the committee on blanks, appointed by the Council one year ago.

On motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Lane, it was →

VOTED, That the committee be instructed to have the proposed blanks printed for our use.

The Chairman then presented a request that the Council consider a difference between Dr. Kellogg and Mrs. Salisbury, of this city. It was--

VOTED, That the Committee does not deem it advisable to enter into this question, but would suggest to Sister Salisbury that the matter be settled in the church.

COMMITTEE ON WHEELING BRANCH:

A request from one Mr. Thompson, relating to the operations of the Medical Missionary Board, in Wheeling, W. Va., was brought to the attention of the Council, and it was--

VOTED, That Elders Evans, Cottrell, and Knox, be a committee to formulate a reply to Mr Thompson, and report to this Committee.

At 12:15, adjournment was taken to 2 P.M.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

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Battle Creek, Mich., November 21, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 2 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Knox, Blaiz, Jones, Lane, Rupert, White, Russell, Daniells, Thurston, Griggs, Prescott, Evans. (13)

VOTED, That the secretary be instructed to communicate by wire with Brother B. E. Connolly and wife, inviting them to go to Porto Rico as soon as possible.

NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:--

The Chair requested that consideration be given to matters pertaining to the holding of the next General Conference.

Elder Thurston, on behalf of Elders Knox and Moon, who were absent, stated that good arrangements could be made for a General Conference in Milwaukee, Wis.

Elder Cottrell did not think that conditions in Washington, D. C., would make it a desirable place. He did not think the laborers in New York were favorable to the Conference being held in that city (although the Conference Executive Committee had extended an invitation to their city.)

Favorable mention was made of the meeting being held in California.

A. T. Jones moved, W. T. Knox supported, that the next General Conference be held in California, March 27 to April 13, 1903, at such place as may be arranged by the officers of the Pacific Union Conference. Carried unanimously.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE:

Elder Rupert was given opportunity to present matters con-

cerning the Southwestern Union Conference. He explained how they had been affected by the division of the territory. The Conferences of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas constitute a large territory, with a constituency of about 3000, and with an income to the Union Conference of about \$1800. The general funds are not sufficient for the expenses. He has been anxious to do some printing and other work for the Mexicans. He suggested that the General Conference or the Mission Board pay the wages of one Mexican laborer, Brother Maclay. The Academy has been trying to help the Spanish work. They desire a good teacher of the Spanish language.

As time had arrived to adjourn, further consideration of the question was postponed.

Adjourned to 6 P.M., November 22.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
E. R. PALMER, Secretary, pro tem.

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SIXTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 22, 1902.

Meeting was held in the North Vestry of the Tabernacle, at 6 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, Prescott, Knox, Kellogg, Cottrell, Lane, White, Flaiz, Russell, Rupert, Paulson, Read. (12)

W.T. Knox in the chair. Prayer by R.M. Kilgore. Reading of minutes waived.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "LIVING TEMPLE:"

A.T. Jones read a report of the committee on the book, "The Living Temple," as follows:--

"Majority report of the committee for the examination of the book, "The Living Temple," adopted at a meeting held at 10:30 P.M., Thursday, November 20, 1902.

"Moved by Dr. Kellogg and seconded by Dr. Paulson, that we find in the book entitled, "The Living Temple" nothing which appears to us to be contrary to the Bible or the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, and that we see no reason why it may not be recommended by the committee for circulation in the manner suggested.

"Drs. Kellogg and Paulson voted 'Yes.' W.W. Prescott wished to be recorded as not voting either way.

"(Signed) Alonzo T. Jones,
Chairman."

W.W. Prescott requested the privilege of presenting the following report:--

"Battle Creek, Mich., November 22, 1902 .

"To the General Conference Committee assembled in Council.

Dear Brethren:--

"As a member of the committee appointed for the examination of the proposed book, 'The Living Temple,' I beg to submit the following minority report:--

"After giving the revised galley proofs of this book such study as the brief time and the great pressure of other duties would permit, I am compelled to say that I regard the matter outside outside of those portions of the book which deal with physiology and hygiene as tending to harm rather than to good, and I venture to express the hope that it will never be published.

