

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 6, 1908

P R E S E N T:

G A Irwin, W W Prescott, H R Salisbury, W A Ruble, W A Spicer. Also T E Bowen.

Prayer by W W Prescott.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS:

The Memorial to Congress prepared by the sub-committee appointed at the last meeting was submitted for approval, and read, as follows:--

(See current number of "Liberty," and other forms in which this Memorial is to be published.)

VOTED, That this Memorial be adopted, and submitted to Congress in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

VOTED, That the officers of the Religious Liberty Bureau take charge of the Memorial for presentation to Congress.

SOUTH AFRICA:

A letter was read from Brother J V Willson, reporting the need of reinforcements at the native mission stations.

A letter of acceptance of appointment to South Africa from H C Olmstead, of Fernando College, Cal., was read, and it was agreed that he should proceed to South Africa in March.

VOTED, That other volunteers for Africa on the Pacific Coast be referred to the quorum of the General Conference Committee soon to meet in California.

LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That Ministerial Credentials be granted to Dr D H Kress.

VOTED, That proper passes be granted to H C Olmstead and wife on their departure for South Africa.

VOTED, That Missionary Credentials be granted to Dr O R Cooper and wife, appointed to China; and to H H Winslow and wife, also appointed to China.

VOTED, That Ministerial License be granted to C M S Snow, T E Bowen, and A J Bristol.

TEMPERANCE FEDERATION:

An invitation from the District of Columbia Federation of Christian and Temperance Forces was presented, asking the General Conference to appoint a representative to join in efforts to secure prohibition in the District of Columbia.

VOTED, That K C Russell be appointed to represent us in the proposed Federation of Christian and Temperance Forces in the District of Columbia.

ROBERT GREAVES FOR TURKEY:

Letters were read from Robert Greaves, of British Columbia, saying that he and his wife would be willing to consider work in Turkey; and from E. L. Stewart, of the West Canadian Union, reporting that they would feel free in recommending Brother Greaves and wife for the work, though regretting to lose their services in British Columbia, where they are greatly needed in the work. He felt, however, that in view of the needs in Turkey, his committee would be willing to consider such a call.

VOTED, That we request the British Columbia Conference to release Brother Robert Greaves and wife, for the work in Turkey, and that we invite them to make Turkey their field of labor.

SOUTH AMERICAN SCHOOL:

A letter from J W Westphal presented the action of the South American school committee, calling for help for the Entre Rios school.

VOTED, That we take up negotiations looking toward securing Professor Walton C John, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, for the Argentina school.

G R E E C E:

VOTED, That we approve of L R Conradi's suggestion that W E Howell, of Greece, be allowed \$150 on his rent; but that we suggest that at the close of the year's lease the possibility of securing less expensive rent be considered.

K O R E A:

A letter was read from James E Shultz, superintendent of the work in Korea, urging that a fund be provided in the spring for the purchase of land surrounding the school property recently secured at Won-har-e, so that the young men coming in for school training may have opportunity to support themselves by working the land. With the Japanese occupation, the price of land is rising, and he felt that immediate steps should be taken.

VOTED, That we approve of the general plan outlined by Brother Shultz for securing land for the Korean school, and that we refer the matter to the quorum of the Committee which will soon be gathered on the Pacific Coast.

Meeting adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 14, '08

P R E S E N T:

G A Irwin, W W Prescott, K C Russell, H R Salisbury,
W A Spicer; also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by H R Salisbury.

THE SOUTH:

VOTED, That we advise Elders G A Irwin and K C Russell to go at once to Nashville, to meet the brethren in union conference.

MEDICAL STUDENT AID:

VOTED, That we advance to Miss Ora Barber, of Philadelphia, \$150 as a loan from the Educational Fund.

BAY ISLAND CAMP-MEETING:

The West Indian Union having requested W A Spicer to attend the Bay Island meeting, it was--

VOTED, That we leave the question of the Bay Island meeting with the Secretary, to attend, or arrange for some one else to go.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 16, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, W C White, K C Russell, G A Irwin, R C Porter; also M. E. Kern.

W C JOHN TO SOUTH AMERICA:

It was recommended that Professor W C John go to South America to assist in the school work at Diamante.

SOUTH-EASTERN UNION PRESIDENT:

In harmony with the request of the newly organized Southeastern Union Conference, it was--

VOTED, To release Elder K C Russell from the chairmanship of the Religious Liberty Bureau, to take the presidency of the aforesaid Union.

M N CAMPBELL--RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK:

VOTED, To ask Elder M N Campbell to take the chairmanship of the Religious Liberty Bureau.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
M E KEEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Mountain View, Cal.

January 29, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, H W Cottrell, W C White, C H Jones, W W Prescott. By invitation, M C Wilcox joined in the council.

W W Prescott was chosen secretary pro tem.

Prayer was offered by M C Wilcox.

SPRING COUNCIL:

In view of the need of opportunity to confer concerning various important interests of the work, and to plan for the next General Conference, to be held in May, 1909, it was--

VOTED, That a council of the members of the General Conference Committee in this country be held at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., the coming April.

VOTED, That L R Conradi, the Vice-president of the General Conference for Europe, be invited to attend this council.

SPECIAL MISSION FUNDS:

The question of intelligently conducting a campaign to secure funds for the mission work was considered at some length, and it was--

VOTED, That the General Conference office should ~~annually~~ ~~from the mission work~~ furnish to the presidents of union conferences in this country such information relating to our general missionary work as may be needed in order to arouse the interest of the people in the extension of this message, and to stimulate the flow of funds for the mission work.

Consideration was given to the matter of raising a fund of \$100,000 for mission work during the present year in addition to the regular funds, and the needs of various fields for institutional work were presented as follows:--

For the work in Mexico, \$1,000 in addition to the printing press donated by the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

For India, \$4,000 to equip a suitable printing plant.

For China, \$20,000 for establishing a printing plant at Shanghai.

For Japan, \$10,000 for a sanitarium.

For Korea, \$1,500 to secure fifty acres of additional land in connection with the school enterprise.

For India, \$10,000 for a sanitarium at some suitable location in the country.

For the Training School for Colored Workers at Huntsville, Alabama, \$11,375 for various purposes, including \$5,000 for the Sanitarium.

For the school at Madison, Tenn.:

Sanitarium	\$5000.00
Furnishings, etc.	2500.00
Medical Equipment, heating, etc.	3500.00
Water Plant	5000.00
Three cottages	1200.00
Various needs of the school	1800.00
Barn	500.00
Total	\$19500.00

Adjourned without definite action.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Mountain View, Cal.

January 30, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, H W Cottrell, W C White, G H Jones, W W Prescott. By invitation, M C Wilcox, J. J. J. and Dr H W Miller.

Dr Miller offered prayer.

MADISON SCHOOL CALL:

The call for appropriations for the benefit of the school at Madison, Tenn., was further considered, and it was suggested that in order to reduce the amount of this appropriation some of the land might be disposed of to secure the means necessary for the water plant, and that "Object Lessons" or "Ministry of Healing" or both, might be sold as a means of raising sufficient funds. No definite action was taken upon these suggestions, but it was finally--

VOTED, That the appropriation for the Madison school be \$10,000, and that the question of any further appropriation be referred to the spring council of the General Conference Committee.

No formal vote was taken upon the other appropriations, but it was understood that these amounts as stated should be recommended.

PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM:

As the Paradise Valley Sanitarium is now without a business manager, it was--

VOTED, That we recommend Brother H T La Bonte, of Washington, to the Board of Trustees of the institution as a suitable person to take the position of business manager.

PLAN OF RAISING SPECIAL MISSION FUND:

After giving some study to the best plan for raising the \$100,000 already mentioned, it was--

VOTED, That in raising the next large fund we follow the plan of dividing the home territory, and of raising the appropriation for the different fields as China, India, etc., in these different portions of our territory.

MEXICAN MISSION:

In view of the condition of health of Elder G M Brown, superintendent of the work in Mexico, it was--

VOTED, That Brother Brown be invited to spend some time in Southern California for the benefit of his health, connecting with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium as chaplain if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the management.

VOTED, That Dr W S Swayze be invited to act as superintendent of the Mexican field until other arrangements can be made.

SPANISH LITERATURE:

The question of the preparation of literature in the Spanish language was considered at some length, and it was--

VOTED, That Brother G W Caviness be invited to spend from four to six months in California, working in connection with Brother E Forga in the preparation of Spanish literature, and that the supervision of their work be left with Brethren C H Jones, H H Hall, and W C White as members of the Publishing Department of the General Conference.

Recess taken till 1:30 P.M.

The Committee met again at 1:30 P.M., when the following action was taken:--

MINISTRY OF HEALING AS SUBSCRIPTION BOOK:

VOTED, That we favor listing "Ministry of Healing" in German, Danish, and Swedish as a subscription book, the price being placed at \$2.00 per copy.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
W W FRESCOTT, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, February 23, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W W Prescott, I H Evans, G B Thompson,
E C Russell, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. Also E R Palmer, T E
Bowen, and later, H F Ketring.

Prayer by G B Thompson and A G Daniells.

SPRING COUNCIL:

The chairman stated that the quorum of the Committee in session on the Pacific Coast voted to call the spring council of the General Conference Committee in April, but left the date to be decided later.

VOTED, That the spring council of the General Conference Committee, in Washington, be held from 9 A.M., Tuesday, April 14, to April 25.

A U D I T O R S:

VOTED, That I H Evans and W A Spicer be a committee to bring in nominations for auditors to join the ex-officio members as Auditing Committee of the General Conference.

W B WHITE, SOUTH AFRICA:

The chairman reported the result of counsels with W B White and family and others in the Northwest, concerning the invitation of the Grand Council to W B White to go to South Africa, to take the Union conference presidency. The chairman reported Brother White and family as anxious to go if the brethren felt the conviction that they should do so, considering all the circumstances.

It seemed, however, to the Committee that the health of Brother and Sister White was scarcely as robust as would warrant undertaking the work under consideration, especially in view of the fact that Brother White is rather constitutionally predisposed to malaria. It was, therefore, with regret that it was--

VOTED, That we release Brother W B White and Professor Butler, from the call to South Africa, in view of the report on physical conditions.

SOUTHEASTERN UNION PRESIDENCY:

The new Southeastern Union Conference had elected Elder K C Russell, of the Religious Liberty Bureau, to the presidency of their conference. But as further consideration was given to the matter, the way did not seem clear for Brother Russell to transfer his work from the Religious Liberty Department to the Southeast. It was, therefore--

VOTED, That we recommend to the Southeastern Union Conference Committee for consideration the name of F M Burg as union president.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE:

Inasmuch as Elder Morris Lukens, of the Chesapeake Conference, is called to take the general supervision of field publishing interests in the Review and Herald territories, it was--

VOTED, That in counsel with the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference Committee, we recommend the name of L F Starr, of Iowa, to the Columbia Union Conference for the Chesapeake presidency.

IOWA CONFERENCE:

The Iowa Committee having expressed a desire to have M N Campbell take the presidency of that conference in case Elder Starr were transferred, it was--

VOTED, That we recommend the name of M N Campbell to the Northern Union and the Iowa Committee for consideration and negotiation with the field in which he is now laboring.

C H I N A, ROBERTS AND WIFE:

VOTED, That we recommend Bert N Roberts and wife, of the Pacific Press, to China, to connect with the Chinese printing work, and that Missionary Credentials be granted them.

Recess to 2 P.M.

On reassembling, prayer was offered by K C Russell.

K O R E A, J E SHULTZ:

Correspondence was presented from J E Shultz, and from Dr Dunscombe, of the Kobe Sanitarium, from which it seemed evident that Brother and Sister Shultz were not making satisfactory recovery from the injuries received during the attack made upon them last autumn by an insane American youth. While fractures of the skull and other injuries had healed, it had left their nervous condition such that Brother Shultz was unable to do anything studying safely, and Sister Shultz was left in a really invalid condition. The Doctor felt that when the unhealthful season came

they would be in danger if they remained in the field, and advised that they return to America forthwith. It seemed at any rate impossible to think of their going on to Korea, to engage in pioneer work with no facilities for receiving medical care. It was, therefore—

VOTED, That we cable Japan to return J E Shultz and wife.

K O R E A, W A GOSMER:

VOTED, That the secretary be requested to take up correspondence with W B White and W A Gosmer regarding Korea, and that if they approve, this be considered an appointment of Brother W A Gosmer to the work in Korea.

S Y R I A, W I S I N G:

VOTED, That we favor L R Conradi's suggestion that W Ising, of Hamburg, be appointed to the work in Beirut, Syria.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 24, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, I H Evans, K C Russell, G B Thompson,
W A Spicer; also E R Palmer, T E Bowen, and H F Ketring.

Prayer by H F Ketring.

MELROSE SANITARIUM:

H F Ketring had called at Washington to receive counsel regarding help needed by the Melrose Sanitarium in preparing to do really efficient work during the coming season. The entire meeting was spent in hearing Brother Ketring's report, and discussing the means of helping the sanitarium to secure the additional facilities which would insure its having a very profitable patronage.

VOTED, That we request I H Evans to visit Melrose, to meet with its Board of Management, and to give counsel and join in any way possible in making arrangements to meet the situation.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 24, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, W W Prescott, K C Russell,
G B Thompson, W A Spicer; also E R Palmer, T E Bowen, and H F
Ketring.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

A report was made on auditors, and the following action
taken:--

VOTED, That the following be requested to act as the
eight men associated with the union conference presidents and
others as General Conference Auditing Committee:--

C F McVagh, H R Salisbury, Morris Lukens, H F Ketring,
C H Edwards, A G Haughey, H H Burkholder, D H Kress.

T H BRANCH:

A letter from the secretary of the South African Union
reported the decision of the union that Brother T H Branch and
family should return from that field.

VOTED, That we cable South Africa, as per their request,
recalling Brother T H Branch and family.

VOTED, That the secretary take up correspondence with
Colorado in regard to employing Brother Branch in his old home
conference on his return.

HELP FOR SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, That we invite E A Dunn and wife, of St Helena,
and J R Campbell and wife, of San Fernando, to go to South Africa,
to engage in work in the missions, under the direction of the
South African Union; and that Missionary Credentials be issued
to them in case of their acceptance.

W A BARLOW IN ENGLAND:

E E Andross reported the arrival of W A Barlow, of India, in rather a broken condition of health. They were giving him light work about the school farm, but he was unable to do enough to meet necessary expenses.

VOTED, That we instruct E E Andross to allow W A Barlow on account of the Mission Board from 30 shillings to 40 shillings per week, according to his necessities, as the amount to be determined by the brethren locally, with the understanding that in so far as the British brethren can give him work, he will labor, and the value of his services be credited from his allowance.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 25, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, K C Russell, W A Spicer; also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT:

The treasurer rendered his annual report, giving the financial standing of the General Conference, and the receipts and disbursements for 1907.

The report was very carefully considered by the Committee, each item being carefully explained by the treasurer. It was --

VOTED, That the report be accepted, as follows:--

Financial Statements

Receipts and Disbursements of the General Conference for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907	\$ 21,627.85	
Conference and Tract Societies	2,116.62	\$ 2,808.16
Work for the Colored People	9,944.49	11,301.73
Depositors	29,401.46	28,165.04
District of Columbia Evangelical Committee	11,114.63	11,204.29
Expense		5,164.95
From Confs. and Individuals for Support of Laborers	18,027.56	
General Conference Association	28,398.54	28,918.87
General Conference Corporation	842.00	4,072.33
Orphanage Fund	1,044.86	1,987.25
Loans	48,521.76	33,399.98
Publishing Houses	27,994.46	26,008.36
Religious Liberty Bureau	2,555.75	592.35
Specific Accounts	25,037.22	25,090.30
\$150,000 Fund	112,284.23	107,043.17
Annual Offering	29,751.50	
First-day Offering	17,342.97	
Missions	96,881.21	27,876.54
Midsummer Offering	2,832.26	2,286.54
Sabbath-school Donations	48,281.68	
Tithe	13,582.85	
To Laborers		48,410.59
To Mission Fields		179,556.98
By Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1907		3,696.47
	\$547,583.90	\$547,583.90

I. H. EVANS, Treasurer.

Financial Statement of the General Conference for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

RESOURCES		
Bills Receivable	\$ 4,536.98	
Mission Fields for 1908	11,880.00	
Accounts Receivable	18,486.83	
General Conference Library	1,172.00	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1907	3,696.47	
		\$39,772.28
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,256.25	
Depositors' Accounts	7,268.65	
General Conference Corporation	1,282.64	
\$150,000 Fund	8,895.76	
Trust Funds	3,819.82	
District of Columbia Evangelical Committee	3,484.88	
		\$31,008.00
Resources	\$39,772.28	
Liabilities	31,008.00	
Excess of Resources over Liabilities		\$ 8,764.28

I. H. EVANS, Treasurer.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 27, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, H R Salisbury,
K C Russell; also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

WEST INDIAN UNION:

An urgent call for financial help to assist in purchasing tents to be used in the West Indian Union was carefully considered. A tent is needed in St Thomas at once.

VOTED, That \$50 be appropriated to the West Indian Union, to assist in purchasing a tent for use in the island of St Thomas, the balance to be raised by the brethren in St Thomas and the West Indian Union.

Jamaica also presents favorable opportunities for successful tent work, but owing to the financial condition of the conference, they have not been able to secure tents. A request was presented through the Union that Jamaica be provided with at least one tent. After careful consideration, it was--

VOTED, That we authorize the treasury department to procure a tent for Jamaica, the cost not to exceed \$150, with the understanding that Jamaica itself shall raise sufficient means to purchase another tent, both to be used in that field for evangelical work.

D R C A V E:

At the time Dr Chas Cave was finishing his school work, and about to enter upon his professional duties in Barbados, he requested a loan of the General Conference of \$200. This was not granted at that time, and now he finds himself in the field and financially unable to secure needed supplies for his medical practice. The East Caribbean Conference has signified a willingness to assist Dr Cave, providing the necessary amount can be added to their appropriation for the ensuing year.

VOTED, That the treasury department be authorized to order the supplies desired by Dr Cave, amounting to a little more than \$50, with the understanding that said supplies shall become the property of the East Caribbean Conference. Also--

VOTED. That \$200 be added to the appropriation of the West Indian Union, and that we advise the West Caribbean Conference to take Dr. Cave on its payroll, he to work under the direction of said conference.

MISSIONARY GRAVES:

Several of the brethren who have recently visited the graves of Brethren Enoch, Crowthers, and Flowers in the Fort of Spain cemetery, report that said graves are in very poor condition and in need of attention. It was felt that the graves should be put in condition to properly represent our work, and that appropriate headstones should mark the resting places of these faithful laborers who had fallen at their posts in the West Indies.

VOTED. That \$30 be appropriated by the General Conference to the West Indian Union, to enable the brethren to put in proper condition and mark the graves of Brethren Enoch, Crowthers, and Flowers.

C L KILGORE:

VOTED. That C L Kilgore, of Graysville, Tenn., be invited to connect with the General Conference Treasury Department, working under the direction of this Department, with a view to accepting some call to a foreign field later.

ONTARIO SCHOOL AND "OBJECT LESSONS":

Some time ago the General Conference Committee agreed to supply the Ontario Conference with 5000 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," with the understanding that they should be sold within a given time for the benefit of the Lorne Park Academy. The books were not sold within the time limit, and because of this the Committee felt released of further obligation. Up to the present time the Ontario brethren have succeeded in disposing of 3000 books. They now request that the remaining 2000 copies be furnished them, to be sold by their students during the coming summer. Although the Committee felt released from further obligation concerning its former action, it was---

VOTED. That the treasury department be instructed to supply Ontario with the remaining 2000 of the 5000 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" originally pledged them by the General Conference Committee for the benefit of the Lorne Park school.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

Informal Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 1, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, K C Russell.

The following-named persons were selected as delegates to represent the General Conference in the meeting of the constituency of the District of Columbia, for the ensuing year:--

A G Daniells, K C Russell, I H Evans, G B Thompson, T E Bowen, W R Salisbury, D H Kress, W W Prescott, M C Strachan, H E Rogers.

Meeting adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
H E ROGERS, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 2, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, K C Russell, W J Fitzgerald; also E R Palmer, and later W W Prescott, T E Bowen.

Prayer by W J Fitzgerald.

E E ANDROSS TO SPRING COUNCIL:

A letter having been received from E E Andross, president of the British Union, accompanied by physician's certificate, giving diagnosis of the condition of Mrs Andross, showing that her health was such that a change of climate was imperative, from the physician's standpoint, to insure her recovery, it was--

VOTED, That on account of the serious condition of the health of his wife, E. E. Address be invited to attend the spring council of the General Conference Committee, to be held in Takoma Park, in April, his wife to accompany him, with the understanding that after satisfactory arrangements are made for her treatment at some favorable point in the United States, he return to attend the annual meetings of the British Union, provided that at the time of the council no other arrangements should be made for his future labor.

W A WESTWORTH TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

At a recent constituency meeting of the churches of the District of Columbia, action was taken looking to the General Conference Committee to provide a laborer for the general work of the District, who would be free to devote his entire time to this work, and that such laborer be provided at as early a date as possible. In view of this urgent request, it was--

VOTED, That W A Westworth be invited to connect with the work in Washington, to take the chairmanship of the District Executive Committee, also to connect with the M Street church as pastor.

B L HOUSE TO VIRGINIA:

VOTED, That the request of the Virginia Conference for the labors of B L House the coming season, to hold a series of tent meetings in some favorable place in that conference, be granted, and that Brother House be released from his connection with the work in the District, to accept this call, and that he be advised to arrange his plans to connect with the work in Virginia between the middle of April and the first of May.

LOAN TO MR AND MRS A V HEYNEMANN:

A request was made by Mr and Mrs A V Heynemann for financial assistance to enable them to finish their medical course at the American Medical Missionary College in Chicago and Battle Creek, also to enable them to leave this institution without being involved in debt to it.

VOTED, That the treasury department be authorized to advance a loan of \$200 to Mr and Mrs A V Heynemann for one year, at 5% interest, to enable them to finish their medical course at the American Medical Missionary College.

LOAN ASKED BY E W SNYDER:

A request had been received from E W Snyder, that the Mission Board lend him, for private use, \$600 to be used in the erection of a house on land already purchased by himself and wife for this purpose in the island of Cuba. He felt that this house was imperative to maintain the health of himself and wife in their labors there.

VOTED, That, inasmuch as the request of E W Snyder is an unusual one, the members of the Committee present not favoring said loan, it was deemed advisable to refer the matter to the spring council for final action.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

IN EUROPE

Hamburg, March 2, 1908

P R E S E N T:

L R Conradi, E E Andross, J T Boettcher, L F Tische,
W C Sisley; by invitation: H F Schuberth, J C Hart, and W Ising.

Prayer by E E Andross.

EUROPEAN STATISTICS FOR 1907:

The chairman briefly reviewed the annual statistical report of Europe for 1907. It is evident that we have much for which we should thank God, so far as the growth of the work is concerned; and yet if we compare the number of laborers and the expenses of last year with 1906, we see that although we had 40 more evangelical workers in 1907 than the previous year, still our net gain in membership was only 1566, against 1746 during 1906. Last year there were 2752 additions, while there were 2776 added by baptism and vote in 1906. The general meeting for Europe interrupted field work somewhat in 1907, and a large number emigrated. We have no definite idea of how much emigration has had to do with lessening our net gain. That we may determine this better hereafter, it was--

VOTED, That we invite our European unions to request each of their conferences and mission fields to report the number of church members emigrating to the various countries outside of their union territory, and that this item be furnished by the union secretaries for insertion in the European Statistical Report.

INSTITUTIONS:

While our institutional report is not yet compiled for 1907, still, so far as the chairman recalls, there is scarcely one of our institutions in Europe that has not operated with a gain.

NEW EUROPEAN ARRANGEMENT:

Beginning with January 1, 1908, the former General European Conference ceased to exist. The offerings which heretofore belonged to the unions (amounting to about \$25,000 a year) now go to the General Conference. The regular income of the unions consists of the tithes from the local conferences, of which the unions pay a tithe to the General Conference. All mission deficits are met by appropriations from the General Conference.

MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION:

Under the new arrangement there will be a more complete representation of the European field at the sessions of the Committee than in the past, as it is expected that each of the unions will be represented at the regular sessions of the Committee. Heretofore, there have been no Russian, and no Latin-Union Conferences, and while Scandinavia was sometimes represented in the meetings of the old Committee in England, still the Committee was not so representative as it will be now.

RUSSIAN DATE:

The question was asked whether the Russian date should be returned to, or whether the Russian workers should close their reports as heretofore, two weeks earlier than their quarter ends. It was stated that it would be well to let the present arrangement remain--to have the Russian reports closed according to Western time.

TIME FOR SESSIONS:

The time for the daily meetings was set as follows:--

9 A.M.--12:30 P.M.; 2:30--6 and 7:30--9 P.M.

Meeting adjourned until 9 A.M., March 3.

L. R. CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DALL, Secretary

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE****IN EUROPE**

Hamburg, March 3, 1908, A.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as before, with Miss Alice Kuessner by invitation.

Prayer by W.C. Sisley.

LEVANT AUDIT:

The time of the morning was taken up with the Turkish and Syrian audits. In general, there was an advance in wage, in view of the increased cost of living.

DR. AND MRS. GEORGE:

These cases received careful attention at the hands of the Committee. Dr. George's time was audited until the date of his death, February 13, his wage being \$14 a week, or M. 366.08. His tombstone (150 M), Sister George's traveling expenses to New York (222.85 M) inclusive of freight on goods to that place (78.62 M), and the sum of 600 M, to Sister George after the death of her husband, were allowed. She had been taken care of in the sanitarium at Friedensau until June, and her total expenses there had been about 30 marks a week. It was felt that this would be a just settlement, so far as we are concerned, and that whatever else ought to be done in the matter, should be left to the Mission Board, from the time of her arrival in America.

The audit for the Turkish Mission calls for 66,472.06 Turkish Piasters, wages and expenses; less net tithe of 16,000.92 P. I.; deficit, \$2061.36.

PROFESSOR HOWELL:

The chairman stated Brother Howell's situation. There is no doubt that, at \$15 a week, even, he finds it difficult to get on, having been accustomed to more. Rather than grant any higher wage for 1907, during which much time was occupied en route, the plan to grant the Professor \$150 assistance on house rent (\$75 in 1907, and \$75 in 1908) was thought the most just basis on which to effect a settlement. The Mission Board has approved of this suggestion. The wage and expense for Greece for 1907 is \$1608.22.

SYRIAN AUDIT:

The audit for Syria shows a total appropriation of 4065.25 francs; net tithe, 1228.97 francs; deficit, \$550.92.

Adjourned.

L. R. CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DALL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE****IN KUBEEK****Hamburg, March 3, 1908, P.M.**
-----**P R E S E N T:**

Same as in preceding meeting.

Prayer by Brother Fieche.

EGYPTIAN AUDIT:

The afternoon was taken up with finishing the audit for the Levant and for the General European. The total appropriation for Egypt is 48,547.47 piasters; net tithes, 6,175.6 piasters; deficit, 42,371.8 piasters, or \$2,118.59.

GENERAL EUROPEAN AUDIT:

Last year's audit of the former General European calls for an expenditure of \$2,837.35, wages and expenses.

EXPENSES OF GENERAL LABORERS:

The question was raised whether, in coming to the sessions of the General Conference Committee in Europe, and in attending the meetings of the local fields outside of their respective unions, the traveling expenses and the time should be borne by the home unions, or whether the General Conference should pay the traveling expenses.

It was the consensus of opinion that the unions ought to bear the time and the expenses of their representatives who attend the sessions of the Committee; but that the unions should carry only the time, and the General Conference should bear the expenses of the General Conference men who attend the meetings outside of their union fields, at the request of the General Conference Committee.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
Guy Bail, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

IN EUROPE

Hamburg, March 3, 1908, P.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as in the two preceding meetings, excepting Sister Kuessner.

Prayer by Elder Raft.

EUROPEAN MEETINGS:

The following dates were agreed upon for the meetings in Europe this season:--

South England (Watford), March 20--24, North England (Sheffield) March 27--31; Scotland (Edinburgh) April 3--7; Ireland (Belfast) April 10--14; Wales (Newport) April 17--21.

