

E R BROWN:

VOTED, That a special appropriation of \$100 be granted to E R Brown, from the sustentation fund, to meet special expenses incurred through his illness.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the name of C H Schoe, of Australia, be substituted for the name of F L Chaney, as a member of the Educational Department committee.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 1, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, E R Palmer, M E Kern; also J J Ireland, W E Howell, F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham, F W Paap, H E Rogers, T E Bowen.

Prayer by W E Howell.

L A HANSEN:

AFTER a statement by the chairman concerning L A Hansen's need of a little rest, the following joint action was taken:--

VOTED, That L A Hansen be released from office work for three months, to make a visit to the Pacific Coast, visiting sanitariums en route, but giving special attention to the point of recuperating his health.

M E KERN:

The chairman also stated that M E Kern was in need of a change and rest from confining office work, therefore it was--

VOTED, That as soon as Mrs I H Evans is able to resume her work in the Missionary Volunteer Department, M E Kern be invited to take three months vacation for rest and recuperation, either here or elsewhere, as he may choose.

JOHN B AITKIN RELEASED:

VOTED, That inasmuch as conditions in his home make it impossible for him to respond to the call to colporteur work in Cuba, we release John B Aitkin from this appointment.

DOCTOR FOR MUSSOORIE:

VOTED, That in response to the call from India for help to carry on treatment rooms at Mussoorie, we invite the Loma Linda medical school to recommend a graduate physician and wife to fill this appointment; this action being taken subject to receiving the request through the Asiatic Division.

EDGAR G RIEHL TO HAWAII:

VOTED, That we ask Edgar G Riehl and wife, of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, to make Hawaii their field of labor, with a view to connecting with the Hilo treatment rooms.

MYRTLE JUDD:

VOTED, That in view of her need of medical attention, the salary of Myrtle Judd be continued three months, Miss Judd having been connected with the stenographic work at the General Conference office.

E H WILCOX:

VOTED, That we furnish E H Wilcox, under appointment to the Inca Union mission field, a Corona typewriter.

MRS C E WHEELER:

VOTED, That T E Bowen, M E Kern, Dr H W Miller be a committee, with power to act, to investigate the case of Mrs C E Wheeler, under appointment to South Africa with her husband, who is advised by the physician that she should have an operation.

W E EHLERS:

VOTED, That we grant \$322.33 to the Brazilian Union Conference to meet the salary deficit of W E Ehlers up till the time Europe took on his support in June, 1916.

MRS W E LANIER:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$75.00 to meet the expense of an operation necessary for Mrs W E Lanier, returning from the Philippines.

SOUTH HONDURAS:

VOTED, That the treasury be authorized to appropriate \$40.00 to the South Honduras Mission, to purchase seats needed in order to conduct an aggressive evangelistic effort.

BILL FOR FOREIGN INGATHERING SIGNS:

VOTED, That we allow the Pacific Press bills for the German, Swedish, and Danish-Norwegian Harvest Ingathering Signs, amounting to \$273.11; also \$233.20 for Week of Prayer readings issued in foreign languages.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 10, 1917

P R E S E N T:

E R Palmer, F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, M E Kern,
T E Bowen, C S Longacre, J L Shaw, Miss E M Graham.

VOTED, That E R Palmer act as chairman.

Prayer by J L Shaw.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY BONDS:

VOTED, To authorize the treasurer to turn in the bonds of the Southern Railway, now bearing 4%, the face value being \$10,000, the same to be reissued at 4 1/2 %.

P T MAGAN:

VOTED, To allow traveling expenses of Dr P T Magan, amounting to \$325.32.

Adjourned.

E R PALMER, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 19, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, E R Palmer, F M Wilcox,
T E Bowen, H J Ireland, J L Shaw.

Prayer by J L Shaw.

W J FITZGERALD:

Inasmuch as Elder W J Fitzgerald has resigned as president of the British Union Conference, and the North American Division has recommended that he take up work in the Central Union Conference,--

VOTED, That we concur in the transfer of W J Fitzgerald from the British Union Conference to the North American Division Conference.

R W PARMELE:

VOTED, That we ask R W Parmele to come to Washington to counsel with the Committee before taking up his labors in the North Latin field.

WAGES OF H C GOODRICH:

VOTED, That we supplement the ^{allowance from the Sustentation} wages of H C Goodrich, in the Isle of Pines, \$5.00 per week. ^

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 23, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, J L Shaw;
also F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, J J Ireland.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

O E REINKE:

A letter from J T Boettcher told of O E Reinke's return to America.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to find work in this country for O E Reinke on his return from Russia.

J B STUYVESANT:

A letter from Mrs J B Stuyvesant told of her husband's successful operation, and of their desire to go to California for the remainder of their furlough.

VOTED, That we grant the request of J B Stuyvesant and wife to be allowed to go to California, remaining there during the balance of their time on furlough.

DENON E REBOK TO CHINA:

VOTED, That Denton E Rebok be invited to make China his field of labor, preparing to go to the field in time to start in language study next autumn.

H L PEDEN TO INDIA:

VOTED, That H L Peden and wife be invited to answer one of the calls as an evangelist to India.

HAWAIIAN MISSION:

A letter from H F Conway, making request that some one visit Hawaii and audit the mission books was presented, and it was--

VOTED, That we ask the General Conference brethren in the East to appoint some one to visit Hawaii, and arrange for the auditing of the Hawaiian Mission books.

D N WALL:

A cable from the Australssian Union was read, stating that D N Wall declined the call to South America, and asking if he was wanted in the United States.

VOTED, That a cable be sent D N Wall, of Australia, inviting him to come to America to labor, *provided he has been released by Au*

MISS E M GRAHAM--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That Miss E M Graham be granted missionary credentials.

BRAZIL UNION SECRETARY-TREASURER:

A letter was received from O Montgomery, regarding Brother Rans going to Brazil to act as secretary and treasurer of that union.

VOTED, That W W Prescott and J L Shaw be a committee to confer with the Review and Herald regarding the advisability of Brother Rans going to Brazil to act as secretary and treasurer of the Brazil Union Conference.

ALLOWANCE TO W F MAYERS:

VOTED, That an allowance of \$50.00 be made to W F Mayers, to start him in the canvassing work in Guatemala.

JESSE BARROWS' WAGES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES:

VOTED, That we allow the wages and traveling expenses of Jesse Barrows and wife, amounting to \$921.23, appropriating the same to the Philippine Mission on their budget for 1916.

APPROPRIATION FOR BERMUDA:

VOTED, That in harmony with the request of the North American Division, we appropriate \$1000 for the years 1916 and 1917 (\$500 for each year), to meet the deficit in operating the work in the Bermuda Islands.

E W THURBER'S WAGES:

VOTED, That the wages of E W Thurber of Cuba, be fixed at \$16.00 per week.

R N STUDDT'S WAGES:

VOTED, That the wages of R N Studdt, of Cuba, be fixed at \$16.00 per week.

E H WILCOX'S WAGES:

VOTED, That E H Wilcox receive \$14 per week from the time his salary terminated with the New Mexico Conference.

EMSLEY WILLIAMS' WAGES:

VOTED, That Emsley Williams receive \$12 a week from the time he began work with the North Honduras Mission.

W R SMITH'S WAGES:

VOTED, That W R Smith and wife, of Honolulu, receive a family wage of \$17 per week.

F F OSTER:

A card from F F Oster told of Sister Oster's having typhoid fever, and of the high cost of living in Persia.

VOTED, That the secretary be requested to write Brother F F Oster about remaining longer in Persia. While the Committee do not ask them to come home on furlough, they do feel concerned regarding Sister Oster's health and the oppressing conditions of the war, and it is their opinion that if Brother and Sister Oster think it advisable for them to come home, that they be left free to do as may seem best.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to send F F Oster \$300.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 24, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, C S Longacre,
R D Quinn, J L Shaw; also J J Ireland, T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham

Prayer by R D Quinn.

SPANISH LESSONS:

Resolutions from the Austral Union Conference Committee regarding programs and lessons in the Spanish language for the young people were presented.

VOTED, That W W Prescott, M E Kern, and J L Shaw be a committee to bring in recommendations to the Committee.

J L Shaw made a statement to the Committee regarding his trip to the West Indies and the action of the West Indian Union Committee.

BOOKMAN FOR JAMAICA:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division through its publishing department to secure a bookman for the Jamaica Conference.

CONVENTION --CANAL ZONE:

VOTED, That we favor the plan of holding a missionary and bookmen's convention for the West Indian Union Conference and the North Latin Mission field, on the Canal Zone, the latter part of August.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WEST INDIES:

Favorable consideration was given to the advisability of starting a training school for the West Indian Union Conference, in Jamaica, utilizing the available resources of the Watchman Press in the establishment of such a school. It was thought the proposition should come up for consideration later

E C WIDGERY--FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That we concur in the recommendation of the West Indian Union Committee, granting E C Widgery a furlough, to begin the early part of 1917.

N H POOL'S LOSS:

VOTED, That we share equally with the South Caribbean Conference in the loss occasioned by the theft of \$100 from the home of N H Pool.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
GENERAL AND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

January 25, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, R D Quinn, F M Wilcox, J L Shaw; also T E Bowen, J J Ireland, Meade MacGuire.

GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCE:

I H Evans brought up the question of arrangements for the coming General and Division Conferences.

VOTED, That I H Evans, E E Andrews and C H Jones be a committee to make investigations in Los Angeles and San Francisco to find the available accommodations for the General and Division Conferences.

ASSYRIAN GIRLS:

R D Quinn spoke of four Assyrian girls in New York who accepted the truth in Persia under the labors of Brother and Sister F F Oster.

VOTED, That we approve of the efforts of the Atlantic Union Conference to get these young women into the work, and that the General and Division Conferences appropriate \$50.00 each for that purpose.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 29, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, F W Prescott, C S Longacre, J L Shaw,
also J J Ireland, T E Bowen.

V E TOPPENBERG:

A letter was presented from V E Toppenberg, stating that he and his wife were the only workers left in the Victoria Nyanza mission, where work has been carried on in twelve mission stations. His wife has been ordered out of the country by physicians, and was planning to leave for Cape Town, South Africa. He, in bad condition of health, while standing by his post, urges that help be sent at once.

VOTED, That the secretary be instructed to cable the European Division Conference, stating conditions, offering to send help, and making inquiry about J Perssons and the possibility of help being sent by them to relieve V E Toppenberg.

H H VOTAW TO INDIA:

The secretary stated that he had seen H H Votaw, as requested, in regard to going to India.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of H H Votaw, and that he be invited to go to India to take the superintendency of one of the divisions of the India Union Mission field.

WILLIAM G WIRTH TO SOUTH AMERICA:

The advisability of calling William G Wirth, who is now principal of South Lancaster Academy, to South America, was given consideration.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of William G Wirth to take up work in South America.

ALLOWANCE TO A E HOLST:

A letter was received from A E Holst, telling of the condition of his health and that of his wife since leaving Jamaica.

VOTED, That we allow A E Holst three months salary at the rate of \$13.00 per week.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

January 31, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W H Prescott, L H Christian, W H Branson, S E Wight, M E Kern, Dr H W Miller, B G Wilkinson, J L Shaw; also F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, R E Harter, R T Dowsett, Miss E M Graham, W H Anderson, R W Parmele.

Prayer by W H Anderson.

W H ANDERSON'S WORK:

The work of W H Anderson was planned as follows: From March 1 to April 10 in the Indiana and West Michigan Conferences; April 10 to May 25, visiting his wife's people in Kansas; June 1 to August 25, in the North Pacific Union Conference. By unanimous consent, it was understood that his time and traveling expenses while in active work should be borne by the North American Division Conference.

NORTH LATIN MISSIONS:

Elder R W Parmele, who responded to the call of the General Conference to act as superintendent of the North Latin field, met with the Committee. Some time was spent in discussing the further plans of organization for the North Latin Missions. Each field has dealt in all matters directly with the Mission Board.

The following questions having to do with organization and development of the work in the field were considered:--

Should an advisory committee be appointed? If so, what should be the size of such a committee? How should reemittances be made? What about office and outfit? Should the idea of a Spanish training school be encouraged? Should delegates be sent to the publishers' convention at the Canal Zone? The following actions were taken:--

VOTED, That we appoint an advisory committee for the North Latin American missions, to consist of the following named persons: R W Parmele, F G Lane, Wm Steele, G W Caviness, Isaac Baker.

VOTED, That we recommend the members of the advisory committee attend the publishers' convention, to be held on the Canal Zone, in August.

WAGES OF R W PARMELE:

VOTED, That the wages of R W Parmele be \$21.00 a week.

LAND IN HAVANA:

VOTED, That we recommend the sale of the land in Havana held by the General Conference Corporation, and that the amount remaining after reimbursing the Corporation for the money which it invested in the land be credited to the work in the North Latin field.

MRS ERNEST LLOYD'S OPERATION:

VOTED, That we appropriate \$100 toward the expense involved in an operation for Mrs Ernest Lloyd, under appointment with her husband to South America.

JOHN J VANCE--MALAYSIA:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of John J Vance to answer the call for a bookman for Malaysia.

W E LANIER:

W E Lanier, formerly in mission work in the Philippines, but at present on furlough in America, attended the publishers' convention in Washington.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division through its publishing department to find work for W E Lanier.

W F HARDT:

VOTED, That W F Hardt receive twenty cents per hour for time spent in mission work in Guatemala.

DR E D HAYSMER:

A LETTER FROM Elder A J Haysmer set forth the advisability of a sanitarium in Kingston, Jamaica. A property previously purchased for medical work but not used by the conference for that work, is available. Brother Haysmer has made an offer to purchase this property for private medical work by his son, Dr E D Haysmer, and wished to know whether the General Conference would meet the expense of landing his son and family in Jamaica.

VOTED, That considering all that would be involved, we do not look with favor upon meeting the transportation of Dr E D Haysmer and family to Jamaica.

A J APPLGATE TO JAMAICA:

VOTED, That A J Applegate be asked to answer the call to Jamaica, provided that after consultation with the New England Conference it shall seem advisable.

ORLEY FORD TO LAKE TITICACA:

VOTED, That we invite Orley Ford, who is now in Walla Walla College, to answer the call to the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission, and ask the Pacific ^{North} Union Conference to release him for that work; it being understood that he will leave for Lake Titicaca as soon after the school year closes as can be arranged.

DR W C DUNSCOMBE'S TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That we pay the traveling expenses of Dr W C Dunscombe and wife and two children from Cape Town, South Africa, to New York.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 1, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, M E Kern, C S Longacre, S E Wight, W H Branson, J L Shaw; also F M Wilcox, F W Paap, J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, C E Hooper, R W Parmele, T E Bowen, W W Eastman, G W Caviness.

Prayer by G W Caviness.

REPORT ON MEXICO--G W CAVINESS:

Professor Caviness told of his visit to Mexico. He first visited the city of Mexico, and found the work going there better than he expected. We now have fifty believers in that city. Good meetings were held and five were baptized. A meeting was held of the stockholders of the Mexican publishing house, and necessary business attended to for the coming year. So far as the attitude of the people is concerned, now is a favorable time to work in Mexico. He did not find any anti-American spirit manifested among the Mexican people. There is plenty to eat, though prices are high. He regretted to report that travel had been somewhat unsafe for some time. There is a growing spirit against Carranza.

He also visited San Luis Potosi, where there are about thirty of our people. At one time we had one hundred believers in the country about San Luis. Brother Leland has been working in Monterey, and some have been baptized. In the south there are good openings for workers. Personally, he felt free to go back to Mexico, but did not know what to say about the workers in Cuba returning, as he did not feel clear in undertaking the risks. We had up to the last General Conference three hundred Sabbath keepers in Mexico, but the war has greatly hindered the progress of the message there.

Professor Prescott made a statement regarding Cuba and the Mexican workers in that field. He spoke of the school, which was arranged to be held for six months, and the plan arranged is for Brethren E R Johnson and E W Thurber to conduct the school. During the vacation a tent effort is to be conducted by these two brethren.

A canvassers' institute was held while Professor Prescott was in Cuba, conducted by Brother C P Martin, from Mexico, and from which twelve Cuban canvassers went into the field. To withdraw workers now from Cuba will take away the teachers from the school, and the canvassing agent.

VOTED, That in view of the present conditions in Mexico, we recommend that the Mexican workers now in Cuba remain in that field for the coming year.

A⁴journed.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 6, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, C S Longacre, M E Kern, J L Shaw; also E L Richmond, I A Ford, R Hook, Jr., J J Ireland, H H Cobban.

EDITORS APPOINTED:

At a joint meeting of the available members of the General Conference Committee with the Review and Herald Board, the following editors were appointed:--

Review and Herald: F M Wilcox; Associates, W A Spicer, G B Thompson, L L Caviness; Special Contributors, A G Daniells, I H Evans, L R Conradi, W W Prescott.

Youth's Instructor: Mrs Fannie D Chase; Associate, Mrs Adelaide B Evans.

Life and Health: Dr H W Miller; Associate, L A Hansen; Office Editor, Dr G H Heald.

Liberty: C S Longacre; Managing Editor, C P Bollman; Special Contributors, K C Russell, H W Cottrell, J O Corliss, W F Martin, S B Horton, C B Haynes.

Sabbath School Worker: Mrs L Flora Plummer; Associate, Rosamond D Ginther.

Christian Educator: Frederick Griggs; Managing Editor, W H Howell.

Church Officers' Gazette: Edited by the Home
Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments of the General
Conference.

Present Truth: E R Palmer

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 8, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern, J L Shaw; also
J J Ireland.

DR J VINTON SCOTT TO GUATEMALA:

VOTED, That we approve of Dr J Vinton Scott, of
Portland, Oregon, going to Guatemala as a self-supporting dentist,
and that we pay his transportation to that field, with the under-
standing that we assume no obligation for his support while in the
field.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING--CENTRAL CHINA:

In view of the benefit that the Thirteenth Sabbath
Offering plan has been to our people generally in fostering a
missionary spirit, in provoking them to larger liberality and in
providing substantial aid in the advancement of mission work in
many different lands,--

VOTED, That we thankfully acknowledge the great
blessing the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings have been to the work
in other lands, and at the same time request our Sabbath schools
once more to "hold the ropes," this time by making their gifts on
June 30, 1917, to the growing work in Central China.

W E LANIER--FURLOUGH ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That we allow W E Lanier two or three months' furlough at the rate of \$14.00 per week, and that the question of his future work be allowed to come up for consideration at a later time, when more members of the Committee are present.

H E MEYERS:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to find employment for H E Meyers, formerly of Mexico, and that the books of the Mexican Mission be sent to the General Conference treasury department.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 9, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, M E Kern, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw, also J J Ireland, F M Wilcox.

CENTRAL CHINA APPROPRIATION:

A LETTER was presented from R F Cottrell, of Central China, telling of the construction of the school and mission buildings, the original cost of which was to be \$8,000. Owing to the fluctuation in the rate of exchange, the outlay calls for \$10,000 .

VOTED, That we authorize the treasurer to send \$2000 to meet the shortage on the Hankow school and mission buildings, mentioned in the letter from R F Cottrell, charging the same to the Asiatic Division, and that we ask the members of the General Conference Committee in Shanghai to make adjustment.

E R BUTTON'S TRANSPORTATION:

A letter from E R Button, telling of his return to America from Jamaica, was presented. He requested that his traveling expenses be paid to California.

VOTED, That we allow E R Button his transportation from Jamaica to California, amounting to \$300.66.

DR A G LARSON:

VOTED; That we allow Dr A G Larson \$50.00 additional for post-graduate expenses.

DR RILEY RUSSELL:

VOTED, That we make an allowance to Dr Riley Russell of \$110, to meet post-graduate fees.

MRS J V WILLSON:

VOTED, That we pay the additional transportation expenses of Mrs J V Willson, amounting to \$78.90.

A F HAINES--FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That we allow A F Haines \$14.00 per week, furlough allowance, from May 1 to December 31, 1916, and charge the same to the West Indian Union appropriations for 1917.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
OF
GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS
February 16, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern, F M Wilcox,
C S Longacre, J L Shaw, H E Rogers.

Prayer by M E Kern.

The committee, consisting of W W Prescott, E R Palmer and J L Shaw, appointed to make inquiry concerning manuscripts of Mrs E G White taken from the General Conference vault, made its report.

Claude Holmes obtained permission from Elder A G Daniells to see manuscripts of Mrs E G White in the vault. Desiring certain manuscript, consisting of private letters written to various members of the General Conference Committee and other leading workers, also manuscripts of a general nature, he had stenographers copy a considerable number of pages, amounting to six or eight hundred pages. In order to pay for the expense of copying, he had six copies of each struck off, and sold the same to Brethren Langston, Crown, Klopfenstein, Hayes and Lennon.

VOTED, That we ask those having manuscripts from the vault, obtained through Claude Holmes, to return them to the vault, and await action of the General Conference Committee when the president and officers of the Committee shall be present, and decision is made as to whether they are willing that these manuscripts should be returned to those now in possession of them.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J E SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
OF
GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS
February 18, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern, C S Longacre,
J L Shaw, H E Rogers and T E Bowen.

MANUSCRIPTS FROM THE VAULT:

Professor Prescott made report for the committee appointed to request Claude Holmes and those who had received literature from him which had been taken from the General Conference vault to return the same, as follows:--

Brother Langston turned in the manuscript which he had received. Brother Crown signified his intention to do the same. Brother Klopfenstein informed the Committee that the testimonies that he had were not of a private nature, and that he had put them in with other testimonies under different headings, and that these were all bound together, and he was not able to tell what came from the vault and what he had obtained from other sources.