"The reasons for my conclusion I ask the privilege of giving in detail in a further verbal report.

"Yours faithfully,
(Signed) W.W. PRESCOTT."

Professor Prescott followed with remarks as to the basis on which he thought a book should be examined. He then passed on to the consideration of the book, reading from the galley proofs.

After considerable discussion of the matter, during which the author requested the privilege of withdrawing the book from consideration, it was moved by W.C. White--

That a committee of five be appointed to confer with Dr. Kellogg concerning the book in manuscript, "How to Live a Century," to counsel regarding its sale and how to use the funds for the purpose of aiding the Sanitarium. Seconded by C.W. Flaiz.

Pending the adoption of the question, the Conference adjourned to 10 A.M., November 23.

W.T. KNOX, CHAIRMAN.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary, Pro tem.

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SEVENTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 23, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, White, Thurston, Knox, Griggs, Prescott, Evans,
Jones, Paulson, Kilgore, Lane, Read, Sutherland, Daniells,
Kellogg. (15)

By invitation: P.T. Magan, Elder Johnson, S.P.S. Edwards,
Maria Edwards.

H.W. Cottrell in the chair. Voted, That Magan act as
secretary of this meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:

The special committee on education rendered the following
report:--

"Believing that the work of Christian education is in-
separable from that of the Gospel; therefore,--

"We recommend, That the Mission Board be advised to en-
courage the establishment of the larger mission fields of train-
ing schools similar to those conducted in England and France.
These schools to be both for the training of workers and for general
education.

"In view of these sentiments, that the church school
teacher should be above local influences, and that church schools
should be established wherever necessary; therefore,--

"We recommend, That the Department of Education shall give
special study to the question of the support of teachers and the
maintainance of church schools, and report on the subject to the
next General Conference.

the need of suitable text books,
"We recommend, That ~~the need of suitable text books,~~
adapted to our denominational school work be brought to the at-
tention of those interested in the educational work, and that they
be invited to submit to the Department of Education suggestions
(with or without manuscript) which they may feel may be of any as-
sistance in meeting this need.

"We recommend, That those who are prepared to do so, should
be encouraged to study the subject of Christian education with
the churches."

VOTED, To adopt this report by considering each item
separately.

There was a brief discussion on No. 1, as to whether it
tended to centralization or not.

No. 2 was then thoroughly discussed as follows:--

W.W. Prescott requested consideration of the questions of free tuition, or the payment of tuition by parents, or a modified plan, involving both the other plans.

W.T. Knox stated the tuition should be a general church expense, so that every child in the church could have the privilege of a free Christian education. The same principle should also apply to the churches; that every church, no matter how poor, should have a chance to have a church school. This in his judgment, would necessitate the management of the church school business by the conference committee, and the payment of church school teachers out of a general fund. For this fund, he recommended the adoption of the plan of the second tithe.

E.A. Sutherland substantiated the thoughts relative to having the church school business managed by the conference committee, and the church school teachers paid from the general fund. He stated, that, as things are at present, churches would hire any Seventh-day Adventist public school teacher to teach a church school, and that wrong principles were creeping in. He stated that the Bible plan was, that each one should donate approximately one-third of their income to the cause of God each year, and this was not being done by Seventh-day Adventists. He referred to the days of Hezekiah and Malachi, when the Levites--the teachers--were crowded out of their proper places, and the covenant with Levi was broken.

P.T. Magan also spoke on the necessity of paying the church school teachers from a central fund, managed by the conference committee. He objected to the plan of churches supporting schools simply by tuitions paid by parents, and helping poor parents by means of charity donations. He did not believe that God's plans of finance provided for any one being a pauper, or subject of charity.

Elder Cottrell favored the plan of having each church look after its own church school business, simply in counsel with the conference, and managing its own finances, without having the finances handled by the conference committee.

Professor Griggs declared in favor of the universal system of education; the payment of all church school teachers from a general fund; the duty of the church to educate and train every child in the church.

