

INFORMAL ~~MEMOR~~ITY MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held in President's office, February 11, 1903.

PRESENT: A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, S.H. Lane, E.R. Palmer, H.M. Mitchell.

Prayer was offered by Elders Lane and Daniells.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of this informal council was to consider some questions relating# to the approaching session of the General Conference.

LOCATION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Attention was called to the fact that a change in location from Oakland to Healdsburg was contemplated. It was felt that removal from Oakland would render difficult the publication of the Daily Bulletin, add materially to the expense of the delegates attending, and make entertainment difficult. It was--

VOTED, To send a telegram expressing our fear that Healdsburg is not a desirable place for the three reasons above suggested.

DELEGATES:

Counsel was taken concerning the appointment of delegates by the Executive Committee, and it was--

VOTED, On motion of Professor Prescott, that credentials be issued to all members of the Executive Committee in the United States, excepting the presidents of union conferences. Further --

VOTED, That in view of the indebtedness of the General Conference, and the fact that its receipts are inadequate to meet its current expenses, we request that the expenses of members of the Executive Committee connected with local institutions or organizations be met by these respective organizations. It was understood that this recommendation included I.H. Evans, Frederick Griggs, J.H. Kellogg, S.H. Lane, David Paulson, H.F. Rand, A.J. Read, and E.A. Sutherland.

VOTED, On individual motions, to grant credentials to the following persons: W.A. Spicer, H.E. Osborne, E.R. Palmer, and H.M. Mitchell. Further--

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, that we invite Elder Uriah Smith to attend the Conference as an accredited delegate, requesting the Review and Herald Publishing Company to pay his expenses.

EDITORS OF BULLETIN:

Careful consideration was given to the editorial staff of the Daily Bulletin, and it was--

VOTED, On motion of Elder Evans, that Elders W.A. Spicer, M.C. Wilcox, and C.P. Bollman act as editors of the Daily Bulletin. Further--

VOTED, That we invite Adeliade B. Cooper to arrange her work in order to attend the General Conference, and to act as an assistant editor.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M.

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

INFORMAL MINUTES MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held in President's office, February 15, 1903.

PRESENT: A.G. Daniels, C.W. Flaiz, S.H. Lane, H.M. Mitchell, E.R. Palmer.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Considering the advisability of holding a brief session of the General Conference Committee prior to the Oakland Conference, it was--

VOTED, That a council of the Executive Committee be called in Oakland, Cal., March 22 to 27, 1903.

TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That arrangements be made for a party of General Conference delegates and workers, by tourist sleeper, over the Santa Fe, leaving Chicago Sunday evening, March 15, thus giving opportunity for counsel while en route.

AUDITING:

Acting on the counsel of the Committee, as recorded on page 173 of the official minutes, it was--

VOTED, That the accounts of our workers be audited by local members of the Auditing Committee, beginning March 9, subject to revision by entire Committee in Oakland.

REPORTS FROM UNION CONFERENCES:

VOTED, That we request complete reports from the presidents of union conferences, covering the organization of the work in their respective fields, the advantages resulting from the present plan of organization, and further needs as discovered.

PUBLICATION OF REPORTS:

It was further suggested that concise, complete reports from the heads of all Departments of the General Conference, the union conferences reports, and reports from institutions and organizations be prepared for publication in the first number of the Daily Bulletin, thus providing in small compass valuable statistics and information relative to every feature of our denominational work.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

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

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General Conference Committee of the Seventh-day Adventists.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Oakland, Cal., 2 p.m., April 12, 1903.

Elder A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members present: G.I. Butler, G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, W.T. Knox, L.R. Conradi, W.H. Thurston, C.W. Flaiz, R.M. Kilgore, E.T. Russell, L.A. Hoopes, G.G. Rupert, W.A. Spicer. Prayer by W.T. Knox.

SOUTH WEST UNION CONFERENCE.

Brethren of the South Western Union Conference met with the Committee, and presented a memorial, asking for a change in the South Western Union Conference Presidency. Elder G.G. Rupert, the President, placed his resignation in the hands of the members of the South Western Union, and it was left for them to study the situation, and make request for a President as they might decide.

AUDIT E.G. WHITE, 1900

Miss Graham reported to the Committee that she has been auditing Sister White's account, and found no allowance for the first eight months of 1900. A letter from H.M. Mitchell was read, confirming this finding.

Voted to allow time and expense as reported, making about \$1,200.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman
W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Oakland, Cal., 11:30 A.M., April 13, 1903.

Elder A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.A. Irwin, W.W. Prescott, H.W. Cottrell, W.T. Knox, L.R. Conradi, W.H. Thurston, L.A. Hoopes, R.M. Kilgore, G.G. Rupert, W.A. Spicer. Prayer by R.M. Kilgore.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Voted, That W.C. White be the member of the Publication Committee, to be appointed by the General Conference Committee.

George M. Brown and G.W. Caviness were invited to present Mexican matters for consideration and counsel.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Oakland, Cal., 2:30 p.m., April 13, 1903.

Elder A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: L.R. Conradi, G.A. Irwin, W.W. Prescott, W.T. Knox, H.W. Cottrell, R.M. Kilgore, W.A. Spicer. Prayer by Professor G.W. Caviness.

MEXICO.

Voted, That we urge the Mexican Mission Committee to give special attention to the distribution of literature as a pioneer missionary agency, and that the working staff be advised to spread out and establish centers of influence in various districts; and further,--

That A.G. Bodwell be advised to locate in some capital in the provinces, and devote his attention mainly to circulating literature.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9:30 a.m., April 21, 1903.

Elder A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, L.R. Conradi, W.T. Knox, E.T. Russell, W.H. Thurston, I.H. Evans, W.A. Spicer. Prayer by W.T. Knox and A.G. Daniells.

Members were invited to suggest questions for consideration during the council, and an agenda paper was partially made up.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Voted, That a finance committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to study the estimates from the fields, and to bring recommendation as to appropriations for the next year.

L.R. Conradi, G.A. Irwin, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, W.T. Knox were named as members of this Committee.

Voted, That we advise members of the General Conference Association executive to distribute the R & H stock among the delegates present as equitably as possible, so that the stock may be properly represented in the meetings of the Publishing House.

Meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 23, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.E Butler, H.W. Cottrell, W.T. Knox, L.R. Conradi, E.T. Russell, L.A. Hoopes, and others. Prayer by W.J. Stone.

SOUTH AFRICAN DEPOSITORY.

W.D. Salisbury was present to ask counsel regarding the relations of the Echo Company to the book work in South Africa. He read from correspondence, showing the encouragement they had had to enter the territory, and the steps taken by the brethren in South Africa to secure the transfer of the book business to the South African Union Conference. He asked for a committee to advise as to terms of a fair settlement between the two parties when the transfer shall be made at the end of the year 1903.

Brethren Knox, Conradi, and Palmer were appointed as this committee, to act in counsel with W.D. Salisbury.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2 p.m., April 23, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, W.T. Knox, L.R. Conradi, H.W. Cottrell, E.T. Russell, L.A. Hoopes, W.A. Spicer. Prayer by I.H. Evans, G.I. Butler, A.G. Daniells.

L.R. Conradi gave an outline of the plans of work being followed in Europe, and asked counsel regarding help for European summer meetings. The general needs were discussed, but no action was taken.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 6:30 p.m., April 23, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, W.W. Prescott, L.A. Hoopes, A.T. Jones, E.T. Russell, C.W. Flaiz, W.A. Spicer, L.R. Conradi, W.T. Knox, H.W. Cottrell. Also A.G. Haughey, I.H. Evans, N.P. Nelson, R.A. Underwood, W.J. Stone, E.R. Palmer, G.B. Thompson. Prayer was offered.

SOUTH WESTERN UNION CONFERENCE.

Communications were read regarding the vacancy in the office of President of the South Western Union Conference, by the resignation of G.G. Rupert. The Union Conference representatives in Oakland asked the General Conference Committee to recommend a man to fill the vacancy. A letter from C.N. Woodward, in behalf of the Keene Academy Board and Texas Conference Committee suggested that the Vice President, H. Shultz, might serve, without appointment of a President. The Vice President, however would be obliged to spend much of his time in the German work in the Central Union Conference.

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to bring in a recommendation in the matter of the South Western Union Presidency.

Members named, E.T. Russell, A.G. Daniells, N.P. Nelson.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK.

Allen Moon spoke of the work to be done in Religious Liberty interests, and stated the need of some organization of the work by which to secure concerted action in all the field.

Other brethren spoke of the need of reviving activity in this line of work.

It was the feeling that a department committee could effectively work in general interests, to provide literature and through Union or State departments or secretaries to direct and help in local work.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to study the subject, and to bring in recommendations as to places of work and organization and nominations for the department committee.

Persons named: Allen Moon, A.T. Jones, E.T. Russell.

The Committee on the settlement between the South African Union Conference and the Echo Publishing Company of Melbourne made its report, which was slightly amended and adopted as follows:--

Suggestions pertaining to the transfer of the Echo Publishing Company's branch at Durban, Natal, South Africa to the South African Union Conference, which transfer is to take place December 31, 1903:--

1. That the Mission Board refund to the Echo Publishing Company the traveling expenses from Melbourne to Durban of such representatives of the Echo Company in South Africa as are retained by the South African Union Conference as permanent workers, and that the Echo Publishing Company bear the traveling expenses both ways of its representatives who are not retained as workers in South Africa.

2. That from this date no books be shipped to the Durban Branch except on the order of J.H. Camp, or his successor as manager.

3. That all up-to-date saleable books, pamphlets and tracts in good condition which may be in stock at the Durban Branch December 31, 1903 be taken over by the South African Union Conference Depository at publishers' rates.

W.T. Knox,
E.R. Palmer,
L.R. Conradi.
Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 26, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, E.T. Russell, L.R. Conradi, C.W. Flaiz, W.T. Knox, L.A. Hoopes, W.W. Prescott, A.T. Jones, W.A. Spicer.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the Religious Liberty Work was presented. It was understood that the salary of official workers in the department should be paid by the General Conference. As to funds for carrying the work of the department, it was

Voted, That funds for the carrying on of the Religious Liberty work ~~may~~ be raised by special appeals at the camp-meetings and by special calls when necessary.

The discussion of the recommendations of the Committee as to officers of the department was deferred until Brother Moon might be present.

I.H. Evans called attention to the composition of the Committee on Institutions, appointed at the Conference, of which he is Chairman, and asked counsel as to the work of the Committee.

Time having arrived for another meeting, adjournment was taken.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman, W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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NINTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2 p.m., April 26, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, W.T. Knox, L.A. Hoopes, W.W. Prescott, W.J. Stone, E.T. Russell, L. R. Conradi. Prayer by Elder G.I. Butler.

The time of the Committee was limited, owing to the approach of the hour for another meeting. After counsel regarding business matters connected with the General Conference and the Review and Herald it was--

GENERAL CONFERENCE ATTORNEY

Voted, That a Committee, Brethren Evans and Irwin, be requested to look into the conditions on which the General Conference Attorney is employed.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. Daniells, Chairman, W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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TENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 27, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, E.T. Russell, H.W. Cottrell, W.T. Knox, I.H. Evans, G.A. Irwin, C.W. Flaiz, L.R. Conradi, L.A. Hoopes, N.P. Nelson, A.G. Haughey, W.W. Prescott, W.J. Stone, A.T. Jones.

After devotional exercises the brief time before the meeting of the Review and Herald was spent in counsel regarding the organization of departmental committees.

It was decided to set apart the 2 o'clock hour to take up the educational department organization.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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ELEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2 p.m., April 27, 1903.

A.G. Daniels in the chair. Members Present: A.T. Jones, L.A. Hoopes, H.W. Cottrell, L.R. Conradi, C.W. Flaiz, E.T. Russell, G.A. Irwin, W.T. Knox, D. Paulson, E.A. Sutherland, W.J. Stone, N.P. Nelson. Prayer by G.A. Irwin.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

It was stated by the Chair that the organization of the educational department was the work to be considered, together with the arrangements for the educational council.

L.A. Hoopes spoke as to the need of giving the department a thoroughly representative character, so that no one school should be a General Conference School more than another. The department has work to do in systematizing and unifying methods, though leaving opportunity for diversity. It should be a department for the study of principles, and should help in the matter of text books. Other councils than the general summer council might be held in the Unions, so that as far as possible responsibility might be distributed. The recommendation passed at Conference regarding the work of the secretary of the department, and its organ need consideration.

The Chair mentioned various matters of organization of the department and its work to be considered.

E.A. Sutherland thought the province of the Committee should be advisory, and that it should not be centralized. There is need of concert of action, and to reach this, the Committee should bring together the leaders in work, and study plans.

Dr. Paulson thought the medical school would like to cooperate in studying the educational problems referred to.

A.T. Jones suggested that one of the most important things in the whole problem is for the teachers to devote themselves to the study of the things necessary to their work. The teachers in Colleges need to come into the institute to learn how to use the Bible in their work, and how to use the text books prepared.

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At this juncture Dr. J.H. Kellogg joined the Committee, and made a statement regarding the somewhat strained relations which had existed between the workers in the medical missionary and evangelical departments. He desired, ~~without~~ compromising or surrendering any principles or convictions for which he had stood, to have peace established, together with concert in the work. He was followed by Brethren Prescott, Daniells, and most other persons present. The Spirit of God witnessed to the conciliatory move, and all rejoiced that friendly and fraternal feeling was established.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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TWELFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7A.M., April 28, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, A.T. Jones, L.A. Hoopes, E.T. Russell, L.R. Conradi, W.T. Knox, G.A. Irwin, C.W. Flaiz, H.W. Cottrell, W.J. Stone, N.P. Nelson. Prayer by G.I. Butler, and A.G. Daniells.

SOUTH WESTERN UNION--N.P. NELSON RECOMMENDED.

The following report was presented by a committee:--

Your Committee appointed to consider the needs of the South Western Union Conference would respectfully recommend--

That Elder N.P. Nelson, of Nebraska, be recommended for the presidency of the South Western Union Conference; and we would further recommend--

That Elder Andrew Nelson, of Manitoba, be recommended to make Texas his field of labor if arrangements can be made.

E.T. RUSSELL
A.G. DANIELLS
N.P. NELSON

The report was spoken to by Brethren Prescott, Butler, Hoopes, Flaiz and by Brother Nelson himself.

Brother Flaiz spoke to the need of help in Manitoba, and urged that these needs be considered, especially in view of the recommendation that Elder Dirkson, German laborer in Manitoba, go to Chicago.

The report of the Committee was accepted.

C.A. BEESON TO MANITOBA.

Voted, That Elder C.A. Beeson of Kansas, be recommended to make

Manitoba his field of labor.

GERMAN LABORER FOR MANITOBA.

Voted, That the provision of a German laborer for Manitoba be referred to a Committee.

Brethren Russell, Nelson, Conradi and Flaiz were named as a committee.

COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA PRESIDENCY.

Voted that a Committee of three be appointed to consider the Presidency of the Nebraska Conference, made vacant by the transfer of Elder W.P. Nelson.

Brethren Hoopes, Nelson, and Russell were named.

L.R. Conradi presented a plea for help in the European field, referring to action taken by the European Committee, requesting W.A. Spicer to go to that field to assist in the general work.

It was moved that the request be granted. Pending action on the motion the meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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THIRTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:15 p.m., April 27, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, A.T. Jones, H.W. Cottrell, G.A. Irwin, W.T. Knox, L.R. Conradi, E.T. Russell, C.W. Flaiz, L.A. Hoopes, N.P. Nelson, W.W. Prescott, W.J. Stone, E.R. Palmer. Prayer by W.T. Knox.

ELIAS ZARUB, SYRIAN.

Brother Elias Zarub, a Syrian who has accepted the truth, spoke to the Committee of his experiences, and his desire to enter the work with us in Syria.

Voted, That Elias Zarub be recommended to return to his home field, Syria, and unite with the work there.

NEBRASKA PRESIDENCY--A.T. ROBINSON.

The Committee on the Nebraska presidency reported. The report was discussed, and it was ~~reported~~ --

Voted, That Elder A.T. Robinson be recommended to take the Presidency of the Nebraska Conference.

The need of a President for the South African Union Conference, of which Elder W.S. Hyatt had written, was considered. The Chair spoke of the impressions he had long had that Brother C.W. Flaiz should go to that field.

Brother Flaiz spoke of his own impressions, and willingness to go if it seemed advisable, though not prepared to decide the matter of duty at once.

I.J. HANKINS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

The Chair spoke of the strong desire in South Africa for Elder Hankins' return. He suggested that Brother W.J. Stone might be secured to take the Indiana presidency in case Elder Hankins should go to Africa.