Brother Hayes made a similar statement regarding the testimonies which he had, and while he was willing to turn back anything which he knew had belonged to the vault, yet not knowing what had come from the vault and what had come from other sources, and having indexed the matter under different heads and bound the same in a book, he did not see how he could do so.

Brother Claude Holmes expressed himself as unwilling to return the manuscripts which he had to the vault. He had made a large collection of manuscripts from different sources, and was not willing to return any that he had gotten from the vault, and expressed himself as unwilling to comply with the request of the committee that these be returned.

VOTED, That we place these facts before the Review and Herald Board, and request their cooperation in securing the return of these documents to the General Conference vault, to await the action of a larger representation of the Committee, when the president and other officers shall be present.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 18, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern, C S Longacre,
J L Shaw; also H E Rogers, T E Bowen.

Prayer by C S Longacre.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK IN THE AUSTRAL UNION:

The committee appointed to consider the request of the Austral Union regarding the young people's work in Spanish and German, reported, and the report was adopted as follows:--

"Responding to the request of the Austral Union and the South American Division that the General Conference furnish the necessary young people's literature in the Spanish and German languages,--

"We shall be glad to do everything possible to advance this work, which means so much to our South American young people and to the future of the cause in that field.

"While it seems clear to us that the literature for the South American young people must be prepared on the ground, the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department is endeavoring to assist in building up the South American Missionary Volunteer work by,--

"1. Sending to the Austral Union Missionary Volunteer secretary a carbon copy of the Missionary Volunteer Gazette matter as soon as it is prepared.

"2. Assisting, by study and correspondence with publishers in America and elsewhere, in the selection of suitable Reading Course books in Spanish and German.

"3. Giving to South America the results of the efforts of the German Missionary Volunteer secretary in North America in preparing Missionary Volunteer lessons, Reading Course questions, etc.

"4. Furnishing to the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Austral Union copies of all literature which the General or North American Division Conference Departments have printed, and any manuscript which might be helpful in South America.

"Whereas, It is desired to push forward this work without delay, and there are no funds now available in South America for the purpose,--

"Resolved, That we appropriate \$250 for the Missionary Volunteer work in South America, the same to be added to the 1917 budget, it being understood that whatever is needed for the work in the future shall be included in the budget requests.

"Resolved, That the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department prepare a lithographed Reading Course certificate in Spanish for use in South America and other Spanish-speaking fields."

PAPER FOR SHANGHAI PUBLISHING HOUSE:

A request was presented from the treasurer of the Asiatic Division, that \$1000 be taken out of the \$2500 appropriated for a stereotyping outfit for the Shanghai office, the same to be used in purchasing paper for use in publishing a book at that office.

VOTED, That the \$1000 asked for to purchase paper be paid, and the same charged to the general appropriation of the Asiatic Division.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 20, 1917

An informal meeting of the General Conference Committee was held in connection with a meeting of the Review and Herald Board.

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer, Dr H W Miller, C S Longacre, J L Shaw; also F M Wilcox, I A Ford, B F Machlan, T E Bowen, L F Graham, E L Richmond, R Hook, Jr.

Prayer by B F Machlan.

PHILIPPINE MISSION:

A detailed report of the Philippine Mission, written by Elder A G Daniells, was read to the Committee. It presented in a comprehensive manner the general character of the islands, and our work as it is being carried on in different parts of the field.

The total area of the Philippines is 115,000 square miles. The population is estimated to be eight or nine millions. Manila, the largest city, has a population of 272,454. There are eight Christian tribes. The inhabitants live mostly in villages. The climate, while hot, is cooler than in South China or India. The railway mileage is small, being only about 600 miles, but the government has constructed excellent wagon roads.

We have ten foreign families in the Philippines, and four missions established in different parts of the islands. They are as follows: The Central-Southern Luzon Conference, with headquarters at Manila; the Northern Luzon Mission, headquarters at Vigan; the Panayan Mission, headquarters at Iloilo; and the Cebuan Mission, with headquarters at Cebu.

The publishing work is going forward. An organization has been effected which will be known as the Philippine Publishing House of Seventh-day Adventists, with a board of seven trustees. The Philippine Academy is located on the opposite side of the block from the publishing house. The prospect for the school work the coming year seems favorable.

The Manila church has a membership of 318. \$4000 was given by the Australasian brethren for the erection of a church building.

The funds of the mission have made an encouraging showing, sixty per cent of the wages and expenses of all the native workers having been met from the tithe of the believers.

PUBLISHING WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES:

E R Palmer presented a letter from the secretary-treasurer of the Asiatic Division, making request for \$3000 from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, to be used as an operating fund by the Philippine publishing house. The publishing work is growing rapidly in the Philippine Islands. \$16,000 worth of books were sold last year. Money is needed for operating purposes, to get out new books. Instead of one language there are several in which the truth must be published, and this requires an outlay in preparing books and publishing them for circulation.

Twenty-five canvassers are in the field. To provide books in the different languages for these it is necessary to have an operating

fund. This urgent request presented by the officers of the Asiatic Division appealed strongly to the brethren. The manager of the Review and Herald stated that \$4000 was available for donations to the work the coming year.

\$5000 TO W T KNOX FOR EMERGENCIES:

After considering the request for \$3000, it seemed best not to make any decision at this time regarding appropriation from the Review and Herald, but to wait until a larger number of the General Conference Committee were present and the needs of the field were considered as a whole. It was therefore,--

VOTED, That \$5000 be sent to W T Knox, treasurer of the General Conference, to be used if thought best, in meeting emergencies, this sum to be charged to the general operating fund; leaving until a later time the consideration of the appropriation from the Review and Herald to meet this emergency.

MRS J P ANDERSON:

A letter was presented from Mrs J P Anderson, making request that the previous action of the Committee, advising her to remain in America until next autumn, be rescinded, and with it a letter from I H Evans relative to the same question.

In view of the improvement in Sister Anderson's health and her unsettled condition in this country, and in view also of the fact that Dr Landis and family are sailing on March 12 for China, it was--

VOTED, To rescind the previous action, advising Mrs J P Anderson to remain in America until next autumn, and to authorize that arrangements be made for her to sail for the Orient on March 12, if accommodations can be secured, or as soon after as arrangements can be made.

ALBERT MUNSON:

A letter was presented from Albert Munson, requesting that he be permitted to go to Singapore via Australia, as he was planning to be married in Australia.

VOTED, That the fare of Albert Munson be paid to Singapore by way of Australia, and the fare of his wife from Australia to Singapore, his salary to begin when they leave Australia for Singapore.

D E WELLMAN--FURLOUGH:

A request was presented from D E Wellman that he be granted a six months' furlough, beginning in May. His son, S A Wellman from India, is taking furlough this spring, and Brother and Sister D E Wellman desire to meet their son and his family in America. In seventeen years Brother and Sister Wellman have had eight months furlough in America.

VOTED, That if suitable arrangements can be made with the West Indian Union and the South Caribbean Conference, D E Wellman and Mrs Wellman be granted a six months furlough to America.

Adjourned.

W W PRESEOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 22, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw;
also F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, T E Bowen.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

CENTRAL-SOUTHERN LUZON CONFERENCE:

The action of the Asiatic Division Conference Committee, calling for a president for the Central-Southern Luzon Conference, was considered. The action reads as follows:--

"In view of the rapidly developing work in the Philippines which has called for the organization of a conference in a section of that field, and inasmuch as Brother Finster will have heavy responsibilities to bear in looking after the general interests of the work throughout the Archipelago, we earnestly request in harmony with the recent action of the Philippine Mission that the General Conference send a man of administrative ability to take the presidency of the newly organized Central-Southern Luzon Conference."

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure a man of experience in conference management to take the presidency of the Central-Southern Luzon Conference, in the Philippines.

MISS FRENA STAHL:

In September last, the secretary was requested to write to the brethren in South America regarding a request which has come from Miss Frena Stahl to be allowed to come to the Washington Missionary College under provisional appointment. In reply Elder O Montgomery sent the following recommendation from the Inca Union Committee:--

"Whereas, Under all the circumstances Sister Frena Stahl's request seems reasonable; therefore--

"Voted, That we recommend that the General Conference give favorable consideration to this request, and provide the necessary means for her transportation to the homeland."

VOTED, That we pay the transportation of Miss Frena Stahl to the United States, and that she be placed on the provisional appointee allowance at the Washington Missionary College for one year.

R A NELSON--LAKE TITICACA:

A request was presented from the Inca Union Mission that R A Nelson and wife, formerly of the Austral Union, be placed on the budget as one of the five couples voted at the fall council for the Lake Titicaca Mission.

VOTED, That in harmony with the recommendation of the Inca Union Mission, R A Nelson and wife be accepted as one of the five couples voted by the fall council for the Lake Titicaca Mission; and that we allow the Inca Union for their salary and expenses the one thousand dollars provided for in the budget for each couple.

SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR BRAZIL:

VOTED, To ask the North American Division to secure an experienced man to act as secretary and treasurer of the Brazil Union.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 22, 1917, 3:30 P.M.

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, M E Kern, C S Longacre, J L Shaw;
also T E Bowen, F M Wilcox, J J Ireland.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

ADVANCE ALLOWANCE FOR WORKERS TO INCA UNION:

A Request was presented from the South American Division, asking that the appropriations for new workers going out to the Lake Titicaca Mission be allowed from the first of the year, so that no reduction would be made for workers who do not go until later in the year.

VOTED, That inasmuch as the plan with all the fields is to make the allowance for new workers begin when the workers are sent to the field, while recognizing the great need of additional funds to advance the work in the Inca Union Mission field, we do not deem it advisable to make the exception from the general plan asked for by the South American Division.

PORTO RICO MEETING:

Two letters from William Steele presented a request that a General Conference representative attend the general meeting in Porto Rico. The date of the meeting has not been fixed, and information was desired as to the time when a General Conference representative could visit the field, in order to plan the time of the meeting accordingly.

VOTED, That inasmuch as there will be a meeting in the Canal Zone, in August, to consider the interests of the work in the North Latin field, at which time one or two representatives from the General Conference will probably be in attendance, we do not deem it advisable to send a representative to the meeting in Porto Rico.

W H ANDERSON'S TRAVELING EXPENSES:

The traveling expenses of W H Anderson, while making side trips in the interests of missions in the North Pacific, Pacific and Southeastern Unions was presented.

VOTED, That we allow the traveling expenses of W H Anderson, amounting to \$110.43.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 27, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw; also F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, J J Ireland, G W Caviness.

Prayer by G B Thompson.

MEXICAN CONSTITUTION:

A letter was presented from J A Leland, telling of the new constitution adopted by Mexico, to go into effect May 1. It provides for the confiscation of all property of whatsoever nature belonging to religious bodies in their own name or the name of some individual.

Prof. G W Caviness explained concerning our property interests in Mexico. The publishing house is owned by a stock company, and is worth from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. A property is also held, consisting of treatment rooms and a small chapel in the name of Dr W A Swayze, and is estimated to be worth eight or ten thousand dollars. No transfer has ever been made making it legally the property of the Mexican Mission. There is also a small property worth from three to five hundred dollars in the name of G W Caviness.

VOTED, That a committee consisting of the secretary and G W Caviness, be appointed to interview the Mexican Embassy, regarding our property interests in Mexico under the new constitution, and get from other available sources any information possible regarding the attitude of other societies holding property in Mexico.

MRS ANNA EHLERS:

of The Committee being informed that Mrs Anna Ehlers, the wife, one of the Brazilian workers, had been on furlough in the United States at her own expense, and that she was planning to return to Brazil as a steerage passenger, it was--

VOTED, That, provided passports can be obtained for Mrs Anna Ehlers, arrangements be made for her to sail with Elder H P Neumann, to Brazil, and that the difference in the price of steamship tickets between the third class and the first class be paid by the General Conference treasury.

J L SHAW TO VISIT SCHOOLS:

VOTED, That J L Shaw be requested to respond to the call to visit Emmanuel Missionary College and Union College, stopping also at Mount Vernon either going or coming from the other schools.

E G FRANKLIN TO SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, That E G Franklin and wife, of Takoma Park, be invited to answer the call from South Africa for a couple to engage in mission work, under the direction of the South African Union.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 4, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern, C S Longacre, J L Shaw; also J J Ireland, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen.

MEXICAN CONSTITUTION:

The committee appointed to make inquiry at the Department of State regarding property interests in Mexico under the new constitution, were advised to do nothing about property in Mexico at the present time. There is to be an election the present month, and after that the new constitution will be ratified Diplomatic service will soon be in operation between the United States and Mexico, and when the new constitution is ratified, if it does not protect the rights of properties held by mission bodies in the United States it would then be advisable in endeavoring to protect such properties to work through the Mexican Ambassador.

MILITARY EXEMPTION:

A memorial from the students of the Washington Missionary College was presented, asking the General and North American Division Conference Committees to take under advisement the passage of a resolution stating the attitude of the denomination in regard to bearing arms, and asking for exemption from military service.

E M MELEEN TO INDIA:

VOTED, To ask E M Meleen and wife, of the Washington Missionary College, who have been preparing for foreign mission service, and who this year finish their work, to go to India, to answer the call for recruits from that field.

ORLEY FORD:

A letter from Orley Ford was presented, accepting the invitation to Kake Titicaca, and making inquiry regarding medical training before going to the field.

VOTED, That we advise Orley Ford and Miss Lillie Shafer to take two months training at the Los Angeles Hospital before going to their field of labor in South America.

J J VANCE'S APPOINTMENT RESCINDED:

A letter was presented from R T Dowsett, stating that owing to the transfer of V O Panches to the Atlantic Union, and the possible call of H K Christman from West Pennsylvania to Ohio, the Columbia Union Committee did not feel clear to release J J Vance, of West Pennsylvania. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we rescind the action of January 29, asking the North American Division to secure the release of J J Vance to answer the call for a bookman for Malaysia.

E J LORENTZ --WISCONSIN:

A letter from L H Christian regarding E J Lorentz, who was formerly in Abyssinia, was read. Brother Lorentz was banished from Abyssinia by the Italians, and is now in this country. The South Wisconsin Conference is willing to employ Brother Lorentz provided the General Conference provides for his support for two months, and pays his transportation to the field if that is to be paid.

VOTED, That we approve of E J Lorentz going to Wisconsin to labor, and that we allow him three months salary at the rate of \$12.00 a week.

W E BAXTER--VENEZUELA:

J J Ireland presented a letter from W E Baxter, telling of the high cost of rent in Caracas, and the difficulty in getting money from Port of Spain, Trinidad. It requires sometimes two months to get a letter back and forth from Port of Spain.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to send W E Baxter \$500, and be asked to correspond with the West Indian Union office about making remittances for the present to Venezuela direct from the General Conference treasury.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 6, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw; also J J Ireland, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen.

Portion of a letter from O H Maxson, of South America was read, telling of the death of his wife. Brother Maxson requested that the brethren in Washington might at some time remember him and his boys in a special season of prayer.

Elder F M Wilcox and Brother T E Bowen were asked to lead in a special season of prayer for Brother Maxson and his sons.

CANAL ZONE MEETING:

A letter from R W Parmele made inquiry concerning the date of the publishers' convention at the Canal Zone, as he wished to know how to arrange his plans.

VOTED, That the publishers' convention at the Canal Zone be held during the latter half of August, the exact date being subject to boat schedules.

ST THOMAS CHURCH--HURRICANE RELIEF:

Brother Boger reported that the \$500 voted to assist the St Thomas church on account of the hurricane will not all be required in repairing that church.

VOTED, That the South Caribbean Conference be authorized to use any balance remaining of the \$500 voted to repair the St Thomas church from the effects of the hurricane, for the repairing of other churches in that conference.

BIBLE WORKER--SOUTH HONDURAS:

A brother who has been working under the direction of Elder Baker, of North Honduras, has raised up a company over the line in South Honduras. Arrangements have been made for this worker to be under the direction of the South Honduras Mission from the first of the year. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we allow the South Honduras Mission \$5.00 a week from the first of January, 1917 for the support of the Bible worker from North Honduras.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 12, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, G B Thompson, M E Kern;
also J J Ireland, W W Eastman, Miss E M Graham, and T E Bowen.

Prayer by W W Eastman.

H F NEUMANN--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the treasury department be authorized to allow the expense reported by H F Neumann, of \$565.85, in getting off to Brazil, this amount including steamship tickets.

HELEN MORRIS TO PANAMA:

VOTED, That Miss Helen Morris be invited to join Mr John Holder, in Panama, as arranged when he proceeded to that field last year, and that her expenses be allowed in going to Colon.

\$75 to A N ALLEN:

VOTED, That an allowance of \$75 be made A N Allen for moving expenses from Cuba to the United States.

CUBA TENT:

VOTED, That an additional appropriation be made the Cuban Mission, sufficient to cover duty on and equipment of a tent recently donated them and shipped from the United States.

MALAYSIAN BUDGET:

VOTED, That \$900 be added to the Malaysian budget, to cover an error in retaining the estimated income of a physician asked for in their 1917 appropriation, this request being cut out of the budget at the time of the autumn council.

MRS J W MACE:

VOTED, That we invite Mrs J W Mace to connect with the General Conference office in stenographic work.

STENOGRAPHER:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to secure another stenographer, made necessary by removals from the stenographic force.

J R CAMPBELL:

VOTED, That J R Campbell be allowed a furlough of six months from the time he left Africa, his furlough rate to be \$14.00, after his pay allowed by the South African Union Conference ceases.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 13, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, C S Longacre, G B Thompson, M E Kern,
Mrs L F Plummer; also J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman,
Meade MacGuire, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen.

Prayer by Mrs L F Blummer.

L G BEANS TO BOLIVIA:

VOTED, That we invite L G Beans, of Union College,
to make Bolivia his field of labor, leading out in the colporteur
work.

M E MULLINEX TO MALAYSIA:

VOTED, That we invite M E Mullinex to connect with
the Asiatic Division Conference, with the view of taking the super-
vision of the book work in the Malaysian field.

VOTED, That in view of some school indebtedness,
we allow M E Mullinex a provisional appointment allowance of
\$6.00 a week for the three closing months of the school year.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 14, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, G B Thompson, M E Kern,
Mrs L F Plummer; also J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman,
C P Bollman, Dr G H Heald, I A Ford, L W Graham, T E Bowen.

Prayer by C P Bollman.

JAPAN AND KOREA--REPORT FROM ELDER DANIELLS:

Several of the brethren were invited in to meet with the Committee, to receive the reports just in from Elder A G Daniells, following his visit and general meetings in the Japan and Korean mission fields. The secretary presented the report from Japan; W W Prescott read the report of the organization of the Chosen Conference, with the various items mentioned by Brother Daniells in connection with his visit to that field.

These reports were very comprehensive, and gave all present a clear understanding of the work in its various departments and phases as found by the workers on visiting these fields.

Careful study was given to the publishing work in Japan, and plans were adopted with a view of placing this department of the work upon a sound basis, leading as quickly as possible to self-support. An encouraging feature of the work in Japan is that the younger workers are developing a knowledge of the Japanese language, which gives them an advantage in leading out in the different divisions which the mission is divided.

In Korea, another licensed preacher was set apart to the ministry by ordination.

These reports were quite lengthy, occupying the time allotted to the meeting.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary,

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 15, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, E R Palmer, M E Kern,
C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer; also J J Ireland, W W Eastman,
Miss E M Graham, G W Caviness, T E Bowen.

Prayer by G B Thompson.

J M HOWELL--FREIGHT:

VOTED, That we allow the \$150 balance freight and import duty on J M Howell's goods, ordered after reaching the Lake Titicaca Mission, Peru.

N H POOL:

VOTED, That the North American Division be asked to provide work for N H Pool, recently returned from the West Indian Union Conference, and that until he is placed he be allowed a furlough rate of \$14.00 a week.

DR RUBLE--STEREOPTICON SLIDES:

Dr W A Ruble, of Melrose, Mass., having been requested to give a lecture in connection with the special Sabbath school services to be held at that place, and desiring to borrow some stereopticon slides, it was--

VOTED, That the Medical Department, which has charge of the mission slides, be requested to lend Doctor Ruble those desired for his lecture, being careful that they are securely packed to avoid breakage.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 21, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer; also J J Ireland, W W Eastman, Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen.

TEMPERANCE NUMBER SPANISH PAPER:

Consideration was given to a letter received from William Steele requesting that a temperance number of the Spanish paper be issued, to be used in connection with a temperance campaign preceding the vote on prohibition by the people in July. It was--

VOTED, That the chairman appoint a committee of two, to act with himself, to make investigation concerning the cost of getting out such an issue, and such other points as would be necessary in considering the matter, to report later for final action.

Named: J J Ireland and T E Bowen.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 26, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, Mrs L F Plummer, E R Palmer, M E Kern, H L Shaw; also W Eastman, T E Bowen, J J Ireland, F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham.

Prayer by W W Eastman.

G C COMMITTEE MEETING--HUNTSVILLE:

VOTED, That inasmuch as the North American Division Committee is holding a council at Huntsville, Alabama, to begin April 12, we deem it advisable to take this opportunity of securing workers for the mission fields, and doing such routine business of the General Conference as may be in hand.

ELMSHAVEN ESTATE:

A letter from Chas. E Rice, manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, stated that the Sanitarium wished to purchase the Elmshaven property, if it could be obtained at a favorable price. The reasons stated for purchasing the property were to hold it within the denomination and provide a rest home in connection with the Sanitarium.

VOTED, That we recommend a special concession be made to the St Helena Sanitarium in the price of the Elmshaven property, and that it be offered to the St Helena Sanitarium for \$10,000.