Finland, June 4--7 (or after the other Scandinavian meetings, if desired); Denmark (Copenhagen) June 9--14; Norway (Frederikstad) June 16--21; Sweden (Orebro) in connection with the Scandinavian Union, June 22--28; German-Swiss, July 8--12; German Union (Friedensau) July 17--26; Holland, July 29--August 2; British Union, August 7--16; French-Swiss, August 19--23; France, August 26--30.

WHO ATTEND? :

It was thought that Brother Boettcher should attend the Finnish meeting; Elder Andross is invited to visit Denmark, Norway, and Sweden; the German-Swiss will be visited by some of the German Union men, to be decided later. ~~Who shall attend the other European meetings can be determined later, by correspondence, after the chairman has visited the council in America.~~

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION:

The chairman referred to the suggested Educational Convention for Europe the coming summer. The union committees had expressed it as their opinion that it would be more advantageous to the educational work in Europe if the men in charge of our four union schools might visit the States, and become acquainted with the methods employed in this department there. As most of our teachers never attended a General Conference, and as the next regular session of that body is so near, it was--

VOTED, That we would suggest the holding of an Educational Convention immediately following the 1909 General Conference, and recommend that the unions in Europe arrange for the heads of their respective schools to attend the American meeting.

REPRESENTATION AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

According to the Constitution, Europe would have right to probably 35--40 delegates at the next General Conference. The chairman asked if the Committee had anything to suggest as to how many ought to be sent over to America from the European fields, next year. It was the mind of the Committee that while we should hardly think it wise to send as many delegates as the Constitution would allow us, yet our European work ought to be fairly well represented. The union presidents, the four school men, Brother AcMoody, and others were spoken of in this connection; but the unions will decide this question, in counsel with the General Conference Committee, the coming season.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

IN EUROPE

Hamburg, March 4, 1908, A.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as before.

Prayer by Brother Boettcher.

ISING TO BEIRUT:

The chairman stated the conditions in Syria, and how we had first hoped for Brother Campbell, and then for Professor Salisbury, to enter that field. He referred to the experience of Brother Ising in the truth, in the army, and as German Union Secretary for three years. From what the brethren of the Committee know of him, they feel free to ordain him, and, acting in harmony with the consent cabled from the American brethren, to appoint him to the work in Syria, where his headquarters are to be at Beirut.

VOTED, That we endorse the action of the General Conference Committee in America, and that Brother W. Ising be ordained and leave for Beirut as soon as consistent with his present duties.

GREAVES TO ASIA MINOR:

Brother Robt. Greaves, a worker of British Columbia, is recommended to the Turkish field by the Mission Board. The chairman stated that Smyrna, a fine city of 201,000 inhabitants, ought to be entered. It contains a large number of Greeks. It is not far from Constantinople, and in case Brother AcMoody's health were to fail, Brother Greaves could help there. Brother AcMoody can also aid Brother Greaves in getting a start.

VOTED, That Brother Greaves be asked to locate in Smyrna.

THE GREEK NURSE AT DR CARRINGTON'S:

We have a bright young Greek lady nurse in the employ of Dr. Carrington, at Constantinople. She would make a good helper for Brother Greaves, as she knows Greek, English, Turkish, and Armenian, and is well educated. While Elder Conradi was in Constantinople, he and Brother AcMoody talked over this matter, and it seemed that we ought to make an effort to secure the services of this sister, after Dr. Carrington returns from America.

VOTED, That we favor Brother AcMoody's trying to secure the services of the young Greek lady nurse at Dr. Carrington's, to assist Brother Greaves as a Greek teacher and Bible worker.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS IN CONSTANTINOPLE:

It was agreed that the surgical instruments left in Constantinople by Dr George and the furniture of the treatment rooms should be disposed of.

ELDER AcMOODY'S WORK:

When the chairman was with Elder AcMoody there was some talk about his future work. The Committee all feel that Brother AcMoody should guard his health, and be careful not to overdo.

VOTED, That we advise Brother AcMoody to be careful to his health, and not to attempt too much; that we permit him to try the two young men of whom he speaks, until the silk-worm season; that he help Brother Greaves in getting started; and that he then develop the interest along the southern shore of the Black Sea.

It is thought that this plan will be better for him and more easy of execution, than if he were to spread out too far to the South, into the Arabic-speaking districts. Thus his territory will be Turkey in Europe, and Northern Asia Minor.

GREGORIUS' VACATION:

Brother Gregorius writes that, according to the advice of the physicians, his wife must leave Palestine for a time on account of ill health. He would like to accompany her. The chairman suggested that probably Brother Gregorius could find employment in our medical missionary work in Germany.

VOTED, That we allow Brother Gregorius a furlough, paying his traveling expenses and his wage for six weeks, while he himself bear his wife's traveling expenses to Germany.

L. KRUG TO PALESTINE:

To take the place made vacant by Brother Gregorius' return to Europe, Brother L. Krug, a German nurse, has been suggested to us by the Friedensau Board. He is willing to go.

VOTED, That L. Krug be invited to accompany Brother Ising to the Levant field, to take the place made vacant by the departure of Brother Gregorius.

It was stated that after spending a week or two in Beirut if found necessary, Brother Ising could accompany this nurse to Jerusalem, and become acquainted with the situation there, ere Brother Gregorius leaves.

MISS A KHURIE:

This young Syrian lady has been educated as a nurse at Gland. She is now visiting relatives in America. She would make us a good helper in Syria. She promised to return, when she left Gland.

VOTED, That Sister A Khurie be invited to return at the earliest possible date, and connect with the work in Syria, and that the expense of her return journey be left with Brother Conradt to arrange while he is in America.

ARABIC LITERATURE:

The chairman stated that Beirut is the headquarters for the Arabic evangelical publishing work, and that while there may not be as much liberty here as in Egypt, yet this place is more fully under the influence of the Christian powers than other parts of Turkey. Brother Ising's experience in connection with the Hamburg Publishing House will be of much value to him in the preparation of Arabic literature.

VOTED, That we request Brother Ising to carefully study into the preparation of Arabic literature and correspond with Brother Methery, to get hold of all the information possible by the time Elder Conradi arrives.

INSTRUMENTS FOR DR EDIB:

VOTED, That the supplying of further instruments for Dr Edib be referred to the Mission Board, and that we request them to consider seriously the advisability of his return to America.

MEDICAL OFFICE IN CAIRO:

VOTED, That we instruct Brethren Methery and Edib not to rent any place permanently, and to rent no more expensive place, as an office, until they hear from the Mission Board.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1907:

The audits show deficits as follows for last year:--

British Union	\$3,135.10	
Latin Union	9,326.25	
Levant	6,290.13	\$18,751.48
Received from America on Appropriations		16,371.17
Still to be covered for 1907		<u>2,380.31</u>

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

IN EUROPE

Hamburg, March 4, 1908, P. M.

P R E S E N T:

L R Conradi, W C Sisley, J T Boettcher, E E Andross,
L F Tieche; by invitation, H F Schuberth, W Ising, and J C Raft.

Prayer by H F Schuberth.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1907:

VOTED, That we appropriate from the General European surplus enough toward the European deficits to cut them down to \$18,000, but that the Mission Board be asked to pay the full \$18,000 agreed upon as the European appropriation for 1907.

GENERAL CONFERENCE AND UNION SUPPLIES:

VOTED, That \$250 of the General European surplus be used in furnishing the General Conference offices in Europe, including the purchase of a new typewriter, and that \$100 be allowed each of the following fields for the purchase of a typewriter: Syria, Latin Union, British Union, and the Russian Union.

REMAINING SURPLUS:

VOTED, That the remaining surplus in the General European treasury be devoted to opening the work in Uganda.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABORERS:

VOTED, That Sister Emma Penner go to Riga, as treasurer of the Russian Union Conference.

That Sister S. Bojanus act as secretary of the Russian Union Conference.

That Karl Reifschneider go from Hungary to Omsk, Siberia, as soon as possible this spring.

That the German Union, in counsel with the Russian Union President, be asked to send a good, bright young man to the Baltic Conference in the place of Brother Rall (who had been proposed for that field by the German Union, but who is detained by illness) as soon as possible.

(Brother H Hintz was selected to answer this call, later).

W ISING'S ORDINATION:

At this point Brother W Ising was, prior to his ordination, questioned as to his experience in this message and willingness to devote himself fully to the work of the gospel missionary in Syria. He stated that he felt, although rather young and inexperienced in evangelical work, that the Lord had called him, and that, through the Spirit's power, he could have success in winning souls for the Master. The brethren felt clear in proceeding with the ordination, which took place at the public meeting in the Hamburg Chapel, the evening of March 4, 1908.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

IN EUROPE

Hamburg, March 5, 1908, A.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as preceding meeting.

Prayer by L R Conradi.

Minutes of former meetings read, and with one or two slight corrections, approved.

STATISTICAL REPORTS FOR EUROPE:

The secretary asked if the Committee would favor printing the European statistical reports from now on, instead of duplicating them on the mimeograph.

VOTED, That we get out a small quarterly, with the statistical and other reports of the European field, the size of the sheet to be controlled by the amount of the material at hand.

This should be mailed free of charge to all the General Conference men, and to the presidents and directors of the conferences and mission fields in Europe.

ESTIMATES FOR 1908:

The estimated needs of the European field under the present arrangement were passed upon for submission to the spring council of the Committee in America.

(As these will appear in the council proceedings, when the budget for 1908 is made up, they are omitted here.)

ROME SCHOOL:

The school in Rome was carefully considered, as to the plan of its operation and the manner of its support, and the possible results to our cause. It is purely non-sectarian. No religious instruction is given in it; but its aim is said to be to enable us to get into the homes of the better classes of people.

The following action expresses the mind of the Committee:--

Whereas, From the reports rendered concerning the school in Rome, it would seem that the results are not commensurate with the expenditure; and--

Whereas, Our experience in other Catholic countries of Europe shows that the best success is obtained by direct gospel work, and for that reason the majority of the Latin Union do not favor the continuance of this enterprise; therefore,--

Resolved, That we advise the discontinuance of the school in Rome, so that Elder Everson can devote his time exclusively to direct evangelical work, and to assisting the laborers in the field as may be required.

Further, we invite the Vice-President to lay this matter before the General Conference Committee at its next session, requesting their counsel.

SCALE OF WAGES:

This matter was quite fully reviewed. The chairman stated that we ought to have as uniform a manner of rating our workers as possible, consistent with the cost of living, and proportionate to the wage of the middle classes in the various countries. We cannot hope to compare ourselves with the standard in other parts of the world, where the tithe is so much higher than it is in Europe.

Our European lady Bible workers receive from 15--23 marks a week (in round numbers four marks make a dollar); gentlemen Bible workers, 20--28 marks; licentiates, 25--35 marks; ordained ministers, 32--44 marks; mission directors, 37--45 marks; conference presidents, 40--60 marks; union presidents, 55--70 marks. With physicians, the scale is a little higher--perhaps viewed from one standpoint, a little too high, as it is really hard to see where the missionary rating of some of our physicians comes in. They range from 45--100 marks a week.

DRS WILLIAMS AND OLSEN:

The requests concerning the wage of these brethren were considered, and also the agreement the General Conference had with the former, which agreement Elder Conradi is to more definitely ascertain, when he reaches the States in April. There was no action taken concerning the wage of these brethren.

SCANDINAVIAN SCHOOL AT SKODSBORG:

The chairman stated that at the Oland meeting it had been agreed that Nyhyttan be sold, and the Scandinavian Union school be located in Sweden. A broad-gauge railway now runs through Nyhyttan and our property there might be sold to good advantage. However, the Swedish brethren who had been requested to look up a location, had been unable to find one; and so they have given up their search--perhaps, too, they may have been influenced somewhat by their desire to retain Nyhyttan.

The question now has arisen ~~whether~~ it would not be well to have the school located at Skodsborg, where there are about 70 young people in training. This would give strength to the school and would benefit the workers in the sanitarium, as they could attend the Bible studies given in the school.

VOTED. That in view of the whole situation, we would express it as our conviction that it would be wise to connect the Scandinavian Union Educational Institution with the Skodsborg Sanitarium, provided the brethren in Scandinavia unitedly approve of this plan.

In case Frydenstrand be sold, which now seems possible, the Danish Conference would need no financial help to erect the school buildings, but would desire only the moral support and cooperation of the other Scandinavian countries, to make the school a success.

AGREEMENTS WITH EUR OPEAN NURSES:

The secretary is asked to secure the date with reference to the agreements made with our nurses in all parts of the European field.

AFRICAN AND LEVANT MISSIONS:

The question was asked as to who should issue the credentials and licenses and audit the accounts of the Levant and African missions, heretofore operated by the General European and Union Conferences of Europe. It was felt that the unions should own the missions in Africa, which they have started, because of the laws governing the holding of property in these fields. The other questions to be considered will be presented by the Vice-President, when he visits the States this spring.

Alljourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, Apr. 2, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, I H Evans, K C Russell, W A Spicer. Also T.E. Bowen.

Prayer by I H Evans.

KNOWLTON SANITARIUM:

A letter from W H Thurston reported that they were obliged to close out the Knowlton Sanitarium, owing to the impossibility of qualifying a physician in the province of Quebec. Until they were able to dispose of the property they needed about \$1000 to settle bills and wages of workers being dismissed. They hope to sell the building soon.

VOTED, That we request the General Conference Corporation to make a loan to the Quebec Conference of \$800, to be repaid on the sale of the Knowlton Sanitarium.

WILLIAMSDALE SCHOOL:

Elder Wm. Guthrie reported the need of financial help in completing the Williamsdale Academy, which has been well patronized and done good work. Their resources in Nova Scotia are so meager they appeal for special help in behalf of the school.

VOTED, That we make a specific appropriation of \$400 for the Williamsdale Academy, from mission funds, in aid of the training work among the young people of the Maritime field.

C H I N A:

J M Anderson, of China, asked the Board to cable counsel as to a bill of \$500 for paper, which Dr Miller appears to have ordered in Europe, but without consultation with the China Committee, which had made no provision in their estimates to meet the amount. He requested the Board to cable "Yes" or "No" and to make provision for paying for the paper in case the answer is in the affirmative.

It was thought by the Board that we should certainly take the paper and that possibly Dr Miller had in mind to meet the bill by the special fund he was to raise while in the United States. But it was agreed that orders should not be given without understanding with responsible committees.

VOYED, That we cable China the word "Yes," meaning that provision will be made to accept the \$500 worth of paper in Shanghai and that the secretary be requested to write the China committee, emphasizing the necessity of concert of action in these matters of giving orders or planning enterprises.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 3, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, S A Irwin, I H Evans, K C Russell, W A Spicer. Also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

APRIL COUNCIL:

The Committee felt that it would be well if A Boettcher, the secretary of the Foreign Department in New York City could attend the council, also Elder Geo. Teasdale, of Australia and Java, who is in this country, visiting his wife's people in Alabama.

VOYED, That we invite A Boettcher, of New York, and Geo Teasdale, of Alabama, to attend the General Conference Committee council.

VOYED, That we hold the council in the College chapel.

VOYED, That H E Rogers, E R Palmer, T E Bowen, W A Spicer act as a committee on entertainment of delegates to the council.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

The Committee discussed the best way of organizing the work in the General Conference office so that, when heads of departments are away and work light in those departments, the best use can be made of office help in other departments.

VOTED, That the chairman appoint a committee of two to act with himself in recommending a plan for the better organization of the office staff and work in the different departments, when department heads are called away from their work in the office.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

April 8, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, G A Irwin, I H Evans, W W Prescott, K C Russell
W A Ruble, W A Spicer, F Griggs; also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by F Griggs.

LOAN TO MRS HARBAUGH:

Dr W A Ruble stated that Mrs Harbaugh, a medical student at Philadelphia, would need some financial assistance in closing her school work. All were agreed that Sister Harbaugh was a true and loyal worker, and that her services would be needed in connection with our general work.

VOTED, That we request Dr Ruble to find out the exact amount required, and that the treasurer be authorized to make Sister Harbaugh a loan, repayable when she is engaged in practice.

NURSE, INDIA:

On the report of Elder F M Wilcox, of the Boulder Sanitarium, it was

VOTED. That we accept Miss Bertha Fuller, of Boulder, as a nurse to fill the call received by cable from India, and that we invite her to go forward at once.

VOTED. That missionary credentials be furnished Miss Bertha Fuller, under appointment to India.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 10, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, K C Russell, F Griggs, W A Spicer. Also E R Falmer and T H Bowen.

Prayer by E R Falmer.

THE DRs HEYNEMANN:

A letter from Mrs Heynemann asked counsel re the next year's work. She and her husband greatly desired to go on in the autumn to Edinburgh for the British medical school, but must needs recoup finances. Inasmuch as the work in Australia greatly needs their help, it was--

VOTED. That we advise the Drs Heynemann to enter Edinburgh this fall, and that we will cooperate with them as may be necessary to secure the means to meet expenses.

MRS J F MOSER:

The chairman reported meeting Mrs J F Moser, for years in mission work and an old home laborer (formerly Mrs. E J Waggoner). The local conference where she lives was ready to engage her services, but she is at present not able to work.

VOTED. That we allow Mrs J F Moser \$5 per week for the current year, in case she is not able to engage in work before the end of the year.

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

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TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, April 14, '08

The first meeting of the Council was called in the College Chapel at 10 A.M., April 14.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, L R Conradi, H W Cottrell, I H Evans, R A Underwood, Allen Moon, E W Farnsworth, W B White, W J Fitzgerald, E L Stewart, E E Andross, G B Thompson, F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. Also P M Burg, Geo Teasdale, E R Palmer, T E Bowen, H E Rogers, A G Haughey.

E E Andross read as a Scripture lessons, Isa. 52.

Prayer was offered by L R Conradi, Allen Moon, I H Evans, G A Irwin, and A G Daniells, after which all united in singing, "How Much I Need Thee."

B U S I N E S S:

The Agenda Paper was read, listing business to come before the Council. The list was a very large one.

P R O G R A M:

The program agreed upon as follows:--

Morning: 9 to 12:30; afternoon: 3 to 5:30; evening: 7 to 8:30.

It was agreed that the afternoon and evening meetings should be open to visitors, as students, nurses, and others.

VOTED, That I H Evans, G A Irwin, L R Conradi, and W A Spicer be a committee on arrangement of topics to be considered from meeting to meeting.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That the chair, in counsel with the vice-presidents, nominate a committee of seven on appropriations for 1908.

Named: I H Evans, L R Conradi, H W Cottrell, R A Underwood, G B Thompson, W J Fitzgerald, W B White.

ON DELEGATE TO NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The chairman spoke of the advantage of having men in the fields come in to meet in general councils--new workers meeting old--so that the work and workers are bound together, maintaining the right mold, and harmoniously moving forward in all the world.

G A Irwin suggested for consideration a judicious selection here and there of a few delegates from native peoples. Various members spoke of the time and the aims of the General Conference.

It was agreed that an hour should be set apart especially for a discussion of the aims of a General Conference session.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 14, 1908, 3 P.M.

The second meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 14.

A G Daniels in the chair.

ADDITIONAL BROTHERS PRESENT:

W H Thurston, R C Porter, G F Haffner, W A Ruble. Also H H Burkholder, C F McVagh, Geo Wells, D H Kress, B G Wilkinson.

Prayer by W B White.

Minutes read and approved.

INTERCHANGE OF LABORERS:

A letter was read from Elder E L Sanford, of Tennessee, asking to be transferred to some northern field on account of his wife's health. Elders Fogue and Godsmark wrote in favor of his request.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of seven members to be known as the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

Named: G A Irwin, Allen Moon, O A Olsen, E W Farnsworth, P M Burg, W H Thurston, G P Haffner.

VOTED, That the request of E L Sanford be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

SUNDAY MISSIONARY WORK:

A communication was presented from Elder H F Phelps, quoting the instruction of the spirit of prophecy to the effect that instead of defying Sunday laws when they are pressed upon our people in a community, we should change our manner of work and devote that day to missionary work. Elder Phelps' communication outlined the great work that would be done if the thousands of our people would heed the instruction.

Brethren Irwin, Underwood, Thompson, Falmer, Daniells, Conradi, and Thurston spoke ~~and~~ to the question.

The point was emphasized that many might easily miss the point of the instruction, and merely cease Sunday work rather than to change the manner of labor to missionary effort.

VOTED, That this matter be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair, to bring in recommendations.

Named: R C Forter, E E Andross, E R Falmer.

MISSIONARY MAPS:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to order 500 copies of the World's Missionary Map, if it is found advantageous as to price to make so large an order.

SUPPORT OF AGES AT BATTLE CREEK:

A letter was read from S D Hartwell, treasurer of West Michigan, reporting a list of inmates of the James White Memorial Home, in Battle Creek, which are still supported by the General Conference, no union or local conference having taken their support, owing to a question as to where the support properly should rest.

The treasurer explained that the offerings for the aged and orphans are now retained within the unions, so that the General Conference has no funds for this work.

VOTED, That the Treasurer, with presidents of union conferences in the United States be a committee to make recommendation regarding the assignment of the support of these aged people.

NEW ORLEANS:

G A Irwin set before the council the need of securing a good city mission worker for New Orleans, Elder S B Horton having been called to Nashville and general religious liberty work in the Southern Union. Brethren Daniells and White spoke of their personal observation of the New Orleans field in a recent visit, being impressed with the importance of a strong work in that city.

Referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

TENTS FOR SOUTHERN FIELD:

G A Irwin presented the need of a 40 x 60 ft tent for use of the Southern Union Conference.

H W Cottrell, of the Pacific Union, stated that he would undertake to see that the tent was secured.

The chairman spoke of the prosperity and progress of the work in the South, and yet of the great need of facilities in some of the conferences. In our work there is to be north, no south, no west, but one field. The northern conferences have responded most encouragingly to the call to send tent companies to the South. About eight tents and companies will go this season, sent by conferences in the North.

W J Fitzgerald spoke of the needs of Virginia, with its two million people and slender resources. He appealed for a tent and tent company for Virginia, and also the same for West Virginia.

Referred to Committees on Appropriation and Distribution of Labor.

F M Burg asked that these committees also consider Georgia's need of a tent.

The meeting adjourned, being dismissed with the benediction by E W Farnsworth.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**April 14, 1908, 7 P.M.

The third meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M. in the Sanitarium gymnasium.

A G Daniells in the chair.

Prayer was offered by P M Burg.

Minutes read and approved.

TELEGRAM RE MEXICO:

The chairman read the following telegram from G M Brown, of California, who has been forced by illness to retire from the superintendency of the Mexican Field: "Greetings to the Council. Remember Mexico and its needs."

THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARING:

K C Russell was asked to introduce the matter for the evening, it having been agreed to devote the session to considering the protest against Sunday laws to be presented tomorrow afternoon at a hearing before a Congressional Committee.

It was stated that opponents of the measure were to be allowed one hour. W W Prescott, who was to lead, read the statement which he had prepared. It was briefly discussed. K C Russell then presented a written argument to follow the first, and W A Colcord followed with a written statement.

VOTED, That the papers read be referred to the authors, and to Brethren G B Thompson, R C Porter, Allen Moon, and I H Evans, for the purpose of abbreviating the papers in order to bring them within the time limit.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1908, 9 .AM.

The fourth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M. the 15th, A G Daniells in the chair.

Prayer by E W Farnsworth, G A Irwin, A G Daniells.

Minutes were read.

It was decided to adjourn the Council at 10:30 in order to allow delegates to attend the Congressional hearing.

FOURTH OF JULY SERVICE:

A letter from S. B Horton called attention to the fact that the Fourth of July would fall this year on the Sabbath and he suggested some special program on gospel and religious liberty principles.

✓ **VOTED,** That a special program, combining the ideas of religious liberty and missions be prepared for Sabbath, July 4, the Midsummer Offering to be taken on that day, and request the officers of the General Conference and Religious Liberty and Young People's Departments to make provision for such a service.

ALABAMA'S REQUEST FOR BIBLE WORKERS:

✓ Alabama sent a call for three Bible workers and colporters, for Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile.

✓ **VOTED,** That this request be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

M E KERN'S ORDINATION:

✓ **VOTED,** That M E Kern be granted credentials from the General Conference, and that he be ordained to the ministry.

VERMONT CONFERENCE:

E W Farnsworth asked counsel as to securing a president for the Vermont Conference.

VOTED, That the call for a president for Vermont be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1908, 7 P.M.

The fifth meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M., April 15.

Prayer by **Geo Teardale**, of Java.

Minutes were read.

ON THE HEARING:

I H Evans, by request, gave a few minutes' report of the hearing before the Senate Committee on Sunday laws.

L. R CONRADI ON EUROPE:

The evening study of needs of the fields was led by **L R Conradi**. The first conference organized in Europe was **Denmark**, in 1880. In 1898 there were but 4 conferences. Now there are in all 50 field organizations, union conferences, local conferences, and missions.

Russia for 150 millions of people has but 30 ministers, licentiates, and Bible workers, and in all parts these workers find honest souls to receive the truth. For instance, from **Gerusi**, on the Persian border, where years ago some Russian brethren were exiled for a time and left tracts and influence behind them, now comes the word of 90 Sabbath-keepers. At the foot of **Ararat**, where **Dr Pampaian** is laboring, five have lately accepted the truth. A worker is soon to go to **Omsk**, in far Siberia.

We ought to have 100 workers in Russia at an early date. **Friedensau** has a Russian department, but the time is near at hand when Russia should have a school of its own.

After twenty years we have in Russia a union conference, with three conferences, 3 mission fields, 2,700 Sabbath-keepers, and growing at the rate of about 400 a year. This entire union, with its 150,000,000, will have but \$15,000 income for its work this year.

GERMAN UNION:

We have in Germany 6,000 members, among 65 millions of people. ~~the~~ All the conferences pay two tithes to the union. Austro-Hungary, with its 50 millions, is next to Germany. Hungary was lately organized as a conference. This winter a way has been found for holding public lectures in Vienna, a city of one and a fourth millions, where we have a church of 25 members. There are about 100 Sabbath-keepers in Austria. In Austria are vast provinces, where not a worker is to be found.

There is progress in the Balkans, in Roumania, and Bulgaria, and Serbia has at last its first Sabbath-keeper.

In the German Union, with its 150 millions, we have 180 ministerial workers, and about 7,500 Sabbath-keepers. In all Europe are about 15,400 Sabbath-keepers, and 400 ministerial laborers. We had last year 500 canvassers, who sold \$175,000 worth of books. We have 200 medical workers and nurses.

The speaker described the experiences of our young people in Germany under military law, suffering long terms of imprisonment. By these faithful youth, the Sabbath issue is brought before the Emperor and the highest in the land.

Every year 40 or 50 young people from school go into the work--but what is that among the multitudinous millions of that great field. The German Union operated its work for its own 150 millions with \$76,000 income, and sends outside for the work in regions beyond, \$15,000 this year. They desire to send workers anywhere, and to stand shoulder to shoulder with brethren in America and all the world in pressing the work forward.

The chairman stated that many present would remember when the work in Germany was begun, when all the funds for operating there were sent from this country. Now what a cheering report comes from Germany. The only explanation of such facts is that this is God's work and his mighty power is in it.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 16, 1908, 9 A.M.

The sixth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M.,
April 16.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

G H Jones, O E Heinke, H P Ketring, W A Westworth,
A Boettcher, Morris Lukens, L H Christian, C Haynes, F H DeVinney.

Prayer by W A Westworth, F Griggs, A G Daniells.

Minutes were read.

OUR GENERAL CONFERENCES:

The topic set for the morning session was that of the aims and conduct of a General Conference, on which A G Daniells, R A Underwood, E W Farnsworth had been requested to lead out.

A G Daniells stated that now that a conference comes but once in four years, there should be a good delegation. The purpose of a conference should be to preserve the unity of the work. There is one work. There are no divisions. A General Conference is an occasion when the attention of the whole denomination should be focused anew upon the essentials, the things primary and fundamental. It is to be a time of shaping the line of attack upon the work set before us--to agree upon the most effective plans, and then to scatter out to carry forward the work in all the world--the energies of an entire people devoted to one great purpose. It is also an occasion to form personal acquaintance with one another, which is the basis of confidence and of sympathy with one another--a most important factor in the work.