W.J. STONE--INDIANA.

Voted, That we accede to South Africa's request, and invite Elder Hankins and wife to go to that field, and recommend Elder W.J. Stone to the Lake Union Conference for the Indiana presidency.

BRETHREN ENNS AND WENTLAND TO GERMANY.

Voted, That in response to the request of the German Union Conference, Brethren Enns and Wentland, of College View, be recommended to Germany, and that their fares be paid from mission funds.

THE PAMPIAN BROTHERS TO EUROPE.

Voted, That in response to the request of the German Union Conference, the Brothers Pampian be recommended to work under the German Union Conference in the Trans-Caucasus.

The Committee on German workers reported, and action was taken as follows:-

GEORGE WAGNER FOR AMNITOBA.

That, in harmony with the request of Elder George Wagner to be permitted to come to America, we recommend that he make Manitoba his field of labor, provided he is willing to meet the expense of his transportation.

J.H. RUFFEL

That we recommend that Elder Conradi open correspondence with Elder J.H. Ruffel, with a view to his taking up work in the German field, and that the General Conference be requested to meet the expense of transportation.

CALDWELL, KELLOGG, SHANNON,-- FARES AUDITED.

The return fares from Australia of Drs. J.E. Caldwell, and M.E. Kellogg, and of Mrs. Shannon were allowed, these persons having spent

some years abroad.. Mrs. Shannon had returned upon her husband's death.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS , Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FOURTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 p.m., April 27, 1903.

A.G. Daniels in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, S.N. Haskell, W.W. Prescott, G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, L.R. Conradi, W.T. Knox, A.T. Jones, L.A. Hoopes. Prayer by S.N. Haskell.

L.V. PORTER TO ENGLAND.

It was stated that Sister L.V. Porter was prepared to go to England at her own expense, and engage in canvassing if her fare could be advanced as a loan for a little time.

Voted, To advance Mrs. Porter's the fare to England.

CABLE FROM J. BOOTH.

A cable message from J. Booth, who has visited Uganda, East Africa, on his ~~return~~ way to England, was read, requesting the General Conference to cable him \$1,000 for the purchase of a mission station in Uganda.

Voted, That we cable him the word "Impossible."

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARIES RETURNING.

The chair raised the question of fixing some regulation regarding the time limit for the return of missionaries.

Voted, That Brethren Irwin, Flaiz, Conradi, act as a committee to bring in a recommendation in the matter.

WEEK OF PRAYER SEASON.

The subject of the Week of Prayer season was discussed by Brethren Knox, Butler, Haskell, Flaiz, Prescott, Hoopes, and others.

It was suggested that the season should be in November, and devoted to seeking the Lord, and that the annual collection for missions might be taken at some other time.

Voted, That we favor the Week of Prayer being held sometime in November, and place the matter in the hands of the officers of the Conference for correspondence with Sister White, and with the field, and to fix the season accordingly.

COMMITTEE ON CAMPMEETINGS.

Voted, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to bring in suggestions concerning campmeetings, and best disposition of general workers available.

Brethren Hoopes, Flaiz, and Spicer were named.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FIFTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7:30 a.m., April 28, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the Chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, H.W. Cottrell, W.T. Knox, C.W. Flaiz, L.A. Hoopes, A.T. Jones, W.W. Prescott, L.R. Conradi, E.T. Russell, N.P. Nelson, W.A. Spicer.

Prayer by N.P. Nelson.

AUDITS.

Brother H.M. Mitchell presented various items for audit.

C.P. Bollman's time and expenses to General Conference for work on the Bulletin was granted at \$15 per week, or usual audit.

Mrs. D.W. Revis' time was allowed at the usual rate.

Educational Secretary, E.A. Sutherland, Expense, stenographic help and office expense allowed as reported, \$119.75

Ship Mission Expense (New York harbor) allowed by transfer into M.B. Fund.

Educational Department General Conference account \$69.75 allowed, and to be written off.

Forward Movement \$74.23

Brother Muck's time on the paper for the blind was audited at \$9, to begin April 1, 1902.

Word having been received that some California workers did not receive their full wage regularly, Brethren Jones, Conradi, and Knox were appointed to look into the method of sending the California appropriation for workers in England.

AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNT ADJUSTED.

Brother G.A. Irwin presented the following recommendation:--

Whereas, Some years ago the General Conference Association received \$500 from Mrs. Wessels, of South Africa, to be used in the erection of church buildings in Australia, and

Whereas, This money has never been paid over to the Australian field, but has been used in ways not authorized by the donor; therefore the Australasian Union Conference would respectfully request that this matter be re-adjusted, believing that the blessing of the Lord will attend such action on the part of the General Conference Association; and to make this action as easy as possible, will accept in full settlement of this claim an order on the Echo Publishing Company for 250 pounds, and an order on the New Zealand Tract Society for 250 pounds. These orders to be credited to the respective organizations as part payment of their long standing accounts, the Australasian Union Conference to take all responsibility of collecting the amounts in Australasia. Brother W.H. Edwards, formerly treasurer of the General Conference Association, can verify the statements made herein.

The recommendation was adopted.

BRITISH MATTERS.

Dr. Waggoner was present to speak of matters in England, especially of the general meetings in South England, and of help for the meeting, and also for the dedication of the Caterham Sanitarium. He had hoped Elder Daniells might be there, or that otherwise Elder A.T. Jones might attend.

The English school had hoped that American assistance might be given it. By the sale of Christ's Object Lessons they have gathered nearly 2,000 pounds, which remains in the bank. They have hoped America might help them to an equal amount. The school has been doing good work, even with the lack of facilities in rented quarters.

The circulation of "The Present Truth" has left a deficit last year 500 pounds. This kept about 80 workers in the field. The office has felt it could not carry this indefinitely. Then a change was made and the Conferences and mission fields were to take the deficit. But no provision has been made for the additional burden upon the field. Some provision is asked for.

Dr. A.B. Olsen spoke also of the circulation of "The Present Truth," and of his personal knowledge of the circumstances and consecration of the agents circulating the paper. The deficit can not be considered a loss.

In Leicester an opening has developed for treatment rooms. One gentleman interested offers a property, formerly a Sanitarium, as treatment rooms, rent-free, for 5 years, with privilege of renewing for another 5 years. The institution cost \$15,000. They need \$1,000 for equipping the place, and the fare of two nurses.

LEICESTER SANITARIUM.

Voted, That this Committee approve the action taken by the

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British Union Conference in opening the Leicester treatment rooms, referring the appropriation called for to the Conference on finance.

Committee

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. Spicer, Secretary.

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SIXTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 11:40 a.m., April 29, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: S.N. Haskell, David Paulson, C.W. Flaiz, G.A. Irwin, W.T. Knox, H.W. Cottrell, Dr. A.J. Reed, A.T. Jones, and I.H. Evans, E.R. Palmer, W.A. Spicer.

LUTHER WARREN'S WORK.

Brother Luther Warren spoke of his work, and the recommendation of the General Conference that he should be transferred from New York City to Northern Illinois. He felt rather a burden to work for the young people and plead that he might be allowed to start a campaign to set them to work, asking only the cooperation of the brethren.

Other brethren spoke of the need of working for the youth and of Brother Warren's burden for this line of work.

Brethren I.H. Evans, S.N. Haskell, and Dr. Paulson were asked to act as a committee to counsel with Brother Warren as to plans of work.

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SEVENTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2: p.m., April 29, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, S.N. Haskell, W.W. Prescott, L.R. Conradi, H.W. Cottrell, G.A. Irwin, A.T. Jones, David Paulson, E.T. Russell, C.W. Flaiz, N.P. Nelson, A.J. Reed, W.T. Knox, also E.J. Waggoner, A.B. Olsen, E.R. Palmer. Prayer by Dr. Paulson.

Dr. Waggoner and L.R. Conradi spoke of the European meetings and the help required. Elder Daniells has been invited to attend these meetings. After discussion it was--

A.G. DANIELLS TO EUROPE.

Voted, That we grant the request of the European General Conference that Elder Daniells attend the summer meetings in Europe.

Dr. Waggoner also requested that Brother A.T. Jones might attend the South England meeting.

It was felt, however, that inasmuch as Brother Jones must be back in California in June, it would not be good policy for him to spend the time and money necessary to go to England ~~for~~ for the sake of attending one meeting.

Dr. Olsen suggested that Dr. Paulson be invited to go, with the understanding that he could attend the round of general meetings .

DR. PAULSON TO EUROPE.

Voted, That Dr. David Paulson be invited to attend the summer meetings in Europe.

BRITISH SCHOOL.

Dr. Waggoner further spoke of the urgency of the request for help for the British school.

The financial situation generally was discussed. Brother I.H. Evans spoke of the advantage of ~~the~~ training native workers in the field, and expressed his desire to see a good school in England.

Elder Butler spoke to the idea of training the workers in the field. It was the plan being operated in the South . .

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Brother J.E. White requested that the appropriation of \$600 quarterly to the Southern Missionary Society voted at the General Conference might be sent direct to the Society.

Voted, That this money should go to the Southern Union Treasurer, but specifically for the Southern Missionary Society.

J.E. WHITE'S WORK.

Voted, to refer to the Finance Committee an item of \$150 asked for by Brother J.E. White, on plates furnished to Scandinavia, which that field has been unable to pay for.

J.E. White then desired the Committee to consider the propriety of allowing him wages from the general fund, inasmuch as the colored work in the South is a legacy of the whole denomination. He had received but \$7 per week, last year, rated at half wage. He had paid stenographic and office help for the Southern Missionary Society to more than this. He suggested that the General Conference make up the \$7 on last year.

Elder George I Butler spoke of the fruitfulness of J.E. White's labors in the South. He thought Brother White had been taking a generous, helpful course and favored allowing his salary to come upon the general funds.

Brother A.C. Daniells suggested that it would be more in harmony with the general policy if Brother J.E. White drew his wage from the

Union Conference. That the Southern Union should place him on the payroll, and include the amount in their call for appropriations.

This matter was considered referred to the Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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EIGHTEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 8 a.m., April 30, 1903.

A.G. Daniels in chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, S.N. Haskell, W.T. Knox, G.A. Irwin, E.T. Russell, H.W. Cottrell, C.W. Flaiz, L.A. Hoopes, A.T. Jones, L.R. Conradi, A.J. Reed, David Paulson, Frederick Griggs, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.R. Palmer. Prayer was offered.

RETURN OF MISSIONARIES.

The Committee on time limit of missionaries reported, and action was taken as follows:--

Whereas, No definite regulation or policy has ever been adopted by the Mission Board relative to time limitation of its missionaries, and heavy expense has been incurred, and discouragement brought upon our people by the payment of return fares of parties who have only remained one or two years in the field; therefore,--

WE RECOMMEND, That in future the General Conference shall not hold itself responsible for the payment of return fares of missionaries who have not been recalled by Official action of the Committee or its executive officers.

COMMITTEE: George A. Irwin
L.R. Conradi
C.W. Flaiz

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MISSION APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1903.

The Finance Committee reported calls for means as follows, the items representing the work as it is now being operated in the mission fields, without calls for many advance items:--

Canadian Union	\$	3,600	Polynesia	\$	7,161
Mexico		4,004	Porto Rico		1,016
Central America		2,069	Bermuda		592
Central America South		1,056	India		5,828
Jamaica		2,500	China		3,500

East Caribbean	\$ 5,500	Japan	\$ 5,173
South America	10,796	West Africa	2,896
British Union	16,755	South Africa	9,194
German Union	4,000	Southern Mis. Society	2,400
Scandinavian Union	2,350	European Credits	638
Oriental	6,500	Operating Mis. Dept.	9,536
German European	700	Southern Field	6,728
		Total	\$ 114,492

SUMMARY OF CALLS (As amended)

General Conference Evangelical Work (Including Home Field)	\$ 130,000	
Australian Collection	10,000	
Honolulu (conditional)	4,000	
Christiania	2,000	
Frederikshavn Sanitarium	1,000	
Religious Liberty Collection	2,000	
G.C.A. Obligations	10,000	
	\$ 159,000	
Greater New York	6,000	
Virginia	2,000	
	\$ 167,000	Total.

VOTES AT GENERAL CONFERENCE (2 yrs.)

Nashville Publishing House	\$ 10,000
Southern Medical Work	9,000
Huntsville School	4,000
German East Africa	5,000
Total	\$ 28,000
British School	\$ 10,000

NEW YORK CITY.

During the discussion of the estimated⁵, H.W. Cottrell introduced the needs of the New York City work. Elder S.N. Haskell spoke of the vast field in Greater New York, in which all nationalities are gathered. It is the money center of the world. There will be large funds yet coming in from men of means. He therefore urged that the work should be represented there properly in all its branches. Between fifty and sixty people embraced the truth during the sixteen months in New York City, during which time the Lord had sent the means necessary. Treatment rooms have been opened in a rented house in Brooklyn, and is paying its way. Openings present themselves and practical experiences in their work during the last two years have shown that New York City is indeed ripe for work.

He appealed for a headquarters, a head to the work, and a strong committee in New York, so that shape and direction could be given to the work.

It was voted to insert \$1,000 in the estimates to help in the Atlantic Union deficit on account of its effort to help Greater New York.

The following recommendations were presented by the Committee on Finance:--

JULY COLLECTION FOR AUSTRALIA.

Recommended, That a general collection be taken for Australia the first Sabbath in July.

MISSION FUNDS.

Whereas, The General Conference must secure this money from month to month or our laborers will suffer; therefore,--

We recommend:

1. That every Seventh-day Adventist church be urged to systematically take up the ten-cent-a-week plan, and faithfully see that each church pays an average of ten cents a week per capita.
2. That each Conference be requested to pay the entire second Conference tithe into the treasury of the General Conference for mission work.
3. That special donations for missions be taken up at all large gatherings.
4. That we request all our Union and State Conference papers to open their columns to the General Conference for working up the funds for mission work.

Whereas, The custom is now established of paying our workers monthly; and,--

Whereas, The General Conference will be compelled to make remittances from month to month to the various fields; therefore,--

Resolved:

1. That all donations of tithes and offerings to the mission work be sent to the Union Conference treasurers monthly.
2. That each Union Conference is hereby urged to instruct its treasurer to use all diligence in collecting all funds, whether special or otherwise, and forward the same monthly to the treasury of the General Conference.
3. That all Conference s supporting workers in mission fields are requested to send the remittances for such support monthly to the General Conference treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS NOT OBLIGATIONS.

In the discussion it was agreed that our appropriations should

not be considered as obligations, as the Committee can only send as contributions come in.

Voted, That the estimate be considered as calls upon the people in behalf of the fields, rather than appropriations or obligations.

BRITISH SCHOOL.

Voted, That \$10,000 be placed on the list of calls to be raised, if possible, for the British School.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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NINETEENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 4:45 p.m., April 30, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.I. Butler, S.N. Haskell, W.W. Prescott, G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, E.T. Russell, W.T. Knox, L.A. Hoopes, Frederick Griggs, L.R. Conradi, C.W. Flaiz. Prayer by Frederick Griggs

W.W. Prescott was asked to take the Chair.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The organization of the Educational Department was taken up.

Brethren Daniells, Hoopes, Griggs, and others spoke of the work of the department.

Voted, That a department committee of eight be appointed. The following nominations were made:--

Brethren W.W. Prescott, L.A. Hoopes, Fr. Griggs, M.E. Cady, W.A. Spicer, E.A. Sutherland, Miss F.M. Dickerson, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath-school department.

Voted, That Prof. Griggs act as secretary of the department.

Voted, That L.A. Hoopes act as Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL.

Voted, That we accept the invitation to hold the Educational Council in College View.

Voted, That the time be referred to this department to study and bring in a report.

It was understood that each school or district should bear the expense of those attending the council.

It was agreed that the departmental Committee be asked to bring in recommendations concerning the details and working expense of the department.

CAMP MEETINGS.

The Committee on camp meetings made its report.

In general outline it was suggested that Elder Butler would be able to attend several spring meetings in the Central and Northern Unions.

Elder Evans in Central, Lake, Canadian and Atlantic as possible.

Prof. Prescott in Ohio, and in Pacific Union, and others as possible

W.A. Spicer in Lake Central and Northern as may be possible.

G.A. Irwin To attend meetings, if possible, in Pacific Union on his way to the Coast.

S.N. Haskell as many as possible in the Atlantic Union.

It was recommended t--

That Union Conferences make their own arrangements as to representing special departments of the work at camp meetings.