A.T. Jones stated that the educational question was broader in its operations than is generally thought; that first of all we must teach the people of the church; that the parents must not depended upon the teacher alone. Men should be encouraged to take up this work, and the wages would be advanced.

After further general discussion, the report was adopted, and the meeting adjourned till 2:30 P.M.

H. C. COTTRELL, Chairman.
P. T. MAGAN, Secretary pro tem.

SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 23, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, Evans, Prescott, Rupert, Russell, Lane, Cottrell, Thurston, White, Jones, Knox. (11)

Minutes of the 67th and 69th meetings were read and approved.

Moved by Elder Russell, that J.E. White be invited to meet with the Committee, Monday at 8 A.M.

Elder Cottrell reported that the New England Conference at its last meeting, offered to support a laborer in the European field.

The motion under consideration at the time of adjournment Saturday night was further considered. At the request of the originators of the motion, it was withdrawn.

Elder White read a communication from Sister White, dated November 13, exhorting the Committee to humble itself before God, and by prayer and confession endeavor to become united in our service to Him.

WASHINGTON (D.C.) CHURCH:

Elder Cottrell requested permission to present to the Committee conditions existing in Washington, D.C., brought about by the division of the church in that city. A letter was read from Elder J.S. Washburn, recounting their efforts to secure a church building for the white brethren. An opportunity had been found to purchase a suitable building in a good location for 712900, and he appealed to the General Conference for assistance.

Moved by Professor Prescott, seconded by Thurston, that Elders White, Evans, and Cottrell be appointed a committee to make recommendation concerning this matter. Voted.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

Elder Daniells made a brief statement concerning the week of prayer, and the general objects he had in mind to be attained. A general discussion followed, the main idea presented being that the principle aim of the ministry should be a thorough work of consecration, rather than an effort to obtain funds.

At 6 o'clock adjournment was taken till 8 A.M., Monday.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
W.T. KNOX, Secretary pro tem.

SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 24, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 8 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Evans, Jones, Lane, Paulson, Prescott, Knox, Read, Russell, Rupert, Thurston, White. (13)

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS:"

After the devotional exercises, the reading of the minutes was waived, and the Chairman announced that the special topic for consideration was the "Christ's Object Lessons" work.

Professor Magan then set forth the present situation in this work, beginning with the South Lancaster academy, in the Atlantic Union Conference, which has received \$22,546 on its original debt of about \$44,000.

Concerning the Graysville and Huntsville schools, Professor Magan stated that he had not been able to secure satisfactory statistics. The Huntsville debt was about \$8000 and Graysville about \$2100. It was suggested by the speaker and several other brethren that the receipts from sales in this field should be sent to the General Conference Association, to apply on its note from the Southern Union Conference, as provided in the distribution of the liabilities and assets one year ago.

On motion of W.C. White, it was voted to appoint a committee to submit a proposition to the Southern Union Conference concerning the conduct of the "Christ's Object Lessons" business in that territory. Professor Magan, Elders Kilgore and W.C. White were appointed as this committee.

Continuing his statement, Professor Magan referred to the Keene Academy, which has paid about \$5000 on its debt of nearly \$11,000. Since the brethren in the Southwestern Union Conference had not clearly understood how much was to be paid to the General Conference Association, it was voted to refer this question to Elders Lane, Evans, and Rupert, for investigation.

Union College, with a debt of \$79,000, has received on its principal \$39,000, and in addition to this, more than \$3300 had been paid on interest.

In the Lake Union Conference about \$7000 had been paid on the old debt before this division. In all, about \$30,000 has been paid, nearly \$17,000 of which has been used in establishing Emanuel Missionary College.

Healdsburg has reduced its debt of \$52,000 to \$22,500. Special donations figured in this decrease, however.

Walla Walla, with an original debt of \$35,000, exclusive

of G.C.A. obligations, has decreased its liabilities to \$19,000, or about \$31,000 including said G.C.A. obligations. It was suggested that the General Conference Association should have a note from the Walla Walla organization covering the amount of its obligations. This elicited the proposition that all the union conferences give notes covering the amount for which the G.C.A. is liable, thus providing proper protection for the G.C.A.