THE MRS E G WHITE LIBRARY AND MANUSCRIPTS:

In the event of the sale of the Elmshaven property the question arose as to what disposition should be made of Mrs E G White's library and manuscripts. A letter from Elder W G White raised other questions as to filing and indexing work on manuscripts not yet completed.

VOTED, That a committee of three, consisting of J J Ireland, W W Prescott and E R Palmer, be appointed, to consider pending questions pertaining to the Mrs E G White library and manuscripts, and report.

PORTO RICO--TEMPERANCE:

The committee appointed in a previous meeting, to give consideration to Brother Steele's request for a temperance number of the Spanish paper, for use in a temperance campaign in Porto Rico, reported, and the report was adopted as follows:--

1. That a temperance number of Las Senales, the Spanish paper, be prepared as a regular issue for June, to be sold in Porto Rico and elsewhere at the regular rate.

2. That to advance the temperance cause in Porto Rico a four to eight-page leaflet be prepared for free distribution, 50,000 copies suggested, to be printed in Porto Rico, containing pointed matter of a general nature, also that which would meet local conditions, prepared by workers in that field; cuts and general matter for the leaflet to be furnished by G W Caviness in counsel with Mrs F D Chase.

To meet the expense of this leaflet we suggest that Porto Rico appropriate out of its mission funds sufficient to cover the cost.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 27, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, E R Palmer,
M E Kern, J L Shaw; also T E Bowen, J J Ireland, F M Wilcox,
Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman,

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

M E MULLINEX:

In responding to the call as a bookman for
Malaysia, M E Mullinex stated that he had a debt of \$148.00
to be cared for before he could go to the field.

VOTED, That, if desired, an advance of \$150 be
made to M E Mullinex, to be returned at the rate of \$1.50 a week,
or, if possible, in larger installments.

REID S SHEPHERD--LAKE TITICACA:

The call for a secretary and treasurer for the Lake
Titicaca Mission was presented.

VOTED, That we invite Reid S Shepherd and wife,
of Emmanuel Missionary College, to go to Lake Titicaca, at the
completion of the school year, he to act as secretary and treas-
urer of the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission.

HARRY B LUNDQUIST--INDIA:

It was stated that Harry B Lundquist was favorable
to going to India, in response to an urgent call for workers from
that field.

VOTED, That we invite Harry B Lundquist, of
Emmanuel Missionary College, to go to India as soon after the close
of the present school year as circumstances shall make it possible.

B E CONNERLY:

A letter from W G Kneeland, president of the West
Caribbean Conference, related the experience of B E Connerly, in
the canvassing work in Colombia. Difficulty in getting books
and in making expenses in the field has made it hard for him to
support his family.

VOTED, That we place before the West Indian Union and the West Caribbean Conference the advisability of B E Connerly and family returning to this country, and recommend that he and his family return to America at the expense of the General Conference.

IGNACIO S THEILIG TO SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of Ignacio S Theilig to connect with the River Plate Academy, Entre Rios, Argentine, S.A., the General Conference to pay his transportation to the field.

JOHN L HOLDER--OUTFITTING:

VOTED, That John L Holder, who has gone to the West Caribbean Conference, be granted the usual outfitting allowance of \$150.

W J FITZGERALD--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the transportation expenses of W J Fitzgerald and family, from England to New York, amounting to \$241.76, be allowed.

ELECTROTYPING OUTFIT AND PRESS FOR SHANGHAI:

The Signs of the Times Publishing Association obtained for the Press in Shanghai a very complete electrotyping outfit at a much reduced price.

VOTED, That the bill presented by the Signs of the Times Publishing Association, amounting to \$833.45 for an electrotyping outfit, and \$3331.18 for a Miehle press, be paid, and charged to the Asiatic Division appropriation.

J T THOMPSON--FREIGHT:

VOTED, That the freight on household goods of J T Thompson, from California to South America, amounting to \$71.55, be paid.

ADDING MACHINE--SOUTH CHINA:

VOTED, That we supply the South China Mission with one of our adding machines, after it has been overhauled, the price agreed upon being \$160.00 in addition to the express.

THEODORE HEYDE:

VOTED, That we settle the account of Theodore Heyde in Shanghai, China, amounting to \$300.00 Mex., charging the same to his account, provided J T Boettcher concurs in this advance.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 3, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern, E R Palmer, Mrs L F Blummer, J L Shaw; also J J Ireland, T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

W F MAYERS--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That we allow the traveling expenses of W F Mayers and wife from California to Guatemala, amounting to \$199.47.

HUNGARIAN MAGAZINE:

VOTED, That we pay the International Branch \$94.00 for printing the Hungarian Harvest Ingathering magazine.

F L CHANEY--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That we allow the traveling expenses of F L Chaney from Walla Walla, Wash., to Washington, D.C., amounting to \$69.55.

HERBERT MOULD--FURLOUGH ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That we allow Herbert Mould furlough allowance of \$12.00 a week for a period of three months, beginning March first, and authorize the payment of traveling expenses from Cuba, amounting to \$61.00.

DR A G LARSEN:

VOTED, That the salary allowance and post-graduate expenses of Dr A G Larsen be allowed as a special from July 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917, as there is no provision in China's budget after June 30, 1916.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 5, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, M E Kern, G B Thompson, C S Longacre; also F W Paap, R W Parmele, F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham, J J Ireland, T E Bowen.

Prayer by R W Parmele.

Elder Parmele was present and gave a brief statement of his visit to Cuba. He asked advice re his work in the North Latin field; contemplated visit to Porto Rico, etc. No action was taken before meeting adjourned, to give place to a College Board meeting.

Adjourned to 10:30 Friday morning.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 6, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw; also J J Ireland, F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham, R W Parmele, F W Paap, T E Bowen.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

GUATEMALA--J B STUYVESANT'S RETURN:

Letters from J B Stuyvesant presented the condition of the work in Guatemala, and the need of some one to go to that field at once to take the oversight of the work. The health of Brother and Sister Stuyvesant does not make it advisable for them to take up active work before next fall.

VOTED, That a committee of three, consisting of W W Prescott, J L Shaw, and R W Parmele, be appointed, to confer with Elder G W Caviness about going to Guatemala.

JOSE VEIGA TO CUBA:

VOTED, That we ask Jose Veiga, of the Washington Missionary College, to go to Cuba to labor at the close of the present school year.

PORTO RICO MEETING:

Brother Parmele spoke of the conditions of travel to Porto Rico at this time, owing to the submarine activity, and asked counsel as to the advisability of his attending the ministerial institute in Porto Rico, beginning May 15.

VOTED, That a committee, consisting of W W Prescott, J L Shaw and R W Parmele, take this matter under consideration.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 8, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, M E Kern,
C S Longacre, E R Palmer, J L Shaw; also T E Bowen, J J Ireland,
Miss E M Graham, R W Parmele.

Prayer by W W Prescott.

R W PARMELE'S WORK:

R W Parmele placed before the Committee some of the problems connected with his work, brought about by the present states of war and conditions in Mexico, and asked for counsel as to future work.

VOTED, That R W Parmele be invited to attend the meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, and afterward go to Mexico. If it should be found impossible for him to get into Mexico, that he go to Cuba and spend his available time in the study of Spanish.

FLORENCE KNEELAND--OPERATION:

VOTED, That \$85.00 be allowed Miss Florence Kneeland, to cover the cost of an operation preparatory to going to China.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:

VOTED, That owing to the war which has increased the freight rates, a previous action regarding shipment of musical instruments be rescinded, and that each case of sending musical instruments to the mission fields be considered on its merits.

MORRIS LUKENS--TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the transportation expenses of Morris Lukens from Vancouver to Kansas, amounting to \$106.06, be paid.

NATHAN BREWER:

VOTED, That we pay the salary of Nathan Brewer for the month of June, 1916, as he was preparing to go to China.

R W PARMELE--PIANO:

VOTED, That we pay the freight on R W Parmele's piano from Florida to Cuba.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 12, 1917, 2 P.M.

A number of meetings of the General Conference Committee were held in connection with the spring council of the North American Division Committee, at Huntsville, Alabama.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans J L Shaw, R D Quinn, R A Underwood, A V Olson, L H Christian, Chas. Thompson, C W Flaiz, W H Branson, S E Wight, J W Christian, C F McVagh, M N Campbell, J T Boettcher, Mrs L Flora Plummer, G B Thompson, C S Longacre, W W Prescott.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J J Ireland, W W Eastman, W E Howell, C B Stephanson, G F Haffner, B E Miller, P E Broderson, F M Wilcox, F W Paap, Miss E M Graham, H W Carr, L D Randall, R I Keate, J L Shuler, G H Curtis, J A Tucker, A N Allen, J B Locken, R W Parmele, B W Brown, C J Buhalts, A L Miller, C J Boyd, B H Heald, V R Neall, H E Rogers.

Prayer by R A Underwood, C W Flaiz, R D Quinn.

The Committee was called to order by I H Evans.

General and Division Conference action was taken, going into joint session, to take under consideration the question of the location of the coming General and Division Conference session.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

The chairman stated that in January of this year a committee, consisting of I H Evans, E E Andross, and C H Jones was appointed to make investigation in Los Angeles and San Francisco. I H Evans reported for the committee.

Los Angeles has a large auditorium some distance out of the city, used for large public meetings, called Shriners' Temple. The building has good acoustic properties, and seats 4,000 people. The manager of the auditorium offered the use of the building for \$2,500, light and janitor service extra, the light to cost from \$20 to \$50 a night, according to the length of evening meetings.

San Francisco offers free the Civic Auditorium, seating 10,000 people. The main floor accommodates 6,000, and there are numerous large committee rooms. It is well lighted and no charge will be made for light and janitor service. The following communications were received from the Secretary of the San Francisco League:--

"March 2, 1917.

"Mr. I H Evans,
General National Conference, Seventh-day Adventists,
Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:--

"The San Francisco Convention League, representing the citizens of San Francisco, takes great pleasure in extending an invitation to the members of the General National Conference and the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to hold their 1918 convention in San Francisco.

"San Francisco has the greatest hotel facilities of any city in the world, aside from New York. Rooms can be procured in modern hotels at reasonable rates.

"Our Convention Auditorium is especially equipped for conventions such as yours. The main hall contains a huge pipe organ which is seventh in size in the world, and should be very appropriate for your night sessions, when, you will no doubt, be desirous of having music. There are innumerable committee rooms and halls which will be turned over for your convention free of any expense whatever.

"San Francisco is situated in the center of the Pacific Coast, and is accessible from all points of the compass. Delegates from foreign countries will land direct in the convention city, if it is held in San Francisco, without having to make an extra railroad trip.

"The San Francisco Convention League will assume the responsibility to the end that your convention will be successful in every detail, and you may be assured that our citizens will take great pleasure in entertaining the delegates.

"If you contemplate meeting in San Francisco, we would advise that you come to an early decision in order that we may reserve the Auditorium for the night sessions.

"Trusting we may have the pleasure of greeting your members at your next convention in San Francisco, we are,

"Yours very truly,
San Francisco Convention League,
R.L. Webb,
Secretary."

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 12, 1917, 7:30 P.M.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

E E Andross, L H Christian, W C White; also
S. Mortenson, S N Curtiss, A L Miller, C N Sanders.

CALLS FROM MISSION FIELDS:

The chairman spoke of urgent calls for workers from the mission fields which demanded consideration at this meeting. The secretary outlined the needs of the Asiatic Division, and enumerated the unfilled calls. The Central-Southern Luzon Conference needs a man of some experience in administrative work to take the presidency. A superintendent for Bengal is still needed. A letter was presented from L J Burgess, setting forth the need and urgency of this call. Other unanswered calls from the Asiatic Division presented were, two couples for evangelistic work in India, and a bookman for Korea. From the North Latin field two calls were presented. A superintendent for Guatemala and a secretary and treasurer for the North Honduras Mission are asked.

W W Prescott was asked to outline the unfilled calls from South America. The progress in getting recruits for South America was first mentioned, which made evident that a number of pressing calls have already been answered. The following needs were placed before the Committee:--

A bookman for Minas Geraes, Brazil.
Home Missionary secretary for Austral Union.
Principal for Brazil school.
Superintendent for Peru.
Superintendent for Bolivia.
Evangelist for Austral Union.
Secretary-treasurer for Brazil Union.

JOINT ACTION:

VOTED, That the officers of the General and Division Conferences, with departmental secretaries, be a committee on distribution of labor.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 15, 1917, 2:30 P.M.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

M E Kern, Dr H W Miller; also S Rasmussen, D U Hale, W L Bird.

Prayer by Chas. Thompson.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Mrs L Flora Plummer, for the Sabbath School Department, spoke of the uncertainty of Sabbath school quarterlies reaching the fields in these days of war, when many ships are being sunk and mails are so uncertain, and suggested that some provision be made so that no field should be left without Sabbath school quarterlies.

Mrs Plummer also mentioned the need of a series of Sabbath school leaflets to instruct Sabbath school superintendents, secretaries, and teachers on their respective duties and to furnish such other instruction relative to Sabbath school work as would be advisable to have in leaflet form.

Request was made that the field to which the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the first quarter of 1918 be decided upon at this time.

VOTED, That the Committee on Plans, acting for the North American Division council, take the needs of the Sabbath school Department under consideration and report.

A committee to nominate a member to fill vacancy on the Sabbath School Department committee presented the name of E R Palmer.

VOTED, That E R Palmer be elected a member of the Sabbath School Department committee.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The Committee on Distribution of labor made the following partial report, which was adopted:--

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of the following workers for the mission fields:--

M M Hare, of the Southern California Conference, to take the presidency of the Central Southern Luzon Conference, in the Philippines.

T W Steen, principal of the Adelpian Academy, to take the principalship of the Brazil school, South America.

A A Cone, of California, to answer the call for a home missionary secretary of the Austral Union, South America

A J Olsen, of Nebraska, to answer the call for a superintendent of the Bengal Mission, India.

Herbert Griffith, of the Boulder Sanitarium, to act as secretary and treasurer of the Brazil Union Conference.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 16, 1917

GENERAL AND DIVISION CONFERENCE, TIME AND PLACE:
JOINT SESSION

The committee on time and place of holding the next General and Division Conference sessions made the following report, which was adopted:--

The San Francisco Convention League, having, through its Secretary, Mr Robert L Webb, kindly placed at our disposal the Exposition Auditorium in San Francisco, lighted and heated, and the use of its numerous committee rooms and pipe organ, free of charge; and having extended to our denomination a most cordial invitation to hold the quadrennial session of our General and North American Division Conferences in the City of San Francisco; we therefore,--

Recommend, 1. That we accept this kind offer, and hold the quadrennial session of the General and North American Division Conferences in the City of San Francisco, California.

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Ala., April 17, 1917, 8 P.M.

Prayer by Chas Thompson, C F McVagh, Steen Rasmussen.

SUSTENTATION FUND:

The treasurer, J J Ireland, spoke of the increase of applicants for the Sustentation Fund, especially during the fall and winter, and stated that the list is rapidly growing. Advice was asked regarding requests made upon the fund.

VOTED, That the questions raised concerning the Sustentation Fund be referred to a committee consisting of the officers of the General and Division Conferences, with the union conference presidents, J J Ireland to act as chairman.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 18, 1917, 10 A.M.

Prayer by C W Flaiz.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS AND LEAFLETS:

The Committee on Plans presented the following report on Sabbath school lessons and leaflets, which was adopted:-

We recommend, 1. That the Sabbath School Department provide a series of emergency lessons for at least one quarter, to be sent to each of the foreign fields, to be used by any field at any time when the irregularity of mail service prevents them from receiving the regular lesson manuscript.

2. That the Sabbath school Department provide a series of small leaflets, giving instruction on the various phases of Sabbath school work, these leaflets to be furnished in reasonable quantities to the officers and teachers in our schools, free of cost.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 19, 1917

JOINT SESSION

Prayer by B G Wilkinson.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

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

That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of the following workers for the mission fields:--

A B Russell and wife, of the Cumberland Conference, for the North Latin Mission.

H McWhinny, of Loma Linda, Cal., for the Asiatic Division, suggesting that he answer the call to India for evangelistic work.

M L Wilson, of Alabama, for the North Latin field.

Ernest Truitt, of Keene Academy, to answer the call for a field missionary secretary in Korea.

L D Minner, of Union College, for the Austral Union as an evangelist.

That, provided the Asiatic Division agree, we recommend that P J Bennett and family go to India to labor.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING:

The Committee on Plans submitted the following report on Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which was adopted:--

Whereas, The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan has been a great blessing in acquainting our people with the needy mission fields, and in provoking in them a spirit of liberality toward these fields; therefore,--

We recommend, That we ask our Sabbath schools to rally again to the aid of this cause by giving their offerings on March 30, 1918, to our heedful and growing work in Bengal and Burma.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Huntsville, Alabama, April 19, 1917, 2:30 P.M.

Prayer by J B Locken and S Mortenson.

WEEK OF PRAYER:

The committee appointed to make recommendations concerning the week of prayer submitted the following report, which was adopted:--

That the next week of prayer be held December 8 to 15 inclusive.

That the subjects to be presented, and the writers of readings be as follows:--

Sabbath, December 8, "Repentance and Forgiveness,"
I.H.Evans.

Sunday, December 9, "The Gift of Righteousness,"
L.H.Christian.

Monday, December 10, "Work for the Young People,"
M E Kern.

Tuesday, December 11, "Extracts from the Writings of Mrs E G White," E E Andross.

J.E.Fulton. Wednesday, December 13, "The Support of the Work,"
W E Spicer. Thursday, December 13, "The Call of the Fields,"
F M Wilcox. Friday, December 14, "Complete Consecration,"
A G Daniells. Sabbath, December 15, "The Blessed Hope,"

That the Sabbath School Department arrange for readings for the children during the week of prayer.

W C DUNSCOMBE:

VOTED, That the time of Dr W C Dunscombe as reported be allowed, at the rate of \$20 a week, from the time he left South Africa until he reached New York.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D.C., April 25, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, J T Boettcher
M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw; also F W Paap, J J Ireland,
W W Eastman, F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen.

Prayer by M E Kern.

BAHAMA SCHOOL:

A letter from J H Smith, of Nassau, Bahama Islands, presented the need of a teacher for the school. C G Howell and wife, owing to ill health, are returning to the States.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division, through its Educational Department, to secure a teacher for the Bahamas.

IDA THOMASON--FURLOUGH:

The South African Union Conference passed a recommendation, asking that Ida Thomason, who has been working for a number of years in the sanitarium in South Africa, be granted a furlough to the United States.

VOTED, That we offer to pay the transportation of Miss Ida Thomason from South Africa to the United States, and grant furlough pay for a period of three months from the time of leaving Cape Town, provided she wishes to return to this country for a permanent stay; but if she wishes to continue work in South Africa we advise that she take her vacation in that country.

BRAZIL SCHOOL--PRINCIPAL:

A letter was presented by W W Prescott from Prof Glen Wakeham, of England, in which he volunteered to go to Brazil to take charge of the school.

VOTED, That we rescind the action taken April 15, asking T W Steen to go to Brazil.

VOTED, That we extend an invitation to Prof Glen Wakeham, of England, to take the principalship of the Brazil school.

W R WHITE--WEST INDIAN UNION:

Owing to the condition of his health, F H Raley, secretary and treasurer of the West Indian Union Conference, feels that he should return to the States. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we invite W R White, of England, to go to the West Indies to act as secretary and treasurer of the West Indian Union Conference.

L G BEANS--ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That L G Beans be granted \$50, as an equipment allowance preparatory to answering the call to Bolivia.

A A CARSCALLEN:

A letter to J J Ireland from A A Carscallen spoke of the need of funds to carry on mission work in British East Africa, it being necessary for him to furnish funds to the workers in the field.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to advance \$1000 to A A Carscallen, on account of the British Union Conference, for use in the work in East Africa.

BELLE SHRYOCK--WORK:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure work for Miss Belle Shryock, formerly of India, who is held in this country until the war is over.

INSTRUCTOR ARTICLE:

VOTED, That we pay three dollars to Mrs L D A Stuttle, for the article for the Decennial issue of the Youth's Instructor, and charge the same to the Missionary Volunteer Department.

STEREOPTICON FOR CUBA:

VOTED, That \$68.22 be added to the Cuba budget, to cover the cost of a stereopticon, and custom duties.

D N WALL'S TRANSPORTATION.

VOTED, That transportation expenses of D N Wall, returning to America from Australia, amounting to \$167.41, be paid.

THEODORE HEYDE:

A letter from Theodore Heyde made application for further advance on money placed on deposit in Russia.

VOTED, That \$500 be advanced to Theodore Heyde on his account.

ELLEN G WHITE REAL ESTATE:

VOTED, That we counsel the General Conference Corporation to offer the Ellen G White real estate to the St Helena Sanitarium for the sum of \$9,000, free of all restrictions as to the use to be made of the property in the future. If the St Helena Sanitarium does not see its way clear to accept this offer, we instruct the committee in charge to reserve the Paul Mason property, and the two acres adjoining the Sanitarium sewage farm, and sell the balance to Harry Chapman for the sum of \$8,000.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 1, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, G B Thompson, E R Palmer, M E Kern, J L Shaw, J T Boettcher, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer; also Miss E M Graham, F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, T E Bowen, W W Eastman, W E Howell.

Prayer by G B Thompson.

MRS B MILLER:

The chairman presented the case of Sister B Miller, a returned missionary from China, requiring an operation

VOTED, That we allow \$100 toward the expense of an operation for Sister B Miller, with the understanding that the Washington Sanitarium will arrange with her for the payment of the balance of charges.

MRS FREDERICK LEE:

The chairman also presented the case of Mrs Frederick Lee, as in need of an operation.

VOTED, That an allowance of \$25.00 be made toward the operation of Mrs Frederick Lee, with the understanding that the Washington Sanitarium arrange with Brother Lee for payment of further charges.