It was suggested that articles be put in the Review and all Conference papers, setting forth the needs of seeking God, and the necessity of consecrating lives and means to the work.

HONOLULU CHINESE SCHOOL.

W.T. Knox spoke of the Honolulu appropriation of \$4,000, made necessary to secure the release from the complex situation in the matter of the Chinese Academy. The money is needed only temporarily to foreclose the mortgage and buy in the property if it appears likely to be sold for less than the ~~mortgage~~ claims against it. The brethren suggest that the General Conference take the following steps in the matter:--

1. Ask Mr. Wong Kwai and the Chinese Committee to take steps to take the property by paying mortgage, or having a new one made to themselves, and pay us the \$1242.75 as agreed upon. Give them till June 1 to do this.

2. Instruct Bishop and Company to deliver the papers in their possession, belonging to the Foreign Mission Board, to us.

3. Deposit with us \$4000.00 and enough to pay cost of foreclosure.

4. Instruct Professor W.E. Howell to give deeds, whether quit claim or otherwise, as may be required.

Voted, That the adjustment of the question be left to the

Voted, That the adjustment of the question be left to the Pacific Union Conference on this basis, and that we instruct W.T. Knox to act as our agent in the matter.

Recess was taken to 8: o'clock.

At 8 p.m. the Committee gathered again. Prayer by S.N. Haskell.

AUDIT OF G.I. BUTLER'S ACCOUNT.

Elder G.I. Butler presented his report of time and expense which had been overlooked in the auditing committee in California.

Voted, That time and expenses be allowed, and that the rate be made uniform for the entire time.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Educational Department Committee reported as follows:--

Time of Council, June 12-21

Attendance: We invite attendance of heads of Union Conferences, and State schools, or State Superintendents, and members of the General Conference Committee. Invitation is extended to any persons engaged in educational work.

Expenses of Council: It was recommended that the expenses of persons attending be met as may seem best to the local field, or institution represented.

Department Office Expenses: That the General Conference provide such stenographic help as may be required by the Secretary, and meet office expenses for stationary, and pay the Secretary's traveling expenses in the work of the department.

The report was adopted.

INSTITUTE FOR COLORED WORKERS.

Elder George I. Butler presented the matter of a ten weeks summer school and institute for colored workers called for in the South. They desire \$1000 for this purpose. The money was needed early, so that the matter could be arranged in time if dependent on collections at camp-meetings. He requested \$1000 to be advanced from funds on hand.

E.T. Russell suggested the Central Union might advance the amount on its tithe account to the General Conference if necessary.

Voted to ask the Central Union to advance the money, in case the General Conference Treasury is unable to supply it.

FIRST COMMITTEE ON EASTERN LOCATION.

Voted, That we appoint I.H. Evans, S.N. Curtis, H.W. Cottrell, E.R. Palmer, S.N. Haskell, W.W. Prescott, J.E. Jayne a Committee to make inspection for a location of the Eastern headquarters of the General Conference, and to report.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Calls from various fields as noted on the agenda paper were considered. It was ,--

Voted, That F.H. Westphall be released from consideration for the West Coast field, South America.

That five hundred Christ's Object Lessons be appropriated for the Chile school enterprise.

That the appointment of C.D. Lude to Argentina for school work be confirmed.

That action as to the sending of T.H. Davis to the West Coast South American field, and Morris Sabin to Argentina be deferred.

To suggest to the South American Union that Elder Spies, of Brazil, go to Chile to assist in the work.

MEXICAN AUDITS.

That J.A. Leland be allowed the item of \$71.47, on duties on household goods in his removal to Mexico in 1901.

To disallow the suggestion of a special allowance to G.W. Cavinness for overdraft, in consideration of his rate in the first years of service in Mexico.

To appropriate to meet bills of Pacific Press against Mexican Mission, of \$131. ✓

That Miss Ellwanger's rate for last year be fixed at \$7.

That the Mexican Mission Committee be authorized to negotiate with the Guadalajara friends regarding printing outfit to learn on what terms it may be secured.

JAPAN.

That the Japan Mission should be responsible for the Japanese paper, but that inquiry be made as to the food business of J.A. Burden before it is assumed.

CHINA.

As to China's call for help, it was stated that Dr. Selman had long had a burden for China.

Voted, That Dr. A. C. Selman be invited to go to China if he can secure release for that purpose.

Voted, That conferences be encouraged to send laborers to China, keeping such on their pay roll, as suggested by J.N. Anderson.

EGYPT.

Voted, That we grant Elder Wakeham's request to ask the State department to notify Egyptian Consul to recognize our Mission as entitled to any favors in importing, etc., accorded to other missions.

Voted, That A.T. De Learsey's claim of an old account be referred to Brethren Evans, Edwards and Spicer.

PALMQUIST TO RETURN.

Voted, That Brother Palmquist of the West Indies, be invited to return to America at the expense of the General Conference.

J.R. MCCOY AND G.F. JONES.

Voted, That written authorization be sent J.R. McCoy and G.F. Jones, of Pitcairn Island to administer baptism and that we recommend their ordination, at least as elders, when it is possible for them to go to Tahiti or elsewhere where the recommendation may be carried out.

E.J. WAGGONER'S EXPENSES.

That Dr. Waggoner's fare to the General Conference and return to England be allowed.

GEO. R. DREW'S CASE.

That the matter of an allowance for Geo. R. Drew, of England, be referred to the British Union Conference.

J.W. COLLIE TO COLORADO.

~~That the matter of his shipping~~

That J.W. Collie's removal expenses to Colorado be paid, and that his present rate of \$15 per week be continued for the time, until it can be learned just how much is needed by him in Colorado.

DR. M.G. KELLOGG.

That the matter of helping Dr. M.G. Kellogg be referred for counsel to the California Conference, in the meantime that \$100 be sent him for immediate needs.

Twenty-third meeting

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MEMBERS GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 9 a.m., May 1, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the Chair. Members Present: E.I. Butler, S.N.

Haskell, G.A. Irwin, W.T. Knox, H.W. Cottrell, W.W. Prescott, F. Griggs, C.W. Flaiz, E.T. Russell, L.R. Conradi, L.A. Hoopes, AT Jones, W.A. Spicer, S.H. Lane, E.A. Sutherland, P.T. Magan.

After devotional exercises, I.H. Evans, as chairman of a committee on the location of the Eastern headquarters of the General Conference, appointed at the last meeting, asked that the action be reconsidered in order that the action might provide for carrying through the removal without delay.

Voted, That the action taken appointing the committee on location be recinded.

BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE PROPERTY.

Opportunity was given for the consideration of matters connected with the old Battle Creek College property, which the General Conference had advised the Training School Association to deed to the General Conference Association, and which had been the subject of conferences between the various parties interested.

The following plan for the conduct of the affairs of the old Battle Creek College property was then presented by P.T. Magan:--

1. That the title to the property remain in the International Medical Missionary Training School Association until all the obligations now standing against the Association shall have been liquidated.
2. That the creditors of the International Medical Missionary Training School Association who have not as yet received promissory notes covering the amounts due them, shall receive the same immediately; that the Review & Herald Publishing Co., shall receive an interest bearing note for the amount due said company, payable January 1, 1904, and that the S.D.A. Central Educational Association shall receive a note or notes for the amount of equity due said company, said note or notes, however, to be non-interest bearing.
3. That the International Medical Missionary Training School Association shall proceed immediately to give the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association a written instrument of contract and lease for the Battle Creek ^{College} property, the lease to be for the term of twenty-eight years, or, if so desired until the property has been paid for as herein stipulated.
4. That the Benevolent Association shall raise a sum sufficient to pay the purchase price of the property by means of the Missionary Acre and other plans, devised, or to be devised in the future.
5. The Benevolent Association is to pay all taxes, assessments and expense of repairs to keep the buildings in a reasonably good condition.

6. That the Benevolent Association is to pay to the Training School Company an amount equal to the interest which the Training School has to pay, as stipulated in the contract.

7. That the Benevolent Association insure the property for \$40,000, said insurance to be made payable to Training School as its interest may appear.

8. When Benevolent Association has paid for property it shall receive a deed in fee simple for the property to be used for the American Medical Missionary College, and the Training of Medical Missionary Workers, and its other purposes.

9. In case of fire loss, such a reduction shall be made in the purchase price as shall relieve the Benevolent Association from loss after taking the insurance into account, the said reduction to be borne by the unpaid equity.

Moved, That we approve of the Training School Association entering into the arrangement proposed, if on investigation the Training School Association assents to the terms of the contract and lease, as outlined.

The motion was seconded.

E.A. Sutherland asked that some general understanding should be secured regarding the missionary acre fund, so that there might be cooperation in all the field.

A.G. Daniells referred to the importance of providing for the notes out, so that people should not in any way be disappointed by failure to receive their interest when due.

S.H. Lane expressed it as his mind that it would be better to have the property remain in the hands of the Training School Association rather than to have it deeded to the General Conference Association.

George I. Butler favored leaving the matter with the Training School Association, until the indebtedness is paid, as frequent changes have a tendency to unsettle the minds of the people.

P.T. Magan said that the Benevolent Association had named A.T. Jones, S.H. Lane, P.T. Magan as a committee to see to the working up of the acre funds. The essential thing to success in this was hearty cooperation in the field.

MOTION ADOPTED.

The motion to approve was adopted.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

The Educational Committee presented further report:--

Report of Educational Committee.

1. That a report of the proceedings of the Educational

Council be published in pamphlet form, the price to be fixed by the size, but not to exceed twenty-five cents.

2. That two stenographers for taking the report of the proceedings of the council for publication be employed.

3. That the Educational Department shall consist of fifteen members, and that any four members of the Department, including the Chairman or Secretary shall be empowered to transact such executive business as in harmony with the plans outlined by the Department.

In accordance with this recommendation we further recommend that J.E. Tenney, M. Bessis De Graw, C.C. Lewis, Elmer L. Eggleston, B.E. Huffman, E.W. Catlin, and H.A. Washburn, be added to this committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee made a further report, which was adopted as follows:--

It is recommended,--

That all money raised at camp-meetings for any of the mission fields shall be sent through the local conference to the General Conference treasury, and applied on appropriations.

UNION CONFERENCES AND FUNDS.

That the officers of the Union and State Conferences be agents to instruct and inform the people as to the needs of the fields, and to solicit funds to apply on the appropriations, and that the General Conference office shall place in the hands of these officials any facts and information available which will be of assistance to them.

GREATER NEW YORK.

That we amend the report of calls for appropriations by increasing the appropriation for Greater New York to \$6,000, with the understanding that \$1000 will be applied on the Union Conference deficit on account of New York expense.

APPEAL OF FIRST WASHINGTON CHURCH.

That an appeal from the 1st. Washington church be referred to a committee of H.W. Cottrell, I.H. Evans, and A.G. Daniells for such favorable action as the committee may be able to devise.

OBJECT LESSONS.

That the burden of completing the Object Lesson Campaign be referred to the Union Conferences, who alone can do the work.

AUSTRALASIAN APPROPRIATION.

That the \$5000 appropriation for Australasia be arranged by giving the Australasian Union credit on Mission Board account against Echo Publishing Co., and New Zealand Tract Society.

J.E. WHITE'S CLAIM ON SCANDINAVIA.

That the \$150 asked by J.E. White from the Scandinavian field on account of the plates on "Coming King" be granted from the general funds, inasmuch as the Christiania publishing work is itself in need of assistance.

The report was adopted.

HEADQUARTERS NEAR NEW YORK.

Voted, That we favor locating the headquarters of the General Conference in the vicinity of New York City.

COMMITTEE TO LOCATE AND REMOVE HEADQUARTERS.

Voted That A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, S.N. Haskell, H.W. Cottrell, S.N. Curtis, J.E. Jayne W.A. Spicer, and such Union Conference Presidents in the United States as are not named in this list, act as a committee to select the location, and remove the headquarters.

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TWENTY)FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 3 p.m., May 1, 1903.

W.W. Prescott in the chair. Members Present: G.B. Butler, S.N. Haskell, H.W. Cottrell, L.R. Conradi, C.W. Flaiz, Dr. Paulson, A.J. Read, A.T. Jones, L.A. Hoopes, W.T. Knox, E.T. Russell.

After prayer the members conferred together regarding the circulation of the Review and Herald; all agreed to do all that was possible to encourage our people to take it.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY REPORT.

Voted, That we concur in the suggestion of the Medical Missionary Association ~~that~~ that the Conference Committee appoint two persons to unite with three members of the Medical Association in editing the report of their meetings, and to issue it with the last number of the General Conference Bulletin.

A.T. Jones and W.A. Spicer were named as these persons.

COMMITTEE ON EDITORS.

Voted, That the selection of editors for papers be referred to a committee of four. L.R. Conradi, L.A. Hoopes, A.T. Jones, and A.G. Daniells were named.

BR.A.M. VOLLMER TO SAMOA.

Voted, That Dr. A.M. Vollmer be invited to go to Samoa to take the place of Dr. Braught.

INDIANA

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to study the Indiana situation and recommend as to fields of labor for Brethren Donnell and Stanley.

A.G. Daniells, I.H. Evans, and W.A. Spicer were named as the Committee.

ELDER RUPERT.

Voted, That we recommend Elder Rupert to make Indiana his field of labor.

SANITARIUM BOND ISSUE.

At this juncture Drs. Kellogg, Stewart, Thomason came in, and Dr. Kellogg suggested that a number of questions needed to be considered by members of the Medical Board and the General Conference Committee.

Sr. White had stated that the Sanitarium should be helped, but that our people should not invest in the bonds. The publication of the talk concerning bonds in the Bulletin has made the matter known in the field. But people are effected differently. Some have withdrawn ^{applications for} bonds, but others send in for them, saying they believe in them. The only embarrassment the Sanitarium felt was in respect of the course they should take regarding this application for bonds. Should they issue bonds to those calling for them, inasmuch as a recent Testimony has said there is unsafety in the bonds.

Elder Butler said that his understanding of what Sister White said was that our people having great work on their hands ought not to tie up their means in the bonds, so that it would not be available. He understood that the bonds would ordinarily tie up the investment for twenty years. We believe the end is at hand, and should keep this in mind in the use of means which are called for in aggressive work.

If all went well, the investment in bonds might be safe for the world. But if hard times come, or if Dr. Kellogg should pass away, what effect would it have on the situation? As for worldly people, they will do what they like, and invest as they like.

Dr. Kellogg stated that what they wanted was to know what attitude in view of the testimony lately received, should be taken in the matter of the bonds. While the money is not due for twenty years, the bonds

are negotiable. Thus those investing in the bonds would have their money safe and could be approached for help for missions, etc., at any time, and the Sanitarium could easily pay the money redeeming the bonds. He felt that it was not necessary to forecast difficulty in case of his death, as the workers are developing to take the work. As to hard times, the Battle Creek Sanitarium has never been affected by such times. The testimony says there is unsafety and a snare in the bonds. If the bonds are unsafe, they are unsafe for anybody. If there is a snare in them, it is a snare for anybody.

G.I. Butler expressed it as his mind that inasmuch as Sister White has said she had nothing to say as to worldly investors, he did not think the Testimony was intended to have a bearing on that side. He also referred to the word "snare," as used in Matther 24-, as ~~immedi-~~ suggesting that the word might indicate a danger of joining in with the world in making investments that would prove a snare in view of the soon coming of the end.

The Chairman suggested the appointment of a committee to consider the matter. He understood that the idea as the council last November was that the bonds were not for our own people, but to be sold to people of the world. He believed more was involved than the legal of commercial side of the matter. It was our attitude toward God and the truth and work, and he saw omens for good in the present situation.

Brother A.T. Jones stated that it was his understanding at the November Council that the bonds were to be sold generally to outside investors.

COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON BONDS.

Voted, That a committee of three be selected who shall take the matter under advisement, and make report.

A.T. Jones, G.A. Irwin, W.T. Knox were named.

Meeting adjourned.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7:30 p.m., May 2, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: S.N. Haskell, G.I. Butler, L.R. Conradi, A.T. Jones, H.W. Cottrell, W.W. Prescott, W.T. Knox, I.H. Evans.

Minutes of the meeting held May 1 at 9 a.m., so far as pertained to the proposition regarding the Battle Creek College property, were read and approved.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT.

The organization of the Religious Liberty department was taken up.

Voted, That the department committee consist of the following named persons: D.W. Revis, Allen Moon, W.S. Colcord, R.C. Porter, C.P. Bollman, John Bradley, J.S. Washburn, A.T. Jones.

Voted, That D.W. Revis act as secretary of the department.