On motion of Elder White, it was voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to formulate a general plan for the disposition of those notes in which the G.C.A. is involved. Elders Knox, Russell, and Evans were named as this committee.

In conclusion, Professor Magan stated that \$47,869.96 had been received on the Material Fund to November 9. Some counsel was taken with reference to the expenditure of this Fund for necessary printing, salaries, etc., involved in the promotion of the sale.

Elder W.C. White requested the attention of the Council to the question of the future of this work. His mother desired that "Christ's Object Lessons" continue to be devoted to the interests of the educational work, provided the publishers will print at cost, and our people will sell without commission. He believed a proposition from the General Conference Committee to the publishers and to the author would be in order.

It was moved by Professor Magan that the Chairman appoint a committee to present the status of this work, and make recommendations concerning its future, rendering a report to the next Conference, for its consideration.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN:

Dr. Edwards then outlined his plan for the conduct of the proposed campaign among our people in the interests of the medical missionary work. He stated that he proposed to arrange with the conference presidents for the instruction of conference workers themselves at institutes and similar gatherings. Further, he hoped to arrange in each conference for the employment of some person qualified to go from church to church, rendering help in all missionary lines, as well as in giving special instruction in the application of health reform principles to every-day life. He believed as a result of such work, our people will be prepared to take an intelligent stand for these principles, and will also carry them to others, thus creating a constituency for the conduct of medical missionary work as a part of church work.

Dr. Head, and Dr. Kellogg--who joined the Committee before adjournment--spoke hopefully of the results to be obtained from this effort, and offered suggestions concerning its conduct.

At 12:30 adjournment was taken till 4 o'clock.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H.E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 24, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 4 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniels, Evans, Knox, Jones, Lane, Rupert,
Russell, Thurston, White, Prescott. (11)

Prayer by Elder A.T. Jones. Minutes of the 68th and 71st meetings corrected and approved.

RELIEF OF SCHOOLS FUND:

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Lane, That Professor Magan present a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Relief of the Schools Fund to December 31, 1902; and that the accounts of this Fund be audited.

Some further discussion was devoted to the "Object Lessons" work, particularly the foreign editions of the book, and the proper distribution of the proceeds arising from the sale thereof. The opinion seemed to prevail that in conferences where a large number of Germans were located it would not be well to make an arbitrary rule that all the proceeds should go to the German school in Europe.

The following-named brethren were chosen as the committee to make recommendations concerning the future of the "Christ's Object Lessons" business work: W.C. White, I.H. Evans, P.T. Magan, W.T. Knox, E.T. Russell.

GUADALAJARA OBLIGATION:

At this point, W.K. Kellogg joined the Committee, to give information concerning Dr. Kellogg's request that the Mission Board pay \$20,000 to the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, invested by said Association in the Guadalajara institution by borrowing from the Sanitarium for that purpose. The Sanitarium now greatly needs this money, and the request was made to enable the Medical Board to return the loan to the Sanitarium.

Brethren Knox, Russell, Rupert, and others did not see how this Board could consistently acknowledge the claim, in view of the fact that the property is not owned by this Board. The following action was then taken, on motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Russell;--

"Whereas, The International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association has, through its Chairman, petitioned the Mission Board to reimburse it to the amount of \$20,000, which said International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association claims to have already appropriated to erect and equip the Guadalajara Sanitarium; therefore,--

Resolved, That inasmuch as the property of the Guadalajara Sanitarium is now owned by, and all title to the institution is now vested in, the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, of Battle Creek, Mich., we do not see our way clear to grant the request of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and decline to accept any responsibility whatever in the matter.

D.T. JONES ESTATE:

Attention was directed to the action of this Board on July 22, 1901, relating to the D.T. Jones Estate, and it was--

(Elder Daniells being called from the room, Professor Prescott was asked to preside.)

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, that we instruct Elder Daniells to investigate this matter thoroughly upon his arrival in Mexico, and arrange if possible for the release of the Board from this obligation.