A J OLSEN:

Owing to A J Olsen's being detained in this country while getting permit from the British government to proceed to India, it was--

VOTED, That we recommend that he take up tent work during the summer, and ask the conference where he labors to provide his support; failing this, that the General Conference pay one half his wages while in tent work waiting to go to India.

W H LEWISFUNDS:**

A letter from W A Westworth, president of the Indiana Conference, told of a cable received by J H Talge from a representative of his business in West Africa, stating that W H Lewis had been injured in a motor accident and required funds to return to this country. The letter stated that on our warrant J H Talge was willing to advance Brother Lewis through his representative £ 100.

VOTED, That £ 100 be sent to W H Lewis through the representative of J H Talge in West Africa.

F F OSTER:

The treasurer presented a letter from F F Oster, of Persia, speaking of the high cost of living and the need of further funds.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to send F F Oster \$300.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE COMMITTEE:

The resignation of F M Wilcox from the committee on Ministerial Reading Course was placed before the Committee.

VOTED, That we accept the resignation of F M Wilcox from the Ministerial Reading Course committee.

VOTED: That we ask G B Thompson to fill the vacancy on the Ministerial Reading Course committee made by the resignation of F M Wilcox.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 6, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, E R Palmer, also J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, F M Wilcox, W E Howell, T E Bowen.

Prayer by E R Palmer.

W H ANDERSON--RAISING FUNDS:

A letter was presented from W H Anderson, making request that he be permitted to raise funds from outside sources to start a new mission station in South Africa. One man not of our faith has offered to give \$2,000.

VOTED. 1. That we ask W H Anderson to wait until we receive definite word from the South African Union Conference regarding the opening of a new mission station at Shesheka before giving authorization to raise funds from outside persons for such an undertaking.

2. That in the meantime we give W H Anderson authorization to raise funds from outside people for the regular work in South Africa.

E R JOHNSON--SPANISH EDITORIAL WORK:

The chairman read to the Committee a letter from E R Johnson, of the Cuban Mission, in which he asked for counsel from the Mission Board as to his acceptance of an invitation from the Pacific Press Publishing Board to take up editorial work in connection with the new publishing house to be established by that association in the Canal Zone. After due consideration of the matter, it was--

VOTED. That E R Johnson be definitely disconnected from the Mexican mission, and that Brother A Cooper, the acting treasurer of that field, be instructed to draw upon mission funds for any balance needed above the amount realized in the sale of some of Brother Johnson's personal possessions, to pay the necessary expense of shipping the balance of his property to Brother Johnson.

VOTED, That the superintendent of the North Latin field, and the Cuban Mission committee, be advised to release Brother E R Johnson from his work in Cuba, in order that he may accept the call to the editorial work; it being understood that he would not leave his present tent effort until the work is closed, or suitable provision made for it.

VOTED, That the Mission Board advise the Cuban committee to arrange with Brother E W Thurber to act as principal of the Cuban school for the coming year.

A J OLSEN--SUMMER SCHOOL:

The permit from the British Embassy, allowing A J Olsen, under appointment to India, to proceed to his field having not arrived, Brother Olsen is unable to go forward. In the meantime he wishes to attend summer school at College View.

VOTED, That we favor A J Olsen attending summer school at College View, and that he be allowed while attending two months' salary at the rate of \$13.00 a week.

H G PATCHETT--TRANSPORTATION AND SALARY:

The treasurer presented the amount of transportation and salary of H G Patchett, going to South Africa by way of Australia.

VOTED, That the transportation, amounting to \$824.08, and salary, amounting to \$252.15, of H G Patchett, going to South Africa, be allowed.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 8, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, E R Palmer, M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer; also T E Bowen, F W Paap, G W Caviness, L L Caviness, E L Richmond, W L Burgan, G F Enoch, C Sorenson, Miss E M Graham, L W Graham.

Prayer by G W Caviness.

LETTERS FROM W A SPICER AND W T KNOX:

Interesting letters were read from Elders Spicer and Knox. Brother Spicer's letter, of April 1, tells of his trip to Holland and other places on the Continent. In company with L R Conradi he attended eight conferences and a Division council. He also spent some time in Denmark, and reported from all fields that notwithstanding the war, our people are of good courage.

Elder Knox, writing from Malaysia, told of the progress of the work in that field. A good foundation is being laid and a substantial growth is being made.

REPORTS ON CHINA BY A G DANIELLS:

Carefully prepared reports by Brother Daniells, telling of our work in Manchuria, Central and East China were read to the Committee. These reports, with others prepared by Elder Daniells, give to the Committee detailed information concerning the fields which he has visited in his trip to the East. These reports contain much information that will be valuable to the Mission Board in its future plan.

INDIA UNION BUDGET:

Since the India Union had met expenses of transportation for 1916 that were not provided for in the budget for that year, it was--

VOTED, That \$1,062.03 be allowed the India Union Mission, to cover the following items: Additional expenses C F Lowry, \$493.19; traveling expenses W W Fletcher, \$518.84; the Learned-Mead payment sent by Professor Salisbury but not delivered, \$50.00.

U BENDER--OUTFITTING:

VOTED, That \$150 outfitting allowance be granted to U Bender, who accepted the appointment as superintendent of the Rhodesian Union Mission, and has gone forward to the field.

W C WHITE--DISPOSITION OF PLATES:

A letter to the Committee from W C White, regarding plates of "Steps to Christ" in German, Swedish and Danish was presented.

VOTED, That we advise the General Conference Corporation to preserve the electrotype plates of the Danish, Swedish and German "Steps to Christ," and have them shipped from College View to the Pacific Press Branch at Brookfield, Illinois; and further, that we advise that the electrotype plates for "Coming King" in the Danish and Swedish be sold for old metal.

W C ISING:

Writing from the island of Malta, where he is in a prison camp, W C Ising tells of his need of money. He has been receiving funds from the British Union and the European Division. Recently, however, he has not been getting his remittances.

VOTED, That we send W C Ising \$100, charging the same to the European Division.

HONDURAS SCHOOL--KARL SNOW:

The secretary referred to the action of the Committee, allowing Karl Snow and wife funds with which to come to America for change and treatment. Brother Snow and wife have been unable to get workers to relieve them, and are therefore unable to leave Honduras.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of three to consider the Honduras school and report.

Appointed: J L Shaw, W E Howell, G B Thompson.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 13, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, W A Spicer, G B Thompson, M E Kern, E R Palmer, J L Shaw; also J J Ireland, W W Eastman, Miss E M Graham, F W Paap, W E Howell, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, C C Lewis.

M E MULLENNIX--SUMMER SCHOOL:

Owing to a late ruling of the British government, M E Mullennix, under appointment to Malaysia, cannot go forward to the field until permit is received. During this time he wishes to attend the summer school at College View.

VOTED, That an allowance of \$6.00 per week be granted to M E Mullennix, while attending summer school at College View.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 16, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, G B Thompson, C S Longacre, J L Shaw, Mrs L F Plummer, M E Kern, E R Palmer, W A Spicer; also J J Ireland, W E Howell, L A Hansen, T E Bowen, F W Paap, Miss E M Graham.

Prayer by L A Hansen.

REID S SHEPARD:

A letter was received from Redd S Shepard, of Emmanuel Missionary College, urging the request that they be allowed to spend a little time at the Washington dispensary before going to the Lake Titicaca field.

It was felt, however, that inasmuch as Brother and Sister Shepard are to locate at the headquarters of the Indian mission, where they will be associated with the head dispensary work carried on by Brother and Sister Stahl, they would better go forward at once to the field.

VOTED, That ministerial license be granted to Reid S Shepard, and missionary license to Mrs Shepard.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION--PHILIPPINES:

J J Ireland reported a communication from the treasurer, Elder W T Knox, setting forth the request from the Asiatic Division for a special appropriation of \$1000 on last year's account, to cover the salary and expenses of the Philippine printing house manager, this amount necessarily having been involved by the Philippine Mission during 1916, but by some error not having been included in their estimate.

VOTED, That the treasury department be authorized to make a special appropriation of \$1000 to apply on the 1916 Philippine Mission appropriations, on account of the printing work.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL:

Prof W E Howell, of the Educational Department, informed the Committee that the stenographic assistant in the General Conference Correspondence School felt that she must change her work ere long. He urged that consideration be given to the necessity of providing help for the Correspondence School that would be in the nature of a permanent assistant to the principal of the school, the nature of the work really requiring this. After discussion of the matter, it was--

VOTED, To ask the Committee of the Correspondence School to make nomination to the General Conference Committee of a permanent assistant to the head of this school.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 20, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, Chas Thompson, E R Palmer, W A Spicer; also W W Eastman, F W Paap, Miss E M Graham, L A Hansen, J J Ireland.

Prayer by Chas Thompson.

REVIEW AND HERALD REQUEST--W W PRESCOTT:

E R Palmer, of the Review and Herald, presented a request from the publishing house that the General Conference grant the release of Professor Prescott for several months this summer, in order to give time to special editorial work which the office desires to assign to him, in revision of "Facts for the Times" and "Helps to Bible Study," which for some time the Review and Herald has had in hand and wishes to bring into completed form now as soon as possible.

VOTED, That on request of the Review and Herald we grant to them the services of Prof W W Prescott for such time as may be necessary this summer, to engage in the work suggested.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 22, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, G B Thompson, J T Boettcher, Dr H W Miller, Chas Thompson, M E Kern, Mrs L F Plummer, J L Shaw, W A Spicer; also Miss E M Graham, J J Ireland, W W Eastman, W E Howell.

Prayer by J T Boettcher.

MRS W G KNEELAND--FURLOUGH:

It was stated that Mrs W G Kneeland, of the West Caribbean Conference, had taken advantage of economical transportation to the States, in order to see her daughter and prospective son-in-law before their departure for China, also to get some change of climate, Sister Kneeland not being in good health. Dr Miller reported in her case that Sister Kneeland was close to the verge of a nervous breakdown, and should spend some months in this climate. Inasmuch as the Committee had already given favorable consideration to the idea of calling Sister Kneeland on a brief furlough before the departure of the young people for China, it was--

VOTED, That the Mission Board appropriate to meet the transportation of Mrs W G Kneeland from Panama to her old home in Michigan, and return to Panama; and that \$100 be made available in her behalf to take treatment at such point as will best suit her plans before her return to Panama.

MEDICAL JOURNAL:

Dr H W Miller presented for consideration the matter of the Medical Quarterly, which our physicians have been conducting on their own responsibility as a means of intercommunication of ideas and methods. The Quarterly has been issued in England, under the editorial care of Dr A B Olsen. Those responsible for the Journal, including Dr Olsen, feeling that in the present conditions it should be issued on this side, a proposition had been made for the medical departments of the General and North American Division Conferences to assume responsibility for this little organ.

In joint session with the North American Division Conference Committee, it was--

VOTED, That we join with the Division in assuming responsibility for this Medical Quarterly, and that the editorial work be arranged for by the staff in the General and Division Conference medical offices, the subscription price to be fifty cents.

R U S S I A:

A cable message had been received from Russia, as follows: "Majority committee demands change of union heads. Ginter and Lobsack acting temporarily. July 25 election. Counsel Reinke."

The following action was taken:--

VOTED, That this message be sent to our brethren in Russia,--

"Greetings to our fellow believers in the 'blessed hope' in Russia. We rejoice that Providence has opened the way more fully before you for the carrying forward of the gospel work in that great country. We have rejoiced with you in years past at the blessings that have attended your faithful service in God's cause. Now we shall pray that the Lord may give you counsel and wisdom as you seek to reorganize your work after the plans followed by our conferences in all the world, so that all your churches and conferences may work harmoniously and helpfully together, and use be made of all available experience in leading the evangelistic forces and building up the cause that we love. The grace and love and mercy of God and of our Saviour abide with you all."

Recess was taken until afternoon.

On resuming, prayer was offered by J L Shaw.

L D MINNER--SOUTH AMERICA:

Consideration was given to the case of L D Minner, who had been invited to go to South America for evangelistic work in the Austral Union. The failure thus far to secure a superintendent for the Peru Mission led to a discussion of the propriety of appointing Brother L D Minner, of Union College and Kansas, to the superintendency of Peru, rather than to evangelistic work in the Austral Union, the immediate urgency seeming to favor this transfer, provided Brother Minner's experience seems to indicate administrative gifts.

VOTED, That we authorize J L Shaw to present the matter of the ordination of L D Minner to the brethren in Kansas or the Central Union as he goes out to attend camp meetings in that part, and arrange for this ordination immediately, if considered proper; and that we authorize Professor Shaw to arrange with Brother Minner to take the superintendency of the Peru Mission provided the brethren who know Brother Minner consider him as having gifts which might be developed into executive and administrative work.

F L CHANEY:

A statement was presented from Prof F L Chaney, who has been fifteen years in Australia, most of the time engaged in school work there. On his recent return to America, the Australasian Union Conference paid his transportation. His family,

however, had come in 1915, and for this purpose the Australasian Union had advanced the transportation of the wife and children, expecting that as usual in such cases, after long service, the General Conference would refund. This item of transportation had never been presented or audited, and therefore stood against Professor Chaney. He asked consideration of the matter.

VOTED, That we allow the transportation of Sister F L Chaney and the children from Australia, and that the time of Brother Chaney be allowed from October 28, when his wage ceased in Australia, to December 1, when he resumed work in America.

J A LELAND:

In view of the heavy extra expenses Elder J A Leland has had to carry while endeavoring to follow up interests in Mexico in these times, not being able to move his family into the field, it was--

VOTED, That an appropriation of \$100 be made to the credit of Elder J A Leland, as special allowance toward expenses.

ROBERT B WHEELER--BAHAMAS:

The North American Division Committee reported that their educational department had taken up the request for a teacher for the Bahama Islands, and had the name of Robert B Wheeler, of Cedar Lake, Michigan, to submit, Brother and Sister Wheeler being well recommended by the principal of Cedar Lake and by Elder Wm Guthrie, president of the West Michigan Conference.

VOTED, That we accept this recommendation and invite Robert B Wheeler and wife, of Cedar Lake, Michigan, to go to the Bahama Islands in the early autumn, to take the Nassau school work, asking the Division to arrange for his release,

FURLOUGH RATES:

The following furlough rates were fixed: Elder C E Knight and wife, from South America, \$14; Miss Rose Boose, India, \$6.00; R H Leech and wife, India, \$13; W R Nelson and wife, India, four months' furlough, at \$18, it being expected that Brother Nelson will not return to the field; A G Kelsey and family, India, \$14; S A Wellman and family, India, \$14; Miss Elinora Reid, India, \$6.00; Miss Mary Gibbs, India, \$6.00.

MISS ROSE BOOSE:

It was stated that Miss Rose Boose, former Bible worker of Iowa, who had gone out to India at the time of the last

General Conference, was regarded as a most excellent Bible worker, but that after thorough trial of the matter, it was the opinion of the medical authorities in India that constitutionally she would not be able to maintain health in the heat of the tropics, though apparently of good health in a cooler climate.

VOTED, That Miss Rose Boose be encouraged to take furlough for some months, to thoroughly reestablish her health, and that we ask the North American Division Conference to arrange to place her in Bible work in this northern climate after these months of recuperation.

MISS MARIAN BROOKE:

VOTED, That the treasury department be authorized to arrange for the employment of Miss Marian Brooke as a helper in the Sabbath School Department.

MISS FLORENCE KNEELAND:

The treasury department reported an expense of \$9.85 incurred by Miss Florence Kneeland, appointee to China, by necessary surgical work and care, in addition to the \$25.00 appropriated in a former action.

VOTED, That this additional amount be granted, in order to aid Miss Kneeland in preparing for the mission field.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman
W A SPICER, Secretary

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 29, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, J L Shaw, J T Boettcher,
M E Kern, W A Spicer, also J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, W E
Howell, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen.

Prayer by Miss Graham,

STRAHLE AND MULLENNIX:

On receipt of a suggestion concerning the possible ordination of Brethren Strahle and Mullennix before proceeding to the Asiatic Division, it was--

VOTED, That on our information we feel that we should advise against the ordination of Brethren J J Strahle and M E Mullennix, under appointment to the mission field.

MIDSUMMER OFFERING--JULY 14:

VOTED, That readings for the Midsummer Offering occasion, appointed for July 14, be prepared by I H Evans, J J Ireland, W A Spicer securing matter on mission field needs.

A A CONE--SOUTH AMERICA:

A letter from A A Cone, under appointment as home missionary secretary of the Austral Union Conference was considered:

VOTED, That AA Cone be allowed direct fare from the Pacific Coast to New York via Loma Linda, Missouri, and Chicago, he himself bearing any expense for side trips in Wisconsin and Missouri points, to visit relatives. Further, That he be allowed one month's time under pay before sailing date. Further, That we advise Brother Cone that if he is able to complete the ~~payment~~ on his typewriter, \$25.00 being still due, we will recommend to the Austral Union that they meet this \$25.00 payment for the benefit the typewriter will be to the union in Brother Cone's work,

ORLEY FORD:

VOTED, That we allow Brother Orley Ford and wife the appointee's allowance of \$6.00 a week each while under instruction (two months) at Loma Linda and Los Angeles, and that we allow his fare from Walla Walla to Loma Linda.

REID S SHEPARD:

VOTED, That we recommend Brother Reid S Shepard and wife to plan work for the midsummer, having in mind sailing for South America lake in September. Further, That we grant their desire to spend a month in the Washington city dispensary, giving special attention to medical relief work, placing them under the appointee's allowance for this month's time before sailing.

MRS E E BRUCE:

Inasmuch as Mrs E E Bruce, returning from India engaged in school work without having time for proper furlough, it was--

VOTED That we allow Mrs E E Bruce, of India, three months' furlough during the midsummer, at a \$7.00 furlough rate. Further, That an overdraft of \$35.00 on her account be canceled in recognition of the fact that she has engaged in self-supporting work most of the time during her furlough from India.

BAHAMA SCHOOL:

Letter was received from J H Smith, of the Bahama Islands, saying that if a teacher had not already been sent, he felt that owing to the financial conditions due to the war, the school in the Bahamas should be discontinued. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we cancel the request to the Educational Department to secure a teacher for the Bahamas.

H H VOTAW:

VOTED, That H H Votaw receive \$10.00 per week for four months following the month which the College allows him, the \$10.00 a week to be supplemented by an equal amount voted by the North American Division, making \$20.00 for the four months. The after his case to be referred to the Sustentation Fund, the Gene. and Division joining in supplementing the Sustentation allowance if considered necessary.

CREDENTIALS:

The following papers were voted to missionary appointees: Ministerial license to H B Lundquist, Reid S Shepard, H McWhinny, J J Strahle, M E Mullennix, Orley Ford, A A Cone, H L Peden, E M Meleen, with missionary licenses to the wives of these workers. Further, L G Beans was voted missionary license.

VICTORIA NYANZA MISSION FIELD:

VOTED, That we assure the British Union mission committee that so soon as they find the way open to enter upon mission work by the Victoria Nyanza, in the territory formerly held by the Germans, we will assure the committee of financial aid to the extent of sending four men to the field, suggesting that the British Union select a good man to act as leader, or to arrange with the South African Union Conference to make this selection. We make this proposition, hoping that Great Britain may be able to supply one or two good men, South Africa adding in order to make up the company of four.

REQUEST TO SCANDINAVIAN UNION:

VOTED, That we invite the Scandinavian Union Conference to appropriate from its mission funds as large an amount as they find it possible, up to \$5,000, this amount to be sent to the British Union Conference, to assist our British brethren in carrying the extra burden for Africa which these times bring upon the British Union treasury.

WEST INDIAN UNION TREASURERSHIP:

A letter was received from Elder A J Haysmer, saying that possibly Brother F H Raley, secretary and treasurer of the West Indian Union, might have to leave the field before it was possible for Brother W R White to reach the field as his successor. In that case he asked that the General Conference keep the accounts of appropriations and supplies direct with the conferences of the West Indian Union. In these war times he reported that it was very difficult at the best for the secretary to keep in touch with the different fields, New York being the best port for reaching all of them.

VOTED, That we concur in the request made by Elder A J Haysmer, and that we ask our treasurer to cooperate accordingly in case the West Indian Union treasurer is compelled to leave the field before his successor can be secured.

R C WANGERIN:

On report from Colorado that R C Wangerin, formerly of Korea, was lying at the point of death, it was--

VOTED, That the treasury be authorized to meet the funeral expenses in case of death. Further, That we advise Sister Wangerin to return to Wisconsin for a time to rest, and that we ask the Sustentation Committee to arrange to care for her for a time, until counsel can be given regarding her request to return with her children to Korea.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 30, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, J L Shaw, M E Kern, E R Palmer, W A Spicer; also J J Ireland, W E Howell, T E Bowen.

Prayer by W W Prescott.

MISS OLIVE OSBORN--CHINA:

Word was received that the Asiatic Division was calling Miss Olive Osborn to return to China this autumn, but that before her return she would require a surgical operation.

VOTED, That we continue Miss Olive Osborn on furlough pay at \$6.00 a week until her return to China, and that in addition to this the treasurer be authorized to appropriate sufficient to enable her to take a surgical operation at the Washington city dispensary, in order that she may be ready to return to China.

C C LEWIS--CAMP MEETING WORK:

On request of the Educational Department, it was--

VOTED, That inasmuch as Prof C C Lewis, principal of the Correspondence School, is at present in Michigan, and could profitably take in several camp meetings on his way eastward, we ask the North American Division to open the way for him to present the Correspondence School work at the East Michigan, West Michigan, East Pennsylvania and New Jersey camp meetings.