Voted, That A.T. Jones be chairman of the Committee.

Voted, That an office, and stenographic help be provided for the secretary.

Voted, That at general camp-meetings men be selected to make a strong presentation of the Religious Liberty situation.

Voted, That the departmental committee use all union, conference, and local agencies in the carrying on of its work.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Elder George I. Butler asked that Elder S.N. Haskell might attend some of the Western camp-meetings in association with himself.

Voted, That the Committee sanction the request.

E.R. PALMER'S WORK.

In proceeding with the consideration of the Sabbath School department, the question of E.R. Palmer's work was discussed, as it was suggested that he take charge of the Sabbath School work, and assist in the General Conference Secretary's office.

Brother Evans asked that Brother E.R. Palmer might be assigned to the circulating department of the Review and Herald.

Voted, That in view of the proposal to release Bro. D.W. Revis, we grant the request of the Review and Herald that E.R. Palmer connect with the circulation department of the Review and Herald.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

The next question raised was concerning the assistant secretary for the General Conference.

It was agreed that ~~there~~ an assistant should be supplied.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Treasury department was outlined by A.G. Daniells.

Voted, That A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, W.A. Spicer, and the Treasurer elect be a committee to advise as to the arrangement of the treasury department, and to select such assistance as may be necessary.

REVIEW AND HERALD STOCK.

Voted, That the work of soliciting the stock for the Review and Herald be done by the Treasurer of the General Conference, and that

appropriate preambles and resolutions be prepared and sent to stockholders.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE/

Voted, That the Secretary correspond with JE Jayne, regarding going to South England to take the Presidency of that conference.

DR. EDWARD'S WORK.

Voted, That Dr. S.P.S. Edward's be continued as field secretary for the health educational work.

EDITORS OF PAPERS..

The report of the committee on editors was presented as follows:--

REVIEW AND HERALD	W.W. Prescott L.A. Smith W.A. Spicer.
SIGNS OF THE TIMES	M.C. Wilcox W.N. Glenn (Assistants.) C.M. Snow
SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY	John D. Bradley A.T. Jones A.G. Daniells M.C. Wilcox L.A. Smith C.P. Bollman
YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR	Adelaide Bee Cooper.
HAUSFREUND AND ARBEITER	T. Valentiner (Advisory Committee -- H. Schulz H.R. Herrman)
SENBUD	C.A. Thorp (Adv. Comm.-- L. Johnson H.R. Johnson
VAKTAR	A. Swedeberg (Adv. Com. Fred Johnson C. Melin)
G.C. BULLETIN	W.A. Spicer
LITTLE FRIEND	W.N. Glenn M.C. Wilcox C.M. Snow
CHRISTIAN RECORD (For the Blind.)	L.N. Muck.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Voted, That the Sabbath School department be located in conjunction with General Conference headquarters.

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to bring in a report on nominations for the S.S. Department.

I.H. Evans, H.W. Cottrell, W.A. Spicer were named.

EXPENSE OF ATTENDING CONFERENCE COUNCILS.

Voted, That the general policy be that the fields and the institutions with which members are connected arrange for the payment of the fares of the members of the Committee attending General Conference Councils.

Meeting adjourned.

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TWENTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 11 a.m., May 3, 1903.

A.G. Daniels in the chair. Members Present: S.N. Haskell, G.A. Irwin, H.W. Cottrell, W.W. Prescott, A.T. Jones, Dr. Paulson, Dr. A.J. Reed, F. Griggs, L.R. Conradi, W.A. Spicer and also Drs. Kellogg, Thomason, Morse, and Nicola, and Harris.

Prayer was offered.

SANITARIUM BONDS.

The committee appointed to report on the question of the Sanitarium bonds brought in its recommendation. W.T. Knox had been asked to be obliged to go to his western appointments, but had met with the committee.

A.T. Jones reported that the Committee had agreed about as follows:--

That taking the Sanitarium situation in itself, it would have been the Lord's mind that it should not have been built so large in Battle Creek, but that now that it is built, it should be helped.

That it was the idea in the November council that the bonds should be negotiated outside of our people. The bonds have now been issued, and the instruction has come that our own people should not take them, as was understood in the council.

Now that the bonds are issued, to attempt to recall them would be confusing. Under the circumstances it seems best to let matters proceed, saying no word against the delivery of the bonds to outside people.

On our side, we, in the light of the testimonies, are to strive

for that concert of action and seek the way that will be shown by which to help the Sanitarium, and so working we shall be able to find whatever danger may be in the bonds. When ~~we have found~~ we shall be qualified to guard against it. By taking this course we shall escape whenever the snare is sprung, that it is stated ~~is~~ is in the bonds. By taking the right course the Lord can show where the snare is.

Thus we shall be helping the Sanitarium out of every difficulty, and onto the foundation on which the Lord designs that it shall stand so that all the people may be clear in helping it.

Dr. Kellogg suggested that this was the outline of the report: we have been instructed that the new building is larger than it should have been, but having been built, it should be helped.

Bonds have been issued, and now are to be allowed to be sold. The bonds have been looked into, and as a commercial matter have been found not out of harmony with ordinary commercial paper. The bonds should not be sold to our own people, as they should hold themselves in readiness to place their money otherwise.

As regards the snare referred to we are to hold ourselves in readiness to guard against it.

G.A. Irwin, the other member of the Committee of three present, said he understood the one point the committee was to consider was whether the Sanitarium should be advised to supply the bonds to would-be purchasers, or should withdraw them, and attempt to gather in those already sold. He thought we should take the Testimony and sit down together and study it, rather than to take any vote to interpret a testimony.

H.W. Cottrell said he would regret if by some vote at to interpretation we ourselves were ensnared. He would not want to interpret the Testimony.

A.G. Daniells said he thought, so far as he could understand, the Testimony covered these points:--

1. Danger is pointed out, a warning note sounded.
2. Assurance is offered that the danger can be met, because the Lord will institute ways and means by which the Sanitarium can be helped.
3. That it will be averted when God has supreme control.

None could foretell what calamities might come if we should separate from him. Much could happen that would throw the whole thing into wreckage, so it would prove a snare to our people if they had invested their means. So the Lord must have control. He felt thankful that this is the spirit and the attitude to-day. When we decide to rebuild with certain limitations he felt great interest. Trouble had come in since. But now he felt assurance of better conditions. We have gone contrary to God's council. We have sinned. Our remedy lies in ~~humbling ourselves and~~ humbling ourselves and

acknowledging our sins, and so our work may be under the control of the God of Heaven.

Dr. Kellogg expressed himself as in accord with the spirit of the remarks.

While some ask explanations about bonds, where one is questioning, half a dozen are asking for bonds.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEDICAL WORK IN ENGLAND.

Dr. Kellogg suggested that the General Conference Committee and Medical Missionary Board should appoint a committee to consider articles of incorporation for the Health Association in Britain.

He felt that the articles as prepared in Great Britain placed the control of the work in the hands of those who have not been educated or trained in the work.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to act with a similar committee from the Medical Board, to make such suggestions as may be thought advisable regarding the articles of association.

Brethren G.A. Irwin, L.R. Conradi, A.G. Daniells were named.

GOOD HEALTH FOR JULY.

Dr. Kellogg suggested that through the General Conference and Tract Society machinery, there might be a special effort made to extend the circulation of the GOOD HEALTH. They were planning on a special Sanitarium dedicatory number, giving a history of the institution and branches, and a statement of principles.

Voted, That effort should be made to encourage the circulation of the special July number of the GOOD HEALTH.

MISSIONARY ACRE FUND.

Dr. Kellogg presented a resolution passed in the Training School Association as follows:

"Moved, That the denomination inaugurate a Missionary Acre Planting Day, and that the General Conference Committee ask the Union Conferences, and the local conferences everywhere, to recommend a Missionary Acre Planting Day, as an annual occurrence in which every church is expected to participate, and that those not owning farms be asked to give the produce of three days' work; and that a reading for the Sabbath preceeding the day be arranged for by the Medical Missionary Board."

It was voted to approve of the plan suggested.

HEALTH EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Dr. Kellogg stated that Dr. S.P.S. Edwards and wife had planned to go to Moline, to take charge of the Sanitarium there, and hence would not be able to continue ~~humanity~~ field work. Dr. Reed stated that Dr. Edwards wished him to state that he had planned going to Moline.

A.G. Daniells stated that he had had conversation with Dr. and Mrs. Edwards, and had got quite another understanding, finding that they had a burden for the general work. He greatly desired the field educational work to continue.

It was agreed that Dr. Edwards should be left to choose his own course in the matter.

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TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 4 p.m. May 3, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.A. Irwin, W.W. Prescott, H.W. Cottrell, A.T. Jones, L.R. Conradi, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Voted, That the Sabbath School department be continued as it stands until the removal of the General Conference headquarters to the East.

LUTHER WARREN'S WORK.

Voted, That Brother Luther Warren's name be added to the Sabbath School and Young People's department, to take special burden in developing the work of the Young People's Societies already started.

ST. LOUIS APPEAL.

Voted, That the St. Louis Church appeal for special help during the World's Fair be referred to the Central Union Conference.

F. ROBERT FOR FRANCE.

Voted, That Brother Fred Robert be recommended to work in France, the France-Latin field to pay his transportation.

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TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 p.m., May 3, 1903.

A.G. Daniells ~~in the~~ chair. Members Present: H.W. Cottrell,

G.A. Irwin, L.R. Conradi, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Read, and Drs. Kellogg, Thomason, Erkenbeck, and Morse.

H.W. Cottrell in the chair.

Prayer by J.H. Kellogg.

MEXICO SANITARIUM.

Dr. Kellogg introduced the matter of medical work in Mexico, telling of its history, and of the relation between the Mission Board and Medical Board in the starting of the ~~Sanita~~ Guadalajara Sanitarium. It was his understanding ~~namely~~ that the Sanitarium and Mission dispensary were one enterprise. He stated that he believed the indebtedness on the institution should be assumed by the General Conference and raised. The Battle Creek Sanitarium had advanced to the Medical Association about \$24,000, which had been invested in the Mexican Sanitarium, and the Battle Creek institution now needed the amount. Time for adjournment having come, it was agreed to consider the question at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

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TWENTY)SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 2:45 p.m., May 4, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.A. Irwin, L.R. Conradi, A.T. Jones, David Paulson, A.J. Read, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, and Drs. Kellogg, Stewart, Thomason, Morse, and Erkenbeck.

MEXICO SANITARIUM.

Dr. Kellogg stated that he felt that the Mission Board had taken over the direction of the medical work in foreign fields, and that he thought the Board should also assume the obligations upon the Guadalajara Sanitarium property, the building of which was begun by the Foreign Mission Board years ago. The Medical Association had stepped in to help to complete it.

Brethren Daniells and Spicer stated that there was nothing said of assuming the financial obligations when the Mission Board made appropriation for helping the Sanitarium in its operating expenses. Their understanding was that because of undertaking to help in the work there would be no conclusion drawn that thereby the financial obligations as to property liabilities were assumed. No arrangement as to transfer of property interests had been suggested, and there was at the time no statement as to there being heavy obligations against the Mexican Sanitarium property.

Dr. Kellogg made a further statement of the case, basing the plea of obligation on the needs of the work as a part of the missionary campaign our people are undertaking.

W.W. Prescott asked that the Doctor's statement might be written out, and that members of the Committee have time to study the question.

Dr. A.J. Read urged that some decision should be reached, and that the matter should not be left hanging for months longer.

W.W. Prescott, however, stated that he did not think it right to press a minority of the committee to a decision as to their answer to the request without time to consider the matter.

Meeting adjourned.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Battle Creek, Mich., 7 p.m., May 4, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Members Present: G.A. Irwin, W.W. Prescott, David Paulson, A.J. Read, W.A. Spicer.

Prayer by W.A. Spicer.

MEXICO SANITARIUM.

The Committee had before it the request made by Dr. Kellogg, for an expression, one way or the other, as to the attitude of the Committee in the matter of the Guadalajara Sanitarium obligations. After discussion of the matter it was,--

Voted, That the only consistent position for a minority of the Committee to take is to say that we will go on with the policy of encouraging the field medical missionary work in Mexico by appropriating as we are able to assist, and that we increase the Mexican appropriation for the Guadalajara medical work to \$1000 for 1903.

It was stated that the appropriations already made provided for \$728 for the mission dispensary in Guadalajara. The action therefore added \$272 to the appropriations.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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MINORITY COUNCILS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

College View, Neb., June 18, 2:-m., 1903.

TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

A.G. Daniells in the Chair. Members Present: W.W. Prescott, H.W. Cottrell, C.W. Flaiz, E.T. Russell, L.A. Hoopes, F. Griggs, W.S. Spicer, also I.H. Evans, Wm. Covert, R.C. Porter, C. Mc Reynolds, A.T. Robinson.

After devotional service, the Chairman stated that Elder W.T. Knox had requested a German laborer for Western Oregon, while Elder Dirksen, of Manitoba, did not feel free to accept the invitation given him to go to Chicago.

Voted, That we invite H.J. Dirksen, of Manitoba, to make Western Oregon his field of labor in harmony with the request of W.T. Knox.

The Washington (D.C.) church, No. 1, having made request for a white preacher to labor with Elder Sheafe, it was

Voted, That we reply to the brethren in Washington that the Committee does not see its way clear to grant the request for an additional laborer to work with Elder Sheafe.

Voted, That we authorize Elder L.C. Sheafe to draw at the rate of \$15 per week for the current year.

B.E. Nicola requested that F. Griggs might return East via the Oakwood Industrial School in Alabama, spending a few days at the summer institute for colored teachers.

Voted, That the request be granted.

Brethren Daniells and Evans presented the situation as regards removing the Review and Herald plant to the East. The plan of procedure recommended by the legal advisers for closing out the affairs of the office was considered. Preambles and resolutions had been prepared in the name of the S.D.A. Publishing Association and the General Conference, recommending stock-holders to transfer their stock in the Publishing house to I.H. Evans, Treasurer of the General Conference, as trustee to hold for the General Conference, until a new corporation can be formed in harmony with the recommendations of the General Conference.

Voted, That the documents and form of procedure presented be adopted as the best method of carrying out the arrangements recommended.

Voted, that we authorize the officers of the Conference Committee to use such means as may be necessary to secure stock which may not be contributed.

Voted, That the following named persons constitute the Committee to form the proposed new corporation for the publishing work: I.H. Evans, C.D. Rhodes, W.W. Prescott, S.N. Curtis, *H.W. Cottrell*

Voted, To request the presidents of the Union and State Conferences to cooperate with us in securing the stock from share holders in the Publishing House.

Voted, That we request Conference and Tract Societies to place on deposit any surplus they may have without interest to assist the General Conference in carrying out the plan to secure this stock.

A. G. Daniells gave a partial report as to the work of the Locating Committee in the search for the Eastern headquarters. Locations had been looked at in New Jersey and up the Hudson, and in Rhode Island.

Meeting adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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TWENTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

College View, Neb., 6:30 a.m., June 19, 1903.

Members Present: The same brethren, with the addition of N. P. Nelson.

Prayer by F. Griggs.

The time was spent in further discussion of the work of the Locating Committee. The Chairman described the situation offered at Washington, and read letters from J. S. Washburn relative to this location. A rural place within the District Of Columbia offered land very cheap, with good railway and street car connections. A building could also be rented at a reasonable figure. Sister White had advised investigating Washington very carefully, and warned against getting too near New York City.

Meeting Adjourned.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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THIRTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

College View, Neb., 12 m., June 19, 1903.

Members Present: The same brethren.

After prayer by N. P. Nelson, the Chairman asked counsel as to whether the General Conference should be moved out of Battle Creek at once regardless of the progress made in getting the Review and Herald out. It was felt that this should be done as soon as possible.

After discussion it was

Voted, That ~~it~~ is the sense of this council that the General Conference secure by purchase or by mutual agreement with the Review and Herald Board of Trustees, the Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, and the Youth's Instructor.

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THIRTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

College View, Neb., 2:30 p.m., June 19, 1903.

Members Present: The same brethren.

Prayer by A.G. Daniells.

Brother N.P. Nelson asked the assistance of the Committee in providing a head for the Keene Academy.

After discussion it was,

Voted, That we recommend that J.E. Kay, of Walla Walla College, be invited to take charge of the Keene Academy, and advise that the Walla Walla Board be invited to engage A. Kunz, of Keene, as teacher, if agreeable.

Voted, That we continue to pay S.J. Hersum, of Maine, as a General Conference laborer, until the annual State meeting in Maine, to be held in the autumn.