COMMITTEE ON BULLETIN:

VOTED, On motion of Elder Daniells, that we appoint Brethren Cottrell, A.T. Jones, and E.R. Palmer a committee to consider the advisability of publishing a BULLETIN of the next General Conference.

J.A. STRICKLAND TO JAMAICA:

VOTED, On motion of Elder Daniells, that Brother J.A. Strickland, of Virginia, be invited to go to Jamaica.

HARRY ARMSTRONG TO INDIA:

VOTED, On motion of Elder Rupert, seconded by Elder Jones, that we endorse the action of the European General Conference, inviting Elder Harry Armstrong to go to India.

It was understood that this action favored as early a departure as could be consistently arranged.

VOTED, On motion of Elder Jones, that the Mission Board encourage Elders G.F. Watson and Malcolm McIntosh, of Colorado, to go to Scotland, when satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Adjournment was then taken to 9 o'clock.

A. G. DANIELLS,
Chairman.
W. W. PRESCOTT,
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 25, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 9 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Evans, Jones, Knox, Lane, Prescott, Russell, Thurston, White. (10)

After the devotional exercises, the records of the 72d and 73d meetings were corrected and approved.

VOTED, That the minutes of the 70th meeting be referred to the officers of the Committee for approval and insertion with the records of the Council.

WHEELING BRANCH:

On behalf of the committee to formulate a reply to Messrs. Morgan and Thompson concerning the affairs of the Wheeling Branch, Elder Evans moved that Elders Daniells, Cottrell, and Lane be a committee to confer with these gentlemen concerning the subject of their petition.

MEDICAL WORK IN GREAT BRITAIN:

Elder Daniells expressed his interest in securing assistance for the British medical work, and called attention to the action of the Fridensan council touching this question.

~~It was moved by Professor Prescott, seconded by Elder Russell,~~ that an earnest and persevering effort be put forth by the General Conference Committee to raise--

a. \$2000 remaining on the appropriation voted one year ago, for the London and Belfast treatment rooms.

b. \$20,000 recommended by the Fridensan council for the establishment of a sanitarium in England, this sum to be expended under the direction of the British Union Conference Committee. Unanimously carried.

IRELAND:

VOTED, On motion of Elder Knox, that the Southern California Conference be requested to send Mrs. Parsons to Ireland, paying her transportation and her salary in that field.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE AND MEXICAN FIELD:

Elder Russell called attention to the desirability of relieving the Southwestern Union Conference of some portion of its financial responsibility in view of its small income, and he--

MOVED, That we request the Southwestern Union Conference

to release Elder MacLay to take up work in Mexico under the direction of the Mission Board, if found desirable on Elder Daniels' investigation. Seconded by Elder Evans, and carried.

EXPENSE OF MEMBERS ATTENDING COUNCIL:

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, that we request that the expenses of brethren attending the General Conference Council be met by the organizations for whom they work, until such time as the General Conference is in a position financially to meet such expense.

R E P O R T S O F C O M M I T T E E S

ON WASHINGTON (D.C) CHURCH:

"Your committee, to make recommendations concerning the assisting of the brethren in Washington, in paying for their new church, would respectfully submit the following:--

"~~Whereas,~~ Washington is the capital of our nation, and is deserving of respectable places of worship, where our people can assemble with those interested in the third angel's message; and,--

"~~Whereas,~~ The brethren in Washington have appealed through their Union Conference President, to the General Conference Committee for help; therefore,--

"~~We recommend,~~ That the President of the General Conference, the President of the Atlantic Union Conference, the President of the Chesapeake Conference, and the pastor of the Washington church shall be encouraged to make appeals to the brethren and sisters throughout the United States, to assist by donations in paying for the church.

"2. That all donations received for this purpose, to an amount not to exceed \$10,000, shall be used to assist the church.

"3. That in all this, the General Conference makes no pledge of responsibility regarding the obligations of the church.

H. W. Cottrell,
W. C. White,
I. H. Evans, Committee."

The report of the committee was adopted.