R A Underwood suggested that a General Conference has for its audience all the churches, all believers, the influence of the meeting touching all the world. As to delegation from abroad, he would rely on the judgment of men in charge of the fields. He suggested Bible studies by different persons on such subjects: Organization, The Holy Spirit, The Great Need of Effectual Earnest Prayer, Educational Work and Duty to Children, Home Religion, Studies by old pioneers on early experiences. The necessity of making reports from the fields brief was suggested.

E W Fransworth suggested that it would be a good thing for many conference committee men to attend, and church elders, at least from near-by conferences.

Many others followed in discussing the topic, the sentiment favoring a good representation from foreign lands, and a presentation of the world-wide field by representatives from abroad, such reports being carefully prepared, to be brief, to the point, sounding the keynote of the need, avoiding the dryness of statistical detail.

MEMORIAL FROM GERMAN BRETHREN:

A memorial was read from the German brethren, adopted in a meeting in Chicago in December, assuring us of their unity with the American brethren, and making various requests.

1. Requested that **Benjamin Miller**, of Texas, engage in work for the young people in the Northern, Central and Southwestern Unions.

VOTED, That this request be referred to the Young People's department, the German brethren, and the presidents of the Northern Central, and Southwestern unions.

2. A request to Union College to further develop the German department.

This, it was stated, was being considered and dealt with by Union College, requiring no further recommendation.

3. That **E Max Trummer** be engaged as leader in German canvassing work west of the Mississippi, and **A Tonjes** in the East.

VOTED, That the recommendation regarding **E M Trummer** be referred to the Publishing Department and the German brethren and presidents of unions west of the Mississippi River.

VOTED, That we refer the request re **A Tonjes** to the Publishing Department, the German brethren, and the presidents of unions east of the Mississippi River.

JEWISH WORK:

The Lake Union referred to the Committee a request made by **F C Gilbert** for financial help for the Jewish work, the Lake Union having decided to turn all its surplus to the General Conference, and to refer to the General Conference all requests for funds for outside enterprises.

VOTED, That the request be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 16, 1908, 3 P.M.

The seventh meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 16.

Prayer by C H Jones.

L. R Conradi was asked to take the chair.

Minutes were read.

CAMP-MEETINGS:

The topic set first for the session was that of our camp-meetings, in the discussion of which Brethren W B White, G B Thompson, and I H Evans had been asked to lead.

W B White spoke of the need of proper advertising of the meetings, referring to some of the late Brother Simpson's methods. He felt that camp-meetings should be more instructive than legislative--suggested the need of reformation as to wearing of jewelry healthful living, and urged the importance of the district meetings, where a few are gathered close together. He recommended holding the Sabbath-school at 3 P.M., and beginning the Sabbath morning meeting early, so as to give time for revival effort. Suggested a couple of tents apart from the camp, to provide a place of quarantine for any appearance of contagious disease. The great importance of personal work by the ministry with the people was emphasized.

G B Thompson read extracts from the spirit of prophecy as to the burden of souls to be carried by the ministers. He urged the importance of the camp-meeting as an occasion for setting the needs of the great fields before the people. The evening meetings should be devoted to presenting the straight warning message to the public.

A G Daniells was asked by I H Evans to occupy part of his time, and spoke of the prime importance of locating the camp close to the public. Spoke of an experience in Australia where free buses were provided, great pains taken to use the newspapers, and the collections and results abundantly justifying it. Energy and expense must be put in to reach the public. He commended the practice of making a special thing of music after the preaching service, to hold strangers and give opportunity to meet them.

I H Evans, beginning on the basis of 1000 people attending a camp-meeting, found that the average cost of a camp-meeting in time and expenses of all the people must be about \$25,000. And our camp-meetings in one year must cost nearly a million dollars. To justify this, all concerned must take seriously the burden of planning to make the most of the meetings. The union presidents should counsel with local presidents and help to plan their meetings. And effort should be made to greatly increase the attendance of our people. Additional points, prayer, secret and by laborers together before going into a service, and an inquiry tent as a place to meet and help inquirers.

K C Russell spoke of reporting the meetings, of care as to ordering the baptismal services, of giving opportunities for questions.

R A Underwood suggested that more be made of selling books, showing literature at the close of every public service, and having a good book tent in a conspicuous place. He spoke also of the need of looking after care of general laborers visiting meetings.

R C Porter believed that not more than two visiting laborers should be lodged in one tent. He urged that the conference officers and committee should be present at the services. He suggested taking hold of book work from the beginning of the meeting, to enlist recruits in canvassing work.

Elder Moon urged the need of setting these principles before conference committees. H F Ketring called attention to the advertising and other favors secured from street-car companies: as camps are located on their lines.

VOTED. That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to prepare a statement of suggestions and advise regarding camp-meetings: plans for 1908.

Named: A G Daniells, I H Evans, K C Russell, G B Thompson, R A Underwood.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 16, 1908, 7 P.M.

The eighth meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M., April 16.

Prayer by B G Wilkinson.

Minutes were read.

GREAT BRITAIN:

E E Aandross presented the British field. While not so populous as some lands, Britain's possessions are in all parts of the earth, and this land has led in missionary effort and Bible distribution. It is a land where our own work should be strongly entrenched. In 1902, when the union was organized, there were 800 members. In the first four years after the number doubled, and there are now over 1800 members.

It is proposed soon to organize Southern Scotland as a conference, and also Wales. In Ireland the work has of late been taking a fresh upward spring, and efforts are being made to push toward the Catholic South.

The union has 69 workers on the pay rolls, 70 book canvassers, and 150 selling papers. Last year the field sold \$81,000 worth of publications.

There is a spirit to do and sacrifice. They are now engaged in raising \$10,000, over \$5 per member, for the training school at the Watford headquarters. The \$10,000 from the \$150,000 fund and the \$10,000 to be raised in Britain will pay for the land and the residence upon it, now used as a school building. But the 70 or 80 students now in the school cannot be accommodated in this building, which is not sufficient for the young women alone. The young men are in the publishing house garret and in houses about. God has blessed the school. The union committee has just arranged to place every student in the work this summer, save several who feel they must be at home, and one who is not an Adventist. The young people are pressing into the work and the field appeals for \$10,000 from America to provide a school building, and \$2,000 as an educational fund to assist worthy students. Some day soon Great Britain will be a fruitful source from which to draw laborers for the mission fields. The great need now is facilities for the training of these youth.

Already the British brethren have four workers in the mission on Kavironda Bay, Victoria Nyanza. Two hundred native villages are within sight of the station, and 100,000 natives within easy reach. A stone mission house is up, with blacksmith and carpenter shop, and other out-buildings, with a school house 25 X 60 ft. They have a congregation each week of 200 to 600, in a region where no mission work has ever been done, where even the language had never been reduced to writing. Great Britain is supplying nearly \$500 a quarter in first day offerings for this mission.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA:

L. R. Conradi spoke of the three stations in German East Africa, to which the German Union has sent eight young people. There are 200 young people in schools, and it is likely that six converts were baptized in March, the first-fruits of the mission. A new station is now being planned on the western shore of Lake Victoria Nyanza, near the Congo Free State.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 17, 1908, 9 A.M.

The ninth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M., April 17.

Prayer was offered by Brethren L. P. Starr, I. H. Evans, W. H. Thurston, and E. E. Andross.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT: E. T. Russell.

Minutes were read.

BRITISH UNION:

VOTED, That the requests from the British field for \$10,000 for school building and \$2,000 for educational fund be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, That the request from the International Publishing Association, to the Lake Union Conference, for \$350 toward salaries of the three foreign secretaries in that office, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BIBLE TEACHER, UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the request for counsel regarding a Bible teacher for Union College be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

NEWFOUNDLAND:

C H Keblake made request for help from the General Conference for public religious liberty effort when a contemplated Sunday Alliance is organized in Newfoundland, probably at an early date.

↓ VOTED, That the request is looked upon favorably, and that we refer it to the officers of the General Conference for response when the call is made, so far as response may be possible

H J FARMAN'S WORK:

↓ VOTED, That the future work of H J Farman, now in Virginia, be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

PAPER FOR THE BLIND:

↓ VOTED, That the matter of the circulation and support of the Christian Record be referred to a committee as follows:
I H Evans and presidents of union conferences in America.

PLACING STUDENTS FROM OUR SCHOOLS:

After full discussion of the importance of guiding the young people from our schools into service, it was--

VOTED, That this matter be referred to F Griggs, M E Kern, and E R Palmer to draft a recommendation.

adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 17, 1908, 3 P.M.

The tenth meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M.,
April 17.

Prayer by @ E Reinke. The minutes were read.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER PRESENT: @ A Olsen.

COMMITTEE ON PHELPS' SUGGESTION:

The committee made a report on the communication from
H F Phelps regarding organizing a campaign for Sunday missionary
work, which was adopted as follows:--

Your committee appointed to draft recommendations covering
the suggestions made to the General Conference Committee by Brother
H F Phelps concerning the advisability of setting apart the first
day of the week for general missionary work, respectfully submit--

That it does not seem advisable for the General Conference
Committee to make any general recommendations upon this question;
but we suggest that the officers of the General Conference publish,
in leaflet form, the testimonies which have been written upon
this question.

FINANCIAL ITEMS:

A memorandum was presented with a bill from the Nebraska
Sanitarium for the care of Miss Niva Starr, whose support there
has been supplied by the General Conference Committee.

A letter was also read from J O Corliss, accompanied by
a letter written to him by William Fetter, of Florida, stating
the latter's need of financial assistance.

VOTED, That these items be referred to @ A Irwin,
I H Evans, and E T Russell, for report.

PACIFIC UNION AND CHINA:

A request from the Pacific Union that China be assigned as the special object of their general missionary contributions was considered, and it was--

↓ VOTED, That a special representative committee of five be appointed to study the whole situation as regards mission support, and that this request be referred to that committee for recommendation.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1968, 9 A.M.

The eleventh meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M., Sunday, the 19th.

Prayer by H W Cottrell, and F Griggs.

CAMP-MEETINGS:

The committee on camp-meeting help made a preliminary report. It was--

VOTED, That the request of the North Pacific and the West Canadian Unions for W A Colcord's help at camp-meetings be granted.

Further definite assignments were left for action later in the Council.

MELROSE SANITARIUM:

H F Ketring presented a request for counsel from the Melrose Sanitarium regarding its affairs and needed improvements. This led to extended discussion of institutional obligations and needs with reference to help from the General Conference.

VOTED, That this question of affording help to institutions be referred to a committee as follows: the president, the two vice-presidents, O A Olsen, and the presidents of unions.

REQUEST FROM SOUTH DAKOTA:

A petition from South Dakota with reference to the Black Hills territory of South Dakota, now a part of the Wyoming Conference, was referred to a committee composed of the vice-presidents and the presidents of unions.

W HUTCHINSON'S REQUEST:

A request from Wm Hutchinson regarding an old account with the West Virginia Conference, was referred to the Columbia Union Conference.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1908, 3 P.M.

The twelfth meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 19.

Prayer was offered by H H Burkholder.

Minutes were read.

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

The topic set for the afternoon meeting was the publishing work. C H Jones, chairman of the General Conference Publishing Department, made a statement as to the development of the publishing work. In the 35 years up to 1882, \$330,000 worth of literature was sold. Then began an upward move until 1891, when \$819,000 worth was sold in one year. Then there was a decline until in 1896 but \$200,000 worth was sold. But for years now a steady upward trend has been maintained, and last year the figures rose to \$1,024,000.

Men have left their farms and their trades and even professions to go out with the books bearing the message. And there are other factors in this growth. Five publishing houses have moved into the country in recent years and dropped commercial work, according to instructions from the spirit of prophecy. Hearty cooperation of the schools--in developing the scholarship plan--and the earnest encouragement and cooperation from conference officers, have contributed to the splendid results.

MISSIONARY SECRETARIES:

↓ E R Palmer emphasized the importance of the periodical work as a factor in extending the truth, showing that at present the amount of periodical sales is rising very near to that of the subscription book sales.

The following action was taken:--

We recommend, That decisive action be taken immediately in manning the publishing department for conducting the church tract and missionary work in a thorough way, in harmony with the plans adopted by the General Conference Committee, the Publishing Department, and by the Union Conferences;--

1. By the appointment of a strong man as Missionary Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department.
2. By urging the appointment of a union Missionary Secretary in each union conference.
3. By the appointment of a Missionary Secretary in each local conference.
4. By making suitable provision, as soon as possible, for instructing these workers in order to organize them into a harmonious band of leaders.

SCHOLARSHIP CANVASSING:

↓ The scholarship plan of canvassing, as recommended by the Publishing Department and already adopted by the General Conference Committee, December 9, was presented for discussion by the Council.

VOTED, That this full Council approve of the scholarship plan adopted by the smaller committee in its meeting of December 9.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1908, 7 P.M.

The thirteenth meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M., April 19. Prayer was offered by O E Heinke, and Minutes were read.

L. R. Conradi occupied the hour with a study of the Scandinavian, Latin Union and Levant fields.

SCANDINAVIAN UNION:

Including Finland and Abyssinia, this union has twenty-two millions to reach with the message. Last year about 270 were added to the churches, and the finances of the conference are prospering; but there is a lack of laborers.

We have in Finland 120 Sabbath-keepers, and their work is nearly self-supporting. The Scandinavian Union sold \$60,000 worth of books last year.

The Skedsborg Sanitarium is prospering. This union has started a mission to Abyssinia, two young men being now in the Italian colony on the border of that land of ancient Sabbath-keeping.

The union needs three young Scandinavians to join its small force of 35 ~~workers~~ ministerial workers, and in some way help ought to be given for an educational fund to develop workers within the field.

LATIN UNION:

There is progress in the Catholic countries. Yet France, with its 40 millions, has but 12 workers. In Spain 11 members were added last year, making 29. In Portugal there are 9 believers. Among Italy's 34 millions, we have about 40 Sabbath-keepers.

The Latin Union has a mission field in Algeria, where a number have been baptized.

Last year 89 members were added in the Latin Union. The field calls for an appropriation of \$11,000. We must do something also to provide an educational fund so that people from Portugal, Spain, Italy, and other fields may go to the school at Gland.

THE LEVANT:

We have 307 Sabbath-keepers in Turkey and Egypt. Two ministerial laborers have just been added to the five before in the Levant. There are four German nurses in Jaffa, Jerusalem, and Haifa. Greece is now entered by Professor Howell. Armenian laborers have had severe trials in Turkey, enduring months of imprisonment. They are ready to endure hardness. We must have educational facilities to train the native believers of these countries. This is the great need, and a fund should be secured.

The speaker recounted the experiences in Europe by which our books have been placed in the palaces of kings and queens, and the message in various ways is coming before some of the highest, as well as before the common people.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 20, 1908, 9 A.M.

The fourteenth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M., April 20. Prayer by K C Russell. Minutes read.

L R Conradi was asked to take the chair.

The work of the Publishing Department was again taken up.

INITIAL EXPENSE OF BOOKS:

✓ The publishing houses having requested counsel regarding the division of initial expense of bringing out books, the Council adopted the following revised recommendations agreed upon by a meeting of publishing house managers:--

1. That a publishing house bringing out a new book assumes the responsibility, both financially and otherwise, unless previous arrangements have been made with other publishing houses to share the expense and responsibility, and the publishing house carrying this entire expense and responsibility alone should be considered the sole publisher of the publication, and not only has the right to distribute the book in its own territory, but also to sell the same to other publishing houses which control other territories.

2. That the publishing house bringing out a new book shall sell a set of plates to any other regularly organized denominational publishing house desiring the same for its territory, at the cost price of the plate-making, plus the proper share of initial expense as designated in paragraph No. 3. The cost price of such set of plates shall not exceed two cents per square inch.

It is to be understood that in the United States, the three-fourths of initial expense assigned to that territory shall be equally divided between the houses purchasing plates. And it is further agreed that the plates which are sold for any other territory shall not be duplicated for sale or transferred to other territory without definite arrangements with the house which originally issued the publication.

3. That the initial expense in bringing out a new book in the English language be divided, as follows:--

- (a) For the territory of the Review and Herald, one-fourth of initial expense.
- (b) For the territory of the Pacific Press, one-fourth the initial expense.
- (c) For the territory of the Southern Publishing Association, one-fourth of initial expense.
- (d) For the territory of Great Britain, one-eighth the initial expense.
- (e) For the territory of Australia, one-eighth of initial expense.

4. That all other territory where the English language is spoken, not mentioned in No. 3, such as India, South Africa, and the West Indies be considered open territory, these missions being left free to order their books where they can be most conveniently and satisfactorily supplied; and that each publishing house receiving the order enjoy without hindrance the benefit of said order.

5. That every ~~man~~ possible assistance to secure cuts, decorations, etc., which appear in English books, papers, and tracts, be given the publishing houses that print literature in foreign languages, and that such foreign publications be charged the actual cost of making the duplicate cuts, plus 10% of the initial expense of the cuts supplied.

And we further recommend,--That in case of need, where foreign missions are struggling to establish missionary printing offices, that charge be made only for making plates, but nothing for initial expense.

6. That all publishers endeavor to interpret these suggestions in such a broad, liberal way that our message-filled books may not be shut out from any field, nor their circulation hindered or curtailed by commercial considerations.

COLLEGE VIEW INSTITUTE:

✓ VOICED, That the request for help for the College View Institute be referred to the Committee on provision of help for the camp-meetings.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES":

The following action was taken:--

✓ Whereas, There is a strong demand from the field for a monthly magazine covering all phases of the message, to be used by agents in pioneer missionary work; and,--

Whereas, For over a quarter of a century the "Signs of the Times" has been recognized as the pioneer missionary paper of this denomination; therefore,--

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Company in deciding to issue a monthly edition of the "Signs of the Times" in magazine form, with cover, to retail at ten cents per copy. This edition to be used especially by agents to sell on the streets, in the stores, and from house to house.

And we further recommend, That the Pacific Press continue to publish the regular weekly edition of the "Signs" for general missionary work, the same as heretofore.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING":

✓ The following recommendations were adopted regarding "Ministry of Healing.":--

1. That "Ministry of Healing" be issued, as soon as possible, as a regular subscription book.

2. That this edition be bound in two bindings, cloth binding to retail at \$2.50 per copy, and full morocco at \$4.50 per copy.

3. That the General Conference Committee, through the Relief Bureau, sell the plates of the English edition of "Ministry of Healing" to the publishing houses in this country at a reasonable price, and that the usual royalty of 5% be paid by them to the author.

4. That foreign editions of "Ministry of Healing" be sold at the same retail price as the English edition.

5. That a relief edition of "Ministry of Healing" in English be published at a net price, and furnished direct from one of our publishing houses to such conferences and institutions as may make satisfactory arrangements for handling it as a relief book.

THE TEMPERANCE "WATCHMAN":

The following action with reference to a special temperance number of the Watchman was adopted:--

Whereas, The temperance question is now being earnestly agitated in the United States; and,--

Whereas, We as a people should make strong and positive efforts in every consistent way for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, having been urged by the spirit of prophecy to unite with other temperance people and organizations such as the W C T U in purely temperance efforts; and,--

Whereas, The publishers of the Watchman are about to issue a special temperance number of that paper, and have invited the several state conferences in this country to severally subscribe for not less than 5,000 copies, to be donated to the respective state W C T U organizations; and,--

Whereas, The Testimonies have indicated that "the Watchman is to have a place in the field at large;" therefore,--

Resolved, (a) That we heartily approve of and endorse the plan of the Southern Publishing Association as outlined above, and unite with them in earnestly inviting each state conference to immediately take such steps as may be required to place not less than 5,000 copies of the Temperance Number of the Watchman in the hands of the W C T U of their respective states, to be used gratuitously by that organization in their temperance campaigns, thus placing our work and attitude on the temperance question in an unmistakable light before the W C T U, and uniting with them in ridding this country of the liquor ~~curse~~ curse.

(2) That where there are two or more conferences in any state, or where conference boundaries are not made by the state territorial limits, in any and all such cases the conferences concerned unite in supplying this special issue of the Watchman to the W C T U of the state or states within their conference limits.

(3) That the larger conferences be, and hereby are, invited to assist the small and weak conferences of the South in supplying a large number of copies of this special Temperance Number to the W C T U organizations in the Southern states.

(4) That in addition to this special effort with the temperance organizations, our people be urged to give this number a wide general circulation.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 20, 1908, 3 P.M.

The fifteenth meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 20. G.A. Irwin in the chair. Prayer by Dr Ruble. Minutes were read.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

U Bender, F.T. Magan.

M E X I C O:

Mexican matters were taken up. A G Daniells made a brief report of the recent Mexican general meeting, which he attended in company with W C White.

VOTED, That the request for a superintendent for Mexico be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT:

✓ VOTED, That J A F Green, of Southern California, be requested to act as General Canvassing Agent for Mexico.

✓ VOTED, That H H Hall, G W Caviness, G W Reaser, and L E Borle be a committee to select the colporters called for by Mexico.

✓ VOTED, That we request J F Blunt to go to Mexico to engage in evangelistic work, if after further counsel with the brethren on the Pacific Coast it seems advisable.

✓ VOTED, That the request for the second evangelistic laborer be referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

✓ VOTED, That we approve of the selection of L E Borle, of the Pacific Press, to take charge of the printing office in Mexico.

✓ VOTED, That the managing committee for the Mexican office be the superintendent of the field, and G W Caviness, Dr Swayze, the General Canvassing agent, the manager of the printing office.

✓ VOTED, That we approve of the suggestion of the Pacific Press that they hold the ownership of the press they are donating to the Mexican work until the perfection of some plan for holding properties there denominationally.

✓ VOTED, That we authorize the officers of the General Conference to supply Mexico with \$1000 to \$5000 for the publishing work, according as they are able to secure the funds for the work.

✓ VOTED, That we request the Pacific Press to furnish Mexico with signatures of such books as can be used to the best advantage in this field.

✓ VOTED, That we request the Publishing Department to take up with our publishing houses Mexico's request for books for an editorial library.

✓ VOTED, That Julius Faulsen, of Guadalajara, be added to the Mexican Advisory Board.

✓ VOTED, That we recommend the Mexican Advisory Board to allow Dr Fattbert \$20 Mexican per month for one year, for the expense of the nurse whom he is training.

✓ VOTED, That we pay the transportation of a teacher to join Mrs Fattbert in self-supporting teaching work.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 20, 1908, 7 P.M.

The sixteenth meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M., April 20.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT: C H Edwards.

Prayer by C H Edwards. Minutes were read.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

The council first listened to the report of the chairman of the Educational Department, reviewing the year's work in our schools. During the year the number of schools has increased by twelve. Forty-two buildings have been added. The statistical report shows an increase of assets reported by our schools of \$252,425. Over 1,500 more students than studied the year before have been enrolled. The review presented an encouraging view of the situation in all the world, and suggested many problems requiring attention.

STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS:

The special committee on placing students from our schools reported the following resolution, which was adopted:--

Whereas, We have a great army of young men and women in our schools who should be brought into immediate service in this cause; and,--

Whereas, The conference officers have such an acquaintance with the needs of the fields, and with these young people themselves, as will enable them properly to place the young people in most suitable work; therefore,--

Resolved, That we urge the union and local conference officers to visit their respective schools at least once each year, and in connection with the faculty seek to place each student in that situation to which he is best adapted; and to the end of making this plan most effective, we recommend that the Department of Education of the General Conference should particularly concern itself with this matter; also that the General Conference officers cooperate with our leading schools in arranging for strong help in this division.

A series of resolutions on school questions was adopted as follows:--

MEETING OF SCHOOL HEADS:

Whereas, There is great need of cooperation between our intermediate and advanced schools and a better understanding of methods and means of conducting these schools; and,--

Whereas, The National Educational Association is to hold its annual meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, June 29 to July 3, which meeting may be a valuable education for the principals of our schools; therefore,--

Resolved, That a meeting of the principals of our intermediate and advanced schools and the educational secretaries of our union conferences shall be held at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3 to 9.

TEXT BOOK FUND:

Whereas, There is a great need of text books for our advanced schools, and the sale of these books is so limited that it makes it an impossibility for the expenses of their preparation and publication to be met from the returns of the sales; therefore,

Resolved, That a fund of \$1000, with such increase as from time to time may be necessary for the bringing out of proper text books, shall be raised, in such way as the General Conference office may devise.

FOREIGN SEMINARY:

Whereas, It is necessary that the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary be filled with the right class of students, in order to train workers for the mission fields; therefore,--

Resolved, That we urge each conference in the United States and Canada to select and send to the school, assisting them financially if necessary, at least two young people whom they believe will make valuable workers for the mission fields.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS:

Whereas, The educational work in other lands is in need of educational funds from which young people of promise may be properly assisted in attending our training schools; therefore,--

Resolved, That we call upon our young people in America earnestly to consider the need of providing such a fund, and to interest themselves in raising it.

MEMORIAL, NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

A Memorial concerning the support of primary schools, sent by the Executive Committee of the North Pacific Union, was presented, and it was--

VOTED, That the Memorial be referred to a committee of five, the committee to be appointed by the president of the North Pacific Union and the chairman of the Educational Department.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 21, 1906, 9 A.M.

The seventeenth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M., April 21. O A Olsen in the chair. Prayer by G B Thompson.

Minutes were read.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

W G Kneeland and H J Farman.

A G Daniels read a letter addressed to the Council by W G White, bearing greetings from himself and Sister White and their associates, and quoting counsel from Sister White as to various lines of work to be fostered.

SOUTH AFRICA:

South African affairs were taken up, statements being made by G A Irwin, C H Hayton, and others. Elder W S Nyatt has for nine or ten years stood loyally by the work, and now it was felt he should have release, and join in bearing burdens elsewhere, while some other laborer takes the burden in South Africa, as agreed upon at Oland.

VOTED, That the calls for a president for the South African Union, for a school man, for help for Basutoland and Zululand, be referred to the officers of the General Conference and the presidents of union conferences for report to the Council

MISSIONARY HOMES IN AFRICA:

VOTED, That we counsel our missionaries not to open new stations (in unhealthy fields) before the money is supplied for a good house and the necessary equipment.

NYASSALAND:

VOTED, That we request the South African Union Committee to continue to administer the Nyassaland work.

RECALL OF MISS E EDIE:

VOTED, That we recall Sister E Edie, from South Africa, to England.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY:

A letter from J M Freeman was read, stating the situation among the native converts in the Orange River Colony, and asking if help could not be given to secure land on which to locate them.

VOTED, That we refer the matter presented by J M Freeman to the South African Union Committee for sympathetic consideration of the situation of these native believers.

T H BRANCH'S RECALL:

VOTED, That we confirm the previous decision of the General Conference Committee in its action recalling Elder T H Branch from South Africa, on the request of the South African Committee.

Adjourned.

O A OLSEN, Chairman.
W A SPICKER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 21, 1908, 3 P.M.

The eighteenth meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 21. G A Irwin in the chair. Prayer by H P Ketring.

Minutes were read.

HELP FOR INSTITUTIONS:

The committee on help for institutions presented the following report, which was adopted:--

Your committee appointed to consider the petition of the Melrose Sanitarium for a donation of \$10,000, and to outline the policy of the General Conference Committee toward rendering financial aid to denominational institutions in time of need, submit the following:--

1. That the General Conference Committee hereby re-affirms its financial policy concerning local institutions:--

(a) That each institution and corporation finance itself, meeting promptly all its liabilities.

(b) That we do not encourage our people to undertake new enterprises, involving the outlay of large sums of money, without the advice and consent of the union conference committee having oversight of the territory in which such institution shall be located.

(c) That we advise the various boards of our sanitariums to judiciously advertise, endeavoring to secure a full patronage for the institutions.

(d) That the policy of the General Conference toward all denominational institutions be to foster, and encourage; but we insist upon local management and financing.

(e) That we encourage our people to patronage our denominational institutions, to render every possible assistance by loaning them money, and thus by their loyal support help to put them on a paying basis.