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THIRTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

College View, Neb., 8:30 p.m., June 20, 1903.

Members Present. Same, except Brethren Cottrell and Flaiz, who had gone away.

After prayer informal discussion was had of camp-meetings arrangements.

Voted, That C.W. Flaiz be requested to attend the S.W. Union camp-meetings if his work will allow him to do so.

Brethren Nelson, Russell and Mc Reynolds were asked to arrange for the Texas meeting.

Voted, That the Union College Board be invited to release Professor Morrison to connect with the Treasury department of the General Conference if he should feel free to do so.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Locating Committee call such members of the Committee together as he may find practicable, to decide as soon as possible upon a location for the headquarters, and that W.C. White be invited to join the committee in selecting the location.

Meeting adjourned.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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COUNCIL MEETING OF OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

June 30, 1903.

Present: A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, W.T. Bland, and E.R. Palmer.

Prayer was offered by W.T. Bland and A.G. Daniells.

Elder Daniells presented a communication from Elder M.H. Brown, secretary of the California Conference, in which the California Conference proposed a plan for making certain provisions for DR. M.G. Kellogg and family. The proposition was in substance, that a small home of about ten acres be purchased and fitted with necessary equipment for Dr. Kellogg, at a cost of about \$1,275, and that this cost be borne equally by the General Conference, the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and the California Conference.

Voted, That the General Conference join with the California Conference and the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in the purchase of a small property for Dr. M.H. Kellogg, and that the obligations of the General Conference in this purchase be one-third the investment, to a limit of \$425.

The California Conference, through its Secretary, Elder Brown, had also communicated with the General Conference relative to the traveling expenses of Miss Howard from California to France.

Voted, That the Mission Board advance as a loan to Brother Gauterau, of France, the amount necessary to pay the traveling expenses of Miss Howard to that country from California, and that the final settlement of these traveling expenses be left between Brother Gauterau and the French-Latin Mission field.

Elder Daniells read a lengthy communication from the managing board of the Pacific Press, in which the Pacific Press Board declined to

accept the proposition previously made by the General Conference to the effect that the Pacific Press Publishing Company turn over to the Review and Herald, or to its successor for the management of the publishing business in the East, all the assets of the New York Branch of the Pacific Press as a donation.

In reply the managing board offered to sell its New York business to the Review and Herald, or to its successor, at the last inventory value, which was approximately \$26,000, and proposed to donate in stock at the above-mentioned value, \$1,000 for each \$5,000 which the General Conference or the Review and Herald might raise in cash donations for this enterprise from the people; the amount of the gift, however, to be limited to \$5,000.

The officers of the General Conference were unable to give favorable consideration to this proposition.

The treasurer, Elder I.H. Evans, read a letter from Brother S.C. Stickney, of the Pacific Press, in response to an invitation which had been sent to Brother Stickney to connect with the treasury department of the General Conference as bookkeeper. Brother Stickney gave various reasons why he must decline to accept the position. He is pleasantly connected with the Pacific Press, and engaged in a work with which he has become familiar during twenty-three years of experience, and he would not care to separate from that work. Moreover, his present work enables him to lead a very active life outside of the office, and he would prefer to continue that work rather than take up desk work again.

The treasurer was advised to make definite arrangements for securing the services of Brother D.K. Nicola, of College View, Nebr., and advised that he be notified at once of the decision.

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Voted, That H.H. Burden be paid at \$14 per week from the beginning of the present year, and that his services be retained, if possible, until his successor arrives, and has been made familiar with the work.

Lengthy consideration was given to the removal of the General Conference and Review and Herald offices from Battle Creek, but no definite action was taken.

Adjourned.

E. R. PALMER,
Ass't Secretary.

A. G. DANIELLS,
Chairman.

COUNCIL MEETING OF OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

July 7, 1903.

Present: A.G. Daniells, W.C. White, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, and W.A. Spicer.

Voted, That in harmony with the action of the Committee in council at College View, June 19, ---

We purchase the shares of stock in the Review and Herald Publishing House held by A.R. Henry and H. Lindsay, at par value.

That I.H. Evans and W.W. Prescott be requested to prepare a form of declaration for these two persons to sign, giving assurance of the withdrawal of all further opposition to the removal of the Publishing branch.

RATES ARRANGED: Kuehl, \$11 for Minnesota to pay.
Hyatt, \$4 for Minnesota to pay.

H. Armstrong, \$14. W.O. James, \$10.

COUNCIL MEETING OF OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

July 8, 1903.

Present: A.G. Daniells, W.C. White, W.W. Prescott, I.H. Evans, W.T. Bland, E.R. Palmer, and W.A. Spicer.

Voted, That we appropriate \$200 from the General Conference funds for Sister W.H. Hyatt, as relief, thus refunding the amount spent by her in connection with the death of her husband, Elder W.N. Hyatt, and sickness of her children at that time.

Voted, That we pay V. Pampaian \$7 per week from May 1, while he is engaged in post-graduate work in New York City preparatory to going to Europe.

Voted, That S.P.S. Edwards and wife be audited at \$20 per week for the time reported together, he receiving \$15 for time he alone reports.

Voted, That we advance B.E. Tefft \$25 from General Conference funds.

COUNCIL MEETING OF OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

July 28, 1903.

Present: A.G.Daniells, W.W.Prescott, W.C.White, W.T.Bland, E.R.Palmer, and W.A.Spicer.

Prayer by W.T.Bland.

Transportation business, it was thought, so far as western business is concerned, should be dealt with by Allen Moon in Chicago.

Voted, That we request the Review and Herald to release Harlan Gardner to unite with the office in Washington.

Voted, That we ask the California Conference to release A.J.Bourdeau to take supervision of our periodical department in Washington.

Voted, That we request E.R.Palmer to take charge of the circulating department for the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Washington.

Present: A.G.Daniells, W.W.Prescott, W.C.White, E.R.Palmer, W.A.Spicer, and W.T.Bland.

Order the safe sent to Washington from Berrien Springs.

Voted, All that pertains to this department, held at Berrien Springs, be shipped with the safe to Washington.

Committee on Relief of the Schools: W.C.White, F.Griggs, W.T.Bland, W.A.Spicer.

Voted, That the former secretary be requested to send to the new headquarters the furniture and outfit of this department including the card system.

THIRTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 3 P.M., October 7, 1903.

PRESENT:

A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, H.W. Cottrell, A.T. Jones, R.E. Kilgore, D. Paulson, W.H. Thurston, I.H. Evans, G.B. Thompson, E.D. Hottel, A.E. Place, J.W. Watt, E.J. Dryer, Jno. G. Walker, C.A. Barnan, J.S. Washburn, J.R. Scott, F.E. Painter, O.O. Farnsworth, A.J. Britton, J.H. Neall, D.K. Royer, W.A. Spicer.

OPENING REMARKS:

The Chairman stated that he had received notice that a number planning to be at the Council would be a few days late. The presidents of conferences in the Atlantic, Lake, Northern, and Canadian Union Conferences had been invited, not only because their help will be valuable in the consideration of the important questions to come before the Committee, but because the committees of the conferences in these unions are the constituency of the newly organized Review and Herald Publishing Company, and it was desired that as many of the constituency as reasonable might meet to consider the plans and shape the policy of the new Association.

After reading a Testimony addressed to brethren in responsible positions, a schedule of questions to come before the Council was submitted on printed slips, as follows:--

**Topics for the Council, Oct. 7-21,
1903, Washington, D. C.**

1. *The Approaching Union Conference Sessions.*—When and where shall they be held? How shall they be conducted so as to secure the largest results possible? What general help shall be furnished each? What can be done to perfect the organization of each?

2. *Work With "Christ's Object Lessons."*—Shall this work now be dropped? Shall it be left to drift? Shall the plans for conducting this work be reorganized? If so, what general arrangement can be made that will give promise of good returns?

3. *The Week of Prayer.*—Preparation of readings. What can be done to secure a general observance and larger results? Shall the old plans be followed?

4. *Home Missionary Work.*—Should not a great forward movement, or winter missionary campaign, be set on foot at an early date this fall? If so, what shall be the general plan? Who can be selected to take charge of the plan, and push it vigorously in all parts of the home field? Shall this plan embrace efforts—

(a) To place every minister who can possibly be spared for that purpose, in a new field, well supplied with literature, to carry on an earnest effort to lead people to accept the truth?

(b) To place at work in our cities capable Bible workers, to hold Bible readings and distribute literature?

(c) To largely increase our staff of regular canvassers?

(d) To enlist the rank and file of our people in America in an earnest and continuous effort to place our papers and tracts in the hands of all their neighbors? What special literature should be prepared for such a missionary effort, and who should be selected to prepare it?

5. *Finances.*—What can be done during the coming winter to raise sufficient means to meet the appropriations voted by the Committee last spring in the general council at Battle Creek, for both the evangelical work and the establishment and equipment of institutions?

Furthermore, what can be done to dispose of the General Conference overdraft of thirty-four thousand dollars, the accumulation of deficits covering a number of years? And still further, what steps should be taken to close out the assets and liabilities of the General Conference Association? These assets and liabilities are about even, and amount to two hundred thousand dollars. Instead of the General Conference Association being able to render the cause valuable service, it is in its present condition really a burden. Can not its affairs be wound up, and a new and better arrangement be made?

6. *Camp-Meetings.*—Do they pay as now conducted? How can they be made more profitable to the cause? What steps can now be taken

7. *Washington Enterprises.*—When shall definite steps be taken to develop the work in Washington in harmony with the instruction from the spirit of prophecy?

(a) Shall vigorous efforts be made this winter to preach the third angel's message in the city of Washington, and to carry on a strong Bible-reading and house-visitation work? Shall special efforts be made while Congress is in session to carry on religious-liberty work? Who can be secured for all these lines of work? and how can they be supported?

(b) Shall good, creditable treatment rooms for medical missionary work be opened in Washington before Congress convenes? If so, who shall take the work in charge?

(c) Shall steps be taken this fall to begin the erection and the equipment of a printing plant at Takoma Park?

(d) Shall the work of clearing the ground and erecting the school be started this fall on the tract of land purchased in Takoma Park?

(e) What plans shall be laid for the erection of a sanitarium on the same tract of land?

(f) How shall all the plans affecting the development of the work in Washington be arranged? Who shall be secured to carry them forward? and from what source shall means be raised for the work?

8. *Foreign Fields.*—

(a) How shall this denomination be aroused to carry this message to fields that are sending earnest calls to us for help?

(b) Should arrangements be made at an early date by which members of the General Conference Committee can visit the European and other foreign fields during the year 1904?

9. *The Education and Work of our young men and young women.*

(a) By what means can we place in our training-schools for Christian workers the thousands of our young people who are attending worldly schools?

(b) What plans can be laid to set to work in the field the young people who attend our schools?

10. *International Publishing Association, of College View.*

(a) Plan of Organization.

(b) Purpose.

(c) Policy.

(d) Needs.

11. *Church Organization.*

(a) Relation and duty of members to the church.

(b) Relation and duty of the church to its members.

12. *Our Ministry.*

(a) What shall be done to increase and improve the staff of evangelical workers required to do this work?

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"ON HOME FIELD WORK: I. H. Evans, H. W. Cottrell, J. E. Jayne, F. Griggs, L. A. Hoopes, A. T. Jones, Allen Moon, C. F. Hollman, A. E. Place, L. C. Sheafe, E. R. Palmer, F. E. Painter, A. J. Bristol, D. K. Royer.

"ON FOREIGN WORK: W. H. Thurston, D. Paulson, P. F. Bicknell, Wm. Covert, A. O. Burrill, G. B. Thompson, W. J. Stone, J. W. Watt, C. H. Edwards, C. A. Burman.

"ON WASHINGTON WORK: W. W. Prescott, E. T. Russell, R. M. Kilgore, E. C. Porter, R. A. Underwood, S. N. Curtiss, J. S. Washburn, E. J. Dryer, A. P. Needham, J. R. Scott, W. A. Spicer.

DAILY PROGRAM:

"That the daily program for the present be as follows)--

9:00 to 10:30	A.M.	-----Conference
10:45 "	12:30 "	-----Committee Work
2:30 "	4:00 P.M.	-----Conference
4:15 "	5:30 "	-----Committee Work
7:45	"	-----Preaching Service

REPORTING:

"That Brethren Thompson, Washburn, and Spicer act as a committee on supplying reports for the public press."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER:

The subject of the week of prayer was made the topic for the hour. Both the question of the time and the arrangement for the season were discussed.

Voted, That the question be referred to the Committee on Home Work.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M.

A. G. DANIELS, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 8, 1903.

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A.G. Daniells in the chair.

After the devotional exercises and the approval of the minutes of the previous session, it was agreed to take up matters relating to the work in Washington.

The Chairman recounted the experiences of the brethren who searched for the location of the General Conference headquarters in the East, and told how the voice of the Spirit of Prophecy led to Washington. Testimonies giving instruction regarding the work to be done here were read before the Council.

Voted, That Monday be set as a day to visit Takoma Park to look at the location secured.

Voted, That the Chair appoint two brethren to make arrangements with the street railway company for the transportation of the party. Brethren S.N. Cartiss and W.T. Bland were named.

DR. V. PAMPAIAN:

Voted, That \$150 be granted to Dr. Pampaian for medical equipment, preparatory to entering Trans-Caucasus.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., October 9.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 9, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair.

There were present in addition to those formerly named, Brethren J.M. Rees and A.W. George.

Before the devotional exercises, the Chairman read from Testimonies given years ago, exhorting to self-surrender and prayer for the baptism of power.

An earnest season of prayer followed.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

THE SIGNS CAMPAIGN:

The topic of home missionary work was taken up. The plans for the proposed special campaign with the SIGNS OF THE TIMES were discussed.

A letter from C.H.Jones was read, describing the special number, on the issue between labor and capital as a signs of the times, which is now in preparation.

Voted, That the question of organizing the campaign for the SIGNS work be referred to the Committee on Home Field Work for recommendations.

Voted, That a telegram be sent the publishers, expressing it as the mind of the Council that the special issue of the SIGNS be made to sell at five cents instead of ten, if possible to arrange the change at this stage.

INTERMISSION:

An intermission of fifteen minutes was taken.

CHURCH INSTITUTE WORK:

The plan of having church conventions in November to rally the forces for a winter campaign was discussed.

Voted, That the question be referred to the Committee on Home Field Work for recommendations, with the suggestion that conferences should arrange for such institutes at as early a date as the conditions in the field may warrant.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned to 9 A.M., October 11.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 11, 1903.

W.H.Thurston in the chair.

Brethren C.W. Flaiz, L.F. Starr, and E.J. Waggoner, were present in addition to those previously named.

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After devotional service, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

MISSION FINANCES:

The question of mission finances was taken up, number five in the printed schedule.

The Treasurer gave an outline of the situation in the mission fields. Funds have not come in to fully meet the appropriations made last spring for field work, and very little is raised on the institutional appropriations. He urged that state conference officers should take special burden in working the plans for systematic gathering of funds for mission fields.

It was suggested that special efforts be made to revive the churches and to help them to understand the demands of the time. Also that from now on conference men should begin to prepare the churches to take hold of the week of prayer, to get out of it the blessing it is intended to bring. And that, while the aim is not financial, the interest in the work should be so aroused that larger offerings than ever may come into the mission treasury.

A.G. Daniells and C.W. Flaiz spoke to the question to the expiration of the hour for conference.

Voted, That an intermission be taken, and that the conference further consider the question.

During the intermission R.A. Underwood arrived and joined the Council.

After the intermission, Brethren R.C. Porter, Allen Moon, H.W. Cottrell, L.F. Starr, W.A. Spicer, W.T. Bland, R.A. Underwood, J.M. Rees, A.T. Jones, R.M. Kilgore, A.E. Place, and J.E. Jayne spoke to the question, a general sentiment existing that General Conference and state conference workers should unite in a special effort among the churches.

Voted, That the question be referred to the Committee on Finance for recommendations.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., even date.

W.H. THURSTON,	Chairman.
W.A. SPICER,	Secretary.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 11, 1903.

W.H.Thurston in the chair.

During the interval W.T.Knox had come and joined the Council.

UNION CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

After prayer the topic of Union Conference sessions was taken up. Union presidents spoke as to the time and the nature of the meetings.

C.W.Flaiz, of the Northern Union, stated that their first choice for time would be the last of February; second choice, the first of March. They proposed calling in all their laborers.

R.M.Kilgore, for the Southern Union, suggested January as the best month for the South.

H.W.Cottrell, for the Atlantic, stated that the committee had planned for November 4 as the date of their meeting.