ON BULLETIN OF NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

"Your committee, appointed to report on the question of publishing the proceedings of the next General Conference session, beg to submit the following:--

"~~We recommend,~~ That the work of the next General Conference be reported in compact form in a year book at twenty-five cents per copy, and that notice of the same be published at once so that orders may be secured before the time of publication."

VOTED, On motion of Elder Lane, that a standing committee of five, including the Chairman, be appointed to consider the propriety of publishing a BULLETIN during the next Conference, the foregoing report to be referred to this committee, which is given power to act.

ON G. C. A. AFFAIRS:

Your committee, to recommend a plan for the final adjustment of the General Conference Association assignments of assets and liabilities, would recommend the following:--

"1. That each Union Conference Association give the G. C. A. its note for the whole amount of the liabilities they are to assume, whether it consists in notes owing by the G. C. A. on the books at Battle Creek, or whether a part be in notes of the G. C. A., given by the institutions in the various Union Conferences.

"2. That each Union Conference Association shall be furnished with a list of notes owing by the G. C. A. in their territory and that said Union Conference Association shall try to substitute their Union Conference Association note for said G. C. A. note.

"3. That for each note owing by the G. C. A. paid by the Union Conference Association substituting its own note, the G. C. A. will credit the Union Conference Association note with the face value of the amount substituted.

"W. T. Knox,
E. T. Russell,
I. H. Evans,
Committee."

On motion of Elder Knox, seconded by Elder Jones, this report was accepted without amendment.

ON REMOVAL OF THE SCANDINAVIAN PAPERS:

Your committee has taken under advisement the proposition to remove the German and Scandinavian papers to College View, and would report:--

"That we look with favor upon such a move, in that it would probably work advantageously for the papers, editors, and the people; but, in view of all that is involved,--

"We would recommend, That final consideration of this question be deferred until the next meeting of the General Conference."

"W. T. Knox,
I. H. Evans,
E. R. Palmer, Committee."

On motion of Elder Evans, it was voted to adopt the report.

ON ASSIGNMENT OF G.C.A. LIABILITIES TO S.W.U.C.:

"The committee appointed to consider the matter of the adjustment of the General Conference Association debt in case of the Southwestern Union Conference, beg to report as follows:--

"That in the original decision of the General Conference Association as recorded in its minutes, the Southwestern Union Conference (Keene Academy district) was to assume \$10,000 of the G.C.A. liabilities, outside of what the Academy owes locally.

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

(G.C.Rupert was a member, but did not meet with the committee as he was called away.)

Accepted by vote of the Committee.

ON MISSION POLICY:

"Whereas, The one great work of this people is to carry the third angel's message in this generation to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and,--

"Whereas, About four-fifths of the laborers, and the means with which to support them, are now gathered in the United States, where there is only about one-twentieth part of the world's population; therefore,--

"We recommend,--

"1. That a systematic and thorough campaign be entered upon and kept up to turn the attention of conference committees, ministers, and people to the needs of the fields outside of the respective conferences, and outside of the United States; and that all conference resources of ministers and money be held by conference management open to the needs and calls of the regions beyond, the same as within the bounds of local conferences.

"2. That conferences urge their laborers to move out into needy fields, especially into fields outside of the United States, and pledge to support them there, as their own laborers, until they have raised up a sufficient constituency to give them support.

"3. That in all cases where laborers are sent into another field, as above suggested, they work under the direction of the committee into whose field they are sent; that the committee under whose direction they labor audit their accounts; and that all appropriations for their support be sent to the treasury of the Mission Board.

"4. That the General, the Union, and the State conferences give their internal working and the expenses of administration careful study, to the end that all unnecessary expenses be eliminated, and the work put on a sound basis.

"5. That we encourage the States that are able to do so, to set aside a definite percent of the regular tithe as an appropriation to the general work of the Mission Board.

"6. That this forward movement in behalf of foreign missions be placed clearly before our people, and that their responsibility to pay a full tithe into the Lord's treasury be impressed upon them.