GEO W SAETHER'S TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet the account of Geo W Saether's transportation from Cuba to Colorado, \$56.60, he having been sent to Cuba as a colporteur, but evidently not fitting into the situation.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to remit to the Committee of Reference and Counsel, representing the North American Missions Conferences, the sum of \$200, toward the expense of keeping up this association of all the mission societies of North America.

I H EVANS, Chairman,
W A SPICER, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 6, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, C S Longacre; also
F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, H E Rogers, T E Bowen.

Prayer by T E Bowen.

E W THURBER TO GUATEMALA:

VOTED, That we approve of the recommendation of
the superintendent of the North Latin Mission, that E W Thurber,
of Cuba, take the superintendency of the Guatemala Mission.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 10, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, C S Longacre, M E Kern, E R Palmer;
also F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, T E Bowen.

Prayer by M E Kern.

RENEWAL OF CREDENTIALS:

Inasmuch as technically all credentials and licenses
issued by the General Conference expire June 10, 1917, this being
the time limit of the quadrennial period between sessions of the
General Conference, it was--

VOTED, That new credentials and licenses be issued
for one year from June 10, 1917, to such missionary appointees as
are liable to be called before exemption boards, such credentials
to be signed by the office secretary in the absence of the secre-
tary, the president's name having already been attached to the
blanks.

L D MINNER:

VOTED, That L D Minner, under appointment to Peru, be placed on the provisional allowance of \$6.00 a week during the period of his delay in getting off to the field, and that he be advised to study Spanish during this time; further, that the treasurer be authorized to advance him \$100, to meet obligations, with the understanding that this loan will be returned at the rate of \$2.00 a week on reaching his field.

ALBERT MUNSON.:

VOTED, That Albert Munson, under appointment to mission work in Java, be granted ministerial license.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 14, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern; also J J Ireland, F M Wilcox, L A Hansen, Miss E M Graham, F W Paap, T E Bowen.

Prayer by L A Hansen.

W H LEWIS --ALLOWANCE AND FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That an allowance of \$100 be granted to W H Lewis and family, recently returned from West Africa, and that his furlough rate be \$14, no time limit being fixed, as the doctor's report would indicate the family must have quite a period of rest.

MISS VELMA FIELD TO SALVADOR:

VOTED, That we approve of Brother U M Cooke's proposal for Miss Velma Field to come to Salvador by way of Panama, accompanying brethren going to the Panama meeting in August, we to pay her transportation.

STENOGRAPHERS FOR ASIATIC DIVISION:

In view of the urgent request from the Asiatic Division that two lady stenographers be secured for their work in Shanghai, the secretary was instructed to place a notice in the Review, with a view to getting in touch with stenographic help to supply this need.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 20, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, C S Longacre, E R Palmer, M E Kern;
also F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, L A Hansen, Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen.

Prayer by C S Longacre.

H A Y T I:

VOTED, That we make an extra appropriation to the Hayti Mission, to cover A F Prieger's salary for three months, or until about October 1.

FOREIGN INGATHERING WATCHMAN:

VOTED, That J J Ireland, E R Palmer and E L Richmond be a committee to take under advisement the question of the publishing of foreign editions of the Harvest Ingathering Watchman, to report later.

W E LANIER'S SALARY AND EXPENSES:

VOTED, That W E Lanier's salary and expenses since his return from the Philippines be charged to general funds, instead of to the Philippine Mission, inasmuch as another worker was chosen to carry on the book work when he left, his rate to be \$14.00

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 25, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, F Griggs, Mrs L F Plummer
also F M Wilcox, J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, L A Hansen, W E
Howell, T E Bowen.

Prayer by W E Howell.

E C WIDGERY--FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That E C Widgery be granted a three months' furlough at \$14 per week; and further, that the treasurer be authorized to pay his traveling expenses to the South, where he expects to locate, any side trips for visiting to be paid by himself.

SUMNER HOUSE*- ASIATIC DIVISION:

VOTED, That we request the Review and Herald to release Sumner House, of the New York Branch, to make China his field of labor, with a view to assisting in the treasurer's office of the Asiatic Division, at Shanghai.

MRS B MILLER:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of Mrs B Miller, from California, to Maine, amounting to \$110.15.

J A APPLGATE'S TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That J A Applegate's transportation to Jamaica, amounting to \$267.99, not included in the West Indian Union budget for 1917, be allowed as an extra appropriation.

C F GLASCOCK:

VOTED, That C F Glascock, and wife, recently returned from China, be allowed their traveling expenses from California to Colorado, amounting to \$68.10.

FOREIGN INGATHERING NUMBER:

VOTED, That the Pacific Press Publishing Association be authorized to publish a Harvest Ingathering Missions number in the German, Danish and Swedish languages, with the understanding that the price shall be the same as that paid the Watchman, duplicates of cuts and cover designs to be furnished.

There being a demand also for an edition of the Harvest Ingathering Missions number in the Bohemian, Hungarian, Italian and French languages, we authorize that these be published at an advance of one cent per copy above the price paid for the English edition, duplicates of cuts and cover designs also to be furnished.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT; Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 26, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, M E Kern, E R Palmer; also J J Ireland, F M Wilcox, W E Howell, T E Bowen.

Prayer by J J Ireland.

DR RILEY RUSSELL:

VOTED, That we advise Dr Riley Russell, returning to Korea, to take the boat leaving Vancouver August 2, instead of an earlier boat, thus effecting a saving of about \$80 in the fare.

M E MULLENNIX:

VOTED, That the provisional appointee rate of \$6.00 a week be continued to M E Mullenix, in order that his fiancée, may be able to obtain a short period of rest before leaving for Malaysia.

MRS THEILIG'S PIANO--FREIGHT:

VOTED, That we allow \$100 on the freight of Mrs I C Theilig's piano from California to Argentine, with the understanding that the balance will be met by themselves, inasmuch as the instrument is reported to be a valuable one, and there would be considerable loss in selling here and buying another in South America.

J A P GREEN'S SALARY:

VOTED, That J A P Green's salary be advanced one dollar, or from \$17 to \$18 a week, in harmony with the advice of the West Indian Union Committee.

EIGHTEENTH STREET PROPERTY--WASHINGTON:

VOTED, That the General Conference Corporation be advised to sell the Eighteenth Street Property, in Washington, D.C., an offer of \$6,750 in cash having been made by a real estate agent, it being understood that this price is net, the agent to provide for all transfer expenses, including his commission.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 5, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, E R Palmer, M E Kern, N Z Town,
Mrs L F Plummer; also J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, L A Hansen,
T E Bowen.

Prayer by N Z Town.

P A N A M A M E E T I N G:

VOTED, That word be sent to the president of the West Indian Union Conference, and the superintendent of the North Latin mission field, with copies to the superintendents of local fields, appointing the Panama bookmen's convention and general meeting to be held at Cristóbal, August 27 to September 9.

Besides the bookmen and secretaries whom the Pacific Press thought would be asked by the local mission fields to attend, as named in their letter of June 27, it was--

VOTED, That the name of John L Brown, superintendent of Salvador, be added to the list of those recommended to attend from the North Latin Mission Field.

E W THURBER:

VOTED, That E W Thurber's request be granted, to visit his parents in New England, on leaving Cuba to connect with the work in Guatemala, Brother Thurber offering to pay the extra traveling expenses above tickets from Havana to New Orleans.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 6, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, N Z Town, E R Palmer, M E Kern,
F Griggs, Mrs L F Plummer; also J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham,
L A Hansen, W W Eastman, T E Bowen.

Prayer by F Griggs.

W F MAYERS:

A letter from W F Mayers, who recently went to Guatemala City to work off some Spanish books left by Brother Innis, stated that his wife was very ill, the physician having pronounced her case as one of abdominal cancer. It was--

VOTED, That if on further medical examination it becomes established that Sister Mayers' case is one of cancer, we authorize Brother Mayers to return with his wife to California, probably to St Helena, where Mrs Mayers' son is located as superintendent of the St Helena Sanitarium.

MRS B P HOFFMAN:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to pay the return expenses of Mrs B P Hoffman from Japan, amounting to \$240.40.

INDIA WORKERS:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to pay the transportation expenses of workers returning from India on furlough: S A Wellman and family, \$373.58; R H Leech and wife, \$96.43; Miss Mary Gibbs, \$90.89; Miss Rose Boose, \$59.52; total, \$680.42.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 8, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, F Griggs, E R Palmer, N Z Town;
also J J Ireland, L A Hansen, Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen.

Prayer by E R Palmer.

HERBERT GRIFFITH RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of the conditions reported by Herbert Griffith, of Boulder, Colorado, invited to connect with the Brazilian Union Conference as secretary, and the fact that the president of the Brazilian Union has suggested that the appointment of a secretary be postponed until the time of the General Conference, we release Brother Griffith from the call to Brazil.

\$200 TO U M COOKE:

VOTED, That we advance U M Cooke, of Salvador, \$200 as a loan, to enable him to secure a home in a healthful location on reasonable terms, with the understanding that this money will be refunded later in monthly payments, as may be arranged by the treasury.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 18, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Prescott, J L Shaw, C S Longacre, N Z Town, W C White, F Griggs, E R Palmer, W A Spicer; also J J Ireland, T E Bowen, L A Hansen, W W Eastman, W E Howell.

Prayer by W W Prescott,

CANAL ZONE MEETING:

Reviewing the plans for the delegation to attend the committee council and secretaries' and bookmen's convention to be held on the Canal Zone, opening August 27, it was--

VOTED, That we suggest that the following treasurers not attend, Fred Hutchinson, of the South Caribbean; Mary Fitch, of Porto Rico; Charles Pedan, of North Honduras.

It was agreed that in case C P Martin, of Cuba, still has charge of the book work in that field, that he should plan to attend the council. Otherwise, that the superintendent and treasurer be advised to represent Cuba in the institute and council.

F H RALEY:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division Conference to keep in mind the return of F H Raley, secretary and treasurer of the West Indian Union, with a view to placing him later in the season in some conference where he can engage as secretary and treasurer, and yet secure favorable climate for one needing to guard against possible lung trouble.

U M COOKE:

The Committee considered what counsel should be given U M Cooke regarding the place of his contemplated marriage

VOTED, That we advise U M Cooke, of Salvador, to return to America following the Panama council, to meet his intended in Texas, then to return to Salvador.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTIETH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 23, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, G B Thompson, J L Shaw,
N Z Town, Chas Thompson, C S Longacre, E R Palmer, W W Prescott,
W C White, B G Wilkinson, W A Spicer; also J J Ireland, Miss
E M Graham, T E Bowen.

Prayer by Chas Thompson.

R U S S I A:

The following cable message from Russia has been received: "Contemplate union meeting 147 cth Lobsack and Sinter await election answer. Wojtkiewicz."

VOTED, That reply be made as follows:
"Wojtkiewicz, Post box 2, Saratov. Greet churches. Use best judgment. General Conference cooperates. Daniells."

E R JOHNSON:

The Committee gave consideration to correspondence from Cuba relative to the transfer of Brethren Thurber and Johnson from Cuba to other fields. In view of the fact that the removal of E R Johnson at once would place the interests of the evangelistic effort in Sagua in entirely new hands, it was agreed that the Committee would better stand by its former action which recommended the release of Brother Johnson only when he could be properly spared from the Cuban effort.

VOTED, That we advise E R Johnson to remain in Cuba for the present, rounding off the interests in Sagua, and that following the close of the effort, if considered advisable, we advise the North Latin Mission to consider giving Brother Johnson two months' furlough before taking up his new duties in connection with the editorial work.

E C WIDGERY:

A communication was received from the West Indian Union, stating that the union had taken action asking the General Conference not to return Elder E C Widgery to the West Indian field. It was--

VOTED, That we notify Brother Widgery of the action of the West Indian Union, so that he may lay his plans accordingly, and make use of any opportunity to find a place in the work where he may be visiting during his furlough.

RELEASE OF EQUITY--PORTLAND PROPERTY:

The treasurer gave information as to a property located near Portland, Oregon, in which the General Conference had a possible equity of about \$2,000. In order to realize upon this it would be necessary to make an investment to prevent foreclosure of mortgage. In view of the long distance and the impossibility of giving personal attention to the matter, it was-

VOTED, That the General Conference Corporation be advised to tender to the Western Oregon Conference its equity in this property, leaving that conference free to investigate and to act in accordance with its judgment.

REPRESENTATIVES TO PANAMA MEETING:

Consideration was given to the representation from the General Conference at the forthcoming conference and institute opening on the Canal Zone August 27, in connection with the establishment there of the Pacific Press Branch. It was

VOTED, That W T Knox and J L Shaw be asked to attend the council, and that N Z Town be requested also to attend, provided he can make satisfactory arrangements to do so.

MISSION AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

Consideration was given to the wide-spread territory of some of the conferences composing the West Indian Union. The South Caribbean Conference, for instance, is made up of detached islands, together with the one Spanish-speaking country of Venezuela, and the Guianas, an English-speaking region

VOTED, That we suggest to the West Indian Union that they consider the advantages of giving the responsibility of mission directors and district directors to brethren in charge of the work in some of these large divisions of the conference, so as to stimulate a feeling of local responsibility and enable the work in these detached portions to grow into strength and solidarity.

BRITISH UNION--PUBLISHING HOUSE MANAGER:

A letter was received from M N Campbell, president of the British Union, making inquiry as to the possible availability of Brother R Hook, Jr., who a year ago was invited by the British Union to come over to succeed Brother W C Sisley when the latter felt that he should be relieved from the work in order to return to this country. It was understood from Brother Sisley's children here that they felt Sister Sisley really ought not to spend another winter in England. In view of the circumstances and difficulties of the war situation at the present time, it was--

VOTED, That we reply to the British Union that Brother R Hook, Jr., is not available for this service, and that we suggest that Brother W C Sisley be asked to consider remaining one more year, assuring the British Union that we on this side will take up definite search for a business manager to be available next year, provided this is desired.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 25, 1917

A joint session of the Committees of the General and North American Division Conferences was called at 7:30, July 25, in connection with the council which the Division had called, opening July 24.

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, I H Evans, W T Knox, S N Haskell, Chas Thompson, G B Thompson, G F Haffner, E S D Quinn, B G Wilkinson, N Z Town, W W Prescott, F Griggs, J T Boettcher, C S Longacre, C W Flaiz, W H Branson, S E Wight, W A Spicer, A V Olson, L H Christian, R A Underwood, J L Shaw, J W Christian, Dr H W Miller, W C White; also Mrs S N Haskell, Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen, W W Eastman, F W Paap, F M Wilcox, C B Stephenson, L A Smith, Steen Rasmussen, G F Enoch, B F Machlan, W K Howell, C M Sorenson, Dr W A Ruble, Dr E A Sutherland, Dr D H Kress, W L Eurgan, L A Hansen, Dr P T Magan, J J Ireland, C W Irwin, Dr G H Heald.

Consideration was given to plans for the next General Conference, which, with the Division Conference, was appointed at the spring council for March 28 to April 21, at San Francisco. After discussion of the matter, it was--

VOTED, That the chairman of the two committees name three others to act with them as a committee to make definite recommendations regarding plans for the coming conferences.

Named: W T Knox, Chas Thompson, R D Quinn.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 26, 1917

In the afternoon of July 26 a joint session was called of those present at the North American Division Committee council.

AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the autumn council of the General Conference Committee and the North American Division Committee be appointed for October 26 to November 10.

VOTED, That we accept the invitation of the Northern Union to hold the autumn council in Minneapolis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

The committee on General Conference arrangements made its report, which was adopted as follows:--

1. That A G Daniels, G B Thompson, E E Andross, J L McElhany, and C H Jones constitute a committee, authorized to negotiate with the proper persons to secure the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, for the use of the General and Division Conference; and that there be a definite understanding that we shall have the use of the auditorium on three Friday and four Sunday evenings throughout the meeting.

2. The use of the Civic Auditorium being granted to us free lighted, heated, and janitored, through the very kind offer of Mr Webb, owing to the desire of the San Francisco authorities to rent the auditorium if they have opportunity during the time of our meeting, we waive the right of using it such nights (other than Friday and Sunday) as they may be able to rent it, but that other than rented nights it be understood that we have the free use of the auditorium for our meetings.

DR RUBLE'S LOSS:

The chairman reported the loss by Dr Ruble of seventy dollars worth on his way to attend the council, the thief having exchanged suitcases.

VOTED, That the General Conference and the Division Conference make an appropriation of \$25 each toward assisting Dr Ruble to replace his loss.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 27, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Prescott,
B G Wilkinson, J T Boettcher, J L Shaw, N Z Town, E R Palmer,
C S Longacre, Dr H W Miller, W C White, W A Spicer; also F M
Wilcox, T E Bowen, F W Paap, Geo F Enoch, W W Eastman, Miss
E M Graham.

Prayer by N Z Town.

SUSTENTATION ALLOWANCE:

VOTED, That we advise the Sustentation Committee to continue the plan of giving a bonus of 10% to those wholly dependent on the fund for another six months period, to help these cases in these times of increased cost of living, while awaiting a review of rates at the autumn council.

G F ENOCH'S RETURN TO INDIA:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to release Elder G F Enoch from work here by the time of the next General Conference, in order that he may return to India.

W D MAC LAY:

VOTED, That we ask Elders Daniells and Thompson to endeavor to find work for Elder W D MacLay in the Pacific Union Conference.

F H CONWAY:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to find work for Elder F H Conway, formerly of Hawaii, in British Columbia or elsewhere.

HAWAII:

VOTED, That W T Knox, J L Shaw and W W Prescott be a committee on Hawaiian Island affairs, to make recommendations for later action.

N K DHALWANI:

G F Enoch and other brethren spoke of the helpful service which an Indian brother, N K Dhalwani, had rendered in connection with the working up of the educational fund for the Columbia Union. They desired that he should continue with Brother Enoch in this work in the Atlantic Union.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to arrange for the employment of N K Dhalwani as assistant with Brother Enoch in the campaign which he is carrying forward.

WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

The Board of the Washington Sanitarium requested counsel from the General Conference Committee. Inasmuch as the title of the Sanitarium property is held by the Corporation, the Board felt they should receive counsel regarding a proposal to add a rear extension to the dormitory, in order to provide hospital facilities and more room for patients, which would greatly increase the income with a minimum of expenditure.

It was stated that the Sanitarium had been making its improvements from its own earnings, and it was proposed by its own earnings to carry forward these contemplated improvements, though in pushing the work through to quick completion it would be necessary for the Sanitarium Board to borrow a portion of the funds. It was felt, however, that this amount might possibly be replaced from earnings within a year or a little more. It was--

VOTED, That inasmuch as the Sanitarium Board has asked counsel as to making repairs and improvements in the way of addition to the dormitory for hospital and rooming purposes, we advise that no steps be taken until the Board has carefully considered what would be best for the Sanitarium and its future requirements, shaping plans accordingly; that we authorize the Sanitarium Board to add a suitable annex, with the understanding that the Board itself finances the expenditure and keeps within such bounds that from their own earnings they will be able to pay for the addition within a year or two.

J J IRELAND--ASIATIC DIVISION:

The treasurer gave information to the Committee regarding the need of the Asiatic Division for the services of the General Conference auditor, Brother J J Ireland. It was his opinion that Brother Ireland should spend a year or more in the Asiatic Division, assisting the treasurer in auditing past accounts, and perfecting a general system of accounts for the many departments and missions of that large division,

VOTED, That we grant the call of the Asiatic Division for the services of Brother Ireland for a year or more, with the understanding that Brother Ireland shall shape up his work in this country so as to turn the details of it over to Brother S E McNeill as soon as possible.

INSTITUTE WORK--ASIATIC DIVISION:

The chairman presented the call of the Asiatic Division for some one to come to joint the local workers in an extended round of institute work and other meetings. It was felt that such a call would mean service for a year or more in the field.

VOTED, That the officers of the General Conference be authorized to select one or more suitable men to join with the Asiatic Division officers in a series of institutes, to extend over such a period of time as may be felt advisable by those in charge of the field.

W E LANIER--NORTH LATIN FIELD:

On information that it was not thought wise for W E Lanier to return to the Philippine Islands, but that without doubt Sister Lanier's health would be such that she could take work in near-by fields at an early date, it was--

VOTED, That we recommend Brother W E Lanier to the North Latin mission field for service in North Honduras or other fields.

MRS R C WANGERIN:

Information was received from Mrs R C Wangerin, widow of Elder Wangerin who recently died in Colorado, to the effect that she desired very much to return to Korea with her children, feeling that in connection with her sister, Miss Scharffenberg, she could do strong service in that land and properly care for her children there.

VOTED, That we instruct the secretary to present the request of Sister Wangerin to the Asiatic Division for counsel and decision, giving them to understand that the Mission Board feels favorable to the proposition if the local field approves.

MRS EDITH BRUCE--INDIA:

On request from India that Mrs Edith Bruce return to that field, to engage in Bible work or other lines of activity, it was--

VOTED, That we invite Mrs Edith Bruce to return to India next year.

R J BENNETT:

On information that the India Mission did not feel free to call for the return of R J Bennett, formerly an independent missionary in that country, but having accepted the truth recently, it was--

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to continue the allowance to R J Bennett, of California, for three months from the end of the Pacific Union school term, and that if desired by Brother Bennett, he be supplied transportation for himself and family to Lancaster, California, his former location.

STENOGRAPHERS--ASIATIC DIVISION:

VOTED, That we ask the treasury department to secure two lady stenographers for the Asiatic Division.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 29, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Prescott,
J L Shaw, G B Thompson, W C White, B G Wilkinson, N Z Town,
E R Palmer, C S Longacre, W A Spicer; also F M Wilcox, T E Bowen
J J Ireland, Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

DR D E BLAKE:

Dr Blake, of West Virginia, having suggested his return to Jamaica, where his family is, it was--

VOTED, That we authorize the Jamaica Conference to return Dr D E Blake's family to this country at General Conference expense, in order that they may rejoin the husband and father who is working in West Virginia.