W.T.Knox, for the Pacific, stated that the latter part of March would be the best time.

W.H.Thurston, of the Canadian Union, stated that his committee had decided upon August as the best time.

I.H.Evans urged that in connection with these sessions institutes for workers be held, keeping in view the younger workers who need training for service.

R.C.Porter rather favored a shorter Union Council and State institutes for the workers.

H.W.Cottrell stated that it was his mind also that local conference institutes would accomplish most for workers. He favored about five days for the Union Conference.

Brethren Flaiz, Moon, and Underwood further emphasized the importance of institute work for local laborers.

A.G.Daniells read to the Council some suggestions made by W.C.White, a member of the Committee, in regard to the coming Union sessions.

Brother Daniells, for the Lake Union, spoke of their last gathering, which included nearly all the ministers in the Union Conference. He felt it a distinct advantage for ministers of

various conferences to mingle together, with opportunity for mutual help and encouragement. He believed that the Union gathering was the best place to set the ideal for the work of the ministry. He stated that ten days, in his mind, was not too long to spend in such a season as the Union session can be made.

W.T.Knox, speaking further, expressed the opinion that the Union session should be planned from the point of view of the Union interests, providing for as general a gathering of workers as possible. Then, if State institutes be deemed necessary for training recruits, let these be arranged for.

I.H.Evans further suggested that at the Union meetings plans should be laid for instructing church officers in their duties.

R.C.Porter stated that at the Missouri Conference and camp-meeting, an institute for church officers was held daily with great profit.

Voted, That the matter be referred to the General Conference Committee for consideration and report.

The time of the conference session was extended to allow of the reading of a communication from Sister White, entitled, "Lessons from the Past." Extracts from other communications were also read, exhorting to watchfulness in view of the dangers of the hour.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., October 12,

W.H.THURSTON, Chairman.

W.A.SPICER, Secretary.

THIRTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 12, 1903.

C.W.FLAIZ in the chair.

Brethren A.O.Burrill and W.J.Stone, and Drs. W.R.Simmons and R.O.Ross were present for the first time.

After devotions, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

WASHINGTON WORK:

The topic, Washington work, was taken up as the subject of the hour.

A. G. Daniells outlined the general instruction given by the Spirit of Prophecy leading to the selection of the Washington location. The conditions required that the following advantages should be secured:--

(1) Rural surroundings. (2) The printing business was to be located so that the Washington imprint could legitimately appear on the literature. (3) The arrangements were to be such that in close proximity to the publishing headquarters there should be a sanitarium and a school. (4) There was to be land sufficient to provide out-of-door work for school and sanitarium. (5) The advantages of a healthful site were to be secured.

The locating committee examined all parts of the District and found Takoma Park the location best fulfilling the specifications.

Brother Daniells stated that it was not the idea that the General Conference should have and operate the printing house, the school, the ~~school~~ sanitarium. The General Conference must hold itself in equal relations with all our denominational schools, printing offices, and sanitariums, helping all alike, although in starting the work in Washington, the General Conference must necessarily take special interest in fostering the enterprise. Therefore, some plan of organization must be devised for handling these enterprises.

W. W. Prescott called attention to the fact that the instruction was that the institutions here were not to be detached, but allied interests, so that in case the printing plant should have to be removed, the facilities might be made use of by sanitarium or school.

It is also a part of the instruction that everything is to begin small and grow. We are not to make an effort to attract attention by any display or large expenditure.

On this basis, the basis of a great work with humble facilities, we can hope to begin at once to execute the plans. We may trust God's power to make the truth itself the prominent thing, and not the outward display or the large facilities.

PUBLIC EFFORT IN WASHINGTON:

Plans for a special campaign this winter in Washington were discussed, including the idea of meetings in public halls, Bible work, and distribution of literature.

TREATMENT ROOMS IN WASHINGTON:

W. W. Prescott expressed himself as heartily in favor of opening treatment rooms in the city at once.

A. G. Daniells stated it as his belief that before Congress convenes, good rooms should be opened. He believed the arrange-

ments could readily be made. The city treatment rooms should prove a permanent enterprise, and a helper to the sanitarium work in the country.

Voted, That it is the sense of this Council that suitable treatment rooms be opened as soon as possible in Washington.

C. W. FLAIZ, Chairman,
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FORTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., 2:30 P. M., October 12, 1903

C. W. Flaiz in the chair.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCES:

After devotions, the conference proceeded to take up topic 5 in the schedule of business, A. C. Danielis asking counsel concerning the General Conference deficit, now \$34,000, the amount having been reduced about \$7,000 during the last year.

It was felt generally that the matter could be dealt with by calls in appropriations, \$10,000 for this purpose having been listed in the appropriations voted last spring. best

I. H. Evans stated that he felt that some general plan should be formed to meet the General Conference Association obligations and wipe out the entire General Conference deficit. He suggested a dollar donation as a possible plan, calling for a dollar per year until the indebtedness was paid.

R. A. Underwood favored dealing with the matter with one great fund for the general work, setting aside twenty per cent of the fund for the debt, and gauging the aggressive work accordingly.

E. C. Porter thought that the special fund suggested by Brother Evans should not be denominated a dollar collection, but a one to five dollar donation.

H. W. Cottrell stated his belief that if another annual offering were established, it would militate against the one already operating. He favored getting the Union Conferences that have a surplus to help, and to make up the balance by calls in the general appropriations.

I. H. Evans hardly felt that it should be called an annual offering, but let it be understood that this fund was needed, and let people give when they were inclined, publishing receipts in the REVIEW, perhaps.

W.J.Stone favored the plan proposed by R.A.Underwood, the raising of a general fund.

C.W.Flaiz felt that we were in danger of fearing too much to call directly for money for indebtedness. He reviewed the efforts by which State conferences had been generally freed from debt, some by raising a special side fund on account of indebtedness. He felt that the Unions able to help would gladly do so, and that we should count wiping out indebtedness as aggressive work.

Voted, That this question be referred to the Committee on Finance for recommendations.

The Committee on Home Field work submitted a partial report, as follows:--

We recommend,--

"1. That the time of the week of prayer be from Sabbath, December 19, to Sabbath, December 26.

"2. That the special themes for the readings of this week be---

The Nearness of the End, by H.C.Wilcox.

Our Work from the Prophetic Standpoint, by A.T.Jones.

God's Opening Providences for Aggressive Work, by H.R.Palmer

The Holy Spirit Promised and Needed, by Mrs. E.G.White.

Its Effect when Received,
by Mrs. E.G.White.

(On the Receiver,
(On His Ministry,
(On the World,

Our Young People,
by A.G.Daniells.

(Hood of Workers,
(Their Education,
(Opportunities for Service,

Calls from the Regions Beyond,
by W.A.Spicer.

(The past year's work
(and the condition
(of the treasury
(The demands for men
(and means the coming
(year.

The Call for Calebs and Joshuas, by I.H.Evans.

"3. That A.G.Daniells, W.W.Prescott, W.A.Spicer, and I.H.Evans be appointed a committee to execute the plans and see that the readings are edited, printed, and circulated; and that all necessary correspondence and notices are properly executed.

"4. That each Union Conference President, and others, prepare as soon as possible, articles for publication in the

REVIEW AND HERALD ON SOME PHASE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

"5. That each Union Conference President see that appropriate articles are published in his Union Conference paper.

"6. That each State Conference President see that appropriate articles concerning the week of prayer are published in each issue of his State Conference paper up to the time of the week of prayer."

After the reading of the report, the meeting adjourned, it being arranged to meet at Takoma Park the next morning, to visit the location secured.

C. W. FLAIZ, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FORTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 3 P.M., October 13, 1903.

A. T. Jones in the chair. J. S. Washburn elected secretary pro tem.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK:

The Chairman stated that but little had been done during the last two years in the religious liberty work. He said that there was in the General Conference treasury the sum of \$851,72 for the Religious Liberty Department.

Elder Thompson said that the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada was making a vigorous campaign for a strict Sunday law.

Allen Moon spoke of the prosecution of Benjamin Shook, in Canada. This case was twice tried before the Supreme Court of Ontario, the death of the first Chief Justice demanding a re-trial, which resulted in an adverse decision.

Elders Thompson, Thurston, and Flaiz emphasized the fact that better work could be done in Canada by a Canadian than by a citizen of the United States, and that religious liberty literature used should bear a Canadian imprint, and should be adapted to the situation in that country.

SUNDAY LAW AGITATION:

E. T. Russell said the National Reformers were making an active campaign in the Central Union Conference, and that there was need of new literature for the United States as well as for Canada.

FORTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 14, 1903

A. G. Daniells in the chair. Prayer by E. J. Dryer.

There were present brethren not named before: H. T. Russell, S. H. Lane, I. A. Hoopes, F. Griggs, S. E. Wight.

The minutes of previous meetings unread were now read and approved.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

The partial report of the Committee on Home Field work, covering the recommendations concerning the week of prayer, was taken up. (See page 12.)

It was moved by W. T. Knox that the report be amended by fixing the date a week earlier, December 12 to 19, in order to escape the disquieting influences of the holiday season.

Various brethren discussed the question in its bearings on the spiritual interests of the believers, and upon the call of the question, the vote was about evenly divided. After further consideration, the amendment was carried unanimously.

REPORT ADOPTED:

The report was read by item by item, and was unanimously adopted as a whole.

HOME FIELD WORK, FURTHER REPORT:

The Committee on Home Field work submitted a further partial report, as follows:--

FURTHER PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD.

Recommended,—

7. That all our churches and people everywhere in the country make a special effort to sell a large number of the forthcoming special issue of the *Signs of the Times* on Capital and Labor; and that the editors and publishers be asked to be very careful to avoid everything that would tend to excite antagonism.

8. That a special organized campaign be inaugurated in all our churches for the circulation of our small literature, such as tracts and other literature this fall and winter.

9. That this campaign be opened up not later than December 1.

10. That each State conference committee arrange for and hold in their conference one or more institutes prior to December 1, if possible, covering all phases of missionary work, such as,—

- (a) Best methods of distributing our literature.
- (b) Shall our literature be sold or given away?
- (c) Best methods of loaning literature.
- (d) Suitable literature for distribution and proper arrangement of subjects.
- (e) Missionary visiting.
- (f) The conducting of Bible readings.
- (g) Neighborhood cottage meetings.

MISSION FINANCE:

I. H. Ryans asked permission to speak of mission finance and the working up of general funds. He much desired to see in each State Conference a man especially appointed as a financial agent, to work in the interests of general funds. He wished also that in Union Conferences there might be a Union financial agent, working to the same end.

It was stated by W. T. Bland that the Finance Committee were considering such a plan, and would make report.

The Chair stated his convictions that great results would come to the work to have a thoroughly organized system for gathering funds. Our people, reckoning by general statistics, save vast sums by refraining from the use of harmful luxuries, upwards of two millions a year by on liquor and tobacco alone. Our people are able, if touched by the call of need, to give far more largely. Now, in these critical times, a great movement for the consecration of means to the cause of God should bring in large sums.

W. J. Stone urged that systematic effort should be made to get our people to pay a full tithe. He suggested special literature on the tithe question.

J. W. Watt reported that Vermont had found good results from the use of printed slips, with a few texts on tithe-paying, for circulation among the brethren.

R. A. Underwood urged the Bible plan of tithes and offerings as the basis of finance, and favored the strengthening of the link between the head office and the field.

E. T. Russell urged the importance of the ten-cent-a-week plan, which would bring in \$312,000 per year for missions, if practiced. He related some experiences showing how a trial of the plan had increased the offerings.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., October 15.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 15, 1903.

E. T. Russell in the chair.

Brother C. H. Edwards had arrived and joined in the Council.

After the prayer season, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

MISSIONARY REVIVAL:

Items (a) and (b) in No. 4 in the schedule of business were considered. (See page 2.)

Brothren Daniells, Lane, Underwood, Cottrell, Jayne, Porter, Moon, Rees, and Waggoner urged the importance of a general missionary movement, arousing the churches to old-time earnestness in service, and planting new workers in new fields.

Voted, That the question be referred to the Home Field Committee for recommendations.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REPORT:

The Religious Liberty Committee made a first report, as follows:--

Report of Religious Liberty Committee. We recommend,—

1. That the Review and Herald be requested to return to the Religious Liberty Department all the plates and material of Religious Liberty literature, and also to donate the plates of "American State Papers" to this department.

~~2. That the case of Brother Pettiford be carried to the heads of the department, and if necessary to the President and Secretary of State, and that Brother Moon take charge of the case.~~

2. That the headquarters of the Religious Liberty Department be established in Washington.

3. That our office be suitably equipped with desk, typewriter, letter files and other office equipment.

4. That a field secretary be selected to take charge of the work, and that he be provided with a competent stenographer.

5. That a special offering for Religious Liberty work be taken on Sabbath, Nov. 28, and that the \$851.72 now in the treasury be placed in the hands of the Religious Liberty Department.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., even date.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 4:30 P.M., October 15, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair until the arrival of E.T. Russell later in the meeting.

Prayer by W.T. Knox.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR CAMPAIGN:

R.C. Porter was given time to present the opportunities for missionary work during the St. Louis World's Fair. He asked for counsel from the assembly as to plans of work. He also suggested the possibility of financial assistance for the campaign by means of a special collection among the churches.

Allen Moon spoke of the plans followed at the Chicago World's Fair, the principal feature being the distribution of leaflets outside the gates.

Voted, That the question be referred to the Committee on Home Work.

REPORT ON HOME FIELD WORK:

The further partial report of the Committee on Home Work was taken up, beginning with number 7. (See page 15.)

Recommendations 7, 8, and 9 were amended and adopted, as follows:--

"7. That all our churches and people everywhere in this country make a special effort to sell a large number of the forthcoming special issue of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES on Capital and Labor.

"8. That a special organized campaign be inaugurated in all our churches for the circulation, by sale or otherwise, of our literature this fall and winter.

"9. That this campaign be opened by a missionary convention in all the churches November 21 and 22."

Recommendation 10 was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

E.T. RUSSELL, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 16, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair.

After the devotional season, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Brethren A. J. Read, H. H. Burkholder, and T. T. Nagan were present for the first time.

HEADING OF TESTIMONIES:

The Chairman read from a Testimony addressed to the leaders of the work, and also from one addressed to the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College, recounting lessons from the days of Babylon and the rebellion of Satan in heaven, and urging to prompt action in accomplishing the work committed to us.

A. T. Jones read from a communication urging the continuing of the efforts to meet the old Battle Creek College debt by the Missionary Acre Fund.

W. T. Knox, chairman for the day, was called to the chair.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REPORT:

The report of the Religious Liberty Committee (See page 17) was considered.

Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 were adopted. Recommendation 2, on the location of the Religious Liberty headquarters, was referred to the General Conference and Religious Liberty Committees for consideration. Recommendation 5, regarding a special collection on November 28, was under consideration at the time of adjournment.

The Committee on Washington Work submitted the following partial report:--

Partial Report of Committee on Washington work:

We recommend,—

1. That a vigorous effort be made this winter to proclaim the advent message in Washington, this evangelistic effort to include,—

- (a) Public meetings.
- (b) Bible work.
- (c) Distribution of literature.

2. That a call be made for \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a small sanitarium at Takoma Park, near Washington, this amount to include the expense of preparing the grounds and erecting the necessary outbuildings, providing a thoroughly equipped, though small and simple built institution for the beginning of the sanitarium work in Washington at the earliest possible date.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman.

W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 16, 1903.

W.T.Knox in the chair.

After prayer was offered, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Recommendation 5 of the Religious Liberty Report, under discussion at last adjournment, was, on motion, deferred to a later session.

REPORT ON WASHINGTON WORK:

The partial report of the Committee on Washington work was considered.

Question was called, without discussion, on the first recommendation, proposing an evangelistic campaign in Washington the coming winter.

Recommendation 2, proposing a call for \$50,000 for sanitarium work, was read.

In response to questions, A.G. Daniells made a statement regarding the thought of the Committee in making the recommendation. He stated that a sub-committee had been appointed to bring in a detailed report as to how the work should be organized and held; that it certainly must not be left to the General Conference to have the management of these Washington enterprises.

Brethren Lane, Underwood, Magan, Paulson, and others spoke to the question, a general feeling being expressed that the \$50,000 called for would be a very modest sum. Sister White had stated that the Washington Sanitarium should be larger than most of the small sanitariums that must be established in various parts.

I.H. Evans urged the grouping together of all the Washington enterprises, and a general call for the total sum needed.

After further discussion, the recommendation was referred back to the Committee, to give them opportunity to formulate fuller plans for the various Washington enterprises.