(f) That the minority quorum of the General Conference Committee are hereby instructed to use great care in advancing loans to these institutions in time of need.

That in the case of the petition of the Melrose Sanitarium to make them a donation of \$10,000, we hereby authorize the General Conference officers to arrange to help the Melrose Sanitarium to secure a loan, or loan direct, to the amount of \$10,000 to invest in the improvement of their institution, and to renew the mortgage that already exists on the property.

(g) That in all these loans secured through the General Conference, either directly or indirectly, we insist upon good faith being kept with the General Conference by these institutions, and that the parties who secure these loans be prompt in meeting these payments.

PAPER FOR THE BLIND:

The committee to which was referred the support of the paper for the blind made a report, which was adopted as follows:--

Whereas, There are about 80,000 blind persons in the United States and Canada; and,--

Whereas, There is being published at College View, Nebr., a paper for the blind, known as the "Christian Record," and containing the "present truth" message; we therefore,--

Recommend, 1. That the said "Christian Record" receive the hearty endorsement of our people generally.

2. That our union and local conferences endeavor as far as possible to place the record in the hands of every blind person within their respective territories who understand the systems used in publishing the "Record."

That to do this, public and private contributions be solicited under the direction of mission secretaries for the payment of subscriptions and otherwise supporting the work for the blind. (We suggest that an attempt be made to lead many individual to become responsible for one or more subscriptions to the "Christian Record.")

3. That the members of this Council do now inaugurate the plan of individuals paying for one or more yearly subscriptions

4. That the "Christian Record" office furnish the several union and local conferences necessary statistics and information to aid in carrying out the foregoing provisions.

AGED PEOPLE:

The committee to which was referred the assignment of the support of such aged persons in Battle Creek as have for the last year been supported from General Conference funds, made a report which was adopted as follows:--

Whereas, The General Conference has advanced various sums in the payment for the care of Seventh-day Adventist old people in the James White Memorial Home in Battle Creek, Mich.; and,--

Whereas, All funds for such purpose are in either the union or local conference treasuries; we therefore,--

Recommend, That the General Conference treasurer bill the union conferences for the expenses so far incurred, and that the aforesaid Home be instructed to bill the union conferences, or the local conferences in the future, as the union conferences may direct.

J G KROEGER TO BRAZIL:

↓ VOTED, That J G Kroeger, of Nebraska, be invited to go to Brazil.

H S FRENCH TO BRAZIL:

↓ VOTED, That we invite H S French, of the Chesapeake Conference, to go to Brazil.

ARGENTINA:

↓ VOTED, That we select a minister for Argentina, and refer the selection to the committee on distribution of labor.

SELF-SUPPORTING WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA:

A letter from Brother E F Forga was read to the Council, setting forth the openings for teachers and obstetrical nurses to do self-supporting work in Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador.

↓ VOTED, That we express appreciation of Brother E F Forga's communication, and refer it to the South American Union Committee for favorable consideration and counsel.

K O R E A:

↓ VOTED, That the question of supplying help for Korea be referred to a committee composed of all the presidents of local conferences present, and C H Jones, E R Palmer, F Griggs, and H E Kern; and that C H Jones act as chairman of that committee.

PHYSICIAN FOR KOREA:

↓ VOTED, That we invite Dr Riley Russell, of Washington, to go to Korea, to engage in evangelistic medical missionary work.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 21, 1908, 7 P.M.

The nineteenth meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M., April 21, G A Irwin in the chair.

Prayer by U Bender. Minutes were read.

NORTH AMERICAN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

The chairman stated that the evening was to be devoted to reports by workers in the foreign work in the United States.

GERMAN WORK:

G F Haffner stated that we have in this country 88 German churches, and 3,500 believers. The larger number of these are in the West. There are 30 ordained ministers in the German work, and 21 licentiates. Besides these, there are now in other lands at least 20 German workers sent out from this country. The German churches are heartily interested in the missionary movements in all fields. The average tithe paid by the German churches is \$16.65 per member. A reviving in all the German work in the West is encouraging the hearts of the workers.

© E Keinke followed, presenting the field east of the Mississippi. The great masses of German population are in the East. Special effort began in New York City seven years ago. Now Greater New York has three German churches. Last year a building was erected, costing over \$7,000. Two churches have been organized in Jersey City, and one in Philadelphia. Chicago is another great German center, where work is being done. But the great need of more laborers was made apparent by a table of figures showing six and a quarter millions of Germans in the states east of the Mississippi, while the church membership is but 541, and German ministers for all these millions but ten, with fifteen Bible workers.

GENERAL FOREIGN WORK:

A Boettcher, of the New York office of the Foreign Department, presented a table showing the distribution of twenty-six nationalities in the different states of each union conference. It is in getting literature into the hands of these peoples that the department desires the help of all the conferences. In his

first work in New York City, Brother Boettcher has labored mostly among the Finns. One young Finnish woman has already accepted the truth there. An interesting work among the Finns of Michigan is going on, and in Canada a brother reports quite a number of Slavonians accepting the truth. Since 1882 the tide of immigration has changed. Formerly it was mainly German, Scandinavian, and Irish, while now it is largely Italians and Slavonians of Austro-Hungary.

SCANDINAVIAN WORK:

L H Christian spoke for both Danish-Norwegian and Swedish work, Elder Mortenson, of the Swedish Department having been prevented from attending by western appointments.

There are over three millions of Scandinavians in this country, large numbers of whom do not know English. Many communities can be reached only in the mother tongue. Fifty years ago the work among the Scandinavians began in Wisconsin. Now there are 1,850 Danish-Norwegian members, and 1,600 Swedish. The Scandinavian believers in America outnumber those in Scandinavia, and here there are 61 workers as compared with 36 in Scandinavia. The Scandinavian believers here desire to help the work in Europe by sending some strong young laborers to grow up into service. The speaker emphasized the importance of conference officers cooperating to encourage young Scandinavian laborers to hold to work in the Scandinavian language, rather than to draw them toward the easier English work. There is need of more thoroughly organizing missionary work in this department, and call is made for a general canvassing agent to develop the sale of books. Further books are also needed, and a health journal. One great need is money and men for the great Scandinavian fields in the eastern states.

C H Edwards spoke for a few minutes of the foreign work in New York City. Two years ago their first Italian brother began work. For the first year nothing seemed to be accomplished--the Italians seemed beyond reach. Then came a change. The Lord showered blessings upon the effort. First a Methodist minister, then an ex-priest accepted the truth, and now two Italian churches are organized. Very suddenly also a church of Bohemians was developed. It shows that the time is come to give the message to these foreign-speaking people in our midst.

Adjourned.

G A IRWIN, Chairman.
W A SPICKER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 22, 1908, 9 A.M.

The twentieth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M. April 22. Prayer by F H DeVinney. Minutes read.

K O R E A:

The committee on Korea made a partial report, which was considered.

VOTED, That we invite Sister Helen May Scott, of Washington, to go to Korea as a Bible worker and teacher, to join Sister Scharffenberg.

FOREIGN WORK IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Foreign Department brethren presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:--

Whereas, There is a large German and Scandinavian population in several conferences, especially in the East, among whom we have as yet only made a beginning in our work; and,--

Whereas, There is a large German and Scandinavian constituency in the Central and Western States; and,--

Whereas, Our German and Scandinavian brethren in the East are poor, and the mission work very expensive, while our brethren in the West are often well-to-do, and the mission work being in the country, is not so expensive; therefore,--

Resolved, 1. That as soon as consistent, more suitable laborers in these languages from the Central and Western conferences be sent to the East, with their wages paid.

2. That we approve of the present plan of having mission funds with which to begin and carry on the work among these nationalities in the large cities, especially in the East.

3. That such funds be raised through the foreign papers, and by such other arrangements as the local and union conferences may approve.

We recommend, That the Danish-Norwegian literature committee that is elected at the annual meeting of the International Publishing Association, in addition to its other work, serve as an advisory committee to the superintendent of the Danish-Norwegian work in America, and that he counsel with these brethren in regard to questions concerning the Danish-Norwegian work in this country.

We recommend, That those in charge of the Danish-Norwegian work organize a mission band among the Danish-Norwegian students, isolated Sabbath-keepers, and as far as possible among all the Danish-Norwegian brethren, the purpose of this mission band being to further the tract and missionary work for the Danes and Norwegians in America.

WEST INDIAN UNION CONFERENCE:

↓ **VOTED**, That the call from British Guiana for the release of O E Davis, and the supply of a worker to take his place, be referred to a special West Indian committee: W A Spicer, I H Evans, U Bender.

↓ **VOTED**, That the request of J A Strickland to be allowed to return from Jamaica be granted, and that the selection of a worker to take his place be referred to the West Indian committee.

VOTED, That Jamaica's request to be allowed to call for \$600 more to complete the Kingston church be granted, the call to be made in the Review, it being understood that this amount raised is not to be counted in the ten-cent-a-week fund.

VOTED, That we invite A R Ogden, of Kansas, to go to Eastern Cuba, to engage in evangelistic work.

VOTED, That the request for a teacher for Eastern Cuba, a teacher for Bonaca, counsel regarding E Arkelian, volunteer for Cuba, and counsel regarding Guatemala, and E Fawer's work be referred to the special committee on the West Indies.

VOTED, That the adjustment of the old East Caribbean accounts be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

VOTED, That the matter of transferring the West Indian Union printing offices to Colon, and the matter of consolidating Spanish periodical work, be referred to L R Conradi, U Bender, W A Spicer, C H Jones, and I H Evans.

MEMORIAL RE WEST INDIAN SCHOOL:

A Memorial from the West Indian brethren regarding the Jamaica school was read, and referred to a special committee, as follows: A G Daniells, H R Salisbury, M E Kern, P Griggs, U Bender, I H Evans, L R Conradi, W A Spicer.

DELEGATION TO NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the selection of delegates to the next General Conference be arranged in committee of the whole.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the General Conference be held in the spring of 1909.

PLACE OF MEETING AT TAKOMA PARK:

The discussion of the time of the Conference led to discussion also of the desirability of a building in Washington in which conventions could be held, in which case an even earlier date might be set for the Conference, as even April 1, obviating the interference of the General Conference with early camp-meeting dates.

VOTED, That the matter of a church building at Takoma Park be referred to a special committee of seven, and that the date of the General Conference be held in abeyance until this committee reports.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 22, 1908, 3 P.M.

The twenty-first meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 22. Prayer by W J Fitzgerald. Minutes read.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT,
WILLIAM FOTTER, NIVA STARR:**

A special committee made the following report, which was adopted:--

↓ Your committee to bring in a recommendation concerning the rendering of financial assistance to William Fotter, now of Florida, would suggest that, while we do not recognize any re-

responsibility on the part of the General Conference for the support of William Fetter, the General Conference be authorized to send William Fetter \$50, the amount which he requests in his communication to Elder Corliss, for temporary assistance.

Your committee to whom the case and maintenance and support of Miss Hiva Starr was referred, would respectfully submit the following:--

✓ We recommend, That Elder E T Russell and Asa Robinson constitute a committee to arrange so that the General Conference may be released from furnishing support to Miss Hiva Starr at the earliest possible date.

DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Some unions, receiving help from General Conference appropriations, asked counsel as to whether they should send all the representatives allowed by the Constitution.

VOTED, That we advise the Southern and Southeastern Unions to send full delegations, notwithstanding the fact that they are receiving financial help.

VOTED, That we counsel the West Canadian Union to send a full delegation.

VOTED, That we advise that two delegates be appointed for the Levant Union, leaving the selection to the members in Europe.

VOTED, That we advise that four delegates be sent from Russia.

VOTED, That we invite Brother Guy Dail, assistant secretary for Europe, to attend as a delegate at large.

VOTED, That we suggest to the South African Union that they send at least three delegates to the next General Conference.

A letter from J W Westphal asked counsel as to the number of delegates from South America.

VOTED, That we suggest that South America send five delegates, including N Z Town, who has already been voted a furlough this year.

U Bender, of the West Indian Union, asked counsel not only as to delegation, but as to the plan they had formed of holding the regular biennial session of the W I Union in Washington at the time of the General Conference, inasmuch as the expense of getting together in that island field would be about as much as to gather in Washington.

VOTED, That we counsel the West Indian Union to send a full delegation, and approve of their plan of holding the union meeting at the time of the Conference.

VOTED, That we call Elder J A Morroy, of Bermuda, to the General Conference as a delegate.

VOTED, That the matter of a delegate from the West Coast of Africa be referred to the minority quorum.

VOTED, That we approve of calling two delegates from China, leaving their selection to the minority quorum.

VOTED, That we appoint at least one representative from Japan, and that the selection of this delegate and the decision as to a second representative be left with the minority quorum.

VOTED, That we recommend not to exceed two delegates from India, and that we leave the selection to the minority quorum.

VOTED, That we call two delegates from Mexico, leaving the selection to the minority quorum.

VOTED, That Elder C D M Williams, of the Hawaiian mission be called as a delegate.

VOTED, That the secretary be instructed to communicate with officers of union conferences in America, suggesting that in the selection of delegates, consideration be given to the desirability of appointing among the delegation such old pioneers and burden-bearers in the work as should be present with their counsel and inspiration, and who may be resident within the unions, though possibly not now holding official positions in the work.

R C Porter, of the Southwestern Union, asked counsel as to the mission fields supported by the union.

VOTED, That we advise the Southwestern Union to send one representative from each of its mission fields.

In reply to a request from W H Thurston, it was--

VOTED, That we counsel the Canadian Union to send a full delegation.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 22, 1908, 7 P.M.

The twenty-second meeting of the Council was called at 7 P.M., April 22. Prayer by H R Salisbury. Minutes were read.

AUSTRALASIA:

The hour was devoted to Australasia and the East Indies. O A Olsen stated that they are operating in fields having a population of over forty-eight millions. New Guinea is about to be added, Brother Carr and wife expecting to enter that field in June. The number of Sabbath-keepers is up to 4,150. The tithes and offerings have increased, being last year altogether about \$4,300 more than the preceding year. The book sales last year were about \$80,000, which is an increase of about \$4,600 over the previous year. Thus there is growth in every department.

The work in Fiji has shown the greatest development of any in the islands. Fiji has ten churches, with 133 members, and 100 new Sabbath-keepers were reported during the last year. The training school work has been the great factor in Fiji, developing successful native laborers.

The mission in Samoa, for some time suspended, has been resumed, Brother J E Steele and wife, of Australia, having begun work in the old mission premises.

The school work in Tonga has prospered, 60 pupils being in attendance.

Eastern Polynesia is left very destitute of workers, and calls for a man and wife to take up educational work.

In Australia and New Zealand every conference has stood loyally ready to supply their workers for the island fields. Elder Olsen said that he had been so rejoiced to see the same spirit of reaching out to supply the fields on the part of those attending this Council. Very encouraging results are following the development of the young people's work in the Union.

The Avondale training school has more students than ever before. A new school has been established in New Zealand, and opened with 50 students. Another school has opened in Heidelberg, West Australia, with 12 students, and the number is growing. Calls for help for various posts were made.

Elder Olsen said that the Australasian brethren charged him to bring their greetings to the brethren in America, and to give assurance of their love and fellowship in service and loyalty to the one world-wide work.

J A V A A N D E A S T I N D I E S:

Geo. Teasdale spoke for the East Indies. The headquarters of our work there is Singapore, a vast cosmopolitan city. People representing many adjacent lands are becoming interested in the truth, Malays, Tamils, Chinese, and others, and from this center the truth will be carried out to regions beyond. The educated Chinese young people of that region speak Malay and English, as well as Chinese. It is hoped that a printing plant already started, may afford work for the students in the Singapore training school. Canvassers have shown that Malay and Chinese books can be sold. There is a vast Malay field to be reached.

There is a call for a young man and wife to locate on the West Coast of Sumatra, at the point that touches Battak-land, the land where already the truth has a foothold, several young Battaks being in the Singapore school.

Java is most densely populated. Three native languages are spoken, while the Dutch is the official language. There are about 50,000 people of Dutch descent. All speak Malay, and we may hope to find workers among these people to assist in carrying forward the work in this unhealthy land.

In addition to the workers called for, Java asks for a tent for meetings.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 23, 1908, 9 A.M.

The twenty-third meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M., April 23. Prayer was offered and Minutes read.

COMMITTEE ON GERMAN CANVASSING:

The following report of the committee on German canvassing work was adopted:--

Recommended:--

~~MOVED~~, That E Max Trummer be invited to act as General Agent of the German canvassing work west of the Mississippi River; and that he undertake to train his successor to take his place when he goes to South America, in 1909, as already arranged.

~~MOVED~~, That the Kansas City Branch pay one-third of the wages of Brother Max Trummer, and that the remaining ~~two~~ two-thirds be paid by the union conferences in which he labors, on the basis of the time spent in each union.

~~MOVED~~, That H Tonjes be invited to act as General Agent of the German canvassing work in the Greater New York and New Jersey Conferences, and that he also act as field missionary agent in the Greater New York Conference; and that the Review and Herald Publishing Association pay one-third of his wages and expenses, and the Greater New York and New Jersey Conferences share the remaining two-thirds in proportion to the time spent in each conference.

GERMAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:

The committee on the German young people's work presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:--

In regard to the request of the German council held in Chicago in November and December, 1907, for a German Young People's Secretary for the Northern, Central, and Southwestern Union Conferences:--

Inasmuch as the appointment of one man for this large field would involve large traveling expenses; and inasmuch as conditions have changed in the Northern Union since this request was made, by the appointment of a German Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the North Dakota Conference, which contains a very large number of Germans; we recommend,--

1. That the North Dakota secretary, J P Simon, be asked by the Northern Union Conference to assist, as far as possible, the other Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the union in their German young people's work, acting as a German Assistant Missionary Volunteer secretary for the union.

2. That Professor G A Grauer be asked to act as German Assistant Missionary Volunteer secretary in the Central and Southwestern Union Conferences, spending the summer vacations in field work, and keeping up active correspondence throughout the year, and that the Central Union Conference provide a typewriter and other facilities for this work, and audit his account.

TAKOMA CHURCH BUILDING:

The committee appointed on this question (R A Underwood, H W Cottrell, E T Russell, Allen Moon, I H Evans) made the following report, which was adopted:--

Your committee appointed to consider the erection of a suitable church building for the District of Columbia, would recommend the following:--

1. That we believe a Memorial church building should be erected in Takoma Park, of sufficient size to accommodate gatherings of 1,200 people, or thereabout.
2. That we advise the Takoma Park church to not go ahead with the erection of any church building this year, owing to local conditions in some union conferences.
3. That at the next General Conference plans be laid for raising the necessary funds to erect a suitable church building at Takoma Park.

SOUTH DAKOTA PETITION:

The following report was adopted:--

The committee on the Memorial from the South Dakota Conference concerning the Black Hills section recommend, after giving careful thought to the matter, that, as the question concerns more especially the Northern and Central Unions, it be referred to those conferences.

FOREIGN WORK IN AMERICA:

The following suggestions presented by Brethren Haffner, Reinks, Christian, Edwards, and Kern, were adopted by the Council:--

Since there are at least fifteen million foreigners in this country, not counting the Germans and Scandinavians, for whom as yet we have done almost no work at all; and since the Review and Herald has established a branch office in New York to supply literature to these nationalities, and the General Conference has appointed a man to work for the distribution of this literature, not only in New York, but all through the country; therefore, we suggest the following:--

1. That the conferences and churches, in whose borders there are large numbers of these foreigners, be asked to buy and distribute a liberal supply of this literature.

2. That a fund to be known as "The Foreign Literature Fund" be secured, for the free distribution of literature among these people, said fund to be started by an appropriation from the General Conference.

3. That our large young people's societies connected with our training schools be encouraged to assist in distributing this literature, the details of this plan of work to be formulated by the Missionary Volunteer Department and Brother Adolph Boettcher

4. That arrangements be made for Brother Boettcher to visit the camp-meetings in a few of the conferences where there are large numbers of these foreigners.

5. That short articles about these foreign nationalities appear occasionally in the Review and in the German and Scandinavian papers.

TIME OF NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The Council considered again the motion pending in a former meeting setting the time of the next General Conference.

↓ VOTED, That the time of holding the next General Conference be set as May 13 to June 6, 1909.

↓ VOTED, That we urge our school managers to so adjust their school calendars next year ~~so~~ that the schools will close by the date of the opening of the General Conference.

TEN-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN:

The Council discussed the methods of raising the ten-cent-a-week fund for missions. All the union conferences have approved of the plan. It will add over \$190,000 a year to the present mission income.

R A Underwood urged the matter of Sabbath gifts to the work, and urged that the mid-summer offering to be taken July 4 should be worked up, and a very liberal donation secured.

G B Thompson called attention to the Sabbath-school offering, showing that the amount given in our Sabbath-schools had increased to \$71,753.01 the past year, and thought a like organization in the local church would raise the amount.

H W Cottrell emphasized the importance of instructing and educating the churches as to the needs, and favored strengthening the Sabbath offerings.

W B White stated that the North Pacific brethren were working at the plan, but found embarrassment in the fact that different enterprises are so often working through the field gathering money.

M E Kern emphasized the desirability of some systematic plan of mission study.

A G Daniells stated that every man ought to get right at the details. The church elder should list his membership and see just the amount to be raised each week and month, and watch to get the money in, appointing solicitors if necessary.

The conference presidents might list the churches and their membership, and perhaps appoint some worker to see that the church elders have information and to watch reports and help the elders.

The union president could watch the conferences of the union, and have the union office keep in touch with each conference and secure reports month by month as to how the fund is coming on.

The General Conference office should keep in touch with the union president and office.

Last year in America \$149,260 was given to missions by all the offerings, whereas ten cents a week per member would have brought \$343,200.

Allen Moon spoke of the inability of some churches to raise what other churches might readily do, and wished that some basis might be devised other than that of so much per capita. He urged that, with so great demands in foreign fields, care should be given to avoid tying up large funds in new enterprises at home.

W J Fitzgerald suggested that efforts be made to raise the Sabbath-school gifts to five cents a week.

R C Forter reported that they have arranged in the Southwestern Union to place a missionary map in the hands of each conference laborer, and to set some facts of missionary needs before the churches every week.

I H Brans urged the regular and systematic use of the collection envelopes, Sabbath by Sabbath.

VOICED. That we request the officers of the General Conference to send letters on the mission offerings now and ~~then~~ direct to church elders, a copy being sent also to conference officers and laborers.

VOTED, That the question of Sabbath-school offerings and missions, and the introduction of mission studies into the lesson quarterly, be referred to a committee for report, the members being G B Thompson, I H Evans, M E Kern, H W Cottrell, W J Fitzgerald.

The chairman named the same committee as the one to be appointed to consider the request from the Pacific Union for the assignment of China as a special object for their contributions.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That entertainment at the next General Conference be provided free to the delegates on the following basis:--

Each union and local conference in the United States to provide for the expense of accredited delegates.

The General Conference to provide for the expense of delegates from Canada and fields abroad.

The expense to be at as low a rate as possible, itemized accounts to be kept and the bills to be rendered to each union and local conference after the meeting.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 23, 1908, 3 P.M.

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 23. Prayer by F M Burg. Minutes were read.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

The secretary read a communication from Mrs E T Nowlen, of Belize, British Honduras, announcing the death of their little daughter, Marjorie Nowlen. By rising vote the action was taken:--

↓ That the secretary be authorized to frame a resolution expressing the sympathy of the council with Brother and Sister Nowlen in the loss of their little daughter.

COMMITTEE ON KOREA:

↓ The committee on the selection of a superintendent for Korea presented the names of R B Thurber, C T Hedfield, C L Benson as suggestive candidates, leaving the minority quorum to make the selection from among these or other possible candidates.

EUROPEAN ITEMS:

↓ Items regarding the return of E Schwantes, of Portugal, to Brazil, and the appointment of A Schwantes, of Germany, to Portugal, and the offer of H Meyer and F Loftfield for Europe, were referred to the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

The adjustment of certain old International Tract Society (London) accounts was referred to a committee as follows: L R Conradi, H W Cottrell, C H Jones, E E Andross..

PHYSICIAN FOR SWITZERLAND:

↓ **VOICED**, That a physician be secured as soon as possible, who may be able to qualify for work in Switzerland.

EAST AFRICAN MISSIONS:

↓ Counsel was asked as to the oversight of missions in East Africa, missions now being opened by the German, British, and Scandinavian Unions. The question is whether each of these East African fields shall be administered independently of the unions, or whether some general supervision can be arranged.

↓ **VOICED**, That it is the sense of this Committee that the territory of East Africa, beginning at the southern boundary of German East Africa, and covering the countries northeastward to the southern boundary of the Egyptian field, constitute the East African Mission field.

↓ **VOICED**, That a superintendent for this territory be selected by the General Conference Committee quorum in Europe.

That the territory be directed as a whole, unitedly.

↓ That the general oversight and correspondence from the territory center in the office of the General Conference Committee in Europe.

That if Europe is not able to raise sufficient funds to operate the missions as the fields develop, help be given by General Conference appropriations.

L. R. CONRADI TO AFRICA:

↓ VOTED, That we request L. R. Conradi to visit the East African mission fields this autumn.

↓ VOTED, That L. R. Conradi be invited to visit the South African Union field and missions, if possible, on his trip to Africa.

LEVANT NURSES:

↓ VOTED, That we request Sister Adelaide Khurda, a Syrian nurse, now in America, to return to Beirut, Syria, to engage in the work.

↓ VOTED, That we invite Sister Kalva, a Greek nurse, of Constantinople, to engage in work in Smyrna.

LICENSES BY LOCAL BOARDS:

VOTED, That we authorize the Advisory Mission Committee in mission fields to grant annually ministerial and missionary licenses to the native and locally selected workers, that the ordination of laborers and the granting of credentials in General Conference mission fields be by action of the General Conference Committee, in counsel with the mission Advisory Committee; and further, that the mission Advisory Committee supply the General Conference office with a list of those to whom papers are granted.

SCANDINAVIAN COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Scandinavian items on the Agenda Paper be referred to a committee for recommendation, the committee being L. R. Conradi, L. N. Christian, E. F. Andross, O. A. Olsen, and A. G. Daniells.

ABYSSINIA:

↓ VOTED, That we recommend that the Scandinavian brethren in America be encouraged to unite with the Scandinavian Union in selecting and supporting missionaries for the Abyssinian mission, all money from America for the mission to be raised and sent, not as a special fund, but through the regular channels.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 23, 1908, 7:15 P. M.

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Council was called at 7:15 P.M. Prayer by M C Strachan. Minutes were read.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:

The chairman stated that the evening hour would be devoted to the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, which had now its first opportunity to present its plans of work before a Committee council since the organization of the department at the Oland council.

M E Kern read a report of the work of the department. The three great features emphasized in the efforts for the youth are prayer, study, and work. There are cheering signs of an awakening among the youth, but yet the necessity of putting forth efforts to train the army of youth into service presses more and more.

The general plan of organization was presented, also an outline of the detailed plans for local organizations as worked out by the department.

↓ VOTED, That we approve of the plans presented by the Department, as printed in Missionary Volunteer Leaflet No. 4, and recommend them to the conferences and churches.

↓ The following resolution was also adopted:--

Recognizing the blessing of God that attended our Sabbath-school and Young People's convention, held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, last July, and in the organization of our Young People's work as a separate department of the General Conference,--

We recommend to all our union and local conferences the adoption of the plans worked out by the convention, and that, as far as possible, separate workers be chosen for this department of the work, who can spend their entire time in earnest labor for the youth among us, thus making the plans that are now being developed effective.

The chair stated that it was evident that by Friday evening it would be impossible to cover all of the general topics that should be considered before the visiting members returned. He suggested the extension of the time of the Council.

VOTED, That it is the sense of this Committee that the Council continue until next Sunday night, or until the important business is disposed of.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 1906, 9 A.M.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Council was called at 9 A.M., April 24. L R Conradi in the chair.