S A WELLMAN:

VOTED, That during the summer season the rate of Elder S A Wellman, on furlough from India, remain the same as in India.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to consider the case of Elder S A Wellman, with a view to utilizing his services to the best possible advantage while in this country.

ELLEN G WHITE ESTATE:

Brother W C White introduced a list of questions relating to the Ellen G White Estate, concerning which he wished counsel.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to consider the matters presented.

Named: W A Spicer, W T Knox, A G Daniells,
W W Prescott, F M Wilcox.

H A ROBINSON:

On inquiry from Brother Guy Dail, of Europe, as to suggestions regarding the work of H A Robinson, of Spain, and on information received from Brother Robinson by the Publishing Department, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the Panama council to consider the case of Brother Robinson and to report as to prospects of offering him a call to work in the West Indian Union or North Latin Mission field, provided his services can be secured.

VOTED, That the secretary be instructed to inform Brother Dail that we hear from Brother Robinson that he finds it impossible to support himself and family on the Spanish allowance of just over \$10 per week, and that inasmuch as the Mission Board is responsible for recommending Brother Robinson to that field, we ask the Latin Union to give consideration to his rate, assuring them that if the low scale is on account of lack of funds in these war times we are willing to make temporary provision if required to assist Brother Robinson while negotiations concerning his work are pending.

SOUTH AFRICA--PHYSICIAN:

In response to a request from South Africa that Dr W A Ruble, Dr John Reith, or some other physician be invited to take the Edinburgh qualifications with a view to qualifying for work in South Africa, it was--

VOTED, That the secretary be instructed to correspond with Dr Ruble regarding the matter, to ascertain how such a request would be viewed, with a view to giving consideration to South Africa's call at the time of the autumn council.

G H CLARK:

On receipt of word from South Africa that Brother G H Clark, after ten years efficient service in the book work and home missionary work in South Africa was returning to this country, and that South Africa hoped he would be given a cordial welcome and a place in the work here, it was--

VOTED, That we refer the request of the South African Union to the North American Division Conference, asking them to find work for Brother Clark when he may be able to report for duty.

TRANSKEI DISTRICT--SOUTH AFRICA:

A letter from W B White, of the South African Union, reported that a new mission had been opened among the Kafirs in the Transkei district of the Cape Province, where at last we were really in the most thickly populated native region of South Africa. In order to do this, however, the committee had transferred to this new enterprise funds which had been appropriated for new work in Northeastern and Northern Rhodesia, which work could not be undertaken in these war times.

VOTED, That we approve the action of the South African Union in transferring appropriations from Northern Rhodesia to the new mission field in the Transkei district of Kafirland.

W H ANDERSON:

Attention was given to the work of W H Anderson, on furlough from South Africa.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to arrange work for Elder W H Anderson until the time for the next General Conference.

Recess was taken to 2 P.M.

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

At 2 P.M. the session was resumed, Elders Daniells and Thompson being absent, having to return to western meetings.

J T Boettcher was present in addition to those listed at the morning session.

W W PRESCOTT--ASIATIC DIVISION:

The committee of officers appointed at the morning session to make recommendation regarding the call for institute help for the Asiatic Division made its report, which was adopted as follows:--

VOTED, That we invite Prof W W Prescott to make the Asiatic Division his field of labor, planning to go forward to the field about October 1, and to spend one or two years in institute and other work in the Asiatic Division as may be required by the needs of the field.

SOUTH AFRICAN TEACHERS:

A letter was received from South Africa, listing anew their call for teachers, totaling now four couples urgently required for the work on the mission stations. Two teachers have already been placed under appointment, but as they are of military age, it seems impossible to send them forward to the field.

VOTED, That we recognize the reasonableness of South Africa's call for two additional teachers, and that the question of supplying these two workers be referred to the autumn council for decision in connection with the study of the appropriations.

HELP IN WAR ZONE:

The following action from the North American Division was presented:--

"That we ask the General Conference Medical Department, under the advice of the General Conference Executive Committee, to make a careful study of the situation in the war zone, determining how and to what degree we can best extend helpful assistance to our young men who may be sent to the front, reporting such findings to our autumn council."

VOTED, That we accept the request of the North American Division, passing the same on to the secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, instructing him, however, that all correspondence regarding this question of giving assistance in the war zone, so far as the General Conference is concerned, shall be confined to our own people.

MRS E G WHITE ESTATE:

The committee appointed to consider questions relating to the Mrs E G White Estate presented a report, which was adopted as follows:--

1. That a suitable inscription be put upon the White monument and that a proper head-stone be placed at the grave of Mrs. E G White; that this work be supervised by W C White, and the expense charged to the estate,
2. That the bill at Gland, Switzerland, amounting to about \$200, be paid and charged to the estate.
3. That W C White complete the binding in an economical way of the sets of periodicals now on hand, covering the time to the end of the year 1915, and that further binding of these periodicals be discontinued.
4. That copies of "Prophets and Kings," and "Life Sketches," promised to friends by Mrs E G White, be furnished by W C White, with the understanding that not more than \$25.00 be used in doing this, the amount to be charged to the estate.
5. That the question of providing sets of plates of "Prophets and Kings" for the British field and Australasia be referred to the secretary of the Publishing Department, Brother N Z Town, for correspondence with the parties interested, to see whether they desire such plates on the usual terms.
6. That the matter of repairing the plates of the foreign editions of "Great Controversy" be referred to the trustees of the estate and the secretary of the Publishing Department for consideration and report.
7. That Brother W C White be advised to carry on his further work in the office building now in use by him so long as the Elmshaven property is not sold, and that in case of sale, an effort be made to reserve sufficient office room for carrying on this work, provided it can be done without too great expense. Further, that Brother White be authorized to employ his daughter, or other suitable help, to assist him in completing the index on the manuscripts and such other work as may be necessary to be done in the office, with the understanding that the whole work shall be completed and everything put in shape for shipment by the time of the next General Conference.

E E FRANKLIN RELEASED:

Brother E E Franklin, under appointment as a teacher to South Africa, made request for counsel regarding his plans. In view of the fact that Brother Franklin is of military age and not a minister, and hence not in line for the specific exemption by law and can only go abroad under promise to return if called, it was--

VOTED, That we release E E Franklin from appointment to South Africa, asking him to report to the treasury for settlement of his losses in goods and time, involved in preparing to respond to the call, and that we recommend him to the North American Division for employment in evangelistic work in this country.

MRS E H WILBUR:

A letter was received from Mrs E H Wilbur, widow of Elder Wilbur, of China. Medical certificate enclosed reported that tuberculosis had been active in her case, and that any exertion would probably lead to renewed activity.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to offer to Sister Wilbur transportation expense for herself and children from Iowa to such place as her medical advisers might suggest, and that we recommend to the Sustentation committee that an allowance of \$12.00 per week be arranged for the present for Sister Wilbur and her children, in order that she may have proper care in fighting the threatened attack of tuberculosis.

CHINESE RESERVE FUND AND EXCHANGE BASIS:

VOTED, That we authorize the Asiatic Division to transfer \$5000 of their emergency fund to their operating fund, thus reducing the said fund to \$12,000; this action being designed to assist them in settling with their foreign laborers for 1917 on the basis of \$2.00 Mex. for \$1.00 gold.

SOERABAYA MISSION HOME:

The treasurer stated that last autumn when the appropriations were made, the call for a mission home at Soerabaya was cut down in connection with other reductions. It was the judgment of the workers in the Asiatic Division and of those visiting the field that further help must be given in order to secure sanitary quarters for the Soerabaya mission in eastern Java.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to provide a special appropriation of \$2000 in 1917 for the purpose of erecting a mission home in Soerabaya, Java.

R C PORTER:

It was stated that Elder R C Porter on his return from the Asiatic Division, where he had to relinquish his official connections on account of an attack of sprue, had settled in California, and was planning a thorough course of medical treatment in an effort to make recovery. Instruction was asked as to Elder Porter's rate. It was--

VOTED, That the treasurer be instructed to continue Elder Porter's former rate for three months from the time his connection was severed with the Asiatic Division, and that for the remaining portion of the first year he receive \$18.00 per week.

MISS ROSE BOOSE:

The treasurer reported that Miss Rose Boose, returned from India under medical counsel, required some special attention at the St Helena Sanitarium on her arrival. She was without personal funds.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to allow Miss Rose Boose \$7.00 per week as a furlough rate for the present, and that additional assistance be rendered when the bill of the St Helena Sanitarium is received.

F C GLASCOCK:

Information was given that Brother F C Glascock had returned from China and was planning to take up some line of work in the West.

VOTED, That F C Glascock be granted a furlough allowance of \$14.00 per week for three months.

J T BOETTCHER'S AUDIT:

Elder J T Boettcher stated that as he was a worker of the European Division and unable to send his reports to the Division for audit, his accounts had not been really settled since the beginning of the war and his return from Russia.

Inasmuch as there were also some items of the treatment of moneys irregularly advanced by the General Conference to workers of the Russian Union in emergency calls, it was--

VOTED, That W T Knox, J J Ireland and W A Spicer be a committee to audit the accounts of J T Boettcher, and to make decision regarding the handling of moneys advanced in an irregular way to Russian workers in these emergency times.

FATHER OF R J BRINES:

The treasurer reported that R J Brines, of China, desired his aged father to come out and make his home with them, inasmuch as he is dependent upon his children for support.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to arrange to meet the transportation expenses of the father of R J Brines, in order that the father may join his son in China.

A G KELSEY:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to arrange work for A G Kelsey, on furlough from India, connecting him, if possible, with some live evangelistic effort, the General Conference continuing to him furlough salary.

OLD G C A ACCOUNT:

The treasurer reported that the Iowa Conference had made an offer of \$2000 cash in settlement of its liability in the matter of the old G C A claim against the Central Union Conference.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to accept Iowa's offer of \$2000 cash, and to give Iowa discharge from all claims on this account.

LOAN TO PACIFIC PRESS:

The treasurer presented a letter from the Pacific Press Publishing Company, asking as to the possibility of being accommodated with a short loan of \$25,000, needed in their business this year. The treasurer said that it would be possible for the Corporation to grant this accommodation if voted.

VOTED, That the General Conference Corporation be authorized to make a loan of \$25,000 to the Pacific Press at four per cent for six months.

DEATH OF MRS J E WHITE:

On receipt of information that Sister James Edson White had passed away at Marshall, Michigan, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the secretary to send a suitable telegram, expressing to Elder J E White the sympathy of the Committee, and that we recommend the Sustentation Fund Committee to meet the funeral expenses, to an amount not to exceed \$150.

MRS B P HOFFMAN:

The treasurer reported that Sister Hoffman, wife of Elder B P Hoffman, now superintendent of Japan, had been compelled to return to this country for a serious surgical operation at some point in the North Pacific. It will be impossible for Brother and Sister Hoffman to meet this item of expense.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet the expense of the operation and care of Sister Hoffman, with the understanding that all these items be billed at missionary rate.

MRS E G WHITE ESTATE NOTES:

The treasurer reported that quite a number of notes were presently falling due, the holders being persons who had loaned money to the Mrs E G White Estate. The aggregate of the notes soon falling due was about \$40,000, mostly at four per cent. The treasurer asked instruction as to terms of renewal, these matters being in the hands of the General Conference Corporation.

VOTED, That the General Conference Corporation be instructed to offer to reissue notes at three per cent, to replace the notes falling due.

E M OBERG--KOREA:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure, if possible, permission for the General Conference to ask the services of E M Oberg, of the Northern Union Conference, and that Brother Oberg be invited to make Korea his field of labor as field missionary secretary.

MALAYSIAN PRINTER:

It was agreed that when the appropriations are made at the autumn council, provision must be made for a printing plant in Malaysia. In view of this, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the Publishing Department to begin search for a printer to put in nomination as manager of the Malaysian printing plant.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 1, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Prescott, J L Shaw,
E R Palmer, N Z Town, Mrs L F Plummer, C S Longacre, W A Spicer;
also Miss F M Graham, W W Eastman, F M Wilcox, F W Paap.

Prayer by W T Knox.

H B LUNDQUIST:

A letter from Elder L H Christian, of the Lake Union, was presented, raising the question of the possibility of securing the services of H B Lundquist to labor in the young people's work in Battle Creek, Brother Lundquist having accepted a call to India.

In view of the delay occasioned by the necessity of sending references for candidates to India, and in view of the evident urgency of the need at Battle Creek, it was felt by the Committee that without releasing Brother Lundquist from future appointment to India, it might be proper to release him for a year. It was therefore,--

VOTED, That we release Brother H B Lundquist for service in the Lake Union Conference until a year from the coming autumn (say September 1, 1918).

PROF IGNACIO THEILIG:

The committee considered the question of Prof Ignacio Theilig's appointment to the Argentine school, South America. It appears that Professor Theilig years ago made declaration of his intention to become an American citizen.

He changed his mind, however, and allowed the matter to lapse. The Spanish consul in California assured him that his Spanish papers were correct for embarking for South America, but ere Brother Theilig reached New York, Spain had taken action, cabling The Embassy to grant no passports to Spanish citizens who had taken out their first papers. Thus Professor Theilig can get neither Spanish nor American passports without long delay.

VOTED, That we place the name of Prof. Ignacio Theilig before the Educational Council, now meeting at College View, with a view to ascertaining if there is a call for his services in any of our schools as modern language teacher; failing this that we appoint him temporarily to Cuba or Porto Rico for evangelistic work.

REID S SHEPARD:

A letter was received from Reid S Shepard, of Michigan, asking counsel as to his immediate work while awaiting opportunity to go forward to the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission.

VOTED, That we ask Brother Reid S Shepard to continue waiting for a little time, and that we give him and his wife the appointee rate of \$12.00 per week from August 1, in the hope that the government may respond favorably to the petition of the mission societies that ministerial appointees be allowed to come before the exemption boards for discharge whether their numbers are called or not. In case of denial of this request, Brother Shepard and wife be assigned to work in Cuba, to engage in the study of Spanish.

HAWAIIAN MISSION:

The sub-committee on Hawaiian affairs presented a report, which was adopted as follows:--

1. That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure for us a man to take the superintendency of the Hawaiian Mission.
2. That the Hawaiian school continue doing work up to and including the ninth grade, and that we ask Sister Bertha Lofstad to assist in the school work in addition to other duties, leaving Brother W R Smith free for work in the field.
3. That we advise the Hawaiian Mission to conserve all trust funds for the purpose for which they have been given, and place all contemplated expenditures for the coming year in the budget.
4. That in reply to the request that the Hawaiian field be permitted to retain the Harvest Ingathering funds to supply means to equip the school, we advise them that the Mission Board follows the policy of allowing our mission fields to use the Harvest Ingathering funds in the fields where they are raised, and we are agreed that the Hawaiian field should use the funds in any way their committee may approve.

5. That we ask the North American Division to open the way for the General Conference to secure the services of Sam Ching (or York Kum), now in Loma Linda, for work in Hawaii, it being understood that in taking on this worker there will be no increase of the appropriations to the field.

6. That the Hawaiian field be allowed to adjust its wages in harmony with those of other fields, provided this does not increase the budget.

7. That we grant F H Conway the usual furlough rate of \$14.00 a week, together with his traveling expenses in visiting his people.

8. That when the new superintendent is secured for the Hawaiian field, the treasurer take up with him the advisability of change of policy in the conduct of the Hawaiian treatment rooms.

APPOINTEES:

In view of the fact that the members of the Committee are beginning to scatter for the autumn camp meetings, it was--

VOTED, That the officers be empowered as a committee to make decision regarding appointees, and to arrange for their future work, or for their release in case any are held up by military regulations.

SIGUATEPEQUE SCHOOL:

Letters from Elder R W Parmele and Karl Snow presented the situation of the Siguatepeque school enterprise, making recommendations regarding its future conduct. It was--

VOTED, That Brethren Knox, Shaw and Town be a committee to represent the Mission Board in endeavoring to settle upon a working policy for the school work in Honduras; that they be authorized to agree to the purchase of the wooded land adjoining the present school at a price of \$700, if this proposition is considered desirable in the councils.

INFORMATION TO MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

In order that any person being invited to a mission field may have the fullest information so soon as the news of the invitation comes to him, it was--

VOTED, That the following plan be adhered to: The Mission Board on asking for a worker from the conference shall make a statement of the needs and conditions of the call in a letter addressed to the candidate, which shall be handed the Division Conference to accompany the formal notice sent out by the Division.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 7, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W T Knox, N Z Town, E R Palmer,
C S Longacre, J L Shaw, W A Spicer; also W W Eastman, F M Wilcox.

Prayer by W T Knox.

EDGAR TWAMLEY TO ASIATIC DIVISION:

VOTED, That Edgar Twamley, of the General Conference office, be invited to the Asiatic Division, in response to their call for an assistant bookkeeper in the Asiatic Division office.

PROFESSOR THEILIG'S RATE:

VOTED, That the officers be authorized to fix the rate of Prof Ignacio Theilig.

MRS HELEN WILLIAMS:

VOTED, That if former actions have not already provided authorization, the treasury be authorized to continue furlough allowance in lieu of furlough not fully taken on her return from South Africa, to Mrs. Helen Williams, widow of Elder Williams, of South Africa; and that this allowance include the expense of necessary surgical care and treatment in order that she may be able to continue her teaching and Bible work by which to support her family.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 12, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Prescott, B G Wilkinson,
W C White, E R Palmer, J L Shaw, N Z Town, W A Spicer; also
F M Wilcox, F W Paap.

Prayer by W C White.

COMMITTEE ON E G WHITE ESTATE:

Consideration was given to matters connected with the handling of the estate of Mrs E G White, especially the properties belonging to the estate in the line of books and plates on which the General Conference Corporation must depend for the income with which to meet the obligations.

COMMITTEE ON CURRENT BOOK BUSINESS:

VOTED, That the chair be asked to appoint an advisory committee of three to handle technical details of the book business connected with the estate.

Named: W T Knox, N Z Town, W W Eastman.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL HANDLING OF THE ESTATE:

VOTED, That a committee of seven be appointed to study carefully the affairs of the Ellen G White Estate, and to make recommendation at the fall council as to how best to handle the properties and to realize upon them in order to meet obligations.

Named: W T Knox, A G Daniells, I H Evans, E R Palmer, F M Wilcox, W C White, N Z Town.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 22, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W W Prescott, W C White, F Griggs; also
W E Howell, T E Bowen,

Prayer by T E Bowen,

A G KELSEY--ONTARIO:

VOTED, That we invite A G Kelsey to accept the opening provided for him by the North American Division, to connect with the Ontario Conference in evangelical work.

I THEILIG--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That we invite Prof. I Theilig, who was detained from proceeding to Argentine on account of military restrictions, to connect with Union College for the coming year.

REMITTANCES TO E KOTZ:

VOTED, That W W Prescott and T E Bowen be a committee to ascertain the amount of recent remittances sent to E Kotz, in German East Africa, and if more money is needed that the treasury be authorized to forward the same to Mrs Kotz, inasmuch as her husband has been interned.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 2, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W W Prescott, W C White, E R Palmer; also L A Hansen, Miss Edith Graham, W E Howell, T E Bowen.

Prayer by L A Hansen. .

C E WHEELER:

VOTED, That we allow the traveling expenses of C E Wheeler from Madison, Tenn., to Washington, in his endeavor to secure his exemption, with the understanding that in case he is unsuccessful and so unable to go on to South Africa, we accept his offer to bear this expense himself.

A G KELSEY:

VOTED, That the traveling expenses of A G Kelsey and family, returned from India, be allowed from Edmore, Mich., to Toronto, Ontario, where he goes to engage in evangelical work.

FIRST AID LESSONS:

In view of the demand for the First Aid Lessons which were somewhat hastily prepared by workers in the Medical Department and used in the Washington Missionary College the last semester of last year, it was--

Recommended, That about two hundred sets of these lessons be furnished the Educational Department from the stencils used by the Medical Department, at cost price.

Adjourned.

W W PRESCOTT, Chairman.
T E BOWEN, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 10, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, G B Thompson, W W Prescott, W C White, C S Longacre, E R Palmer, F Griggs, Mrs L F Plummer, W A Spicer; also L A Hansen, T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham, W E Howell.

Prayer by W C White.

DEATH OF MRS E E ANDROSS:

The chairman read to the Committee a telegram which had been received from California, announcing the death of Mrs E E Andross, which occurred Sabbath, September 8, at Glendale, California.

The chairman stated that as the Committee was scattered at the time the telegram came in, he had sent on a message to Elder Andross expressing the sympathy of the Committee with him in this sad loss.

MISS OLIVE OSBORNE:

On receipt of information from Dr Miller that he considered it unwise for Miss Olive Osborne to plan to return to China this autumn, advising that she spend at least the winter in this country recuperating her health, it was--

VOTED, That we continue the furlough rate to Miss Olive Osborne, of \$7.00 per week until next spring, with a view to assisting her to fully recover health, advising that instead of planning to go into office work as she has contemplated, that she pursue a few studies and give her great effort to making quick recovery, in order that she may resume her work in China, where her services are greatly desired.

W H ANDERSON:

A request was received from Elder W H Anderson, on furlough from South Africa, that he and his wife be allowed to visit his people in Indiana and Michigan, and expressing his wish to meet the Committee members either here or at the time of the Minneapolis council.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to release Elder W H Anderson for a few months from regular work in the Division, and that we grant his request to be allowed to spend some weeks in visiting his people in Indiana and Michigan, the General Conference resuming his furlough salary at the rate of \$14.00 per week, and meeting transportation of Brother Anderson and his wife to Indiana and Michigan, and Brother Anderson's transportation to Minneapolis, where he desires to counsel with the Committee regarding future plans.