Adjourned to 7 P.M., October 17.

W.T.KNOX, Chairman.

W.A.SPICER, Secretary.

FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 7 P.M., October 17, 1903.

W.T.Knox in the chair. Prayer by Wm. Covert.

Elder V.H.Lucas was present in the Council for the first time.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Foreign Committee made a report as follows:--

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN WORK.

We recommend:--

1. That the request of B. G. Wilkinson for a superintendent for Spain be granted, and that the place be filled by the Mission Board. We would suggest Elder G. H. Baber for this field.
2. That the Mission Board furnish as soon as possible a French doctor to open up the work in Paris.
3. That we recognize the urgent need of a man to take charge of the educational work in France, and we would suggest the name of John Vuilleumier.
4. That H. E. Ketring take charge of the work in Chile.
5. That the division of the Brazilian field be left with those in charge of that field.
6. That the question of a tent for Bermuda be left to the discretion of the Mission Board.
7. That we consider favorably the needs of Cuba.
8. That we consider the needs of Portugal.
9. That the General Conference arrange for, and furnish the means to qualify, two doctors to practise in the Canadian field.
10. That Dr. A. E. Lemon be one to prepare for this field, and that another doctor be sent to Newfoundland to take his place. This change should be made not later than July 1904.
11. Elder C. H. Guild offers himself for a foreign field. He prefers Scotland.

REPORT ON WASHINGTON WORK:

The Committee on Washington work made a further report, bringing in a recommendation, which, on amendment, was unanimously adopted as follows:--

"2. That \$100,000 be raised for the purpose of opening a sanitarium, a school, and the General Conference offices at Takoma Park, Washington."

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PUBLISHING PLANT IN COLLEGE VIEW:

Number 10 in the schedule of business was taken up for consideration, and E. T. Russell gave an outline of the steps proposed for the organization of a foreign publishing plant in College View, Nebr.

Brethren Hoopes and Starr spoke of the importance attached to having some practical work in the foreign languages connected with the foreign departments of Union College.

In response to questions, E. T. Russell stated that it was not contemplated that the proposed plant should in any way be a competitor with our houses in Europe, though they might get out some smaller books, such as would be adapted to America, "Coming King" for instance.

C. W. Flaiz stated it as his belief that it might be advisable to establish a foreign school apart from the English, and associate with it printing enterprises, thus guarding against having the student drawn into English work by association with so many English students. He suggested putting this plant in some other place, where a new center would be formed, and the plant itself be a missionary factor in the midst of the foreign-speaking populations in the Middle West.

R. C. Porter suggested that an enterprise started on the plan proposed by the last speaker would call for large funds, while the expense in College View would be very small.

The question was referred to the Committee on Home Work for consideration.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., October 18.

W. T. FLOY, Chairman.
W. A. SHICER, Secretary.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., 9 A. M., October 18, 1905.

H. W. Cottrell in the chair. Prayer by G. B. Thompson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CAMP-MEETING WORK:

It was agreed that the topic of Camp-meeting Work should be taken up.

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A. G. Daniells stated that the attendance of our people at the camp-meetings was not as large as years ago; neither is the attendance of the public the same. He felt that conference presidents should earnestly consider the question of bringing about a change.

He suggested the getting out of a tract for our people dealing with the camp-meeting as it ought to be to fulfill the object of these gatherings. Then let a general committee take the matter up in our papers, and endeavor to stir our people to rally to the camp-meeting as they have not done in recent years.

E. T. Russell stated that he believed the meetings were not advertised as thoroughly as formerly.

R. A. Underwood spoke of the importance of daily reports for the press. He felt that too many meetings in the day had been crowded into the camp-meeting program. He urged giving more attention to the dining department, to insure properly cooked food.

Brethren Paulson, Knox, Spicer, Flaiz, and Lane spoke further as to the camp-meeting work.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg, who was present, spoke of the Testimony regarding "Living Temple," stating that he would revise the book, and that it was his desire to work in harmony with the General Conference.

Voted, That the matter of the camp-meeting work be referred to the Committee on Home Field Work.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., even date.

H. W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

FIFTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 18, 1903.

H. W. Cottrell in the chair. Prayer by R. W. Milgore.

CANVASSING WORK:

The canvassing work was made the topic for the hour.

Brethren R. A. Underwood, W. H. Thurston, E. T. Russell, S. E. Wight, A. E. Place, Allen Moon, S. D. Lane, J. E. Rees, F. E. Painter,

and A.J. Read spoke of the great factor which the canvassing work may be made in the prosecution of our work. All agreed that definite effort must be made to revive this branch of the work. It was suggested that our schools should aim to send numbers of young people into the field with our books every year.

It was suggested that all the ministerial laborers should partake of the canvassing spirit, being ready to encourage canvassers into the field, elevating the standard of the work by demonstrating that it is a noble occupation to circulate our literature.

It was suggested that our church schools are selling smaller literature, and that this avenue for distribution might be especially encouraged. Also that, as ministers organize churches, special care be taken to instruct and encourage men who might make a success of canvassing.

It was urged that we must remember that the work can be made a success because it is God's work. Conference committees must definitely plan for the development of this branch, putting strong men in as general agents.

Voted, That this question be referred to the Committee on Home Work.

A short intermission was taken at this point.

FOREIGN WORK:

The report of the Committee on Foreign Work was taken up, on motion to adopt by considering each item separately. It was amended and passed as follows:--

1. That the request of B.C. Wilkinson for a superintendent for Spain be granted, and that the place be filled by the Mission Board.
2. That the Mission Board furnish a branch as soon as possible a French doctor for open up the work in Paris.
3. That we recognize the urgent need of a man to take charge of the educational work in France.
4. That the division of the Brazilian field be left with those in charge of that field, in counsel with the Mission Board.
5. That the question of a tent for Bermuda be left to the discretion of the Mission Board.
6. That we consider favorably the needs of Cuba.
7. That we consider the needs of Portugal.

By vote, topics 11 and 12 in the schedule of business were referred to the Committee on Home Field Work for recommendations.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT:

The Educational Committee presented a report as follows:--

We recommend,—

1. That an educational department in the Review and Herald be established, to be ~~the staff department of our de-~~
~~partment.~~

conducted by the staff of the Review and Herald

2. That as soon as consistent provision be made in Washington for the training of workers associated with the publishing sanitarium, and other enterprises called for in this district.

3. That the mission secretary shall visit our training schools in this country this winter, presenting to the students the claims that the great mission fields have upon them, and becoming personally acquainted with young people who are qualifying for missionary service.

4. That we urge upon all our schools, both training, intermediate and church schools to do all they reasonably can in concert with the regularly organized conference campaign to revive and carry forward the work with "Christ's Object Lessons."

5. That we counsel our training schools, in accordance with the instruction of the Spirit of Prophecy, to so shake their studies that they may give to all passing through the school a substantial and simple training for genuine medical missionary work, and a preparatory course for those contemplating advanced work in medical lines; but we caution against return to the long courses from which all our schools have endeavored to free themselves, the question of granting or not granting degrees not entering into this matter, inasmuch as, with very few exceptions, degrees are not necessary for entrance to medical courses in the many medical schools of this country.

6. That in view of the fact that there are a good number of our people who are teaching in the public schools, who have sufficient literary qualifications for our church school work, but who need a study of the principles underlying our denominational educational system, we urge upon each of our Union Conferences the holding of summer schools in connection with their training schools for the benefit of teachers engaged within the Union Conference territory.

WASHINGTON ORGANIZATION:

A sub-committee of the Committee on Washington Work submitted a report as follows:--

We recommend,—

1. That we extend our thanks to the Atlantic Union and Chesapeake Conferences for relinquishing the territory included in the District of Columbia to the General Conference, and we hereby accept supervision of the same. *and Takoma Park*

2. That the management of the evangelical work be placed in the hands of a committee chosen as follows:— *annually*

(a) Ten individuals appointed by the General Conference Committee, and an equal number elected by the aggregate church membership of the District, divided between the several churches on a pro rata basis.

(b) These twenty individuals shall constitute a constituency to elect a board of five members who shall have charge and control of the evangelical work of this ~~territory~~ *territory*.

3. We recommend that this ~~territory~~ *territory* of Columbia be given one representative to the General Conference sessions ~~regardless~~ *regardless* of its membership, and additional representatives on the same numerical ratio granted to the Union Conferences.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., October 19.

H. W. COTTRELL, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FIFTY-FIRST MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 19, 1903.

E. T. Russell in the chair.

After the prayer season, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

It was decided that the topic for the hour should be the affairs of the new Review and Herald Publishing Association.

W. W. Prescott, Chairman of the Association, read the articles of incorporation and by-laws, and explained their import.

The question was raised for counsel from the Committee and brethren as to whether it is expected that the Association shall

enter into obligations for the building of a plant at Takoma Park before receiving the assets of the old Review and Herald Publishing Company.

I.H.Evans stated that the old Review and Herald owed about \$100,000. Accounts receivable and other assets are, in the main, as follows:--

The Sanitarium and allied interests-----	45,000
The old Battle Creek College-----	15,000
Other accounts, about-----	15,000
Book stock, figured last year-----	50,000
Inventory of outfit, about-----	50,000
Land, about-----	50,000
Cash, about-----	6,000
	\$231,000

It was stated that all the brethren could help greatly by soliciting the donation of stock. Thus far about 4000 shares have been donated.

S.H.Lane stated that while he thought many things in the articles of the new corporation excellent, he did not feel that the constituency was properly arranged. He felt that the old stockholders should be members of the new association.

W.W.Prescott stated that any changes in the constituency would have to be made at a regular meeting of the constituency.

It was moved by A.T.Jones, seconded by S.H.Lane, That this Council express itself as favoring the principle of recognizing the holders of stock in a corporation as entitled to a place in the constituency upon reorganizing the corporation.

W.W.Prescott stated that inasmuch as the matter must be settled by the constituency itself, he felt that the Council hardly need spend the time discussing the question now. He therefore---

Moved, That the question be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed.

QUESTION REFERRED:

As to the matter of how far the new association should be counselled to go on with preparations for the Takoma Park plant, it was---

Voted, That the question be referred to the Washington Committee for definite recommendations.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M.

E.T.RUSSELL, Chairman.
W.A.SPICER, Secretary.

FIFTY-SECOND MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 19, 1903.

E. J. Russell in the chair, Prayer by F. Griggs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT:

The report of the Educational Committee was taken up. Item 1, as printed, was changed by request of the Committee to read:--

"1. That an Educational Department in the Review and Herald be established, to be conducted by the Educational Department of the General Conference."

A change of wording was asked in item 2, as printed, substituting the word "possible" for the word "consistent."

Question was called on the report item by item as read.

The Committee submitted a further recommendation as follows:--

"7. That each of our schools conduct training classes for the canvassing field, and urged the students who are capable, to enter this branch of the work."

The report as a whole was adopted.

RELIEF OF THE SCHOOLS:

The question of the relief of the schools was brought up for consideration. A letter was read from W.C. White, making suggestions regarding the future conduct of this work.

Elder Daniells stated that he felt that now the burden of this work should fall upon the Union Conferences, and that the execution of plans should not devolve upon any general committee. He urged that we should organize afresh and rally the forces for a new campaign.

Allen Moon said that he had found that those who had taken hold of this work had the most spiritual life of any. It had been a great means of revival, and would further be such.

P. T. Moran referred to the origin of the plan and to the importance of setting all our people to work. He believed that a systematic effort should be made the country over, beginning about the middle of November, to organize the forces for a campaign to finish the work this fall and winter. In regard

to another book needed to go with the campaign, he felt that the book "Education" should be the one. He felt that the schools should join earnestly in the campaign.

L.A. Hoopes spoke also of the book "Education" as a work that should be widely circulated.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

Voted, That this question be referred to the Committee on Home Work to make recommendations.

A. G. Daniells read a communication just received from Sister E. G. White, calling for an uncompromising stand for the truth at this time, and warning against making concessions to evil principles.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M.

E. T. RUSSELL, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FIFTY-THIRD MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 7:30 P.M., October 19, 1903.

W.H. Thurston in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ORGANIZATION OF WASHINGTON WORK:

The report of the Committee on Washington Work was taken up, and question was called on all the items.

Before vote was taken, A. T. Jones stated objections to the report in that he viewed it as opening the way for one man to rule within a given territory. He saw in the arrangement a patterning after the United States Government, which is headed toward Rome, and is to make an image to the beast.

A. G. Daniells explained that the idea of the Committee was simply to provide for carrying on the mission work in the territory named, associating the people living in the district with the whole General Conference Committee in the selection of a local board for working the territory as a mission field. The institutional interests centering here were to have a constituency and a management altogether apart from this working arrangement for evangelistic effort.

Brethren Lane, Prescott, Cottrell, Underwood, and Porter spoke to the question,

A.G. Daniells explained that the churches in the District, the Chesapeake Conference, the Atlantic Union Conference, and the General Conference had been consulted so far as possible to reach them, and so far as heard from, had given assent to the arrangement.

A.T. Jones stated that if these facts had been before him, he would have had nothing to say.

FURTHER REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON WORK:

The Committee on Washington Work made a further report as follows:--

"We recommend,--

"1. That six or eight lots of the block of ground near the log cabin, corner of Laurel and Magnolia Avenues, Takoma Park, be purchased on the terms offered for the purpose of building the Review and Herald Publishing House and General Conference offices.

"2. That in view of the early transfer of the assets of the Review and Herald, of Battle Creek, Mich., means be secured to meet the above expense; and that the foundations for the printing establishment be put in before winter."

The sub-committee on organization of the Washington work made a further report as follows:--

RECOMMENDATION FOR HOLDING AND OPERATING THE SANITARIUM TO BE LOCATED AT WASHINGTON,

We recommend:

1. That a corporation be created under the laws of the ~~State of Maryland~~ ^{State of Maryland} to hold, control, and manage the institution.

2. That the corporation be organized as a charitable institution and a non-dividend paying and a non-stock company.

2. That a constituency shall be created consisting of--

- (a) The General Conference Committee.
- (b) The Atlantic Union Conference Committee.
- (c) The Executive Committees of the Eastern and Western Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Chesapeake, and Virginia Conferences.

peake, and Virginia Conferences.

(d) Five members to be elected by the S. D. A. Church membership residing in the District of Columbia.

(e) The physicians connected with the denominational institutions in the Atlantic Union Conference.

4. That this constituency shall have charge of the affairs of the institution, approve and amend its charter and by-laws, annually elect a board of seven individuals who shall manage the institution in harmony with the by-laws and charter of said corporation, shall name the officers of said board, and shall quarterly receive from said board a statement of receipts and expenditures, and annually a statement of its operations.

**W. H. THURSTON, CHAIRMAN
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.**

FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 20, 1903.

W.T.Knox in the chair.

After prayer season, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with slight correction.

WASHINGTON PUBLISHING WORK:

The report of the Committee on Washington work was considered.

Brethren Barrill, Thompson, Lane, Magan, Edwards, Daniells, and Underwood spoke to the first item, recommending the purchase of six or eight lots for the printing office, expressing the conviction that it would be better to buy the entire piece, which is a small one.

By vote, the first recommendation was amended by striking out the words "six or eight lots of," and making it read that the entire piece of land be purchased.

The report as amended was adopted.

SANITARIUM ORGANIZATION IN WASHINGTON:

The report on organization of the Washington Sanitarium was considered.

Question was called on items 1 and 2 without discussion.

On item 3, providing for the constituency, Brethren Paulson, Prescott, Daniells, Read, Underwood, Hoopes, Lane, and Cottrell spoke to the question.

Moved, That clause (c) be amended by making the executive committees of all the conferences in the Atlantic Union Conference members of the constituency.

Brethren Evans, Underwood, Paulson, Spicer, and Porter spoke to the proposed amendment. The motion to amend was withdrawn.

F. Griggs spoke on the main question.

Moved by G. F. Thompson, seconded by R. A. Underwood, that clause (c) be stricken out.

This motion was spoken to by A. V. Jones, F. Griggs, W. A. Spicer, C. W. Flaiz, A. C. Daniells, S. H. Lane, and W. W. Prescott.

The latter speaker raised the question of the difficulty that might be involved in the interpretation of the word "denominational."

Voted, That the report be referred back to the Committee for further study.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME WORK:

The Committee on Home Work presented a further report as follows:--

We recommend--

(a) That we indorse the creation of the International Publishing Association according to the plan adopted, and herewith submitted, as follows:--

1. That a publishing association be incorporated which shall be organized as a Trustee Association, which shall be a non-stock and non-dividend paying association, to carry on this work (among the Germans, Swedes, Danes, and Norwegians in America).