"7. That, in addition to this devotion of conference resources to destitute fields, we urge all of our laborers and people to agitate the matter of the regular weekly offering to missions, known as the ten-cent-a-week plan, by which a large treasure may easily be turned to the evangelization of the world.

"Alonzo T. Jones,
W.A. Spicer,
W.H. Thurston,
E.R. Palmer,
Committee."

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that this report be adopted.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS:

VOTED, On motion of Professor Prescott, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that the Chairman and Secretary compile a summarized statement of the proceedings of this Council for publication.

STATEMENT AND APPEAL:

FURTHER VOTED, On motion of Elder Knox, seconded by Elder Cottrell, that a committee be appointed to prepare a general statement of our plan of action as set forth in the doings of the Council, adding thereto an urgent appeal to our people to rally to the support of our work; this appeal and statement to be published in tract form, and circulated extensively.

The following brethren were ~~shown~~ nominated and chosen as members of this committee: Brethren Daniells, Prescott, Spicer, and E.R. Palmer.

At 12:10 adjournment was taken to 3 o'clock.

A. S. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary

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SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 25, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 3 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cottrell, Daniells, Knox, Jones, Lane, Prescott, Evans,
White, Thurston. (9)

Prayer was offered by Elders Lane and Daniells. The minutes of the 74th meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON BULLETIN:

The Chairman then appointed the standing committee of five to consider the publication of the BULLETIN during the next Conference, as follows: A.G. Daniells, W.T. Knox, M.C. Wilcox, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans.

REPORT OF "OBJECT LESSONS" COMMITTEE:

"1. We recommend, That each conference continue energetically the campaign on 'Christ's Object Lessons' until the full quota of books is sold.

"Whereas, The author of 'Christ's Object Lessons' has donated the royalty on this book for the benefit of the schools to enable them to liquidate their debts, and has signified her willingness to continue this gift as long as it is used for the advancement of education; therefore,--

"2. We recommend, That we approve of this plan of aiding our educational work, and we request the publishing houses to furnish the book bound and F.O.B. at 25 cents per copy as long as it is handled by our people without profit.

"Whereas, Our brethren in Europe have requested that the proceeds from the sales of the German and Scandinavian 'Christ's Object Lessons' in this country be used in aid of the German and Scandinavian training-schools in Europe; therefore,--

"3. We recognize the right of our German and Scandinavian brethren in America to use the proceeds of their sales of 'Christ's Object Lessons' in their own languages as they desire, but we would suggest to them the plan of dividing the proceeds, allowing one-half to be sent to the European fields for the purpose mentioned.

"W.C. White,
I.H. Evans,
E.T. Russell,
W.T. Knox,
P.T. Magan (absent).
Committee."

Moved by Lane, seconded by Thurston, that the report be adopted.

Elder Daniells made mention of the educational work in the Scandinavian field, its present status and needs, and after some consideration of the general question, the motion to adopt was carried.

CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE:

Elder Thurston stated the probable needs of the Canadian Union for the year 1905, and it was suggested that the appropriation from the Mission Board be determined when appropriations to other fields are fixed.

The question of S.J. Hersum's field of labor was raised in connection with the consideration of this field, and it was—

VOTED, On motion of Professor Prescott, that we recommend that Elder Hersum be employed by the Canadian Union Conference until the next General Conference is held, the Mission Board meantime giving such help as may be required for his financial support.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE:

"We recommend,"

"1. That we approve the action of the European General Conference in establishing the French publishing work in France; and we suggest that all the publishing work of the French-Latin field be conducted under the direction of a publishing committee of the French-Latin Mission Field.

"2. That earnest attention be given immediately to establishing a strong unified arrangement for our Spanish publishing work—

"a. By providing for a careful examination of our Spanish literature.

"b. By bringing our Spanish literary workers into close working touch with each other.

"c. By carefully studying the Spanish fields, and by making inquiries, to the end that a good general center be selected for our Spanish publishing work.

"3. That a competent person be selected to act as book editor and general missionary secretary for the General Conference Publishing Department, and that the Pacific Union Conference be requested to unite with the Pacific Press Publishing Company in an effort to secure the services of Brother H.H. Hall for this position.