After prayer and reading of the minutes, reports from committees were called for:--

SCANDINAVIAN MATTERS:

The special committee on Scandinavian matters presented the following report, which was adopted:--

We recommend,--

1. That Brother J C Raft, of Denmark, take the presidency of the Scandinavian Union.
2. That Elder N C Bergerson, of Iowa, go to Denmark to become president of that conference.
3. That Brother O A Johnson, of Norway, return to the States, to work in the North Pacific Union, with a view of beginning a Scandinavian department in Walla Walla College as soon as such a step is possible.
4. That the Scandinavians in America send two young Danish-Norwegian men to Scandinavia to study, with the purpose of becoming laborers in Scandinavia, and that they be supported during their study time in Scandinavia by a fund provided in this country.

5. That Carl Hansen, of the Foreign Mission Seminary labor for the present in Norway.

6. That N F Nilson, of South Dakota, go to Slesvig, Germany, to labor; and that Otto Madsen, of Slesvig, go to Iowa.

7. That two young Scandinavians in America be encouraged to prepare for the Abyssinian mission field.

The committee on Distribution of Labor made a partial report, on which action was deferred, in order to give members time for considering the same.

WEST INDIAN UNION PRINTING OFFICE:

The committee on the West Indian Union printing work made a report, which was adopted as follows:--

We recommend, That the publishing interests in the West Indies be consolidated; that both printing offices be removed to Colon; that the plants and materials in both Fort of Spain and Forto Rice be sold, if they can be disposed of to a advantage; that the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide \$4000 on building and equipment.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM:

The treasurer stated that suggestions had come from experienced missionary workers using the possibility of gathering much means for foreign missions by gifts from outside. He proposed that a special mission symposium number of the Review be issued for distribution on Thanksgiving Day, and that all our people be asked to solicit donations to missions as these are distributed. Those who have suggested the plan believe that many thousands of dollars would be gathered in.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan for a Thanksgiving missions number of the Review, to be used in informing the people of the world as to our work, and in gathering Thanksgiving gifts from the world for missions, and that the working out of the details of the plan be referred to the General Conference officers.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS:

The Committee on Appropriations made a partial report, which was discussed and action deferred until further report.

Adjourned.

L R CONRAD, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 1908, 11:30 A. M.

At 11:30 A.M., the Council adjourned and members of the Committee met by themselves to consider further business. F.T. Magan and T E Bowen met with the Committee.

HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL:

The chairman reported the encouraging situation at Huntsville, as regards the staff of workers at the school. The great need now is means to secure the necessary equipment, what they have now being inadequate.

The call from Huntsville is for \$11,375, of this \$5000 being for the sanitarium.

They plan a tomato canning industry, a silo, and other improvements in the farm work, and a sanitarium.

VOTED, That the call for an appropriation of \$11,375 for the Huntsville school and sanitarium be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, with the request that they take favor action.

MADISON SCHOOL:

The chairman introduced the call for help from Madison, stating that he was favorably impressed with the location, on a recent visit, and that the buildings are economically put up. A good body of students are attending. He spoke of the difficulty he had felt in the past as regards knowing how to relate himself to the work at Madison, growing out of the attitude the brethren in charge had taken in the controversy that arose some years ago. However, as he had met with these brethren he believed that they had taken their stand in fully harmony with the General Conference, and he felt confidence that all the difficulties as to personal relationships are removed.

The General Conference Committee quorum in session on the Pacific Coast in the winter had voted, approving of raising \$10,000 for the Madison work, Professor Sutherland being with the Committee at the time, and ready to arrange with western conferences to quietly solicit the funds. He very likely has a good proportion unpledged. The Committee quorum there felt that they must provide for the \$10,000, and leave the \$9,500 balance called for to decision by the full Committee.

F T Magan stated that he and Brother Sutherland reciprocated in every way the expressions of Elder Daniells. He recounted the history of opening the school at Madison, Sister White having given counsel as to the exact property, which she had visited, and which they took, although at first not feeling favorably impressed with the place. He read legal testimony as to the form of incorporation of the school.

(A recess was taken to 2:30)

On resuming, F T Magan continued explanations as to the terms of the charter under which the property is held.

VOTED, That a committee, H W Cottrell, G A Irwin, R C Porter, R A Underwood, W J Fitzgerald, A G Daniells, I H Evans, be requested to consider the Madison school question and report.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 1908, 3 P.M.

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Council was called at 3 P.M., April 24. Prayer by E W Farnsworth, Minutes were read.

J A P A N:

Japanese questions were taken up.

S A N I T A R I U M:

VOTED, That we advise the Japanese committee to defer, if practicable, the erection or purchase of a sanitarium property until some one may be able to visit that field, or until they may receive further definite counsel if they are unable to extend the lease of their present institution;

DR S LOCKWOOD:

↓ **VOTED,** That we express to Dr S A Lockwood and Dr Myrtle Lockwood our sincere regret that the health of Sister Lockwood is such that it seems unwise for them to plan to return to Japan as proposed, and that we assure them of our prayers that Sister Lockwood may recover health and strength to engage in the work as she so much desires to do.

TANIMOTO:

↓ **VOTED,** That the Japanese Brother, Tanimoto, of Berrien Springs, be advised to remain another year in this country before returning to Japan.

ORDINATION OF W J BURDEN:

↓ **VOTED,** That the secretary correspond with the Japan mission committee, and that, if they recommend it, Brother W J Burden be ordained to the ministry at the earliest opportunity.

WEST AFRICA:

↓ **VOTED,** That we appropriate \$1,500 for the Sierra Leone school work, for the purpose of purchasing a property described by D C Babcock.

VOTED, That an amount equal to the annual offering of the West Coast believers be added to the appropriation, to apply on their church building fund.

CHINA:

↓ **VOTED,** That we approve of the plan of the China committee to locate their printing office in Shanghai, in temporary rented quarters at the first.

↓ **VOTED,** That ministerial licenses be granted to F J Laird E H Wilbur, & A Allum.

↓ **VOTED,** That we express to the workers in China our appreciation of the resolution adopted by the Shanghai general meeting in approval of the plan of the Foreign Mission Seminary.

VOTED, That the secretary ascertain from China if they desire a canvasser sent from this country for Hankow, and that, if so, the canvasser be selected and sent.

LEVANT:

↓ **VOTED**, That L R Conradi and W A Spicer prepare a reply to the request of the American Board of Missions that we vacate Asia Minor, leaving that field to the American Board.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

April 25, 1908, 7:30 P M

Prayer by R A Underwood and E W Farnsworth.

SOUTH AFRICA:

↓ **VOTED**, That we invite R C Porter and wife, of the Southwestern Union, to make South Africa their field of labor, Elder Porter to take the presidency of the South African Union; and that we invite Mrs Eggleston, mother of Mrs Porter, to accompany them to South Africa.

↓ **VOTED**, That we invite Elder W S Hyatt and family to return to the United States, to engage in the work in this country, as soon as it may seem advisable after Elder Porter's arrival.

FOOD BUSINESS:

A proposition was presented as to whether the General Conference could do anything to encourage the opening of a food business in the South--either by the union conference or by persons operating on their own account, but in connection with the work as a missionary undertaking.

Considerable discussion was given to the question, and action was deferred until further consideration could be given it at a later meeting.

INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISES IN SOUTH:

Southern brethren asked consideration of the difficulty experienced by them in their relations with the North because of the fact that private enterprises and independent operators

go into the churches of the North to gather funds, creating friction and feeling.

VOTED, That the minutes of the previous action of the Committee in council at College View be looked up by the secretary, and that he with H W Cottrell and G A Irwin be a committee to determine whether the action is sufficiently clear to cover all points that should be made prominent, and to recommend as the announcement which should properly be made in the Review and state papers in order to help recognize enterprises and to guard our people.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1908, 9 A.M.

Prayer by E T Russell. Minutes were read. G A Olsen was requested to occupy the chair.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION MEMORIAL:

Reports of committees being called for, the committee on the Memorial from the North Pacific Union reported. After discussion, it was--

VOTED, That the subject of the support of church ~~and~~ schools be referred to the Educational Department for thorough investigation, for the presentation of well defined plans at a later date.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

A partial report of the committee on distribution of labor was presented, which after consideration and amendment, was adopted as follows:--

We recommend,--

1. That M C Whitmarsh, of West Michigan, make the New York Conference his field of labor.
2. That M C Satchan, of Washington, return to Nashville, to labor, as soon as his place can be supplied, and that we request the District Committee to secure a supply as soon as possible
3. That O Montgomery, of North Michigan, labor in the Philippines.
4. That J B Hughley, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, connect with the Quebec Conference in ministerial work.
5. That A R Sandborn, of East Michigan, be invited to take the presidency of the Vermont Conference.
6. That W H Saxby and wife, of Boise, Idaho, be recommended to labor in New Orleans, in charge of the city mission there.
7. That the German Union be asked to furnish a Dutch laborer for the Netherlands East Indies.

MADISON SCHOOL:

The committee on the Madison school made a report which was adopted as follows:--

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our approval of the recommendation of the Southern Union Conference encouraging the brethren of the Madison school to secure further aid for completing their plant, and we recommend that contributions to the amount of \$9,500 in addition to the \$10,000 already provided be secured.

2. That it is the sense of this Committee that the efforts in behalf of the Madison and Huntsville schools and the Southern Missionary Society be combined, adding also the Scandinavian Union educational fund, and the Russian school, and that the funds raised for the same be apportioned on a percentage basis, to be agreed upon by a committee composed of G A Irwin, F T Magan, F M Burg, L H Christian, and G F Haffner.

I N D I A:

India items were referred to the minority quorum of the Committee.

SOUTHEASTERN UNION BUSINESS:

VOTED, That the call for a physician for Atlanta be referred to the medical department.

VOTED, That the call for further help for Graysville Academy be referred to the Academy Board and the Southern and Southeastern union conference committees.

VOTED, That decision as to the manner of auditing and paying workers sent into the South by northern conferences as planned for in the coming tent efforts, be referred to the presidents and vice-presidents of the Southern and Southeastern Unions and the officers of the General Conference.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

The following resolutions were adopted:--

Whereas, The forces which are seeking to secure Sunday legislation throughout the country are rapidly molding public sentiment in favor of such legislation; and,--

Whereas, In order to meet this growing evil, our people should be thoroughly organized; therefore,--

Resolved, That we recommend that our union and local conferences so perfect their organization for religious liberty work in their respective territories that during the coming year every citizen within the limits of each conference may in some way be warned of the coming crisis.

Whereas, There is great need of qualified workers to engage in the religious liberty work; therefore,--

Resolved, That we recommend that instruction upon the principles of religious liberty be given in all our schools, and that suitable persons be selected by our union and local conferences to assist in carrying on aggressive religious liberty work in the states and at Washington, D.C., whenever campaigns are on for Sunday enforcement, for the experience and education they would receive from such work.

Whereas, Experience has demonstrated that the holding of institutes and like assemblies is an excellent method of educating our workers and people concerning different phases of the truth; therefore,--

Resolved, That we recommend the holding of religious liberty institutes, councils, and conventions in all of our local and union conferences, as far as practical arrangements can be made for conducting and holding them.

Whereas, Much may be accomplished in enlightening the people upon the principles of religious liberty and the great issues involved in religious legislation through the dissemination of literature; therefore,--

Resolved, That we urge upon our people everywhere throughout the United States and Canada that they give as wide a circulation as possible to our magazine LIBERTY and our religious liberty tracts and leaflets.

Whereas, The liquor traffic is a great social evil, in that it is a menace to the home, the city, the state, and the nation; and,--

Whereas, There is a great movement on in this country to stay the tide of this iniquitous traffic; therefore,--

Resolved, That we exert every consistent and laudable effort in opposing the liquor traffic by our example, our pen, our voice, and our vote.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

VOTED, That the week of prayer be held from December 12 to 19.

HEALTH FOOD WORK:

The topic of health food production was again taken up, and the following action taken:--

Whereas, The General Conference Committee has received, through its chairman, a communication addressed to it by W C White concerning the advisability of establishing one or more food factories in the South and in the East, for the purpose of supplying our institutions and people with the manufactured health foods recognized by our people as health products, we extend to W C White our sincere thanks for his kindness in calling our attention to this important part of the work, and would respectfully recommend the following:--

1. That we do not see our way clear to recommend the establishment of a food factory in the South, controlled and operated by the Southern Union Conference, for the following reasons:--

(a) The Southern Union Conference has no money with which to start the enterprise.

↓ (b) Any funds which the Southern Union Conference would invest in the enterprise would have to be contributed by the General Conference, and its treasury is not sufficiently supplied with funds to warrant an investment in this line of work at the present time.

↓ (c) We fear there would be entailed on the Southern Union Conference a large annual deficit in operating said plant.

↓ (d) We do not deem it absolutely necessary that the organized evangelical bodies should control and operate food manufacturing plants in order that the medical branch of our work succeed.

↓ 2. That we see no objection to individuals or private parties undertaking to build up a health food enterprise in the South if they do it out of their own finances without soliciting contributions from our people to support the same.

↓ 3. That we hereby pledge ourselves to do everything we can to advance the work of the third angel's message in the medical line by encouraging our ministry to lecture on health principles, teaching our people to properly cook and prepare suitable foods to preserve life and health, encouraging our doctors from our institutions, and other workers, to visit our churches and camp-meetings, giving lectures, holding cooking schools for the enlightenment of our people; that we encourage our people to circulate the medical journal, LIFE AND HEALTH, and to distribute tracts on health topics; and that we do all we can to extend the cause of temperance and to stem the tide of intemperance that is prevailing everywhere in the land.

CANADIAN UNION ITEMS:

↓ VOTED, That the call for \$1,800 for the Williamsdale Academy be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for favorable consideration.

↓ VOTED, That the request from Toronto for help in July and August for a tent effort be referred to the officers for favorable consideration if possible.

AUSTRALASIAN MATTERS:

↓ VOTED, That we respond favorably to the request of the Australasian Union Conference for some General Conference laborer for their union conference in September, and that if the selection of the laborer cannot be arranged during the Council, the matter be referred to the minority quorum.

Adjourned.

O A OLSEN, Chairman.
W A SICKER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1908, 3 P.M.

Prayer by R C Forter. Minutes were read.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

The session was devoted to the work of the Medical Department. The chair called on Dr W A Ruble, secretary of the Department, to introduce the business. After discussion of the various topics, the following actions were taken:—

CAMP-MEETING HELP:

VOICED, > That our conferences be encouraged to make arrangements for attendance and instruction from our medical workers at the camp-meeting, and to provide suitable tents and facilities for their work. <

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

VOICED, > That a committee of seven be appointed by the chair, himself to be one member, to take under advisement the matter of making the best possible provision for giving our young people a medical education, the committee to make the best provision they can the coming year, and to make report on the matter at the next General Conference.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING":

L R Conradi described the successful work done with this relief book in Germany. No definite action was taken.

SICK POOR IN INSTITUTIONS :

After discussion of plans followed in various parts of the world, it was left without action for the Medical Department to work up with union and local conferences the matter of maintaining free beds in our sanitariums.

(A recess was taken for a few moments)

After recess M E Kern led in prayer.

L R Conradi was asked to take the chair.

ENTERPRISES GATHERING FUNDS:

The committee to draw up a resolution regarding the soliciting of funds among the churches made a report, which was adopted as follows:--

Whereas, There are many demands for financial aid in building up institutions in our weaker conferences and mission fields; and,--

Whereas, It is often desirable that some person representing these enterprises be permitted to solicit donations in our stronger conferences, and, unless care is taken, confusion is likely to result from several persons' donating through the conferences for various enterprises at the same time; therefore,--

Resolved, That any special enterprises for which donations are solicited from the people should first receive the sanction of the General Conference and the union conference in which such enterprise is undertaken. And that persons sent out to solicit such donations first receive suitable credentials from the union conference from which he comes, and that satisfactory arrangements be made, certified in writing, with the union and local conferences in which he wishes to solicit before he enters upon his work.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS:

The Committee on Appropriations presented their report, which was adopted as follows:--

Your committee on Appropriations respectfully recommend that appropriations be made to various fields and enterprises, as follows:--

	Total Required	Appropriated from Treasury
1		
1 China Mission	\$26,800	\$24,300
2 Australasian Union	27,001.71	8,500
3 Honolulu	1,200	1,200
4 India Mission	19,883	15,598
5 Japan Mission	9,745.10	8,795
6 Mexico Mission	7,401.46	5,801
7 South African Union	22,916	20,000
8 West African Mission	2,000	2,000
9 West Indian Union	29,768	16,539
10 European Field	37,700	10,000
11 British Educational Fund		2,000
12 Southern Union	12,500	9,000

13.	Southeastern Union	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,200
14.	Canadian Union	8,748	5,048
15.	West Canadian Union	29,052	7,500
16.	Inter. Pub. Assn, C. View		350
17.	Southwestern Union	6,310	4,600
18.	Greater New York Conference		2,500
19.	Chesapeake Conference		750
20.	Shenandoah Academy (Va.)		1,000
21.	Riversdale Academy (W. I. Union)		4,000
22.	South American Union		15,000
23.	Danish-Norwegian Work in America		1,000
24.	West African School		1,500
25.	Williamsdale Academy		1,800
26.	Colon Printing Plant, (Building)		2,500
	" " " (Equipment)		1,500
27.	Mayti Church Building		200
28.	Scandinavian Educational Fund for Europe		2,000
29.	Huntsville Industrial School		11,375
			<hr/> \$191,556
30.	We recommend that the General Conference appropriate \$1,000 to be expended under the direction of the North American Foreign Department, for the production and distribution of Jewish literature		1,000
31.	We recommend that the Russian Union Conference be encouraged to plan for the establishment of a school as soon as advisable, and that \$5,000 be appropriated by the General Conference for that purpose.		5,000
32.	That an appropriation be made for the purchase of tents for the Southeastern Union, Virginia, and West Virginia Conferences at an aggregate cost of about--		525
33.	That the Treasurer be instructed to adjust an account with the Caribbean and the British Guiana Conferences, and that \$674.96 be appropriated for that purpose.		674
34.	For establishing the work in Singapore		5,000
	GRAND TOTAL,		<hr/> \$203,756

55. We further recommend,--

(a) That it is to be understood that no appropriation is to be considered a debt to any field or institution.

(b) That the workers be supported out of the funds from month to month before institutions receive their appropriations.

(c) That in case of shortage of funds to pay all institutional appropriations, the minority committee decide which institutions shall receive the first remittance.

(d) That we authorize the minority Committee to vary these appropriations according to the needs of the fields.

A recess was taken for thirty minutes.

After recess business was resumed, with A G Daniells in the chair.

VOTED, That we recognize the need of giving attention to verifying references and working over the text of some publications in various languages, and we request the minority quorum to make some provision for this work.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The committee on distribution of labor made a further report, and recommendations were adopted as follows:--

The committee on Distribution of Labor recommend,--

✓ 1. That the name of G M Brown, formerly of Mexico, be substituted for that of Elder Ogden in a former report recommended to labor in Cuba.

✓ 2. That J W Bair, of Kansas, take the superintendency of the West Texas mission field.

✓ 3. That F Meyer, of Pennsylvania, be advised to let the matter of his transfer to Germany be an open question until the time of the next General Conference.

✓ 4. That we recommend favorably the transfer of E Schwantes from Portugal to South America, and that the matter of this removal and the filling of the vacancy in Portugal be left with the European members of the General Conference Committee and the brethren of the South American field.

✓ 5. That we recommend E F Collier, of West Michigan, to Ontario, to engage in ministerial work.

WEST INDIAN LABORERS:

The Committee on West Indian laborers made a report, which was adopted as follows: ---

↓ 1. That S H Carnahan and wife, of Walla Walla, go to Cuba to engage in self-supporting school work, their transportation to be paid, and the details of their work to be arranged between themselves and the executive committee of the West Indian Union Conference.

↓ 2. That Jennie Nelson, of Minnesota, go to St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, to engage in school work, and that her transportation be ~~paid~~; further we advise that she remain in the United States till September, to take special work in the study of the Danish language.

↓ 3. That A Philbrick, of Southern California, go to the Central American Conference to engage in labor there.

↓ 4. That E Fawer, of Hayti, be assigned work in the French American field if possible.

↓ 5. We recommend that Dr ^{H.A.} Greaves, now qualifying in England, go to British Guiana to engage in self-supporting medical practice, and that his transportation be paid by the West Indian Union Conference.

↓ 6. We recommend that the selection of a canvasser to work in the large cities in the British West Indies be referred to the Publishing Department for action as soon as possible.

BOULDER SANITARIUM NOTE:

The Colorado Sanitarium requested the General Conference Association to release them from the amount of interest due on note given by them for \$45,000 in 1897. E T Russell stated that the institution would have a hard time financially even with the interest remitted.

↓ **VOICED.** That owing to large indebtedness of the General Conference, and the stress it is under in responding to calls from all parts of the world, we do not see our way clear to recommend that the request be granted.

(G A Irwin in the chair)

The question of a superintendent for China was taken up, but no action taken.

Adjourned.

W A SPICER,
Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 27, 1908, 8:30 A.M.

Prayer by Elders Conradi, Olsen, and Porter.

E G Y P T:

Elder Conradi introduced the case of Dr Edib, of Egypt, who feels that he needs further office and treatment room equipment, or that he would prefer to return to America and engage in work on his own responsibility. J.J. Methery, superintendent, reports that the Doctor gives no promise of being a strong evangelical factor in Egypt.

VOTED, That we recall Dr Edib from Egypt, L R Conradi and the officers to arrange manner of recall.

G R E E C E:

Professor Howell's rate of wage was discussed, and it was agreed to leave his rate at \$15, and to leave the European brethren to make some allowance on rent in Athens.

I T A L Y:

↓ VOTED, That we make a donation to C E Everson, of Rome, for personal needs, of \$150.

↓ VOTED, That it is the sense of this Committee that C E Everson should be released from school work, so that he may be free to superintend the work of laborers in the field.

↓ VOTED, That we make a grant of \$100 to H Giraldi, of Italy, on account of the necessity he is under to make some arrangements for his invalid sister.

BRITISH UNION:

On account of the health of Sister E E Andross, requiring a change from Great Britain, it was--

↓ VOTED, That we recommend that E E Andross take the presidency of the Columbia Union, and that W J Fitzgerald take the presidency of the British Union.

R C FORTER'S ROUTE:

VOTED, That we advise Elder R C Forter to go to South Africa via Australia.

(Recess was taken for dinner)

On resuming, Geo. Teasdale offered prayer.

F M WILCOX'S WORK:

E T Russell had introduced the matter of a Bible teacher for Union College.

↓ **VOTED,** That we recommend that F M Wilcox, of Boulder, accept the call to Union College as Bible teacher, providing when the time comes, it is clear to him and his associates that he can consistently disconnect from the sanitarium.

EUROPEAN HELP:

↓ **VOTED,** That W J Fitzgerald be requested to go to Europe in time to attend the important summer meetings.

↓ **VOTED,** That E E Andross be recommended to attend the camp-meetings in the Columbia Union.

SOUTHEASTERN UNION:

F M Burg stated that the news from his home indicated that Sister Burg could not be moved from home.

↓ **VOTED,** That we release F M Burg from the call to take the presidency of the Southeastern Union on account of the health of Sister Burg.

↓ **VOTED,** That W A Westworth, of the Southern New England Conference, be asked to take the presidency of the Southeastern Union Conference, and that a telegram be sent him, asking him to meet with the union committee at Graysville next Monday.

ATLANTA SANITARIUM:

↓ **VOTED,** That we help the Southeastern Union to secure a loan of \$4,000 for the Atlanta Sanitarium, to put it in condition for business, or, if absolutely necessary, that we make the loan.

Q U E B E C:

↓ **VOTED,** That we invite Brother Fawer, of Hayti, to take up work under the Quebec Conference, and that we add to the Canadian Union appropriation sufficient to cover his wage and transportation to the field.

NORWOOD → SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

↓ VOTED, That, in case W A Westworth responds to the call to take the presidency of the Southeastern Union, we invite J W Norwood, of St Louis, to take the presidency of the Southern New England Conference.

H L BENSON'S WAGE:

↓ VOTED, That we grant P W Field's recommendation that H L Benson, of Japan, receive \$14 instead of \$13 according to the audit for 1907.

TENT COMPANIES FOR SOUTH:

VOTED, That the distribution of tent companies for the South be made as follows:--

Southern Union: West Michigan, one tent, four men; South Dakota, one tent, one man.

Southeastern Union: Minnesota, one man; East Michigan, one tent, two men; Wisconsin, one tent, two men.

AUSTRALASIAN ITEMS:

↓ VOTED, That we invite Miss Trank, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, to act as preceptress for the school in Cooranbong.

↓ VOTED, That we request the officers to select a laborer for Fiji.

↓ VOTED, That we approve of the calls for a printer for Singapore and for a superintendent for the Warburton office, and that O A Olsen and C H Jones act as a committee to make the selection.

↓ VOTED, That the call for a teacher for Eastern Polynesia be approved, and that O A Olsen and the Educational Department work the matter out.

↓ VOTED, That the selection of a medical man for Cooranbong be referred to O A Olsen, the medical secretary, and the secretary of the General Conference.

↓ VOTED, That we appropriate \$600 to the Eastern Polynesian mission, joining with the Australasian Union, which gives \$500, for the purchase of a schooner.

DR LARSEN--DENMARK:

↓ VOTED, That we recommend Dr August Larsen, of Chicago, to the Skodsborg Sanitarium management as a Scandinavian physician available if they require his services.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1908, 3 P.M.

A G Daniells in the chair. Prayer by U Bender.

WEST INDIAN UNION:

VOTED, That, in reply to the Memorial from the West Indian Union brethren concerning plans for the Jamaica school, we would state:--

1. That the General Conference is not able, with its present information, to outline definitely a policy for the school.
2. That so far as informed, we do not see serious objection to the plan outlined, if the union conference people are united in the plan.
3. That in harmony with the request, we will endeavor to raise the \$4000 voted in the appropriations as soon as possible.

↓ **VOTED**, That we approve of the call from the West Indian Union for another teacher for Jamaica, and refer the selection to U Bender and F Griggs.

↓ **VOTED**, That we refer arrangements for D E Wellman's work, on his return to the United States from the West Indies, to the officers of the General Conference.

↓ Elder Bender presented the difficulty experienced in the conferences where native laborers were dealing with the wage question and desirous of raising the rates more nearly to the standard of the white laborers.

↓ **VOTED**, That we request the officers of the West Indian Union Conference to study the question and suggest the best method possible of dealing with the wage question.

MEXICAN PRINTING PLANT:

↓ **VOTED**, That the treasurer be authorized to at once supply \$500 of the \$1000 appropriated for the Mexican printing plant.

GEO TEASDALE:

↓ **VOTED**, That we recommend Elder Geo Teasdale to remain in this country until it is determined whether his health is such that she may return to the Australasian Union territory.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, '08, 9:30 A.M.

Prayer by K C Russell.

CAMP-MEETING HELP:

VOTED, That W A Spicer go to the Northwestern meetings, spending a week at Union College on the way.

That I H Evans and F Griggs attend the Northern Union meetings.

That G B Thompson and H R Salisbury attend the Central Union meetings.

That I H Evans and F Griggs attend the Lake Union meetings.

That G A Irwin attend the Southwestern Union meetings.

That K C Russell and M E Kern attend the Columbia and Atlantic Union meetings.

That F W Farnsworth and G B Thompson hold themselves in readiness to give help in July to the Southern and Southeastern Unions.

That E R Falmer go to the Southeastern, or Southwestern Union meetings, as may be arranged.

That A G Daniells go to the Australasian Union Conference in September.

VOTED, That E C Widgery be invited to go to British Guiana, and that he be ordained.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1908, 1:30 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, H R Salisbury, F Griggs, W A Spicer.

PROPOSED TRIP OF CHAIRMAN:

The chairman reported that he had visited the steamship agencies to make inquiries about connections and sailings about Australasia and the East Indies. He reported that to go to Australia and the Orient would take so much time that he had felt much misgiving over the proposition. As he thought of the budget appropriated, and the necessity of calling every resource into activity to raise the funds needed, he felt that he ought to settle down for a time and join the treasurer in working for the establishment of the ten-cent-a-week plan. If he carried out the program talked, he would have to go next month.