2. That the name of this association be the International Publishing Association.

3. That the work of this Association be the printing, publishing, purchasing, and sale of religious, health, and educational literature throughout the United States in the German, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, and other foreign languages, and also to print in the English for Union College and the Central Union Conference, and to provide facilities for class room work in general printing instruction in connection with Union College, and that after the present cylinder press owned by the College, is paid for, that it and all other equipment owned in the printing department of the College be turned over to the International Publishing Association.

4. That the business of the Association be governed by a board of seven trustees.

5. That there be a committee of seventeen counselors, not less than three to be selected from each of the different nationalities; namely, German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, and English, and these to meet once or twice a year with the trustees for the discussion of general plans.

6. That hereafter the trustees and counselors be elected annually by the following body of electors: The Executive Committees of the General Conference, the Central, the Northern and the Southwestern Union Conferences. And in as much as the main purpose of this association is to purchase, print, and publish literature in foreign tongues, the majority of the trustees should be elected from the foreign nationalities represented in the same.

7. That the officers of the three union conferences, in the Mississippi Valley, the German and Scandinavian laborers throughout the United States, and the influential brethren everywhere, be encouraged to raise funds for the erection of a modest, but roomy factory, for the purchase

of a good book printing press, and other necessary facilities, and also for the purchase from the Review and Herald of a portion of its stock of German and Scandinavian books.

8. That the General Conference shall consider the advisability of establishing in New York City a general book store and importing and shipping agency which shall carry a full line of German and Scandinavian and other translated books for distribution in the Eastern States, and which shall act as our Eastern agents for the importation of books printed in Europe, and for the distribution of books printed in College View.

9. That the preliminary steps for the incorporation of this association be committed to the following persons, whom we have selected to act as the first Board of Trustees, namely, E. T. Russell, A. Swedbörg, T. Valentiner, C. A. Thorp, F. H. Westphal, T. G. Johnson, and J. Sutherland.

The Advisory Committee of seventeen counselors are N. P. Nelson, L. Johnson, H. Shultz, S. F. Svensson, Fred Johnson, J. J. Graf, C. H. Hermann, S. Martensen, H. R. Johnson, H. H. Hall, L. A. Hoopes, G. F. Haffner, E. G. Olsen, C. A. Burman, J. G. Walker, and Jno Wallenkampf.

(b) That a general donation of \$6,000 for this work be called for from the Mississippi Union Conferences only, namely, the Northern Central, and Southwestern, and that each of the papers concerned solicit donations from their own people.

(c) That the committee of seventeen ^{and the board of trustees} be recognized as a continuation of the Committee on foreign publications in America.

(d) That the matter of the establishment of an importing and shipping house for foreign publications be referred to the General Conference Committee.

(e) DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.
We recommend--

1. That each conference appoint a competent State agent.

2. That he receive the same liberal support morally and financially, as other workers in the conference.

3. That conference committees give attention to the organization and planning for this branch of the work.

4. That each worker laboring among the churches make a special effort in every church to secure suitable persons to enter the canvassing work, promptly reporting any such parties to the State agents.
5. That strong, able men, who have succeeded in life, be urged to take up

the canvassing work.

6. That we aim to develop a class of trained, competent workers, who shall make the canvassing work their life work.

7. That all our ministers individually, do all they can in selling our literature.

8. That all our churches be encouraged to sell our small publications in their own vicinity.

9. That one or more canvassers in-

stitutes be held in each conference some time before June 1, 1904.

10. That the conferences adopt a liberal policy in assisting canvassers to and from these institutes.

11. That each conference arrange for special seasons of study and consideration of the canvassing work in the churches, and that suitable readings be prepared by the State agent, president of the conference, and others, and furnished to the various churches.

(f) That all questions relating to the St. Louis Exposition be referred to the Mississippi Valley Union Conference Committees.

(g) That we request that the editors of the REVIEW AND HERALD publish in that paper a series of articles on church discipline, and the relationship of the church to the members, and the members to the church.

(h) That the Mission Board be requested to furnish such readings, data and information for the church conventions on November 21 and 22 as will be best adapted to make the meetings most interesting and profitable.

(i) That we recommend that the Union and State conferences take up and push to a finish the coming winter, beginning November 21 and 22, the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," accompanied by the book "Education."

(j) That we refer No. 12 of the schedule of topics, relating to the improvement of the ministry, to the General Conference Committee.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M.

W.T.KNOX, Chairman.

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FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 20, 1903.

W.T.Knox in the chair. Prayer by A.E.Place.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented and considered item by item, statements and explanations being made.

Item 7 was amended to read---

"7. That the treasury department be organized to carry on an aggressive financial policy, and that the treasurer, as soon as he can be relieved from other duties, devote his entire time to the finances of the General Conference."

I.H.Evans made a plea for a general organized plan, drawing into service every Union and State Conference President for the gathering of funds.

The report as a whole was adopted, as follows:--

Your Committee on Finances would respectfully recommend:

1. That the apportionment already made to the Union Conferences be paid as soon as possible to the General Conference Association, and that the unprovided part of the obligations of the General Conference Association and the General Conference be met by an appropriation of ten per cent from the general funds each year until said obligations are cancelled.

2. That the General Conference arrange to furnish General Conference representatives to visit local conferences, laboring in connection with their officers in general meetings and from church to church as their time may permit, believing that they will thus become more familiar with the work of each, and so be of mutual benefit.

3. That the appropriation of the Canadian Union Conference be raised from \$3,600.00 to \$4,100.00.

4. That the Conference Committees make careful study of the recommendation adopted at the last General Conference respecting the subject of finance, and that suitable information and instruction be furnished the churches.

5. That our people generally be encouraged to respond to the calls that come through the recognized channels for funds with which to carry forward the gospel in both home and foreign fields, but that they be guarded in giving to irresponsible parties, or for enterprises not approved

by the denomination.

6. That the General Conference Committee in making appropriations for the coming year give favorable consideration to the request from the Canadian Union Conference for special appropriations to the ^{Ontario} Industrial School and the Canadian Sanitarium.

7. That the Treasury Department be organized to carry on an aggressive financial policy, and ^{as soon as he can be relieved from other duties} that the treasurer devote his entire time to the finances of the General Conference.

8. That the department endeavor to place with every family literature that will keep them continually informed concerning the progress of the message in the fields operated by the General Conference, and that occasional statements be published showing the condition of the funds. That our agency to be used by the department in this be our General and Union Conference papers.

9. In order to fully meet the appropriations made for the work in the foreign fields,—

(a) That a special effort be made by all of our laborers from now until the close of the year to encourage large contributions from our Sabbath Schools, and to stimulate ^{faithful carrying out of} the ten-cent-a-week plan.

(b) That we request the officers of all Union Conferences, who can do so, to donate surplus funds for this purpose.

(c) That the amount which shall accrue to the Mission Board through the sale of the extra "Signs" be used for the same purpose.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION:

Item 6 in the Religious Liberty report, deferred at a former meeting, was considered.

It was amended to read---

"6. That a special offering for Religious Liberty work be taken as soon in the year 1904 as it seems reasonable to arrange, and that the \$851.72 now in the treasury be made available for the Religious Liberty Department."

Voted, That the report of the Religious Liberty Committee, as amended, be adopted.

I. H. Evans requested that the Finance Committee bring in recommendations regarding the raising of funds for Washington enterprises.

Voted, That the matter of securing funds for the enterprises in Washington be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

W. T. KNOX, Chairman,
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 7:30 P.M., October 20, 1903.

W.T.Knox in the chair. Prayer by W.J.Stone.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF HOME FIELD COMMITTEE:

The report of the Home Field Committee (Page 32) was considered item by item.

It was moved to amend item (b) by striking out the words limiting the collection to the three Union Conferences named. The motion was lost. It was, however;--

Voted, That the question be reconsidered.

The general sentiment was in favor of extending the invitation to all the field.

The item was amended to read as follows:--

(b) That a general donation of \$5,000 for this work be called for the first Sabbath in February, and that providing the collection should amount to more than the sum called for, the surplus shall go to the work in Washington; and further, that each of the papers concerned solicit ~~from their own~~ donations from their own people.

The canvassing recommendations were heartily discussed.

Voted, That item (f), concerning the St. Louis Exposition, be amended by substituting "the General Conference Committee" for "the Mississippi Valley Union Committees."

The report as amended was adopted.

Adjourned to 9 A.M., October 21.

W.T.KNOX, Chairman.

W.A.SPICER, Secretary.

FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9 A.M., October 21, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Prayer by E.J. Dryer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

SANITARIUM ORGANIZATION IN WASHINGTON:

The unfinished report of the Washington Committee, on organization (Page 31), was taken up.

Voted, That we amend (c) by adding "the board of management of the evangelical work in the district;" and that item (e) be ~~also~~ stricken out.

Voted, That the matter of raising funds for the Washington work be referred to the General Conference Committee.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 2:30 P.M., October 21, 1903.

A.G. Daniells in the chair. Prayer by A.T. Jones.

A.P. NEEDHAM AND J.R. SCOTT:

The Chair stated that he had talked with Brother A.P. Needham of Vermont, concerning connecting with the Washington work in business capacity.

Voted, That we ask A.P. Needham to come to Washington to engage in business management in connection with Washington enterprises, under the direction of the General Conference Committee.

The Chair suggested that Brother J.R. Scott, who had been attending the Council, should be invited to engage in self-supporting missionary work in Washington as a colporter, and later to unite in business lines when occasion serves.

Voted, That we invite J.R. Scott to Washington to engage in evangelical work this winter, and later to connect with Washington enterprises in a business way as occasion suggests.

INCORPORATORS OF SANITARIUM:

Voted, That the officers of the Committee appoint such a committee as required by the laws of Maryland for the incorporation of the Sanitarium.

ATLANTA BRANCH OF REVIEW AND HERALD:

The Chairman mentioned the matter of the Atlanta Branch of the Review and Herald, which the Southern Union Conference had requested should be given to them for sanitarium work. A letter from Sister White, asking for the granting of their request, had been received. The Review and Herald at the time made a proposition reducing the price, but not giving it outright. The brethren had sent in the letter from Sister White, which was read. The Southern brethren request the Review and Herald to reconsider the matter.

The Southern brethren, realizing the difficulty the Review and Herald might be in at this juncture as regards releasing any assets while it is preparing to wind up the concern, had made a proposition to settle the matter by a transfer of accounts and appropriations with the G.C.A. and Mission Board.

It was felt, however, that the matter ought to be dealt with directly by the Review and Herald.

Voted, That we recommend to the brethren in the South that they retain \$2,000 of money now due the G.C.A. as a means of

settling the donation of this Atlanta property to the Southern Union Conference by the Review and Herald of Battle Creek; and that the Review and Herald Board be requested to give to the G.C.A. their note for \$2,000, to be paid from their assets when their affairs are settled; the intent of this action being to have the Review and Herald of Battle Creek donate the property at Atlanta in harmony with Sister White's original counsel.

WORLD'S FAIR;

The following program was adopted for work at the St. Louis Exposition:--

1. The Missouri Conference Committee to execute plans in counsel with the ~~Missouri~~ Central Union Conference Committee.

2. A special collection in the churches of the Central Union some time this winter.

3. A percentage of ten per cent to be given from the Religious Liberty collection to be taken early in 1904, the amount to be increased by appropriation if necessary.

4. The plan of operation to be---

(a) Literature exhibit in the Liberal Arts and Educational Department, providing for the sale of literature, and the free distribution of small literature.

(b) Bible work and public effort as local management may deem advisable.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT:

Voted, That we request the Illinois Conference to release Brother Allen Moon from the presidency that he may devote his entire time to the Religious Liberty work; and that he be chairman of the Committee, a competent stenographer to be provided.

Voted, That Chicago be the headquarters of the Religious Liberty Department.

MISSIONARY ACRE:

F. T. Magan introduced the subject of the Missionary Acre fund for the payment of the indebtedness of the old Battle Creek College property, stating the difficulty in working up interest in the plans in view of the situation that has come in.

The matter was talked over, F. T. Magan suggesting that he was willing to give any possible assurance to set the minds of the people at rest as to the securing of the property to the denomination when paid for.

Voted, That the appeal from Sister White, in behalf of the Missionary Acre Fund be published, accompanied by a statement, guaranteeing the security of the property to the denomination before the handing over of the deed, the statement to be approved by the Committee.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

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FIFTY-NINTH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 8 P.M., October 21, 1903.

Resuming work, the Committee voted that the time of the Union Conference sessions shall be as follows:--

Atlantic Union-----	November 4
Southern-----	December 31
Southwestern-----	February 24 to March 2
Central-----	March 4 to 14
Pacific-----	March 18 to 27
Northern-----	April 5 to 10
Lake-----	April 12 to 18
Canadiano-----	August.

THE BOOK "EDUCATION":

A letter was read from Brethren W.C. White, C.H. Jones, H.H. Hall, and P.T. Magan, suggesting the use of the book "Education" to pay Sister White's personal indebtedness, amounting to about \$20,000.

The Committee discussed the plan, all agreeing that they would like to see the indebtedness wiped out, but generally expressing fears as to the consequences of making the personal issue public, and setting all our people to talking to the world about Sister White's indebtedness. It was felt to be a very delicate matter, and the brethren wished to think more about it.

AUDIT OF W.L. KILLEN:

R.M. Kilgore introduced an account for twenty and one-sixteenth weeks time of W.L. Killen, in 1900, for which he had had no settlement.

Voted, That the time be allowed at the former rate of audit.

A. G. DANIELLS, Chairman.
W. A. SPICER, Secretary.

SIXTIETH MEETING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C., 9:45 A.M., October 22, '03.

GEN. CONF. ASS'N. & LEGAL MISSION BOARD:

Inasmuch as the General Conference Association is a corporation of the State of Michigan, requiring that its meetings shall be held in that State, to great inconvenience, as the headquarters is now removed; and,--

Inasmuch as the legal Foreign Mission Board is a corporation of New York, requiring its legal annual meetings to be held there; it is,--

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Voted, That the General Conference ^{Committee} be instructed to create a corporation under the laws of the District of Columbia, to transact the business heretofore attended to by the Foreign Mission Board and the General Conference Association; and,--

Voted, That the Foreign Mission Board be wound up and its assets transferred to the new corporation; and further,--

Voted, That so far as possible to arrange, the new corporation shall give its notes to replace the notes of the Gen. Conf. Ass'n., and that when the Michigan corporation lapses, its affairs be wound up.

Voted, That the incorporators be the following, and that they be instructed to elect themselves a Board to hold over until the next General Conference: A.G. Danielis, W.A. Spicer, W.T. Bland, W.W. Prescott, S.N. Curtiss, J.S. Washburn, A.F. Needham.

Voted, That we request the General Conference Association of Michigan and the Foreign Mission Board of New York as rapidly as possible to transfer all of their assets and liabilities to the new corporation.

HAY BEQUEST:

Voted, That in behalf of the Executive Committee of the G.C.A., we ask W.T. Knox to investigate the matter of the Hay bequest, and advise as to the proper action to be taken.

HONOLULU SCHOOL:

Voted, That we request the proper parties to execute power of attorney to J.M. Behrens for Honolulu, and instruct Bishop and Company to turn over to him the papers relating to the Chinese school.

CAMPBELL ESTATE:

Voted, That I.H.Evans, W.T.Bland, A.G.Daniells be a committee to visit the Campbell Estate in Virginia.

J.M.WILLOUGHBY ACCOUNT:

Voted, That the Pacific Union Conference be invited to straighten out the matter of the Utah account against J.M. Willoughby.

G.W. REASER AND NATAL TREASURY:

Voted, That we request the President of the Pacific Union Conference to take up the matter of G.W.Reaser's removal of funds from the Natal-Transvaal treasury; to set before him the view we have of it, and to endeavor to persuade him to return the funds.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN:

Voted, That the General Conference Bulletin be discontinued, and that the directory be published in pamphlet form.

RELIEF OF SCHOOLS:

Voted, That the Committee on Relief of the Schools be as follows: W.C.White (chairman), P.T.Magan (secretary), W.T. Bland, F.Griggs, L.A.Hoopes, and C.C.Lewis.

BOOK "EDUCATION":

In the matter of the proposed plan for handling the book "Education" to pay Sister White's indebtedness, it was felt that action should not be taken until time had been given for further correspondence.

FURLOUGH FOR W.H.ANDERSON:

Voted, That W.H.Anderson and wife be allowed to return from South Africa ~~for~~ furlough.

Adjourned,

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

W.A. STELLER, Secretary.