CHARLES M PADEN--HONDURAS:

Word was received from Elder Isaac Baker, superintendent of the North Honduras Mission, that the secretary and treasurer, Brother Charles M Paden, had been advised to return to this country on account of the seeming impossibility of making recover from malaria, Owing evidently to the special susceptibility to malaria, it is feared that his health will be totally undermined unless this change is made. In the meantime the field had worked in a local man, Brother Gideon Jones, to take the office work.

VOTED, That we authorize the return of Brother Charles M Paden to this country, on account of failing health.

TYPEWRITER--W W PRESCOTT:

VOTED, That the treasury be authorized to provide W W Prescott with a Corona typewriter for use during his work in the Asiatic Division.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 13, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, G B Thompson, W W Prescott, F Griggs, J L Shaw, E R Palmer, B G Wilkinson, Mrs L F Plummer, W C White, W A Spicer; also F M Wilcox, W W Eastman, L A Hansen, F W Paap, T E Bowen, Miss E M Braham, W E Howell.

Prayer by W T Knox.

E M OBERG RELEASED:

A telegram was received from E M Oberg, under appointment to Korea, reporting the medical examination of his wife unfavorable, forbidding their acceptance of the call.

VOTED, That we express our sympathy with Brother and Sister Oberg in the findings of the medical examination, regretting that this prevents their acceptance of the call to service in the Asiatic Division; that we release them from this invitation on account of Sister Oberg's health, and that we ask the North American Division to present further recommendation for field missionary agent for Korea.

MISS B A KURTZ:

On report that Miss B A Kurtz, invalided home from India, had reached her people in Pennsylvania, it was--

VOTED, That Miss B A Kurtz be placed upon a furlough rate of \$7.00 per week while making recovery.

E W THURBER--ORDINATION:

Consideration was given to the work of Brother E W Thurber, who has been appointed to the superintendency of the Guatemala Mission. Information was had that Brother Thurber had been engaged in the ministry five or six years under ministerial license. It was--

VOTED, That E W Thurber be ordained to the gospel ministry before proceeding to the field.

A N ALLEN:

A letter was received from Elder W H Branson, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, saying that Elder A N Allen had resigned from the presidency of the South

Carolina Conference, and had not felt it possible to accept two offers to local evangelistic work on account of the needs of his rather large family. The Southeastern Union reported his plan to retire from the ministry, under which circumstances they felt that he should receive salary at least until December 31.

Without definite vote, it was agreed that the secretary should reply that while we feel that this much should be done for Elder Allen in case he does retire from the ministry in order to take up some secular occupation, before making such arrangements we feel that every effort should be made to encourage him to push on in the evangelistic work if such arrangements can possibly be made, it being understood that the treasury will stand by the Southeastern Union in guaranteeing support while these negotiations are pending.

E C WIDGERY--FURLOUGH RATE:

Elder E C Widgery, formerly of the West Indies, being in Washington on his way southward, asked counsel regarding the possibility of securing work in the South, where he was planning to go to visit his son.

VOTED, That the furlough allowance of Elder E C Widgery and wife be continued until December 31.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 16, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniels, W T Knox, G B Thompson, S N Haskell, W C White, W W Prescott, R D Quinn, C S Longacre, J L Shaw, F Griggs, E R Palmer, W A Spicer; also W E Howell, Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman, T E Bowen, F W Paap.

Prayer by S N Haskell.

REPORT ON PANAMA MEETING:

Brethren Knox and Shaw being present, they were asked to give a report on the meeting at Panama, from which they have just returned. Brother Town, who had just returned with them, was not able to be present at this Committee meeting.

J L Shaw gave a review of the field organizations, and said that in the councils of the West Indian field the sentiment was altogether in favor of pushing their work more and more henceforth toward the Spanish-speaking divisions of the territory.

W T Knox reported on the difficulty involved in getting over the field by the tie-up of transportation during the progress of the war.

Among recommendations of the council for consideration at the time of the autumn council of the General Conference Committee was the suggestion that Mexico should be transferred to the North American Division, and that Venezuela now a part of the West Indian Union, be transferred to the North Latin Union, the communication between Porto Rico in the North Latin field, and Venezuela being more direct and closer than communication between Venezuela and any portion of the West Indian Union, Venezuela likewise being the one Spanish field in the South Caribbean Conference organization.

J L Shaw stated that consideration was given to the needs of a union training school for the West Indian Union, which the council asked the General Conference Committee to consider at the autumn council. Further, it was recommended that a school for Spanish-speaking workers should be planned for in Mexico.

It was recommended that the Siguatepeque school, operated by Karl Snow in Honduras, be taken over by the mission, Brother Snow to engage in work in mission employ; the North Honduras field also requesting Brother C M Paden, secretary and treasurer for Honduras, to transfer his work to Siguatepeque in order to release Brother Snow, to return with his wife for a brief period to this country on account of her need of an operation, Brother Paden having suffered so long with malaria in the Bay Islands that he also requires a change, which he can secure at Siguatepeque.

The council gave consideration to the matter of plans for preserving the health of the workers, and it was recommended that one month each year be given the workers in the West Indian Union for furlough from regular service, with transportation to the nearest health resort within the field, each field having generally some elevated healthful point to which workers can go in the effort to maintain health and to save the necessity of leaving the field.

Further, in connection with the question it was recommended that the workers be encouraged to get healthful locations for their living quarters, with the understanding that where rent is more than one fourth the wage of the worker, the field budget may call for provision to meet this excess.

It was further recommended that the North Latin Mission be organized into a union mission field at the time of the autumn council.

W T Knox reported on the publishing work, in the absence of Brother Town. He stated that the question of the place of publication of the Spanish paper was referred to the autumn council. He reported that the Pacific Press had for the present engaged office quarters in a rented building in Cristobal. For the provision of proper selection of tracts in the Spanish language, the council requested the appointment by the General Conference of a committee on Spanish literature in order to make selections.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS:

A letter was received from Elder W D MacLay, temporary superintendent of the Hawaiian Islands, giving reasons why Brother Bowerman desires to return from the Hawaiian Islands treatment room work, in order that he may attend Pacific Union College.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to find a suitable man and wife to take charge of the Honolulu treatment rooms, and that we ask Brother Bowerman to remain until such help can be sent forward; further, that under the circumstances of the very short period of service which Brother Bowerman has been able to give in Hawaii, that we feel the conviction that really he should meet the return transportation to California.

J L BROWN--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That ministerial credentials be granted to Elder J L Brown, of Salvador, Brother Brown having been ordained at the time of the Panama meeting.

E C JACOBSON:

VOTED, That E C Jacobson, returned from Porto Rico, be granted an allowance of \$14.00 per week until the Educational Department is able to locate him in service.

W H LEWIS:

Brother W H Lewis, who was compelled to return from the Gold Coast, West Africa, on account both of his own health and the health of his wife, reported himself and wife visiting her people in Ohio.

VOTED, That we allow the fare of Elder W H Lewis and family for the Ohio visit with relatives, and that we ask the Educational Department to endeavor to place Elder Lewis in connection with some of our schools having industrial departments, and for for this purpose we assure the school of the continuance of his furlough allowance of \$14 per week for six months.

J H McEACHERN:

No formal request having been placed upon the minutes in response to the call of the British Union for J H McEachern, of the Central Union, it was--

VOTED, That we request the North American Division to endeavor to secure the services of J H McEachern as field missionary secretary for the British Union Conference.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 19, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs, W C White, N Z Town, E R Palmer, C S Longacre, J L Shaw, Mrs L F Plummer, W A Spicer; also Miss E M Graham, F W Paap, W W Eastman, F M Wilcox, L A Hansen, T E Bowen.

Prayer by F Griggs.

E C JACOBSON--HONDURAS:

The Committee gave consideration to the call from the North Latin Mission for the selection of a teacher to take charge of the Siguatepeque school. It was--

VOTED, That we ask Brother E C Jacobson, recently returned from Porto Rico, to go to Honduras, to take charge of the Siguatepeque school, it being understood that the mission takes over the school enterprise, and that appropriation must be made to provide for Brother Jacobson's salary.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 26, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, G B Thompson, W C White, C S Longacre, R D Quinn, N Z Town, M E Kern, J L Shaw, W A Spicer; also L A Hansen, F W Paap, T E Bowen, F M Wilcox, and Dr A B Olsen from England.

Prayer by Dr A B Olsen.

The Committee meeting was called especially to meet Dr A B Olsen, who was spending the day in Washington on his way to New York, where he takes ship for England. The Doctor gave an encouraging report of the progress of the work in England, the loyalty of the believers there in pushing forward the work and in maintaining tithes and offerings. In both these features distinct growth is seen. The book work has been perhaps hardest hit by war conditions, but a good volume of publications are being sent out. The food factory is very prosperous and the sanitarium work well patronized. While not having the authority to make a formal call, Dr Olsen said that he felt some young physician, a single man preferably, should be selected to go to England to qualify for medical practice. The Committee was very much interested in its interview with Dr Olsen regarding the work and general conditions in these war times.

A N ALLEN:

Consideration was given to letters from Elder I H Evans and W H Branson, reporting that the Southeastern Union had opened the way for Elder A N Allen to engage in field evangelistic work at several points, but that he felt the highest salary they could offer and the conditions would not permit him to locate his family and care for them as he desired. He therefore had dropped out of the work into private enterprise. The Southeastern Union felt that they should make Elder Allen a lump sum appropriation as a retiring allowance equivalent to salary until January 1, 1918, to enable him to properly shape his work and plans to care for his family, Elder Evans suggesting that the General and Division Conferences join in enabling the Southeastern Union to do this. It was--

VOTED, That we agree to the proposition submitted by Elder I H Evans, that the General Conference join the Division in making a lump sum appropriation to the Southeastern Union Conference on account of Elder A N Allen, equivalent to his salary at \$17.00 per week until January 1, 1918.

MRS R C WANGERIN:

Consideration was given to the request of Sister Wangerin, widow of the late Elder R C Wangerin, to be allowed to return with her two children to Korea, where she feels that she can join her sister in active work for the Koreans. The matter having been referred to Korea, the Korean Mission replied that they regard Sister Wangerin very highly as a Bible worker among the Koreans, and would be very glad to have her services in the field. They, however, felt that they should leave the responsibility of the decision to the General Conference.

Korea feels that provision must be made for the children of other families in Korea, so that without a doubt there will be a school for the English-speaking children of missionaries in that field. It was felt that Sister Wangerin, in association with her sister, Miss Scharffenberg, at Seoul, would be placed in much more favorable circumstances for working and caring for the children than ordinarily a widowed mother would be in the mission fields. Therefore, in view of Sister Wangerin's own burden and convictions, it was--

VOTED, That we invite Mrs R C Wangerin to return to Korea to labor, provided she feels clear that proper conditions for the care of her children can be maintained there.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 27, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, B G Wilkinson, N Z Town,
J L Shaw, M E Kern, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer, W A Spicer;
also Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman, G W Caviness, T E. Bowen,
W E Howell, F M Wilcox,

Prayer by N Z Town.

WEST INDIAN UNION:

Further attention was given to report of actions of the North Latin and West Indian Union committees at the time of the recent council at Panama.

MRS C E BOYNTON--FURLOUGH:

On account of the condition of her health, it was--

VOTED, That a furlough be granted to Mrs C E Boynton, of the Canal Zone, wife of Elder C E Boynton, and that the treasury make allowance by special appropriation for the transportation.

MRS E C BOGER--FURLOUGH:

On account of the serious condition of her health, and with the thought that she could return to the West Indian field with her husband following the next General Conference, it was--

VOTED, That a furlough be granted to Mrs E C Boger, wife of Elder E C Boger, of the South Caribbean Conference, and that the treasury make special appropriation for transportation.

C H KESLAKE:

Consideration at the time of the Panama meeting was given to the question of Elder C H Keslake's work. Having labored for years in Jamaica, medical counsel advises that he do not continue longer in the tropics, on account of a tropical difficulty from which he is suffering. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we recommend Elder C H Keslake, of Jamaica, return to America, on account of the condition of his health.

RUTH ROBERTS:

The Panama council having recommended it, it was--

VOTED, That the General Conference provide transportation for Miss Ruth Roberts, of Jamaica, daughter of Elder Roberts, who has reached the age when the parents feel she should return to this country for further education.

H A ROBINSON:

The Committee having asked the Panama council to give consideration to placing Brother H A Robinson, of Spain, in some point of service in the Latin American field, the Panama meeting requested that he labor in Salvador, as secretary and treasurer and general helper during the enforced furlough of the present superintendent. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we ask the Latin Union Conference to arrange to release Brother H A Robinson, and that he be invited to labor in the Republic of Salvador.

JOHN L BROWN--FURLOUGH:

The Panama council recommended a furlough for Brother John L Brown, superintendent of Salvador, as soon as arrangements can be made for some one to relieve him. It was stated that Brother Brown had been suffering severely through the years with malaria, and it seemed essential that he get out to a northern clime in order to make recovery and be able to go on with his work.

VOTED, That Brother John L Brown, of Salvador, be granted a furlough in order that he may make recovery of health.

C P MARTIN:

VOTED, That we approve of the recommendation of the Panama meeting that Brother C P Martin, of Cuba, make Mexico his field of labor, to reside in San Luis Potosi, for the present.

C F INNIS:

The Panama meeting gave consideration to the case of Brother C F Innis, formerly in Cuba and Guatemala, who has been canvassing somewhere in the Southwest for a time to recover his health. They had word from Brother Innis that his health is recovering, so that apparently he might engage again in the Spanish canvassing work. It was--

VOTED; That we invite Brother C F Innis to return to the Latin American field, if his health is sufficiently recovered, and that we recommend him to labor in the northern part of Mexico as a self-supporting colporteur.

CUBAN CANVASSERS:

In response to the call from Elder R W Parmele, superintendent of the North Latin field, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure two colporteurs for Spanish canvassing work in Cuba.

APPEAL FROM PORTUGAL:

A letter from Paul Meyer, superintendent of Portugal, was presented. He made an earnest appeal for assistance in providing a place of worship for the eighty believers in the city of Lisbon. Sympathetic consideration was given to the appeal, but it was felt that the matter should go to the Latin Union and the European Division for first consideration, to ascertain the feeling of the European brethren, and to learn if Europe itself may not be able to extend the help needed. It was therefore--

VOTED, That the appeal from Portugal be referred to the Latin Union Conference, expressing to the brethren our joy at knowing that there is so large a company of believers in Lisbon, and our sympathy with them in their desire to secure a place of meeting in that historic city.

E W SNYDER:

Letters were presented from Elder E W Snyder, formerly of South America and other Latin fields, who has been for some time now in Southern California, receiving help from the Sustentation Fund. On information that nothing seemed to open on the Pacific Coast, it was--

VOTED, That we recommend Elder E W Snyder to connect with the work in Mexico, to act as secretary and treasurer when the office work is re-established in Mexico City, it being understood that the Sustentation allowance will be continued until the Mexico workers arrange to reopen the work, probably in December.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 28, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, F Griggs, J L Shaw,
C S Longacre, M E Kern, N Z Town, W A Spicer; also W W Eastman.

REQUEST FROM BERRIEN SPRINGS FOR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT:

Professor Griggs, of the Educational Department, presented telegrams which he had received in connection with the call for some one to head the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, temporarily. During the last season Professor Graf had undergone a very serious operation, and evidently not having fully recovered strength, his efforts to go on with his work at the opening of the school year had led to a breakdown, requiring immediate release from service for a few months. Request was made for Prof J L Shaw, of the General Conference.

As consideration was given to the matter, and Professor Shaw's convictions were expressed, it was felt that effort should be made to fill the gap by some arrangement which could be consistently held to for a brief space of time or continued for a longer time, in case Professor Graf's health should not be restored quickly. It was therefore--

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division if it might not be possible to secure Prof C L Benson, of the Western young people's work, to take the history department in Union College, which department he carried for years, thus releasing Prof Gordon Andrews of that department to take charge of Emmanuel Missionary College in this emergency.

M W SHIDLER--KOREA:

On recommendation of the North American Division Publishing Department secretary, Elder Eastman, and on report of correspondence and negotiations that he had had with the brother, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure the release of Brother M W Shidler, of the Southern Union Conference, and that Brother Shidler be invited to go to Korea as field missionary secretary.

N H CONWAY--CUBA:

Call having come from the North Latin superintendent for a colporteur leader for Cuba, which has a good force of workers in the field with inexperienced leadership only, consideration was given to this matter. Elder Eastman reported that Brother N H Conway, a colporteur of South Texas, has a working knowledge of Spanish, and that his experience in the work is such that he would feel free to recommend him as a leader for Cuba. It was therefore---

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure the release of Brother N H Conway, colporteur of South Texas, and that we invite Brother Conway to go to Cuba as field missionary secretary.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 30, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, L H Christian, J L Shaw, E R Palmer, Dr H W Miller, C S Longacre, N Z Town, M E Kern, W A Spicer; also Miss E M Graham, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, F W Paap, W E Howell, L A Hansen.

Prayer by L H Christian.

H E MEYER:

VOTED, That the General Conference treasurer be authorized to accept the proposition of H E Meyer, of Kansas, formerly secretary and treasurer of Mexico, that he be allowed one half his transportation in going into Mexico to get out his goods, left behind in the days when the workers hastily left that field.

EVANGELIST FOR JAPAN:

Consideration was given to a call which had been agreed to when the workers were in the Far East. Transfers of workers at the Shanghai council had left a vacancy in the staff in Japan for which their appropriations provided. It was--

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure a young evangelist for service in Japan.

EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

Elder L.H.Christian was present to counsel with the Educational Department regarding temporary provision for the presidency of Emmanuel Missionary College. He reported that Professor Graf had returned to his work evidently too soon following a serious operation, and had broken down and been ordered away for several months. It was essential that this large school should have a temporary head.

It was agreed that the Educational Department Committee should take this matter in hand, giving it thorough study, to report at a later session.

WOODBERRY WILL--WISCONSIN:

The treasurer reported details concerning a will by a Brother Woodberry, the larger portion of which was to come to the cause. The attorneys in charge reported to the treasurer as one of the administrators that they had an offer of \$12,000 for the property, which they considered a good price.

VOTED, That we approve of the sale of the property at the figure named.

C C LEWIS:

The treasurer asked counsel regarding the report of Prof C C Lewis, head of the General Conference Correspondence School. He had spent considerable portion of the summer in the West, attending camp meetings and conventions, some little time also being devoted to arrangements for his marriage. It was--

VOTED, That the time and expenses of C C Lewis be allowed as reported, from May 23 to September 8.

Recess was taken until afternoon.

On resuming, prayer was offered by L H Christian.

EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

After hearing the report of the Educational Department committee regarding the call from Berrien Springs, that Prof J L Shaw, of the General Conference, or some other school man, be secured for Berrien Springs, action was taken as follows:--

VOTED, That in view of the difficulty of releasing Professor Shaw from General Conference work for a period of time which may be quite prolonged, we ask the North American Division to give earnest consideration to securing Professor Gordon Andrews, of Union College, to take Professor Graf's place.

IGNACIO THEILIG--OUTFITTING:

The treasurer asked counsel regarding the handling of the outfitting allowance which had been advanced to Professor Theilig when under appointment to South America, to which field he has been prevented from going by passport complications, having now taken up work in Union College.

In view of the fact that Prof. Ignacio Theilig has been to great personal expense and inconvenience through no fault of his own in his effort to respond to the call from South America, it was--

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to release him from the necessity of refunding the advanced allowance.

MISS MABEL KLOPFENSTEIN:

L A Hansen, of the Medical Department, reported the name of Miss Mabel Klopfenstein, of California, as a nurse that Porto Rico had called for, Porto Rico agreeing to meet support. It was understood that Miss Klopfenstein was well recommended and willing to go.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure the release of Miss Mabel Klopfenstein, and that she be invited to respond to the call from Porto Rico.

ST HELENA AND CANTON TREATMENT ROOMS:

The chairman presented a proposition from the St Helena Sanitarium looking toward the establishment of treatment room work in Canton, China.

VOTED, That we accept with gratitude the offer of the St Helena Sanitarium to equip treatment rooms in Canton, China, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, and to cooperate with us in their support for two years, at the rate of \$2,500 per year.

VOTED, That we ask the Medical Department secretaries, Dr H W Miller and L A Hansen, to cooperate with the St Helena Sanitarium in giving counsel regarding equipment for the proposed treatment rooms.

DR JAMES FOR CANTON:

The chairman reported that Dr H C James and his intended, Dr Ethel Jones, were volunteers for medical work in China, and available for the Canton treatment rooms. They are

well recommended by the Loma Linda College faculty.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure Dr H C James, of Loma Linda, and his intended wife, Dr Ethel Jones, to take charge of the treatment room work in Canton, China, and that we invite these workers to go to China, to engage in this service.

WEST INDIAN COLPORTEUR LEADERS:

Elder N Z Town reported the call of the West Indian Union for two men to act as local field missionary agents. Elder Eastman, of the Division department, had recommended a Brother J R Osborne, of Missouri, as one man for this service.

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to secure for us Brother J R Osborne, of Missouri, to engage in the colporteur work in the West Indies as local field missionary agent, and that we ask the North American Division to endeavor to secure also one more bookman as leader in West Indian local fields.

Adjourned.

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

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 11, 1917

A special meeting was called to consider a special item.

P R E S E N T:

W T Knox, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, N Z Town, M E Kern, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer, W A Spicer; also F W Paap, L A Hansen, Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen.