As the matter was discussed, it was felt a very serious question whether the chairman should plan to be away ~~next month~~ from next month until next January or February. It was suggested that if he went only to the Australasian Union Conference he might sail the last of July. It was--

VOTED, That we advise that the chairman defer going abroad for the present, leaving decision as to Australia to developments later.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 3, 1908, 2 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, H R Salisbury,
F Griggs, K C Russell, W A Spicer.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

↓ VOTED, That we authorize the treasurer to arrange with A Mason to take up work in the treasury department for the present, and that efforts be made to secure some young person to assist in the department to get a training for work in other fields.

H J FARMAN:

↓ VOTED, That we recommend H J Farman to work in Vermont, the General Conference to pay his salary for one year, if Vermont does not feel free to do so.

J O CORLISS:

↓ VOTED, That we invite Elder J O Corliss to fill the call for help in Toronto, to put in the season in a public effort.

B E R M U D A:

↓ VOTED, That the secretary correspond with Bermuda to ascertain if M Enoch and wife could not take up the work in case J A Morrow returns.

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA:

↓ VOTED, That the secretary explain to the Pacific Union the reasons why it does not seem practicable to assign China to that union as a special object of missionary support.

H O N O L U L U:

↓ VOTED, That we authorize C D M Williams, of the Hawaiian Islands, to engage the services of a lady worker, on a trial engagement.

SOUTHERN UNION CONF. ASS'N NOTE:

A request from M B Van Kirk was presented, asking the G C A to remit interest on the note held against them. In view of the necessity of holding G C A assets, it was--

↓ VOTED, That we cannot see our way clear to advise remitting the interest on the Southern Union Conference Association note.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS:

↓ VOTED, That A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, and W A Spicer act as a committee on week of prayer readings.

THANKSGIVING REVIEW:

↓ VOTED, That I H Evans, W W Prescott, W A Spicer, E R Palmer, and D W Reavis be a committee on plans for the Thanksgiving number of the Review, voted by the council to be used as an agency to solicit funds from the general public for foreign missions.

LUKENS---HAYTON:

↓ VOTED, That ministerial credentials be granted Morris Lukens, and a ministerial license to C H Hayton.

ELIZABETH McHUGH:

↓ VOTED, That we invite West Michigan to take charge of the care and support of Sister Elizabeth McHugh, formerly of that conference, now invalided from the South.

J A STRICKLAND:

↓ VOTED, That we grant the request of the District of Columbia Committee for the services of J A Strickland, who is returning from Jamaica.

ELIHU WOOD, JAMAICA:

↓ VOTED, That we request Elihu Wood and wife to make Jamaica their field of labor, to connect with the Riversdale Academy.

FRENCH WEST INDIES:

↓ VOTED, That the secretary correspond with the Latin Union regarding a French worker for the French West Indies.

EAST INDIAN STUDENT:

↓ **VOTED**, That we pay for "Object Lessons" sufficient to supply Wm T Gunraj, East Indian of British Guiana, with funds to pay transportation to America and two years' tuition in one of our schools, he to sell the books and turn all the funds over to the British Guiana Conference, to ^{the Conference} admit for transportation and tuition, and administer the funds in Brother Gunraj's behalf.

C L BENSON, KOREA:

↓ **VOTED**, That we invite C L Benson, of the Northern Union, to go to Korea to take the superintendency of the work in that field.

JAPANESE STUDENT:

↓ **VOTED**, That the case of the Japanese brother, Tanimoto, be referred to H R Salisbury and the secretary to advise as to whether he be encouraged to attend the Foreign Mission Seminary.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 5, 1908, 4 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, I H Evans, G B Thompson, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer; also M E Kern and E R Falmer.

Prayer by M E Kern.

SIERRA LEONE, T M FRENCH:

↓ **VOTED**, That we invite T M French and wife to go to Sierra Leone, to engage in school work.

SOUTH AFRICA, ROWE:

↓ VOTED, That T D Rowe and wife, of Kentucky, be invited to go to South Africa, to engage in school work at the Claremont Union College.

BASUTOLAND, EMMERSON:

↓ VOTED, That we invite M E Emmerson, of Tennessee, to go to Basutoland, South Africa.

J A P A N, POSTER:

↓ VOTED, That we invite Walter Poster and wife, of Southern California, to go to Japan.

EAST INDIES, ROOSENBURG:

↓ VOTED, That we suggest the Dutch East Indies as a field for Brother Rosenberg, of South Lancaster, and invite him to attend the Foreign Mission Seminary to take a year of work as a test of appointment to the field.

M E X I C O, REASER:

↓ VOTED, That we invite G W Reaser to take the superintendency of the Mexican field.

C H I N A, SHROCK:

↓ VOTED, That we invite J H Shrock to go to China, on his marriage to Miss Warren.

I N D I A, SHRYOCK:

↓ VOTED, That we invite Miss Belle Shryock, of the Foreign Seminary, to go to India.

MOOKERJIE, INDIA:

VOTED, That we invite L G Mookerjie and wife, of the Foreign Seminary, to return to India.

↓ VOTED, That Miss Bertha Fuller, nurse, appointed to India, prepare to sail June 1, and that we ask the Caterham Sanitarium to select a nurse to join her in England for India.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 5, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, W A Spicer, K C Russell; also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by W A Spicer.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

VOYED, That we invite H H Hall to go to Mexico to help to start the new colporters and to give counsel in developing the publishing work, and that we request the Pacific Press to allow him to do so.

VOYED, That we refer the selection of a General Conference Missionary Secretary, as voted by the council, to A G Daniells, I H Evans, and E R Palmer.

VOYED, That we ask the Review and Herald to release Robert Lee, to work as stenographer and assistant in the Publishing department.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 6, 1908, 9 A.M.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, K C Russell, F Griggs, W A Spicer, and T E Bowen.

Prayer by K C Russell.

EDYTHE AYRES:

VOTED, That we invite Miss Edythe Ayres, of the Review and Herald, to go to India.

A BOETTCHER:

VOTED, That we refer the matter of A Boettcher's summer work to the secretary of the North American Foreign Department.

VOTED, That the chairman and treasurer appoint a committee of seven, of which they are to be members, as the committee on literature ordered appointed at the council.

A U D I T I N G:

The following recommendation passed by the auditing committee during the council was presented for record in the minutes. It was adopted:--

That in the future the General Conference Committee instructs all its workers that it is permissible for said workers to include hotel lodging and extra room rents away from home as legitimate expense; the same to be submitted to the auditing committee for them to allow or cut out, as may be deemed wise. This does not include meals.

VOTED, That, in harmony with the recommendation of the auditing committee, the treasurer be instructed to place H R Salisbury and D H Kress on the General Conference pay-roll, including last year's audit.

VOTED, That we authorize Mrs L P Flummer to attend the ~~International~~ Interdenominational Sunday-school Union at Louisville, Ky., in June.

TEMPERANCE CENTENNIAL CONVENTION:

VOTED, That we request the secretary to ascertain whether a representative of our denomination can be heard in the Saratoga temperance centennial convention, in June, and that A G Daniells be requested to represent us if the way is opened for a statement of our position on the temperance question; further that A G Daniells, Dr D H Kress, and K C Russell be a committee to prepare a statement for presentation.

VOTED, That we grant the request of the Loma Linda school and assume the salary of the Bible teacher from May 1, for one year.

B L HOUSE:

VOTED, That we pay to the Virginia Conference half the salary of B L House for one year.

C E KNIGHT:

VOTED, That we invite C E Knight and wife, of Seattle, to go to Argentina, South America.

F W SPIES' FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That we invite F W Spies and wife, of Brazil, to return at the next General Conference, to remain on furlough for one year, if he and his wife desire to remain for that period, after fifteen years' service abroad.

WEST COAST DELEGATE:

VOTED, That we suggest to the South American Union that E Thomann be considered in selecting a West Coast delegate to the General Conference, on account of the educational value such an experience would be to one of the young workers of South America.

F W PROVINCE:

VOTED, That the secretary correspond with the Iowa Conference as to finding a place for Elder F W Province, formerly of West Virginia.

W C MOFFETT:

VOTED, That we recommend Walter C Moffett and wife, of Ohio, to Argentina, instead of China, as formerly suggested.

MISSIONARY LICENSES:

VOTED, That missionary licenses be granted Belle Shryock and Edythe Ayres on their departure for India.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 14, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, W J Fitzgerald, G B Thompson,
F Griggs, K C Russell; also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by W J Fitzgerald.

MAGGIE HARE:

VOTED, That we grant the overdraft of \$71 in the 1907 report of Maggie Hare, occasioned by her loss of time through sickness.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE,
PAINTING WALLS, ETC.:

VOTED, That the bid of Brother Olsen for the work of repairing and painting the walls, and varnishing the woodwork in the General Conference office be accepted, and that in addition to the work mentioned in his estimate he be asked to stucco the walls in finishing.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY POST CARDS:

VOTED, That we favor the publishing of religious liberty post cards, as per samples displayed, giving in miniature recent cartoons upon religious liberty subjects, in sufficient quantity and in time to supply our camp-meetings the present season, and that a committee of three--K C Russell, I H Evans, and E R Palmer--be appointed to arrange for their publication.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 20, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, K C Russell; also
E R Palmer and T E Bowen;

Prayer by K C Russell.

CURBING ON WILLOW AND CARROLL AVENUES:

VOTED, That as far as the General Conference is concerned,
curb stones be put in on the street frontage of lots owned by the
General Conference Corporation on Willow and Carroll Avenues, with
the understanding that the residents on Willow Avenue do the same.

GENERAL CONFERENCE LOTS:

VOTED, That the lots owned by the General Conference on
the north side of Carroll Avenue be cleared, grubbed, graded, and
seeded down.

D E LINDSAY:

VOTED, That we allow the transportation and freight
charges of D E Lindsay from Quebec, Canada, to the Virginia
Conference.

C MELEEN:

VOTED, That we pay the moving expenses of C Meleen from
Buffalo, N Y to Chicago.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman,
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 4, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, H R Salisbury, K C Russell, F Griggs. Also E R Palmer and T E Bowen. Later, W A Ruble and W W Prescott.

Prayer by H R Salisbury.

SINGAPORE, GEO TEASDALE:

On account of the changed conditions in Singapore, G F Jones being obliged, through failing health, to leave the work in that field, it was--

VOTED, That, in response to a request from E H Gates, superintendent of the Australasian mission field, Geo Teasdale be invited to return to Singapore, to connect with the work in that field.

I N D I A, PRINTER:

VOTED, That we invite W E Ferrin and wife, of Des Moines, Iowa, to go to India, to connect with the printing office at Karmatar.

J N LOUGHBOROUGH, AUSTRALIA:

An invitation having been extended to Elder J N Loughborough by O A Olsen, president of the Australasian Union, to visit Australia the present summer, after careful consideration by the Committee, it was--

VOTED, That, while we appreciate the offer of Elder Loughborough to visit Australia, on account of his advanced age and the great risk to his health incurred in making such a long journey at this season of the year, as well as the change in climate which would necessarily result in visiting Australia at the present time, we deem it inadvisable that he accept the invitation.

AUSTRALASIAN MEETING,
R C FORTER:

Inasmuch as the Australasian Union meeting comes very near the time when Elder Forter, on his way to Africa will reach Australia, and since it is probable that it may be impossible for any other member of the General Conference Committee from America to attend that meeting, it was—

VOTED, That we ask the Australasian Union Committee to so arrange the time of their Union Conference meeting as to make it possible for Elder Forter to attend that meeting on his way to South Africa.

T M FRENCH AND WIFE:

VOTED, That ministerial license be granted T M French, under appointment to West Africa, and that missionary license be granted his wife.

I N D I A, NURSES:

Word having been received from India, asking that three nurses be supplied immediately to assist in the sanitarium work at the hill station of Mussoorie, it was—

VOTED, That Mrs Edith E Bruce, head nurse at the Washington Branch Sanitarium, prepare to go to India at the earliest possible date.

VOTED, That we cable W J Fitzgerald, president of the British Union, requesting him to select a capable nurse in England to go on at once to India.

TENT EFFORT IN WASHINGTON:

VOTED, That we suggest to the District Committee that a tent effort be conducted this summer in the city of Washington for the white people, and that Professor B G Wilkinson be invited to take charge of this effort; also that Mrs Meyers be invited to assist by engaging in the Bible work.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 8, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, H R Salisbury, also E R Palmer
and T E Bowen.

Prayer by A G Daniells.

B G WILKINSON'S WORK:

Professor B G Wilkinson not considering with favor the
recommendation to connect with a tent effort in the city of
Washington during the summer, his work received further con-
sideration. It was--

VOTED, That Professor B G Wilkinson be invited to attend
the eastern camp-meetings, commencing with the Greater New York
meeting, now in progress, June 4 to 14; Eastern Pennsylvania,
Scranton, June 15 to 21; Western Pennsylvania, Oil City, June 18
to 28; Wilmington, Del., June 25 to July 5.

L G MOOKERJIE:

VOTED, That the chairman have an interview with L G
Mookerjia with reference to his taking further studies during
the summer in New York City, before returning to India, and that
if in his judgment it seems best that Brother Mookerjia undertake
this work and satisfactory arrangements can be made, he be en-
couraged to do so, and that during this time he be supported by
a moderate wage.

MISSIONARY MAPS:

VOTED, That the price of the missionary maps of the world
be fixed at \$2.25.

C D M WILLIAMS:

VOTED, That ministerial credentials be granted to C D M
Williams, of Honolulu, and missionary credentials to Mrs C D M
Williams.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 14, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G A Irwin, W A Ruble, H R Salisbury. Also E R Falmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by A G Daniells and Dr Ruble.

HISTORY OF DENOMINATION:

The chairman called the attention of the brethren to the plan the officers have had in mind for several years of preparing a complete history of our denomination, to be used as a text book in our schools, and placed in the hands of our young people and all who accept our message from year to year. He also stated that he and the statistical secretary had now secured all the material they could get track of which would give information regarding our development since the disappointment in 1844. The chairman asked counsel as to what steps should be taken to prepare this history. He informed the Committee that Professor A W Spaulding had given our denominational history a good deal of study in his school work, and that it might be well to endeavor to arrange with Professor Spaulding to prepare the copy for the history we want. After giving the question careful consideration, it was--

VOTED, That, inasmuch as the preparation of such a book would mean the free, full, and protracted access to all the valuable files and documents of the General Conference office, and inasmuch as it might be necessary to revise this book from time to time, it is our conviction that our denominational history should be compiled under the auspices of the General Conference; and we further recommend that the chairman appoint a committee of three of the brethren attending the Teachers' Council at Cleveland to give this question careful study, and to report the result of their work to this Committee.

"SIGNS" TO THE PHILIPPINES:

VOTED, That the club of 500 "Signs" being sent to the Philippine Islands for general missionary use be renewed, providing the Atlantic and Pacific Union Conferences each agree to bear one-third of the expense.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF MRS WHITE:

VOTED, That we allow the expenses reported by Mrs E G White in her report, as explained by W C White in a communication to the treasurer, said expenses being incurred by the additional postage, etc., resulting from bringing out and advertising Spanish literature.

E FORGA'S RATE:

VOTED, That the treasury be authorized to allow E Forga a weekly wage of \$15, this to be drawn by him during the present year for his salary.

L N MUCK:

VOTED, That the raise in the audit of L N Muck from \$11 to \$13 per week, as voted by the Central Union Conference, for time reported during 1907, be allowed.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS, MRS BRUCE:

VOTED, That missionary credentials be granted Mrs Edith E Bruce, recently appointed as a nurse to India.

R S OWEN:

VOTED, That the chairman take up correspondence with the proper parties in the Pacific Union Conference, looking to the release of R S Owen, of California, to connect with Union College as Bible teacher.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 24, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, T H Evans. Also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

WALDO B MIRAMONTEZ:

VOTED, That we authorize the secretary to take up correspondence with Dr Swayze, superintendent of the Mexico mission field, and G W Reaser, president of the Southern California Con-

ference, with reference to Waldo B Miramontez and Miss Ida Sandell, after their marriage, entering upon self-supporting work in Mexico, the work suggested by Dr Swayze being the continuation of an industrial school farm established by Mrs M C McCulloch, who cannot further carry on the work of this self-supporting mission; transportation to the field to be provided by the Mission Board.

MRS CHARLES ENOCH:

Mrs Charles Enoch having carried forward the self-supporting treatment room work in Fort of Spain, Trinidad, after the death of her husband, until it was found impracticable to continue the rooms longer, has now returned to the States and is working hard to earn money to pay some of the obligations incurred through engaging in this work in Trinidad. She brought with her a nurse, to care for her small child, in order to afford her opportunity to earn money with which to pay these obligations, meeting the transportation of the nurse from her own funds. It was--

VOTED, That \$75 be allowed Mrs Charles Enoch to reimburse her for the transportation of the nurse she brought with her from Trinidad to the States.

E W WEBSTER:

Brother E W Webster and wife, who labored for a number of years in the West Indies, under the direction of the Mission Board, during which time his health failed, being at present unable to perform only a small amount of labor, in connection with the Graysville (Tenn.) Sanitarium, receiving therefor but little remuneration, it was--

VOTED, That E W Webster be allowed \$4 a week from Mission Board funds, beginning with June 1, 1908, said amount to be provided him through an appropriation made to the Southeastern Union Conference.

A G DANIELLS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, That it is the sense of those present that A G Daniels attend the Southern California camp-meeting, from August 6 to 16, taking sufficient time on the Coast to attend other meetings as it may be possible for him to arrange to do, and in counsel with the brethren there; and on his return arranging to attend other meetings in the Middle West, and if possible reach the Lake Union in time to attend some of the camp-meetings in that union.

LANTERN SLIDES:

VOTED, That we authorize the Medical, Educational, and Publishing Departments to provide suitable lantern slides to properly represent their departmental work at the next General Conference. Also that the secretary take up correspondence with the superintendents of the different mission fields, authorizing them to prepare to report the work in their respective fields at the next General Conference by providing pictures for lantern slides of different institutions, etc., in their fields for use in making their reports at the Conference; and further that all these lantern slides shall become the property of the General Conference.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 1, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I F Evans, W W Prescott; also E R Palmer, T E Bowen, and later S N Curtiss.

A plan having been submitted by A S Baird with reference to the plot of ground in front of the Review and Herald and General Conference office buildings, for walks, etc., it was--

VOTED, That a hedge be placed around the entire triangle at a point where the land intersects with the edge of the walks.

VOTED, That the plan as submitted by A S Baird for the interior be accepted, with the elimination of the walk outlined around the outer edge of the entire plot, also the long walk from the larger circle to the point of the triangle by the log cabin.

VOTED, That the entire expense of grading, and arranging for walks, circles, etc., be estimated, and that the Review and Herald be asked to share equally with the General Conference the entire expense, as well as in the responsibility of keeping this plot in good order in the future.

It was further agreed that the matter as to whether the walks should be made of cement or simply of crushed stone or gravel, be taken under advisement, and that a careful estimate be made as to the cost of both kinds of walk, to be submitted later for further consideration as to which finally be decided upon, same to be largely determined by the expense.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That missionary credentials be granted Brother S H Carnahan, and Mrs S H Carnahan, under appointment to Cuba.

VOTED, That missionary credentials be granted to Walter Foster and wife, under appointment to Japan.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 9, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, K C Russell, F Griggs. Also E R Falmer, and T E Bowen.

Prayer by K C Russell.

JAMES SHULTZ:

VOTED, That we recommend the name of James Shultz, of Ohio, to the Atlantic Union Conference for the presidency of the Vermont Conference.

J F NOVAK:

VOTED, That we coincide with the recommendation of the General Conference Committee men on the Pacific Coast, that Brother J F Novak accompany Professor G W Caviness to Mexico, to assist him in the work as stenographer, and in translating Spanish literature, thus enabling Brother Caviness to do more evangelistic work out in the field.

D E LINDSAY:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to send D E Lindsay \$50, he having recently connected with the Virginia Conference in self-supporting labor, his expenses being paid to the field by the General Conference; and further that the chairman be requested to write Brother Lindsay a plain letter, demanding an explanation of his recent course in antagonizing the work of the General Conference.

VOTED, That we request E R Falmer to attend the camp-meetings in the Canadian Union.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 13, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, K C Russell, F Griggs, H R Salisbury
Also M E Kern, E R Falmer, and T E Bowen.

K C RUSSELL TO NAT'L REFORM CONVENTION.

VOTED, That K C Russell attend the National Reform Convention to be held in Winona, Ind., July 18 to 22.

HERBERT OWEN'S REQUEST FOR CREDENTIALS.

A G Daniells having received a communication from Herbert Owen, who has labored in the past in Central America, asking for

credentials, that he may procure reduced rates on his return to Central America, the conference not having invited him to again connect with our work in that part of the field, it was--

VOTED, That, owing to the experience the Mission Board has had in the past with Professor Owen, we do not feel free to advise his return to the Central American field; and, further, that we suggest that Brother Owen settle down in the home field, to take up work in connection with some thoroughly organized conference

ELIMINATION OF "LIFE AND HEALTH" AD.:

VOTED, That I H Evans be appointed one of a committee of two, the other member to be appointed by the Review and Herald, to visit the post-office department, with a view to learning whether there is any possibility by which the publishers of "Life and Health" may eliminate from its advertising columns the insertion of an ad. of a sanitarium, the influence of which is antagonistic to our denominational work.

C L BUTTERFIELD, KOREA:

VOTED, That, upon the recommendation received regarding Elder C L Butterfield, of Western Oregon, he be invited to make Korea his field of labor, if possible to reach the field in connection with the party soon to go, and that he take the superintendency of the work in Korea.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MAN TO THE ORIENT:

In view of the important decisions to be reached in China and Japan regarding sites for general headquarters in China and a new sanitarium in Japan--propositions requiring the outlay of several thousands of dollars--it was--

VOTED, That a representative man from the General Conference visit, at an early date, China, Japan, and Korea, to spend some time with the brethren in council, and that this word be sent on to the fields, without naming the individual to make this visit.

HISTORY OF S D A DENOMINATION:

The chairman reported that while attending the Teachers' Council at Cleveland, he placed before a number of the leading men the question of preparing a history of our denomination for our young people, to be used in our schools, and that all these brethren felt that such a work should be prepared under the direction of the General Conference Committee. He also stated that while at Cleveland he had several interviews with Professor Spaulding about coming to Washington and devoting himself earnestly to the preparation of this book. The chairman requested the

Committee to give this proposal careful consideration and decide what should be done.

VOTED, That the chairman appoint a committee of two to give this matter further study and to submit a report to the Committee. W W Prescott and E R Palmer were named as said committee.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman,
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 15, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson,
K C Russell, H R Salisbury, F Griggs. Also M E Kern, E R Palmer,
T E Bowen.

HISTORY OF DENOMINATION.

The committee appointed by the chair to consider further the preparation of an authentic history of the denomination, presented their report, which was adopted as follows:--

Your committee appointed to study the question of producing a history of the Seventh-day Adventist movement for general distribution, but more especially as a text book to be used in our denominational schools, respectfully submit the following recommendation:--

In view of the difficulties and complications which would attend an effort to secure the preparation of such a book by arranging with an editor to take the chief responsibility of this work, and believing that the officers and departmental secretaries of the General Conference can bring to this effort a knowledge of details and an experience in the progress of this message which could not be expected from any one individual, therefore,--

We recommend, That the original plan for the General Conference officers and the departmental secretaries to collect the necessary material and prepare this work, be carried out.

W W Prescott
E R Palmer,
Committee.

VISIT TO ORIENT:

VOTED, That I H Evans be invited to visit the Far East-- China, Japan, and Korea, at an early date, to spend such time in these different fields as the interests of the work shall demand, and as shall be determined on his reaching the field.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 19, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, F Griggs, H R Salisbury. Also E R Palmer, T E Bowen, and later, M E Kern.

Prayer by H R Salisbury.

HOME FOR G W U STUDENTS:

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of three to take under consideration the advisability of establishing a home in the city of Washington for the medical students attending the George Washington University, to render their report later to the Committee.

G W U SCHOLARSHIPS:

VOTED, That in the matter of receiving the courtesy of two scholarships granted the medical students by the George Washington University, no student can receive the scholarship more than two out of the four years necessary for completing his medical course; and, further, that the scholarships be recommended only to those preparing for work in a foreign field.

VOTED, That the chairman and Dr. Kress interview the dean of the George Washington University regarding admittance of students to the University, making plain to him that some of the students entering the medical department may, at the end of their course, engage in private practice; and that the result of this interview shall shape our recommendations to the students desiring to take up a medical course at the University.

JAS SHULTZ--M-ST CHURCH:

VOTED, That we recommend to the District Committee that Jas Shultz, of Ohio, be secured for pastor of the M-St church.

REPORT OF PRINCIPALS' MEETING:

VOTED, That the question of printing the report of the Principals' meeting recently held in Cleveland be referred to the Educational Department, with power to act.

DEPARTMENTAL CONVENTIONS:

VOTED, That the request made by the principals at the Cleveland convention that an educational convention be held at the close of the next General Conference, be carried out; and, further, that we recommend that the other departments of the General Conference also conduct similar conventions at that time.

NEW "CHRIST IN SONG"
FOR TENT MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the abridged edition of the new edition of "Christ in Song" be substituted for the singing-book recently voted by the General Conference to be arranged for use in tent meetings; that the committee appointed for bringing out this new song book is hereby discharged; and that this action be published in the Review and Herald.

RECENT TESTIMONIES:

The Committee spent some time in the careful consideration of Testimonies received recently, and closed with an earnest season of prayer for God's guidance and blessing and direction in all the important movements regarding his cause in the earth.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 20, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, F Griggs. Also
E R Palmer, M E Kern, T E Bowen.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

MRS H I HOLSER:

VOTED, That we allow the fare of Mrs H I Holser and
daughter from Geneva, Switzerland, to Battle Creek, Mich.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 22, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, F Griggs. T E Bowen.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

C S LONGACRE, CANADIAN MEETINGS:

VOTED, That C S Longacre, of South Lancaster, be invited
to attend the Canadian Union camp-meetings, to remain and assist
at these meetings as long as will be possible.

C M CLARK, MAINE:

VOTED, That we recommend C M Clark, of South Dakota,
to the Atlantic Union Conference, to take the presidency of the
Maine Conference.

J A HOLBROOK, MARITIME CONF:

VOTED, That we recommend to the Canadian Union Conference J A Holbrook, of Western Washington, to take the presidency of the Maritime Conference.

C T REDFIELD TO QUEBEC:

VOTED, That we recommend to the Canadian Union Conference, C T Redfield, of Ohio, as a minister for field work in the Quebec Conference.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, President.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 23, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, K C Russell. Also
E R Falmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by K C Russell.

NEW PUBLICATIONS TO
PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

E R Falmer stated that in connection with his work in the Publishing Department, much of his correspondence was with reference to the publications being issued by the different publishing houses--subscription books, smaller books, etc.-- and that at present in his department he did not have access to copies of these publications, so that he found himself considerably handicapped many times in the work of his department. Because of this need, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the publishing houses throughout the denomination to furnish the General Conference Publishing Department with a copy of each book (including all bindings), pamphlet, and tract published, this request to include also the same list as mentioned above published in foreign languages.

D W REAVIS' CONNECTION
WITH GENERAL CONF. OFFICE:

VOTED, That the chairman, before leaving for the West, have an interview with the manager of the Review and Herald regarding D W Reavis' connecting with the work in the General Conference office immediately.

Adjourned.

A C DANIELS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

MINORITY MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 5, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G A Irwin, W W Prescott; also
D W Reavis and T E Bowen.

JACOB VAN DE GROEF:

VOTED, That we concur in the request of the Australasian Union Conference that Jacob van de Groep, of Holland, connect with the work in the East Indies, and that sufficient money be advanced the European General Conference sub-treasury to cover his transportation to that field.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIFTH MEETING
 GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 IN EUROPE

Copenhagen, September 10, 1908, 10:30 A.M.

P R E S E N T:

L R Conradi, W C Sisley, W J Fitzgerald, J T Boettcher,
 L F Tieche, J C Raft, H F Schuberth; and by invitation: E Lind,
 and Jens Olsen.