"4. That a book committee of five members, of whom the above-mentioned book editor shall be one, be appointed to counsel and assist the publication committees of our publishing

associations in the examination of manuscripts, the editing of books, and in their various labors and efforts, for the improvement of our literature, and especially in their consideration of the question as to what books shall be prepared for subscription sale, and urged as such for world-wide circulation.

"5. That the Mission Board and the officers of the General Conference Publishing Department unite in an effort during the coming winter to secure a few good canvassers for the Southern Union Conference, South Africa, and Canada, in response to urgent calls from those fields."

Moved by Elder Knox, seconded by Elder Evans, that we accept the report.

Some questions were asked and statements made relative to the recommendations, and the report was then unanimously carried without amendment.

CIRCULATION OF SMALL LITERATURE:

Moved by Professor Prescott, that the General Conference and Union Conference Committees unite in an earnest effort in behalf of the circulation of eight-, twelve-, and sixteen-page tracts dealing with the stirring issues of this message. Seconded and unanimously carried.

The question having been raised as to who would take definite responsibility in promoting this work, it was---

VOTED, On motion of Professor Prescott, that the officers of the General Conference and Mission Board constitute a central committee for the promotion of this campaign.

Elder White expressed his desire that the opportunities set before our people in the conduct of the "Christ's Object Lessons" work be followed by intelligent missionary effort, and it was---

VOTED, On his motion, that our people be urged to use the experience and favor gained through the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in selling our religious literature.

Some consideration was given concerning the publication of a Scandinavian edition of Testimony No. 34, and counsel was also taken relative to the operations of the International Medical Missionary and Training-school Association in the Missionary Acre work. No action of the Council was involved in these considerations, and at 6:20, it was---

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, seconded by Elder Jones, that this Council now adjourn sine die.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
H. E. OSBORNE, Secretary.

(At time of adjournment, Elder Daniels having been called from the room, Professor Prescott occupied the chair.)

FAREWELL MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Battle Creek, Mich., November 26, 1902.

Held in the Chairman's office at 9 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniells, White, Evans, Lane, Knox, Cottrell; also Brethren H.M. Mitchell and E.R. Palmer.

C. B. HUGHES WORK:

After a season of prayer, Elder Daniells presented the case of Brother and Sister Hughes, who are returning to this country from Australia.

VOTED, That Elders Daniells and White be a committee to make investigation concerning Brother and Sister Hughes connecting with the Huntsville school.

ADVICE CONCERNING CONFERENCE:

Arrangements for the coming General Conference were discussed, and Elders Jones and Knox were asked to confer with Sister White as soon as they reached the Coast concerning the time and place of the General Conference, and report if any change seems necessary.

AUDITING:

It was advised that the auditing be done before the General Conference, or that the members available in Battle Creek, before the Conference do the auditing, subject to the approval of the full committee at the General Conference.

MINISTERS FOR AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, That the officers of the General Conference and others present in Battle Creek be asked to select two good ministers for Australasia.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
E. R. PALMER, Secretary pro tem

INFORMAL MINORITY MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held in President's office, December 23, 1902.

PRESENT: A.G. Daniells, W.V. Prescott, W.C. White, I.H. Evans,
By invitation, E.R. Palmer.

VOTED, That I.H. Evans, S.H. Lane, and E.R. Palmer be a committee to report on the General Conference Association balance for the year.

VOTED, That the wages and expenses of S.H. Lane while working for the Missionary Acre Fund be paid by the Training-school Association.

VOTED, That we undertake to secure the services of Elder Flaiz to work in the interests of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" until the General Conference meeting, April 1.

Concerning the request of the Pacific Press that the General Conference make arrangements for A.T. Jones to act as field secretary of the Religious Liberty work, with headquarters at Washington, it was--

VOTED, That we approve of the recommendation that A.T. Jones take up religious liberty work, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for his work in California, and provided this arrangement meets the approval of the Atlantic Union Conference, and will receive their full co-operation.

A. G. DANIELLS,
Chairman.

E. R. PALMER,
Secretary.