Prayer by Brethren Fitzgerald and Conradi.

P R O G R A M:

As the Skodsborg management prefer to have breakfast at
 11 A.M., and dinner at 5 P.M., the regular time of sessions was
 suggested from 8--11 A.M., 1--4:30, and 7--9:30 P.M.

BOOKING SKODSBORG RENT:

The auditors, Brethren Lind and J Olsen, were asked to
 inform the Committee whether in making up the monthly statements
 at Skodsborg, the rent is booked by the month or only quarterly.

Meeting adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
 GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIXTH MEETING
 GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 IN EUROPE

Skodsborg, September 10, 1908, P.M.

P R E S E N T:

The seven European members; and by invitation: Brethren
 Svensson, Lind, J Olsen, C C Jensen, N C Bergersen, E Arnesen,
 L Munderspach, Dr Nelson, Peter Hansen, Jno F Hansen, and Sonne.

SKODSBORG BUILDING:

Recommended, That Brethren Sisley and Lind connect with the local building committee (Dr. Ottosen, and Brethren Ainesen and Fandura) to report definite plans for the erection of the school and chapel building, and for the final arrangement of the grounds and further buildings, as they are to be when completed.

C O S T:

VOIED, That the proposed building shall not cost more than 60,000 Kr.

ESTIMATES FOR 1909:

The German Union, since German East Africa has been turned over to the management of the General Conference, desires no further appropriations.

VOIED, That we call for \$11,000 for the Latin Union.

VOIED, That Russia receive \$5,700 on Appropriations.

Elder Fitzgerald stated that they are perfectly in harmony with cutting down the appropriations for Great Britain, and he hopes in a year or two they will be entirely self-supporting, but for 1909, as they really will open two new fields--Northern Wales, and North Scotland--their estimate calls for \$3,540.

VOIED, That the estimate for Great Britain on Appropriations for 1909 be \$3,500 even.

It is felt that if Sweden will pledge a second tithe even for the latter part of 1909, Scandinavia will not need to ask for further appropriations, provided the specified amount called for in 1908 be granted. The chairman stated that if their deficit called for the sum suggested for 1908, it would be allowed. Elder Svensson stated that he would work with all his might to get Sweden to the point where it could pay the second tithe in 1909. This action was taken concerning a gift of over 3,000 kr. to the Danish Conference for the heathen mission.

Whereas, Scandinavia does not ask for any further appropriations after 1908; and,--

Whereas, The Scandinavian Union paid out over 3,000 Kr. for the Abyssinian Mission in 1907, during which year the donor of the

3,333.76 Kr. died, after having drawn up a testament to the effect that this money go to some heathen land (although the money has just this year been received); therefore,--

Resolved, That the Scandinavian Union be allowed to keep said money, after paying the tithe thereof to the General Conference.

Adjourned.

L. R. CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 10, 1908, P.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as in the forenoon meeting, until 7:30, when only the members of the General Conference Committee remained, with the exception of Brother Sisley, who had to meet with the Building Committee.

ESTIMATES FOR 1909:

VOTED, That Turkey receive \$3,000; Syria, \$2,000; Egypt, \$2,000; Greece, \$900.

W E HOWELL:

As the chairman had received letters from W E Howell dealing especially with his financial perplexities, he set the matter before the committee. The following action was taken:--

Whereas, Brother Howell's letter to the chairman, dated August 5, 1908, states: "I hope the Committee will do all in its power for me on the financial question, for we certainly cannot pass another winter like last;" --in spite of the fact that he was helped with \$150 on last year's rent; and,--

Whereas, It is known to us that he is now borrowing money to support himself and family; and,--

Whereas, He has inquired as to the cost of keeping his wife, mother-in-law, and daughter at Caterham next summer; therefore,--

Resolved, That, under these circumstances, we recommend the Mission Board to take into consideration the advisability of changing Professor Howell's field of labor.

Z A R U B:

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After careful statement of E Zarub's case, who has been laboring in Syria for some time, and whose conduct has been unbecoming a Christian worker, it was--

VOYED, That we sanction the action of the chairman in the dismissal of Mr Zarub from our employ.

W SCHOLZ:

VOYED, That W Scholz, under appointment to Syria, be granted 25 francs a week.

SISTER BREFIN:

VOYED, That we allow 300 francs toward reimbursing Sister L Brefin for the expense incurred in fitting herself for the Levant field, and that, beginning with September 1, 1908, she be rated at 22 francs a week, and that her traveling expenses from Friedensau to Beirut be allowed.

GEO KEOUGH:

VOYED, That the wage of Geo Keough, who is en route to Egypt, be 150 piasters a week.

JNO F HANSEN:

VOYED, That we recommend the Scandinavian Union Conference to connect Jno F Hansen with the business management of the Skodsborg Sanitarium.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 11, 1908, A.M.

P R E S E N T:

L R Conradi, W J Fitzgerald, J T Boettcher, L F Tieche, J C Raft, H F Schuberth, and during the latter part, W C Sisley; by invitation: Brethren Svensson, Jensen, Olsen, Maderspach, Jno F Hansen, Peter Hansen, and during the latter part, Lind.

Prayer by J C Raft.

W A G E S:

VOTED, That Brother and Sister Drangmeister receive 22 rupees a week.

VOTED, That Brother Foenic receive 18 rupees per week.

VOTED, That Brother Koelling receive 14 rupees a week.

RUSSIAN FUNDS TO MISSIONS:

VOTED, That Brethren Fitzgerald, Raft, and Schuberth be a committee to present to this body a resolution about the need of continuing and increasing our offerings to missions in Europe, to assist in supporting the work in Africa as heretofore.

APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That German East Africa be granted an appropriation for 1909, \$6,300.

British East Africa,	\$2,250
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Abyssinia,	1,250
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Gen. Conf. in Europe,	<u>3,600</u>
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Total for Europe	\$41,500, against which we hope
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to have an income of \$31,500, leaving \$10,000 to be called for from the American Appropriations for 1909.

FUTURE WORKERS FOR AFRICA:

In view of the need of more careful preliminary training for the workers chosen to go to Africa, as our work extends there, it was--

VOTED, That, as far as practicable, the workers for Africa be selected in time to allow of their having a year's special training in the home land, before they are to depart for a heathen field.

ORDINATIONS IN AFRICA:

VOTED, That the matter of ordaining local men either as church elders or as ministers in East Africa be left to the discretion of the Vice-president, in council with the local committees in the field.

STATION ON NYANZA:

VOTED, That a new mission be opened on or near the shores of Victoria Nyanza, German East Africa, with the understanding that the money to erect the buildings be taken from the reserve fund donated for this purpose.

GOSPELS IN EAST AFRICAN LANGUAGES:

VOTED, That the Vice-president negotiate concerning the publication of the Gospels in the German East African languages, and that we invite the Hamburg House to render the financial assistance that may be needed in this enterprise.

SUPERINTENDENT FOR EAST AFRICA:

In view of the impending visit of the Vice-president to East Africa, and of the difficulty of finding a man with the necessary qualifications to be put in charge of the East African missions, with their various languages and wide area of territory, it was--

Resolved, That the final disposition of this question be postponed for the present.

Adjourned.

L R CONRAD, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 11, 1908, P.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as in morning meeting, with Brethren Arnesen, Sonne, and later, Dr Ottosen and Brother L F Hansen.

Prayer by Brother Bergersen.

LEVANT COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That the committee for the Turkish-speaking portion of the Levant field be Brethren AcMoody, Greaves, and Baharian; and for the Arabic-speaking part, which includes Syria and Egypt, Brethren Ising, Keough, and Awada.

LEVANT PUBLICATIONS:

VOTED, That we ask the Hamburg House to assist in getting out publications in the Levant field, the place of publication to be decided upon by the brethren at the coming Beirut meeting.

SKODSBORG BUILDING:

VOTED, That we approve of the general plans submitted by the Local Building Committee at Skodsborg, for the erection of the school and chapel building, at a cost not to exceed 65,000 kroner.

VOTED, That the chairman appoint a committee of two, who, with himself, shall draw up a carefully worded resolution, stating the conditions to be complied with in the erection of the school and chapel building.

DR A H LARSON:

VOTED, That the Vice-president be empowered to invite Dr A H Larson, of America, to connect with the Skodsborg Sanitarium, it being understood that the Scandinavian Union and the Danish Conferences divide between them the expense of his transportation.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

THREE HUNDREDDTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 12, 1908, P.M.

P R E S E N T:

Brethren of the General Conference Committee in Europe, of the Scandinavian Union Committee, who are here, except Dr Ottosen, and of the Danish Conference Committee, excepting Nielson, and part of the time, Sonne.

As the meeting immediately followed the session of the Scandinavian Union, which had been opened by prayer, and at which all had been present, this session was opened informally.

RUSSIAN SCHOOL:

Whereas, The Russian Union urgently demands a Union school for the training of native workers; and,--

Whereas, The American brethren have promised \$5,000 toward this enterprise; therefore,--

Resolved, That we would remind the Mission Board of their promise to assist the Russian Union School, and impress upon them the need of raising this money in time to help locate said school not later than the autumn of 1909; and, in case of their inability to grant this appropriation from the regular sources, we would request them to kindly permit Elder Boettcher to place the needs of the Russian educational work before our German-Russian brethren in America, and make an appeal to them in behalf of this enterprise in person during his visit next year--it being understood that Russia will not take definite steps toward purchasing school property before the autumn of 1909.

MISSION FUNDS:

Whereas, In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Council held at Takoma Park, in April of the present year, the German, British, and Scandinavian Unions have relinquished the management of the East African missions to the General Conference; therefore,--

Resolved, That we urge all the European fields to continue to contribute liberally to the First-day Sabbath-school, and other general missionary funds; and,--

Whereas, The East African missions are to be operated under the direct supervision of the European division of the General Conference Committee; therefore,--

Resolved, That the European fields continue to regard the East African missions as special objects of their prayers and contributions, both general and special, and that they supply the General Conference as far as possible with the missionaries to be sent out to said missions.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN EUROPE:

VOTED, That the week of prayer in Europe be held December 11--20.

WINTER AUDITS:

VOTED, That the winter audits of the European Union be as follows: German Union, Hamburg, Feb. 8--11; Scandinavian Union, Skodsboegg, Feb. 16--20; British Union, Watford, Feb. 24--27; Latin Union, Oland, Mar. 3--6; Russian, Union, Moscow, Mar. 17--21.

SPRING MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the time for the spring meetings in Europe during 1909 be as follows: Baltic, Reval, Mar. 11--14; Middle Russian, Moscow, Mar. 17--21; Sweden, June 23--27; Norway, June 30--July 4; Denmark, July 6--11; German-Swiss, July 14--18; German Union, Friedensau, July 20--25; Holland, July 27--31; South England, July 29--Aug. 2; North England, Aug. 4--9; Roman-Swiss, Aug. 17--22; France, Aug. 24--29.

VOTED, That Elder Raft attend the local Scandinavian meetings; that S. P. Svensson attend the Finnish meeting; that Brother Bergersen attend the meeting in the Northland mission; that Elder Conradi be invited to attend the Scandinavian meetings.

VOTED, That, as the European members of the General Conference Committee will be at the coming General Conference, the next session of this Committee be appointed for Takoma Park, two days before the opening of the General Conference, until which time the annual auditing of the European field be deferred.

DELEGATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the following persons be invited as delegates to the next General Conference, at Takoma Park, in May, 1909:--

From the Latin Union: Brethren Tische, Curdy, and J Vaillieumier, of the Roman-Swiss Conference (which conference has already voted to pay the transportation of two delegates); and D F Dexter, of France.

From Russia: Elder J T Boettcher, Elder Wildgrube, and Mrs J T Boettcher, who goes at her own charges; The further delegation from Russia is to be left to the local conferences for decision, at their coming fall meetings, it being understood that they see to paying the transportation.

From the Levant: Elders AcMoody and Ising.

RUSSIAN TREASURER:

VOTED, That we ask the German Union to release Sister N Schlatterer, of Hamburg, that she may go to act as the Russian Union treasurer, in Riga, as soon as possible.

GUY DAIL'S LABORS:

VOTED, That Guy Dail be invited to attend the fall meeting in Russia and Austria, and if possible, in Hungaria, as well as the early German meetings.

WIDOW CARLSSON'S DEBT:

VOTED, That the Vice-president lay before Sister White the condition of Sister Carlsson, whose husband reminded her of his remaining indebtedness of 2,833.15 kr. to the educational fund furnished by the royalty account of Sister White years ago, and see if Sister White would not be willing to forgive this debt, as Sister Carlsson, with her seven little ones, has no means with which to pay this indebtedness.

LOT IN CHRISTIANIA:

VOTED, That we urge our Norwegian brethren to make every effort to sell the lot in Christiania, according to the resolution of the Norway Conference.

SIBERIAN MISSION:

VOTED, That beginning with January 1, 1909, Siberia be cut off from the territory of the East Russian Mission, and be known as the Siberian Mission, under the direct charge of the Russian Union Committee.

HAMMERLY:

VOTED, That we release Brother Hammerly, of the Latin Union, to answer the call of the South American Union for him to labor in their field, providing the Mission Board sanctions South America's call.

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments, and authorize the issuing of missionary credentials to the persons named:--

Mr and Mrs H Drangmeister, M Foenig, and W Koelling, of Germany, to German East Africa.

Sister L Brefin, of German Switzerland, and Brother W Scholz, of Germany, to Syria.

VOTED, That we pay the transportation of Sisters Larson, of Scandinavia, and Rhode, of Germany, en route to the Abyssinian mission, it being understood that they will remain there as faithful workers after their marriage to Brethren Lindegren and Fansson.

J VAN DE GROPE:

VOTED, That we approve of the selection of J van de Grope, of Holland, to answer the request of the Mission Board that we select a missionary for the Dutch East Indies.

SKODSBORG BUILDING:

VOTED, That we approve of the plans submitted by the Scandinavian Union for the erection of the Skodsborg school and chapel building, as embraced in the following:--

Whereas, At its last session, the Scandinavian Union unanimously decided to erect a suitable school and chapel building at Skodsborg, as soon as sufficient money be in sight to warrant such an undertaking; and,--

Whereas, According to the judgment of the Committee that time has now arrived; therefore,--

Resolved, 1. That in accordance with the plans presented, the school and chapel building be erected on the lot of the Scandinavian Philanthropic Society, as specified, at a cost not to exceed 65,000 kroner for the building alone.

2. That we ask the Hamburg S D A A Association to release this lot from its mortgage, while, on the other hand, the Philanthropic Society agrees to pay said Association the value of this floating debt.

3. That the erection, fitting up, and furnishing of the building be financed as follows:--

- (a) The Danish Conference to donate 10,000 kr.
- (b) That 6,000 kr. of "Christ's Object Lessons" fund be used, with the understanding that later on said amount shall be returned to the Educational Fund donated from America.
- (c) By the use of 18,000 kr. given for this purpose by a special donor.
- (d) That the remainder of the sum needed be secured by a mortgage on the lot and building.

On the other hand, the Philanthropic Society promises that whenever said Union school is to be removed to other quarters, they will pay back the 34,000 kr. of educational money toward the establishment of the school in its new ~~quarters~~ location, as the Union may direct.

4. That the Sanitarium pay a reasonable rent for the gymnasium and the rooms it rents during the vacation, that the school pay a reasonable rent for the rooms occupied by the students, and that the Skodsberg church pay a reasonable rent for the chapel, and that all the money gained by the building shall go toward paying off the mortgage on said building, and, in case the school be removed, this gain shall likewise be released for school purposes.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED AND FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 13, 1908

On the train in the afternoon, brethren of the Committee being present, with the exception of Brother Raft, the minutes were read and approved, and two actions taken:--

VOTED, That Eunice Kalfa, who assists Brother Greaves in Smyrna, be granted missionary credentials.

VOTED, That W C Sisley's transportation to and from Skodsberg meeting, amounting to £ 5, 18- 8, be allowed.

Adjourned.

L R CONRADI, Chairman.
GUY DAIL, Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED AND SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 16, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Ruble. By invitation: D H Kress, D W Reavis, T E Bowen.

Prayer by D W Reavis.

CHINESE STUDENT:

Consideration was given to the matter of arranging for a Chinese student now in the Central New England Conference to obtain further educational advantages, and it was--

VOTED, That H R Salisbury take up correspondence with the Principal of South Lancaster Academy, to ascertain the educational standing of Lew Hong, a Chinese student who attended the Academy last year, with a view to inviting him to connect with the work of the Foreign Mission Seminary the present school year.

T H BRANCH:

Rider T H Branch and family having been recalled from South Africa, and expecting soon to reach New York, it was--

VOTED, That the secretary correspond with Brother Branch and with the Colorado Conference, making arrangements for Brother Branch to go direct to Colorado immediately on his reaching New York, money for his transportation to be advanced by the brethren in New York, to be refunded later by the Mission Board.

DELEGATE FROM ROME:

In view of the interest of our people in this country in seeing the work advanced in Italy, this interest being manifested even to the extent that offers have been made to assist in the transportation of a delegate to the next General Conference from Rome, it was--

VOTED, That we invite the Latin Union to arrange for a delegate to attend the next General Conference from Rome, the expense, if necessary, to be shared by the General Conference.

SOUTHEASTERN UNION APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the appropriation for the Southeastern Union Conference for 1908 be increased \$1,500.

ATLANTA SANITARIUM:

On account of the straightened condition of the Atlanta (Ga.) Sanitarium, and the urgent need for financial assistance to place this institution in a better condition, a plan for raising this money being submitted by W A Westworth, for soliciting from the general field contributions of five dollars each, cards to be issued calling for said amount, it was--

VOTED, That we express approval of this plan to solicit funds for the relief of the Atlanta Sanitarium in those conferences where satisfactory arrangements can be made with the conference presidents to do so, the amount to be solicited not to exceed \$10,000.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
W E BOWEN, Secretary pro tem.

THREE HUNDRED AND THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 22, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, K RC Russell, G B Thompson,
F Griggs, W A Spicer. By invitation: T E Bowen, M E Kern, S A
Wellman.

Prayer by S A Wellman and A G Daniells.

CARIBBEAN WATCHMAN:

S A Wellman, on his way from Trinidad to Jamaica, asked counsel regarding a plan to issue three or four numbers of the Caribbean Watchman from Washington while waiting for the establishment of the printing office in Panama. It was agreed that he should prepare copy and have the paper printed in Washington so that the paper may not be suspended while awaiting transfer to Panama.

P R E S S FOR PANAMA:

VOTED, That we advise S A Wellman that it is our judgment that it would be economy for the West Indian Union to purchase a Cottrell press for their Panama office.

L E G A C Y:

VOTED, That we instruct Mr F W Hall, attorney, of Madison, to represent us in the matter of the will of Mrs Sarah L Mead, deceased, late of Madison, Wis., who left a will in favor of the G C A, the same being contested by relatives.

D E L I N D S E Y'S WORK:

A letter was read from D E Lindsey, formerly of Ohio, now in Virginia, inquiring about credentials.

VOTED, That we suggest that Virginia grant Elder D E Lindsey credentials, and that we invite Ohio to pay half his salary, the General Conference the other half, he to labor in Virginia.

J A S P E R W A Y N E:

VOTED, That the expenses of Jasper Wayne, visiting camp-meetings in the interests of the Thanksgiving Review and missions, be allowed (\$100), he donating his time.

M C S T R A C H A N:

Elder M C Strachan (colored minister), now in Asheville, N C, reported that the physicians ordered him to rest and take treatment for a time. He asked for a furlough till January 31, next, at an allowance of \$7 per week.

VOTED, That Elder M C Strachan's request be granted.

A N N A N E L S O N:

VOTED, That we allow Sister Anna Nelson, on furlough from the Society Islands, her fare from California to Wisconsin, paid by herself, amounting to \$45.20.

Adjourned.

A G D A N I E L L S? Chairman.
W A S P I C E R, Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 25, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, K C Russell, F Griggs, W A Spicer, H R
Salisbury. By invitation: E R Palmer, D W Reavis, M E Kern,
T E Bowen.

Prayer by K C Russell.

J McEACHRAN:

VOTED, That we invite J McEachran, of East Michigan,
to go to Ontario, in response to the call for a general agent,
and that we request the East Michigan Conference to release him.

GEO W MILLER:

VOTED, That we invite Brother Geo W Miller, of North
Dakota, to make the Maritime Conference his field of labor, and
that we request the North Dakota Conference to release him for
this work.

C O L TO WILLIAMSDALE:

VOTED, That we request the Relief Bureau to make a
donation of 1000 "Christ's Object Lessons" to the Williamsdale
Academy, Nova Scotia.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 27, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, W A Ruble, F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. By invitation: E R Palmer, D W Heavis, W A Colcord, T E Bowen, S N Curtiss, M E Kern.

Prayer by S N Curtiss.

THANKSGIVING REVIEW:

The chairman suggested an outline of work by the different General Conference departmental heads in correspondence with the local departments in the conferences to encourage all to take hold of the plan.

It was voted to adopt the outline, each department to do its part.

E FILQUIST:

VOTED, That we allow E Filquist's transportation from Seattle to College View, making inquiry as to freight charges.

W C MACLAY:

VOTED, That we recommend Elder W D MacLay, returning from England, to the Southwestern Union Conference, for the superintendency of the West Texas Mission field, if that position is still open.

I N D I A, T J GRENVILLE:

On report of from W C Sisley that they had been preparing Brother Thomas J Grenville, of England, to supply a helper in the Calcutta food business, it was--

VOTED, That we authorize the British Union to send forward Thomas J Grenville and wife to India.

MRS McCAMLY:

A letter was read from Mrs McCamly, of Colorado, who paid her way out to India to engage in the work. She finds it necessary to return, and pays her own fare back. She wishes to adopt a little Eurasian boy, and asks for a loan on her note of sufficient to cover his transportation home at half fare, until interest coming due is available with which she can repay the loan.

VOTED, That we leave it to J L S Shaw, superintendent of the India mission, to decide whether in view of Sister McCamly's work in India, the amount of the lad's transportation should be advanced as a loan or as a gift in remuneration for services performed, and authorizing the India mission to make the arrangements accordingly, if it seems wise for the boy to be taken out of India.

J F NOVAK, MEXICO:

VOTED, That we approve of the call from Mexico for J F Novak's services as stenographer and secretary.

SOUTH AMERICA:

The South American Union having requested that the Mission Board arrange for Brother A Hammerly, of Gland, Switzerland, and L Brooking, of Caterham, England, to go to South America, to engage in the work as nurses, it was—

VOTED, That we approve of the call for these brethren, and that we authorize their transportation in case arrangements are approved by the parties concerned.

J G SMALLEY'S RETURN:

Brother E L Gardey wrote from Central America that Brother J G Smalley, who has been engaged as a teacher for five years in the Bay Islands, has been compelled to return to this country on account of his health. He requested that his fare be paid to his home in Michigan, if possible.

VOTED, That in consideration of five years of service in the field, we pay the return expenses of Brother J G Smalley and wife from the Bay Islands to Michigan.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 11, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W W Prescott, W A Ruble, H R Salisbury,
W A Spicer. By invitation: M E Kern, D W Reavis, T E Bowen.

Prayer by Dr Ruble.

MISS NELSON OF TAHITI:

VOTED, That the Board pay the fare of Miss Anna Nelson, of Wisconsin, on furlough from Tahiti for her health, to Washington, in order that she may take French in the Seminary, while paying for her tuition by bookkeeping, preparatory to her return to the Society Islands to continue school work after the next General Conference.

The further time of the session was devoted to informal discussion of propositions from the city of Takoma Park regarding a new bridge across the Sligo, near the Sanitarium and Seminary grounds.

Without action, it was agreed that Brethren Kress, Salisbury, and Baird should solicit among well-to-do men living beyond the Sligo, to see what they would do to help the project.

Adjourned.

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

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 13, 1908

P R E S E N T:

AG Daniells, W W Prescott, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer,
By invitation: T E Bowen, M E Kern, D W Reavis.

Prayer by D W Reavis.

A N ALLEN TO FERU:

The South American Union having requested further help for Peru, owing to Elder F L Perry's ill health, it was--

VOTED, That we invite Brother A N Allen, formerly of Central America, now of the Foreign Mission Seminary, to go to Peru.

B R A Z I L:

Over a year ago Brother J F Gaede, of Ohio, was invited to go to Brazil, and accepted the invitation on condition of being able to dispose of his house property. A letter was read from Elder Ehlers, of Brazil, suggesting that if Brother Gaede could not come, some one else be sent. A letter from Brother Gaede stated that he had not been able to sell his house as yet, though ready to go when that could be disposed of. He reported, however, that his wife's health was rather poor, and she was not improving as they had hoped. Inasmuch as the climate in Brazil is a trying one, it was--

VOTED, That we release Brother J F Gaede from the appointment to Brazil, on account of Sister Gaede's health, and that we look for some one else to fill the call.

MISS PHILLIPS, NE P UNION:

VOTED, That we suggest to the North Pacific Union that we continue Miss Phillips in the Seminary another year, the North Pacific Union meeting half the expense and the Mission Board half.

D E LINDSEY:

The chairman had a letter from Elder D E Lindsey, who moved from Quebec to Virginia, on account of the health of his family. In reply to a proposition to Ohio to share with the General Conference in meeting the immediate needs of Elder Lindsey, the Ohio Conference reported that it felt not clear to assume any responsibility.

VOTED, That the General Conference allow Elder D E Lindsey \$6 a week until further arrangements can be made regarding his work and support.

H H VOTAW, BURMA:

A letter from J L Shaw suggested that H H Votaw come to the next General Conference as a delegate from India and on furlough, Mrs Votaw's home people offering to pay her way to America and back. India calls for another man to help in the Burmese work in order to release Elder Votaw for this furlough.

VOTED, That we recommend that Elder H H Votaw and wife come to America on furlough, and to attend the next General Conference, and that a man be secured to enter the Burmese field.

ACCOUNTS ACCEPTED:

The Board took action accepting accounts as follows:--

Time and expenses of Elder Wagner, of North Dakota, attending the Manitoba meeting.

Expenses of Elder H J Farman from Virginia to Vermont, and salary as reported.

Expenses and time of Elder R C Porter from Missouri to Australia, it being understood that his expenses from Australia to South Africa would be reported to the South African Union.

DR SELMON, CHINA:

It being understood that Dr Selmon, of China, would be a delegate to the next General Conference, and that the ill health of his wife was making it necessary for him to plan to leave China early, it was--

VOTED, That we request the China mission committee to release Dr Salmon from China in time to reach this country in midwinter, in order that he may take up instruction in tropical diseases and other studies in the latter half of the Foreign Seminary year.

SHED FOR HOSE CART:

W W Prescott stated that the Takoma Council had proposed storing its fire apparatus alongside the Review and Herald, if the latter would put up a shed to house it. They had agreed to do so, and suggested that the Review and Herald hose cart be stored alongside the General Conference building.

VOTED, That the General Conference erect a shed to store the fire hose, as suggested.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, K C Russell, F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. Also M E Kern, T E Bowen, D W Beavis.

Prayer by A G Daniells.

ELDERS MacLAY AND FARSONS:

The chairman reported his counsels with the president of the Southeastern Union conference regarding Brethren MacLay and Farsons. It was--

VOTED, That we recommend Elder D A Farsons and his mother, Mrs Farsons, a Bible worker, to the Southeastern Union Conference, for work required in Asheville, N.C.

VOTED, That we recommend Elder W D MacLay to the Southeastern Union Conference for such work as may be assigned under conditions favorable to Sister MacLay's health.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY:

Elder Moon, of the Lake Union, referred to the Committee a request from the International Publishing Association, that the Lake Union continue its support of one of the foreign corresponding secretaries in connection with the College View office. The Lake Union, having decided to turn all their surplus to the General Conference, referred the request.

VOTED, That we accept the Lake Union proposition that they shall refer all requests for help to the General Conference, and that we assume the support of this secretary for another year, in case correspondence shows such support essential.

VARIOUS ACCOUNTS:

The suggestion of the brethren in Europe that the General Conference bear the expenses of Elder E E Andross to England and back again, to attend the summer meetings, was accepted.

After considering letters regarding the need of Brother E B Gaskell and wife in North Carolina, it was agreed that the General Conference would send them about \$50 a quarter until further investigation could be had of the situation, Brother Gaskell having spent ten years in the work in South Africa in former days.

It was agreed that N Z Town, on furlough for a year in America, after seventeen years abroad, should receive furlough pay from the General Conference, at a rate to be determined in the audit.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, K C Russell,
F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. Also M E Kern, T E Bowen,
D H Kress, and D A Farsons.

Prayer by D H Kress and A G Daniells.

ORDINATION OF A N ALLEN:

VOTED, That Brother A N Allen, under appointment to Peru, be ordained before his departure for the field.

S L I G O BRIDGE:

The chairman reported the situation as regards a proposed bridge across the Sligo. The brethren who had been informally appointed to solicit donations from well-to-do citizens, reported something over \$2000 promised, and prospects for more if it was seen that the proposition of a high level bridge would really go through.

It was felt that this matter was one of so great importance to our institutional interests that the enterprise ought not to fail, especially in view of the strong interest local residents were taking in the matter.

It was agreed that if necessary, our General Conference Corporation ought to contribute as much as \$500 rather than to see the enterprise fail. It was--

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman, he himself to be a member, to work toward carrying the bridge proposition through to completion on the best terms possible.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, F Griggs, K C Russell, W A Ruble, W A Spicer. Also M E Kern, D W Reavis.

A brief meeting was called at the noon hour, Dr Ruble asking counsel.

GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

A request had come from the Glendale Sanitarium for Dr. Ingersoll, now in England, to be physician at Glendale. As the matter was discussed, it seemed to the Committee that after having spent so much money and over a year of time in Dr Ingersoll's case, securing qualifications for practice in British territory, it would be inconsistent to call him in from abroad to work in the United States. It was, therefore,--

VOTED, That we recommend to the Glendale Sanitarium Board that they endeavor to secure the transfer of Dr Cummings to the Glendale Sanitarium.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1908, 4 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, K C Russell, G B Thompson, F Griggs, W A Spicer, Also M E Kern, T E Bowen, and D W Heavis.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

L. M BOWEN:

On request of the Board of the Washington sanitariums, it was--

VOTED, That we invite L M Bowen, of the St Helena Sanitarium, to come to Washington, to take the business management of the sanitarium enterprises here, and that we invite the Board of the St Helena Sanitarium to release Brother Bowen, if he can see his way clear to accept this unanimous and urgent invitation.

COLORED CHURCH:

A letter from Elder Green, colored minister in Pennsylvania was discussed. He had recently talked with Elder Sheafe, and felt that Elder Sheafe was seeing the error of withdrawing from the denomination, and might be ready to return if efforts were made, proposing that in case his church returned to its allegiance to the denomination, they be guaranteed the capital and interest on their investment in their church, providing they ever wished to withdraw again from the denomination.

Without formal action, it was agreed that the chairman should write Brother Green, explaining the readiness of the Committee to confer with Elder Sheafe at any time, but also explaining that the denomination could not receive churches on the basis of an arrangement providing for a withdrawal at some future time.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION.

As a committee on study of further plans for the organization of the work in the District of Columbia the following were voted as such a committee: W A Spicer, G B Thompson, K C Russell.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, '08

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, K C Russell, F Griggs, W A Spicer, Also T E Bowen, D W Beavis.

Prayer by A G Daniells.

J A STRICKLAND:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$50 to J A Strickland on account of outfitting expenses in the removal of his family from the West Indies to America.

PRESS FOR THE WEST INDIES:

S N Curtiss presented an offer from the Cottrell Press people of a press at \$2000, the price which the West Indian Union has to invest in a press. This press was said to be as good as new, but had been slightly used. They required immediate decision, as another customer desired the press, and they were holding it only to hear from us, inasmuch as the West Indian Union had appealed to them for a special rate. Under the circumstances, it was--

VOTED, That this Cottrell press be ordered at \$2000, and that we wire S A Wellman, at Kingston, Jamaica, that the order has been placed.

GILSON WILL:

Information having been received from Elder H W Cottrell and E E Farlin regarding the will of Anna J Gilson, which was in favor of the General Conference, but sure of being contested, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the Pacific Union Conference Association to take charge of the matter of the Anna J Gilson will, the General Conference to share with the Pacific Union half and half in the legal expenses and in the proceeds secured from the legacy.

WILLS AND BEGACIES:

The Committee discussed the need of some form of instructions being kept before our people for their guidance in making wills to our local or general organizations. It was--

VOTED, That we instruct the treasury department to prepare proper instructions to our people regarding the matter of wills and legacies and that this instruction shall appear frequently in the Review.

C S LONGACRE'S ACCOUNT:

An account from Elder C S Longacre for time and expenses in attending the Ontario camp-meeting by request of the General Conference Committee was approved.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, G A Irwin, F Griggs, K C Russell, W A Spicer,
Also M E Kern, D W Heavis, A N Allen.

Prayer by G A Irwin.

A N ALLEN'S VISIT:

The meeting was called to consider a request from A N Allen, to visit his people in Wisconsin before going to Peru.

VOTED, That the General Conference pay one-half the expense of A N Allen to Wisconsin and return.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 2, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, K C Russell, H R Salisbury, G B Thompson, F Griggs, W A Spicer, Also D W Reavis and T E Bowen.

Prayer by D W Reavis.

JESSIE F WELCH:

Sister Jessie F Welch, having labored in the Bible work in England for some years, is returning on account of ill health.

VOTED, That the General Conference pay the transportation expenses of Jessie F Welch from New York to Colorado.

L N MUCK:

Correspondence was read from L N Muck, and also from the Central Union committee on the blind work, dealing with the request of Brother Muck to be reinstated in the work. After considering the facts in the case, it was--

VOTED, That the General Conference Committee express its approval of the course taken by the local committee on the blind work, and that we leave it with this committee as to whether they can give L N Muck some mechanical work in the office, or out with papers in the field, it being our opinion that he ought not to have official connection with the editing of the paper, or in the solicitation of funds, until he has proven himself again.

W H SAXBY:

G A Irwin, of the Southern Union, presented a request in behalf of the Louisiana Conference, which is hard pressed financially.

VOTED, That the General Conference assume the salary of W H Saxby, in New Orleans, for one year, and that we pay his moving expenses from Idaho to New Orleans.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, K C Russell, W A Ruble.
W A Spicer, F Griggs. Also E R Palmer and T E Bowen.

Prayer by Dr Ruble.

DR HARBAUGH:

VOTED, That we loan Mrs. Dr. Harbaugh \$100 on her note at 5%, as aid in completing her medical course.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL:

VOTED, That in response to a cable from South Africa, calling for a head for Claremont Union College, we invite Professor H A Morrison, of Union College, to accept that position.

DR H N GREAVES:

Dr H N Greaves, of London, having called for the final remittance for completing his medical work in London, it was---

VOTED, That we loan Dr H N Greaves £ 21 on his note at the usual rate, and that we advance his fare from London to British Guiana, charging the same to the West Indian Union.

DR ESTELLA HOUSER:

VOTED, That we invite Dr Estella Houser, of College View, to consider the Mexican field, or China, as a future field of labor, it being understood that Miss Houser took the medical course with the mission fields in mind.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1908, 3P.M.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G Airwin, G B Thompson, F Griggs, K C Russell,
W A Spicer. Also E R Palmer, T E Bowen, and M E Kern.

Prayer by G B Thompson.

J H KRUM:

VOTED, That we recommend J H Krum to fields in the Southwest or West, and that we pay his transportation to the field, as arrangements may be made.

E B GASKELL:

On advice from Elder W A Westworth, of the Southeastern Union, it was--

VOTED, That we allow E B Gaskell, of North Carolina, \$25 a quarter, allowance on account of his years of service in South Africa.

MRS L M CROWTHER:

Sister L M Crowther, widow of Elder Crowther, who died in Trinidad, having asked for help, it was--

VOTED, To allow Mrs L M Crowther \$50 on account.

T M FRENCH:

VOTED, That the rate of T M French, of West Africa, be fixed at \$13 per week.

B R A Z I L:

VOTED, That we invite E C Ehlers and wife, of Missouri, to go to Brazil, in case favorable recommendations are received from those acquainted with them.

VOTED, That the brethren in Brazil be authorized to exercise their judgment in regard to the employment of Brother Buehler, of Rio.

AUSTRALASIA:

Elder Olsen having reported the action of the union conference in calling for two workers in the North Pacific Union, it was--

VOTED, To invite Elders J M Cole and J J Clark, to go to Australia, in response to an invitation from that field, providing the action seems clear to the North Pacific brethren.

E FILQUIST:

VOTED, That we accept Sister E Filquist's suggestion that we share with them personally half and half in the excessive freight charge on their goods from Seattle to College View.

J A M A I C A:

VOTED, That we supply Jamaica with a white worker, the same to be selected by the officers of the Board.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Delegates from the mission fields to the General Conference were appointed, as follows:--

Bermuda, J.A.Morrow. West Africa, D C Babcock.
Mexico, G W Reaser and G W Caviness. Honolulu, C D M Williams.
India, J L Shaw and H H Votaw.

J V WILLSON:

A letter was read from J V Willson and wife, of South Africa, asking counsel regarding a furlough.

VOTED, That we favor granting J V Willson and wife a furlough from South Africa, after ten years' service, traveling expenses being paid by the Mission Board, providing the South African Union concurs in this action.

DR HABENICHT:

A letter from Dr Habenicht was considered, and it was--

VOTED, That we favor the coming of Dr Habenicht to the General Conference, providing he can be released from the field, it being our understanding that his fare will be paid, but that his wife would come at their own personal charges if she accompanied the Doctor.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 5, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, K C Russell, G B Thompson,
F Griggs, W A Spicer. Also E R Falmer.

M C STRACHAN:

A letter was presented from Elder M C Strachan, the colored minister, saying that he had been advised to go under an operation at once, and explaining that he had no funds with which to pay his surgeon's fees.

VOTED, That the General Conference furnish means to meet the operation and attending physician's fees.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 11, 1908

W S CONNOLLY:

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, F Griggs, G B Thompson, H R Salisbury,
W A Spicer. Also T E Bowen and D W Reavis.

W S CONNOLLY:

VOTED, That we recommend the General Conference Corporation to loan Brother W S Connolly, the colored student from the West Indies, \$125 on his note at 5%, in order to allow him to graduate this year at Howard University.

WM HUTCHINSON'S ACCOUNT:

A statement of account was received from Wm Hutchinson, now of Oregon, concerning his account of thirteen years ago with the West Virginia Conference. It was still unsettled. He had not called for this urgently in previous years, but now was in urgent need of it. The present officers in West Virginia could find no data whatever concerning the matter.

VOTED, That we refer the statement of the account of Wm Hutchinson against the West Virginia Conference to the Columbia Union, for them to consider, with the request that they settle the account, on some proper basis, West Virginia being unable to do so.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 13, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, F Griggs, W A Spicer,
T E Bowen, E R Palmer, N Z Town.

Prayer by N Z Town.

DR A H LEWIS:

VOTED, That the following expression be communicated to the associates of Dr Lewis, in the Seventh-day Baptist Society:--

"Having heard with sorrow the sad news of the death of Dr A H Lewis, the General Conference Committee desire to express their appreciation of the earnest work which he has done in the cause of Sabbath reform and of religious liberty, and to extend to his associates and to Mrs Lewis their sympathy in this bereavement.

SOUTHERN WATCHMAN:

The Southern Publishing Association having asked counsel regarding their proposition to make the WATCHMAN a monthly, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the action of the Southern Publishing Association in deciding to make the WATCHMAN a monthly magazine, beginning with January, 1909.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, K C Russell,
F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. Also E R Palmer, M E Kern,
T E Bowen, N A Town, W E Ferrin.

Prayer by W E Ferrin.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIES:

A request from the International Publishing Association that the General Conference pay one-third the expense of the three foreign secretaries at College View was considered.

VOTED, That the General Conference pay one-third the expenses of these foreign secretaries.

SOUTH AFRICAN COLLEGE:

Communications were received from Professor Morrison, declining the invitation to South Africa because of the sense of duty in the matter of Mrs Morrison's mother and family. It was-

VOTED, That we request Professor C F Crager, of Mt Vernon College, to go to South Africa, to take the principalship of Claremont Union College.

SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That we invite Misses Lillian M Voris, Calista Nelson, and Heda Kerr, to go to South America, in response to the call for nurses.

It was agreed that we should counsel with Dr Bossert, of the Takoma Park Sanitarium with reference to the call for a physician in Argentina.

VOTED, That we invite Brother Arthur Warren, of London, to go to Argentina, in response to their call for a printer.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 1908, 2 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

Same as in morning meeting, with Elder W D MacLay.

Prayer by W D MacLay and A G Daniells.

A U D I T I N G:

VOTED, That the accounts of Elders MacLay and Farsons for their return expenses from England to the South be referred to the officers for auditing, as also the fixing of the furlough rate of N Z Town.

I N D I A:

VOTED, That we approve of the call from India for two or three ~~nn~~ nurses and a lady physician.

VOTED, That we refer W A Barlow's offer to sell the Babumohul mission in West Bengal to our Board to the India mission committee.

W M T GUNRAJ:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$25 to the account of Wm T Gunraj, of Trinidad, to apply on the books which he has been selling in order to secure a scholarship; and that we advise the Trinidad brethren to direct Brother Gunraj to the Jamaica school.

A R G E N T I N A:

VOTED, That we invite C H Castle and wife, of the North Pacific Union, to go to Argentina after the next General Conference, providing the North Pacific concurs in the action.

A J BREED:

VOTED, That a resolution of sympathy be sent to Elder A J Breed in behalf of the Committee, which has just heard of the death of Sister Breed.

NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE:

After discussion, it was--

VOTED, That E R Falmer, H E Rogers, D W Reavis act as a committee to consider the question of a Bulletin of the next General Conference, and to report to the Committee.

VOTED, That E R Falmer, F Griggs, and M E Kern be a committee to investigate the matter of preparing stereoptican slides to illustrate the mission fields at the next General Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE LIBRARY:

VOTED, That H E Rogers be appointed librarian, and that M E Kern and G B Thompson act with the librarian as a library committee, this committee to make such arrangements for regulating the use of the library as may be necessary.

VOTED, That we appropriate \$100 for the library committee to expend in the purchase of new books from time to time.

COMMITTEE ON SPANISH LITERATURE:

VOTED, That E R Falmer, N Z Town, and W A Spicer be a committee on the question of Spanish translations, to consider criticisms on "Coming King" and other publications, and to report.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 20, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, K C Russell,
F Griggs, W A Spicer. Also M E Kern and E R Falmer.

Prayer by W A Spicer.

BECKNER FOR BURMA:

VOTED, That we grant ministerial license to Robert
A Beckner, under appointment to Burma.

WM HUTCHINSON:

A report was received from the Columbia Union Committee,
proposing that the Columbia Union and the General Conference
share half and half in settling the account of Wm Hutchinson
against West Virginia, amounting to \$233, inasmuch as West
Virginia was unable to do this, and the account was thirteen
years old.

VOTED, That we accept the proposition of the Columbia
Union in the settlement with Wm Hutchinson.

KNOTT, BRAZIL:

VOTED, That we invite Elder C F Knott and wife, of Greater
New York, to make Brazil their place of labor, providing after
inquiry and counsel with the parties, the way appears clear.

STATIC MACHINE, ARGENTINA:

VOTED, That we authorize N Z Town to secure a second hand
static machine in Washington, for shipment to Argentina, and
that we appropriate sufficient to make this a gift to the
Argentina sanitarium work.

Adjourned.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 21, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, W W Prescott, G B Thompson,
 F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Spicer. Also M E Kern, T E Bowen,
 and D W Reavis.

Prayer by M E Kern.

THANKSGIVING REVIEW:

Some time was given to counsel regarding the Thanksgiving special of the Review. It was agreed to discontinue the Educational number of the Review this month, in order to use all the paper available on the Review Special.

J H KRUM:

A letter having been received from Elder G F Haffner, speaking of the need of a German laborer in Southern California, it was--

VOTED, That we negotiate with Southern California to see if a place can be found for him in that conference.

I N D I A:

A suggestion having been made that Miss Coates, formerly in India, would like to return, her case was considered, and on account of her age and physical condition, it was--

VOTED, That we advise Sister Della Coates to work in this country rather than to return to India.

VOTED, That we request Brother R.H. Leach and wife, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, to proceed to India December 5, in response to the call for nurses.

VOTED, That we grant Brother R H Leach and wife missionary licenses.

ENGLISH WORKER, NEW YORK:

In response to a request from the president of the Greater New York Conference for an English laborer, New York City having no ordained minister at present, it was--

VOTED, To submit to them the name of Elder L.A. Gibson, of the Upper Columbia Conference, and that if this proposition meets with favor in New York, we endeavor to secure counsel from the brethren of the North Pacific Union regarding the matter.

CHINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:

A request having come from the China Medical Association for a grant of \$100 for their work in preparing medical text books and other literature, it was--

VOTED, That we refer this request to the China mission committee, authorizing them to give this Association a grant of \$50 in our behalf, if they feel that we should cooperate.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 23, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, F Griggs, K C Russell,
W A Spicer. Also E R Palmer, M E Kern, and N Z Town.

Prayer by A G Daniells.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL:

VOTED, That we request Mrs Hatton, now in Ohio, to take the matronship of Claremont Union College, if on medical examination a favorable report is secured.

PITTSBURG RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CAMPAIGN:

VOTED, That we advise the distribution of 5000 copies of LIBERTY and a fair supply of leaflets in Pittsburg and vicinity during the campaign being inaugurated, to meet the efforts there to form a national Alliance of the different Sunday societies.

R S HORTON:

VOTED, That we advise Elder R S Horton, Religious Liberty Secretary of the Southern Union, to attend the National Reform meetings in Pittsburg, and the Church Federation meetings in Philadelphia, at the expense of the Religious Liberty Bureau.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 24, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, K C Russell, G B Thompson, F Griggs,
W A Spicer.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL:

A hasty meeting was called to consider a telegram from Mrs Hatton, declining the invitation to South Africa.

It was felt by those who knew Mrs Crager, wife of Professor Crager, who has been invited to go to South Africa, that she would herself make an excellent matron in the school. It was, therefore--

VOTED, That we invite Mrs C F Crager to take the matronship of Claremont Union College in South Africa.

ADJOURNED.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 8, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, F Griggs, W A Spicer. Also E R Falmer, D W Reavis, M E Kern.

Prayer by F Griggs.

MARY COBBAN TO SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, That we ask Mary I Cobban, of the Takoma Park school, to go to South Africa, to take the matronship of the Claremont Union College, and that we request the Takoma school board to release her.

NURSES TO ARGENTINA:

VOTED, That we invite Miss Frances Brockman, of Boulder, Colo., and Miss Anna Hansen, of Loma Linda, to join the party of nurses called for by Argentina.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 9, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, K C Russell, G B Thompson, F Griggs, H R Salisbury, W A Ruble, W A Spicer. Also D W Reavis, M E Kern, E R Falmer, T E Bowen.

DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS:

In order to revise the Departmental Committees for the Year Book, the heads of the different General Conference Departments were asked to present their revised lists. The following appointments were made:--

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

D W Reavis as missionary secretary. Morris Lukens in place of D W Reavis on the publishing house members. Charles M Cottrell, of Regina, Canada, added to the department as manager of the Pacific Press Regina Branch. Ira S Jones, V O Cole were added to the list of general agents.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

J G Lamson was added to the list of former members, and C F Crager in place of C H Hayton. Walton C John in place of R H Habenicht. S M Butler in place of J W Lawhead. M B Van Kirk in place of J E Tenney. The name of O A Johnson as representing SS Scandinavia was stricken from the list, as he had returned to the United States.

MISSIONARY

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT:

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S M Butler, J T Boettcher, Guy Dail, F M Dana, Mrs Vesta J Parnsworth, C R Kite, Miss Bertha Lofstad, and Miss Margaret Shanks were added to the list; as also O K Butler in place of M E Cady, J G Lamson in place of W A Ruble, W E Straw in place of Miss Hallock, C Sorenson in place of E L Taylor, W H Wakeham in place of W T Bartlett.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

J H Neall in place of F A Washburn, W E Eliss in place of C O Prince, R M Clark in place of S F S Edwards, S A Lockwood, in place of J E Froom.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BUREAU:

J S Wightman in place of R C Porter, J O Corliss added to the committee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN:

The committee on the General Conference Bulletin made a report, which was adopted as follows:—

1. That a General Conference DAILY BULLETIN be issued.
2. That the BULLETIN be issued only during the time of the session.
3. That the BULLETIN be of the regular size of former BULLETINS, and contain per issue 16, 24, and 32 pages, according to the demands.

4. That the price of the BULLETIN for the session be 50 cents.
5. That the General Conference be the publishers, the Review and Herald the printers, and the Missionary Department of the General Conference the circulators.
6. That an editorial and stenographical force be appointed at once.

H M J RICHARDS:

VOTED, That we unite with the Columbia Union in inviting Elder H M J Richards, of Colorado, to labor in this eastern field.

VOTED, That we appropriate for the salary of H J M Richards, providing he locates in Virginia or West Virginia, or that such appropriation be made for the salary of a laborer in either of these fields, in case Elder Richards is located in some stronger conference, thus releasing a laborer for the weaker conferences.

CHURCH FEDERATION:

At this point, W W Prescott, S B Horton, C Haynes, and W A Colcord joined the Committee, and considerable time was devoted to counsel regarding the Church Federation, and reports from those who had attended. It was--

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair himself to be one, to prepare an open letter to the Federation Council. The chair named W W Prescott, K C Russell, W A Colcord, G B Thompson.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 10, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, K C Russell,
H R Salisbury, F Griggs, W A Spicer. Also M E Kern.

C H CASTLE:

A letter was read from C H Castle, secretary of the North Pacific Union, in reply to the suggestion that he go to Argentina. On account of the condition of his own health and that of other members of the family, it was thought hardly wise to continue the recommendation.

VOTED, That we rescind the action inviting C H Castle and wife to South America.

K O R E A:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$500 to Korea in response to their call for sufficient to put up a medical dispensary for Dr Russell.

ELIZABETH McHUGH:

VOTED, That we pay \$228 of the bill of Sister Elizabeth McHugh, Bible worker from the South, ill at the Washington Sanitarium, this amount being at the rate of \$7 per week; and that the chair appoint a committee of three to report as to future responsibility in this case.

The chair named G B Thompson, K C Russell, D W Reavis.

H F KETRING, SPAIN:

VOTED, That we invite H F Ketring and wife to make Spain their field of labor, the transfer to be made as soon as seems consistent.

C A N A D A:

The brethren in Canada having called for Professor Blake, now head of the Oakwood school in Alabama, and the Committee having understood that Brother Blake prefers to return to Canada, it was--

VOTED, That we favor the call from Canada for Professor Blake, providing the South can arrange to release him.

W W WHEELER, ECUADOR:

Word having been received that William Steele, of Ecuador, is compelled to return to America, his wife requiring a very serious operation, it was--

VOTED, That we invite W W Wheeler and wife, of New York, to proceed at once to Ecuador.

M E X I C O:

In response to a request from G W Reaser, it was--

VOTED, That we favor calling Brethren J F Blunt, H L Rawson, and Juan Robles, of Southern California, to Mexico, providing the Southern California Conference concurs.

VOTED, That the Mexico committee be authorized to engage Brother Mulvyhill, of Texas, on the same terms that other canvassers are employed in Mexico.

H N GREAVES:

VOTED, That we advance £ 100 to Dr H N Greaves, of London, he to give his note for the same, this loan being for the purchase of medical equipment in his work which he will soon take up in British Guiana.

MRS E T NOWLEN:

Inasmuch as Brother C A Nowlen, of Central America, has for years been a pioneer canvasser in South America and Central America, supporting himself, it was--

VOTED, That we pay the bill at the Graysville Sanitarium of Sister E T Nowlen, who has been ill at that institution.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 11, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, G B Thompson, F Griggs,
W A Spicker. Also M E Kern, E R Palmer, T E Bowen, N Z Town.

DANISH WEST INDIES:

VOTED, That in response to the request from the Danish West Indies, we favor allowing L H Christian to endeavor to raise a fund of \$400 for tent and church expenses, if he feels free to do so in his work among the Scandinavian churches.

I N D I A:

VOTED, That in consideration of the years of faithful service rendered by L F Hansen and wife, nurses in India, we allow their return to this country.

VOTED, That the return of Sister Anna Orr to this country be referred to the India committee, with power to act.

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

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 13, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G A Irwin, W W Prescott, K C Russell,
F Griggs, G B Thompson, W A Spicer. Also E R Palmer, T E Bowen,
D W Heavis.

Prayer by W W Prescott.

J A P A N:

The morning session was devoted to the reading and consideration of the report of the council held in Japan during Elder Evans' visit. It was--

VOTED, That Elder Morris Lukens, now of the Review and Herald book department, be invited to go to Japan, to take the superintendency of that field, and that the Review and Herald be requested to release him for this purpose.

Recess was taken till 1 PM.

H R Salisbury was present at the afternoon session.

CHINESE WORK IN NEW YORK:

VOTED, That the Greater New York appropriation be increased by \$500 on account of the Chinese work.

A N ALLEN'S GOODS:

Word having come that the steamer on which A N Allen's goods were shipped had sunk, it was---

VOTED, To authorize Peru to advance Brother A N Allen \$100 on his salary account, for the setting up of his household in Peru, and that he be invited to send us an inventory of his loss for further and final consideration.

I N D I A:

VOTED, That Miss Louise Scholz, of Union College, a nurse, be invited to go to India.

DR BOSSERT: ARGENTINA:

VOTED, That we advise Dr Bossert to make preparation to go to Argentina after the next General Conference, unless in the meantime we have been compelled to fill the place.

VOTED, That we suggest to Dr Habenicht the propriety of his remaining in Argentina until help can be sent down, taking a six months' furlough in 1910.

ORGAN, SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That we advance to Elder N Z Town \$100, to enable him to purchase an organ to send forward with another shipment to South America, his plan being to gradually pick up the price of this organ as he is attending the book conventions in the West.

DR HOUSER, MELROSE:

VOTED, That we instruct the Melrose Sanitarium Board that we favor the call of Dr Houser to that institution if the way seems clear, and that we release her from consideration for the mission fields in case arrangements are made for her to go to Melrose.

W C WHITE:

The chairman stated that there were various matters in connection with the work in the South, in which he and Elder Irwin would greatly appreciate the counsel of Brother W C White, and that there were further important matters concerning which it would be very helpful to counsel, and it was---

VOTED, That we invite W C White to join the coming council at Nashville, Tenn., and to visit Washington while in the East for counsel regarding various important matters.

LANTERN SLIDES:

VOTED, That we give Brother C H Hayton a commission to provide magic lantern slides illustrating the various mission fields, for use at the General Conference, if after trial, his work is shown to be satisfactory.

VOTED, That W A Spicer go to Boulder and other points West, in place of Elder Daniells, who had been expecting to make the trip.

MONTREAL CHURCH:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$75 for the church in Montreal, Canada, as a special help to the struggling company in that city.

VOTED, That D W Heavis, as missionary secretary, attend the book conventions being planned for, in order to represent this new department of the work.

ADJOURNED.

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

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 27, 1908

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, H R Salisbury; also E R Palmer,
T E Bowen.

Prayer by H R Salisbury.

B G WILKINSON, DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That we recommend B G Wilkinson to act as chairman of the District Evangelical Committee, in connection with his other duties at the Foreign Mission Seminary, until the time of the next General Conference.

TYPEWRITER, PUB. DEPT.:

VOTED, That the request made by the publishing department for a new typewriter for the work of the department be granted.

J E SHULTZ, CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That ministerial credentials be granted J E Shultz, now laboring in the city of Washington, D.C.

A V HEYNEMANN AND WIFE:

VOTED, That, in view of the great need in Australasia of physicians qualified in England, the request of A V Heynemann and wife for a loan be granted, to enable them to procure English diplomas, preparatory to connecting with our organized work in Australasia.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Ass't Sec'y.