ISLE OF PINES DISASTER:

A letter had been received from S E Kellman, secretary of the Cuba Mission, reporting that the hurricane on

the Isle of Pines had destroyed much property, bringing great loss to the few believers in that island; reporting further that Elder H C Goodrich, who is supported by the Sustentation Fund, had his home apparently pretty nearly ruined, with ninety dollars in cash washed away by the flood. It was--

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$200 for general relief of believers on the Isle of Pines, if found required, and that we recommend the Sustentation Committee to grant to Elder H C Goodrich a lump sum of \$200 to assist him in this time of his great loss.

W T KNOX, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, F Griggs, N Z Town, Mrs L F Plummer, C S Longacre, E R Palmer, M E Kern, W A Spicer; also W W Eastman, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham, F W Paap, L A Hansen.

Prayer by F Griggs.

TO ATTEND AUTUMN COUNCIL,:

The following named persons were invited to the autumn council: G W Caviness, Miss E M Graham.

The following additional were invited; in joint session with the North American Division: L A Hansen, of the Medical Department; H E Rogers, statistical secretary; Miss Ethel Edwards, to assist the treasurer in handling audits and appropriations; S E McNeill, auditor; and for stenographic help, Miss E E Heebner and C S Rogers.

ENTERTAINMENT AT MINNEAPOLIS:

It was stated that the Northern Union Conference was providing rooms for those in attendance at the autumn council. In joint session with the North American Division, it was--

VOTED, That the General and Division Conferences join equally in providing entertainment of Committeemen and those invited to attend the autumn council at the rate of one dollar per day.

PRIVATE SOLICITATION OF FUNDS BY MISSIONARIES:

Attention was called to the fact that a missionary under appointment to the mission field had solicited gifts for the purchase of some special equipment desired.

VOTED, That it is the sense of the Committee that missionaries should not appeal to the home constituency for gifts of any nature, whether to provide facilities for personal use or for the work, without taking the matter up with the General Conference, allowing arrangements to be made with the Division and the local organizations.

Recess was taken to 1:30 P.M.

On reassembling, prayer was offered by W A Spicer.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS:

Consideration was given to the report from the Hawaiian Island Mission Committee regarding their counsel to Brother Robert McKeague concerning his future work.

VOTED, That, having read the record of the actions of the Hawaiian Island Mission Committee regarding the work of Brother Robert McKeague, we express the conviction that the Committee's recommendations are for the best interests of the work and workers, and we recommend Brother and Sister McKeague to accept the counsel of the local committee; and we further urge them to give themselves fully to the work of winning souls among the people of the Hawaiian Islands.

V E TOPPENBERG:

A letter was received from Brother V E Toppenberg, speaking of his desire to return to the East African field this winter, if it seems wise. It seemed to the Committee that it would be unwise for Brother Toppenberg to think of going before next spring, at any rate, both on his own account and on account of his sick wife, who would have to be left behind to make recovery from her illness. At the same time a letter was received from Elder L.H.Christian, expressing the conviction that Brother Toppenberg could render splendid service in behalf of missions and mission funds if he were able to visit the Scandinavian churches.

VOTED, That we advise V E Toppenberg to plan to remain in this country through the winter, and that the request of L H Christian be referred to the North American Division.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman W A SPICER, Sec'y.

AUTUMN COUNCIL

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Minneapolis, Minn., October 26, 1917, 3 P.M.

The first meeting of the council convened in the Unitarian Church, Minneapolis, Minn., at 3 P.M., October 26. A joint meeting of the General and Division Committees was held, to arrange program for the daily conduct of the council. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung, and prayer was offered by S N Haskell.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, G B Thompson, R D Quinn, B G Wilkinson, A V Olson, L H Christian, Chas Thompson, W H Branson, J W Christian, W T Knox, M E Kern, C S Longacre, C F McVagh, F Griggs, S N Haskell, N ZTown, W C White, C H Jones, E R Palmer.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steen Rasmussen, P E Broderson, F M Wilcox, C B Stephenson, G F Haffner, W W Eastman, F W Paap, Miss E M Graham, S E McNeill, C E Hooper, S N Curtiss, J W Mace, E L Richmond, J L McConaughy, G W Caviness, S A Ruckjer, L A Smith, L W Graham, G A Skinner, L A Hansen, W L Burgan, A O Tait, H H Hall, M F Knox, G W Wells, J R Ferren, R L Pierce.

It was arranged that meetings of the council be held in the Unitarian Church in the day time, and in our own church in the evening, the evening services being devoted largely to preaching.

The following daily program was agreed to:--

Bible Study.....	8:45 to 9.45 A.M.
Conference.....	10:00 to 12:00 M.
Conference.....	2:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Preaching.....	7:30 P.M.

VOTED, That we invite the members of our publishing houses who are present to remain and take part with us in the council.

VOTED, That all local conference presidents, editors of papers, and other brethren who may be present, be invited to participate in the deliberations of the council.

VOTED, That a joint session of the council be held in the S D A Church the evening of October 27, at 7 P.M.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of five, of which he shall be one, to arrange the daily program. Appointed: A G Daniells, I H Evans, W T Knox, W A Spicer, G B Thompson.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
G B THOMPSON, Secretary.

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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1917, 7 P M

Joint Session

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

W A Spicer, S E Wight, E E Andross, R A Underwood, Mrs L Flora Plummer, Dr H W Miller, J T Boettcher; also S E Jackson, P G Stanley, James Cochran, W A Harvey, J L Shaw, H G Childs, F W Stray, Lars Neilson.

TELEGRAM OF SYMPATHY:

L H Christian laid the sad news before the council of the death of Elder William Covert. The following telegram was sent, expressing the sympathy of the council to the relatives and friends of our beloved fellow-worker: 43

"Mrs. Wm. Covert,
295 Grant Ave., Aurora, Ill.

As we assemble in Autumn Council, the sad news comes of the death of our brother and fellow-worker, Elder Covert. The brethren in council assure you and all the family of our sympathy and prayers in this sorrow. We place upon record our tribute of love and respect for a faithful comrade in service, whose personal qualities endeared him to all his associates. His works will follow him.

"For the General and Division Committees,
A G Daniells,
I H Evans,
L H Christian."

ORGANIZATION:

The remainder of the evening was spent in consideration of our system of organization, special study being given to the advisability of continuing, in its present form, the organization of the North American Division Conference.

Pending further consideration of this question, the meeting adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
G B THOMPSON, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1917, 10 A M

Joint Session

The third meeting of the council was called to order at 10 A M, October 28.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

R W Parmele, H H Humann, W H Anderson.

Prayer by E E Andross, F M Wilcox, B G Wilkinson.

VOTED, That Mrs S N Haskell, Mrs W T Knox, and Mrs Chas Thompson be invited to attend the council

ORGANIZATION:

Further study was given to the question of organization under consideration at the previous meeting.

Recess was taken to 2 P M

Following recess, J W Christian led in prayer.

Further time was given to free discussion of plans of organization.

VOTED, That the question of organization be referred to a committee of nine, to consider and report to the council, this committee to be appointed by the chair. Named: L H Christian, J T Boettcher, I H Evans, C W Flaiz, W T Knox, R A Underwood, C F McVagh, A G Daniells, S E Wight.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION, MARCH 29 TO APRIL 21:

Continuing in joint session, the matter of arrangements for the General and Division Conferences was considered.

E E Andross made a statement as to the facilities offered in the Pacific Auditorium, Civic Center, San Francisco.

C H Jones described the building and its appointments, offering halls and committee rooms. The building is placed at our disposal--including all rooms required--for one month, free of charge, heated and lighted.

The offer has been accepted by the Committee.

ENTERTAINMENT OF DELEGATES:

It was reported that within a few blocks of the Auditorium were rooming houses and hotels affording sufficient accommodation for all delegates, at moderate rates.

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to secure information regarding rooms, and that we ask the various unions and general organizations to report the accommodations required, reports to be made through the General and Division secretaries. Named: C H Jones, E E Andross, J L McElhany, H S Shaw, C E Ford.

EXPENSE OF ENTERTAINMENT:

VOTED, That the organization sending the delegate supply expense of room, and make allowance for board to the amount of one dollar per day; the expense for entertaining foreign delegates, however, to be met by the General Conference treasury.

DELEGATION:

VOTED, That in choosing delegates in the North American Division for the General and Division Conferences, there shall be, as far as practicable, such selection that the one body of delegates may serve for both conferences.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.

G B THOMPSON,
W. A. SPICER, Secretaries.

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1917

Joint Session

The fourth meeting of the council was called to order at 10 A M , Octobef 29.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

C W Flaiz, A R Ogden, A C Gilbert, Dr WA Ruble.

Prayer by C H Jones.

Elder and Mrs E Hilliard, formerly of Australia, were invited to sit with the council.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--PROGRAM AND ORDER OF MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the program and order of meetings be referred for action to the members of the two Committees able to get together in Washington.

VOTED, That a daily Bulletin of the Conference be published, reporting the proceedings.

VOTED, That the arrangements necessary for the production of the Bulletin be referred to the officers.

DELEGATES FROM ABROAD:

VOTED, That we express to our brethren in the European Division our great desire to see representatives from Europe at the General Conference, so far as conditions may seem to make attendance consistent.

VOTED, That the giving of counsel regarding delegation from mission fields be referred to the committee that will be appointed on the financial budget.

CAMP MEETING LESSONS:

Consideration was given to a question in the Agenda Paper: "Should the providing of children's and kindergarten lessons for the camp meetings rest with the Sabbath School or the Missionary Volunteer Department?"

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of five to prepare recommendation regarding this matter. Named: E R Palmer, M E Kern, Mrs L Flora Plummer, Chas Thompson, W C White.

W T Knox, treasurer, brought before the Committee items relating to mission finance.

REMITTING TO FIELDS:

The treasurer outlined the following plan of remittances to the fields:

That, in order to provide operating funds for the missions, and to safeguard against unusual delay in mails, the treasury department be authorized to make the twelfth remittance for 1917 to distant mission fields the equivalent of one-twelfth of the appropriation for 1918, sending the amount to such fields December 1; and that thereafter remittances be made to them regularly the first of every quarter of one-fourth of the year's appropriation; it being understood that, in order to do this, the treasurer be again authorized to carry as an operating fund the equivalent of one-fourth of the year's income.

Consideration was given to a question in the Agenda Paper: "The foregoing outline was agreed to." Kindergarten lessons for the camp meetings rest with the Sabbath School or the Missionary Volunteer Department?"

Adjourned.

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee of five to prepare recommendation regarding this matter. Named: E R Palmer, M E Kern, Mrs L Flora Plummer, Chas Thompson, W C White.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.

W A SRICER,

G B THOMPSON, Secretary.

W T Knox, treasurer, brought before the Committee items relating to mission finance.

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1917

Joint Session

The fifth meeting of the council was called at 10 A M , October 30.

Prayer by Dr W A Ruole. Minutes were read.

A joint session of the two Committees was called to consider a report of the Publishing Department, which was amended and adopted as follows:--

"The representatives of the Publishing Departments respectfully submit the following:--

"1. That the prices on our standard subscription books, such as 'Bible Readings,' 'Daniel and Revelation,' 'Great Controversy,' 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Prophets and Kings,' and 'Practical Guide,' be increased from \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50, to \$4.00, \$5.00, and \$6.00.

"2. That the prices on 'Desire of Ages' and 'Easy Steps' be fifty cents higher in each binding than the corresponding binding of the standard subscription books; viz., \$4.50, \$5.50, and \$6.50.

"3. That on 'United States in Prophecy' a half leather binding be added, and that the prices be \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50.

"4. That we cooperate in keeping down the prices on the World's Crisis Series and Current Events Series, and suggest the following methods:--

(a) Where subject matter will justify, that the number of pages be reduced from 128 to 96.

(b) Use of half-tones, 100-line screen.

(c) Use of a cheaper grade of paper, with a good finish.

(d) Where circumstances, in the judgment of those in charge of the field, seem to justify, that prices on these books be increased to 30 or 35 cents in paper binding, and 60 to 75 cents in cloth binding.

"5. That the prices on English tracts remain as they are at present, but with the following discounts: To publishinghouses, 60 %; to tract societies, 50 %; to individuals in unbroken packages, 40 %.

"6. That the subscription price of the Watchman and Signs Magazine be \$1.50 per year, and fifteen cents per copy.

"7. That magazine prices to agents be as follows: 5 to 40 copies, 8 cents each; 50 Or more copies, 7 cents each; with 40 % commission on yearly subscriptions.

"8. That where six months' subscriptions are received for the Watchman or Signs Magazine, the price charged be 60 % of the yearly subscription rate.

"9. That the prices on the Review and Herald, Youth's Instructor, and Church Officers' Gazette for 1918 be changed to conform to the following schedule:--

(a) Review and Herald, one year, \$2.50; six months, \$1.50; two years, \$4.50; three years, \$6.00.

(b) Youth's Instructor, one year, \$1.75; six months, \$1.00. Clubs: 5 or more, one year, \$1.25; six months, 75 cents; three months, 40 cents.

(c) Church Officers' Gazette, one year, 60 cents; in clubs, 45 cents.

"10. That Present Truth be issued monthly, at the subscription price of 15 cents per copy.

"11. That the rates on the Signs of the Times, weekly, for 1918, be changed to the following schedule:--

"Yearly subscription, \$1.50; 5 or more to one address for one year, \$1.00 each; 5 or more to separate addresses \$1.15 each; 5 or more to one address, six months, 60 cents each; 5 or more to separate addresses, 70 cents each.

"12. That the above schedule of prices go into effect January 1, 1918."

Further report from the Publishing Departments was considered and adopted, as follows:--

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LITERATURE

"Whereas, Many urgent appeals have been made during the past few years for small books and tracts in such languages as the Syrian, Italian, Bohemian, Roumanian, Polish, Yiddish and others; and,--

"Whereas, These publications must be of a class that will readily circulate among the many foreigners in our large cities, and should be of a pioneer nature; therefore,--

"13. We recommend, That small books, similar in style to the World's Crisis Series be prepared or selected by the North American Foreign Department in counsel with the North American Division Publishing Department and the Foreign Department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association for early publication, and treating in a simple, forceful manner on the fundamental truths of the message.

"14. That these books be issued in these various languages in such order as they are most needed in the judgment of the North American Foreign Department, in counsel with the General and North American Division Publishing Departments.

"15. That the financial side of the project be handled as follows:--

(a) That authors be asked to forego royalty on these foreign editions.

(b) That the General Conference and the North American Division Conference be invited to unite in raising a fund of \$10,000 during the year 1918, with which to pay for the necessary translations, type-setting, proof-reading, and making of plates.

(c) That this work be done under the direction of the North American Foreign Department and the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

(d) That plates of such publications be used by the International Branch at a plate rental of two per cent of the retail price in the cheapest binding, this amount to be turned over to the treasurer of the North American Division. "

APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee on Mission Appropriations and Finance, for the General Conference. Named: The officers of the General and Division Committees, and the union presidents.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLE, Chairman.
W A SPICER,
G B THOMPSON, Secretaries.

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1917

The sixth meeting of the council was called at 10 A M , October 31.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

J H Schilling, W A Westworth, C S Wiest.

Prayer by A R Ogden.

M E Kern, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, introduced items for consideration.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY:

VOTED, That the Missionary Volunteer Day be the first Sabbath in January.

M V D SPANISH PUBLICATIONS:

VOTED, That the question of the headquarters for the issuing of Spanish departmental literature be referred to the next General Conference, when representatives of the various Spanish fields will be together in council.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE:

F Griggs, secretary of the Educational Department, reported on the Ministerial Reading Course. The necessity of providing varied courses for the varied languages and fields, adapted to local needs, would seem to require that branch committees should be formed in various parts abroad.

It was agreed that action on this matter should await the General Conference session.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL:

The Educational Department Secretary reported that the General Conference Correspondence School work had largely increased its work. The number of single study courses completed year by year is as follows: 1910, 3; 1911, 14; 1912, 34; 1913, 46; 1914, 52; 1915, 66; 1916, 86; 1917, 103.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Mrs L F Plummer, secretary, presented Sabbath school items. The department appeals that arrangements be made so that the gifts received in the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, in excess of the amount appropriated, shall go to the field direct as an extra, thus giving the Department added inspiration in working for an overflow.

VOTED, That this matter and other financial matters on the Agenda Paper be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING**GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

October 31, 1917

Joint Session

A meeting was called at 3 P M, October 31, for a brief time in joint session with the Division Committee, to receive the report of the Committee on Reorganization, appointed in the third meeting. The report was adopted as follows:--

In order that the unity of our world-wide work may be preserved; that economy of administration may best be served; that the largest possible amount of funds may be made available for the prosecution of our work, both at home and abroad; that the believers everywhere may be constant contributors of their means to the regions beyond; that the General Conference may have direct control and management of its chief base of supplies, both of men and of means, we would recommend:--

1. That the General and North American Division Conferences at their next session, arrange for eliminating the North American Division Conference, and that the territory comprised in the North American Division Conference be thereafter under the direct administration of the General Conference.

2. That provision be made that all believers be direct contributors to the work carried on by the General Conference, by donating weekly an amount according to their ability, and that sub-treasuries be established in various divisions or union conferences which shall hold the gifts of the people for mission work, and that the same be distributed by action of the General Conference Executive Committee.

3. That a standing committee of nine be appointed during this council to draft plans of organization to be presented to the next session of the General Conference for consideration.

4. That this standing committee, after having perfected their plans as far as possible, submit the same to the members of the General and North American Division Executive Committees for approval or criticism; that each member of the Executive Committees return his criticism to this committee, that they may have the benefit of all suggestions.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 1, 1917

The eighth meeting of the council was called at 10 A M , November 1.

Prayer by C S Wiest.

Minutes of two previous meetings were read.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

No formal action having heretofore been taken regarding the issue of the Missions Quarterly, it was--

VOTED, That the Thirteenth Sabbath Missions Quarterly be issued by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, and that the secretary of the department be appointed editor of the Quarterly.

VOTED, That, in response to an appeal from Brazil, the Missions Quarterly be prepared in the German language.

VOTED, That J L Shaw be appointed as an additional member of the Sabbath School Department Committee.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

N Z Town presented calls for additional workers in the various fields.

VOTED, That the calls for workers be referred to the North American Division Committee on Distribution of Labor.

COMMITTEE ON SPANISH TRACTS:

VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed on preparation of Spanish tracts. Named: N Z Town, E R Johnson, G W Caviness, H H Hall, R W Parmele.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

The treasurer, W T Knox, presented items as follows:--

RENT OF MISSION HOMES:

In the Asiatic Division the question of rental of mission homes had come up for consideration. The policy has been to charge the worker ten per cent on the cost. It has been agreed, however, that this charge shall not exceed twenty per cent of the worker's salary.

OUTFITTING ALLOWANCE:

At the Shanghai council consideration was given to the handling of the \$150 outfitting allowance. It was agreed in Shanghai that the outfitting allowance should be \$200, this to cover all charges for freight and customs, save as local committees are authorized to secure equality by adjustment, where customs charges in a special locality are extraordinarily high, or where the inland freight carriage is excessive.

VOTED, That this be adopted as the policy of the Mission Board in dealing with mission fields. <

WAGE ALLOWANCE FOR WIVES:

It was agreed at the Shanghai council that where the wife of a laborer was called by the committee of the field to do definite work, a moderate allowance be made for the service rendered in proportion to the time given. This allowance was set at \$3.00 or \$4.00 per week.

VOTED, That this be the policy in dealing with all our mission fields.

CHINESE EXCHANGE:

The treasurer reported that the rate of exchange with China has become so extraordinary that instead of \$1.00 gold being worth \$2.12 Chinese silver, it is now but about \$1.12. It is proposed to make the rate to workers permanent, at \$2.00 silver for \$1.00 gold. This means, however, that on the Asiatic budget for the next year, about \$155,000 would have to be added, in order to make good our appropriation.

VOTED, That the policy of settling with China shall be on the basis of \$2.00 silver for \$1.00 gold, the balance in exchange to be made up by the reserve fund, the reserve fund to benefit in case at any future time the exchange should turn in favor of the mission treasury.

MAKING UP BUDGETS IN FIELDS:

In order that the calls for appropriations be well in hand at the necessary time, it was agreed in the Shanghai council that budgets would be made up in the spring, say March, the work to be done carefully in committee action, the budgets to reach the General Conference August 1

VOTED, That we request all the fields to follow this plan.

HELP FOR MISSIONS FROM INSTITUTIONS

MALAYSIAN PRINTING PLANT:

The treasurer raised for consideration the question of the extent to which prospering institutions--publishing houses and sanitariums--might give support to mission field enterprises. For instance, the St Helena Sanitarium has volunteered to give \$5,000 from its earnings, to establish treatment rooms in Canton, China, with \$2,500 a year for two years for operating expenses. The Review and Herald, Pacific Press and Southern Publishing Associations have helped heavily in years past. The question is, To what extent may it be possible to count on help being systematically given from these sources? The Malaysian field needs a printing plant. The workers expected it to be provided in the budget. Their disappointment was great when their call for \$8,000 was cut out of the budget at the Shanghai council. They have appealed to the Review and Herald for deliverance.

A G Daniells spoke further of the need in Malaysia for this printing plant. He reported about \$3,300 already in sight from special donors for the enterprise.

I H Evans seconded the appeal, and suggested that the North American Division turn to the General Conference the \$8,000 for the plant, allowing these special donations to go on as a working capital.

Joint Session

Joint session was called with the Division, and it was--

VOTED, That the Division Conference appropriate to the General Conference \$8,000, to provide a printing plant for Malaysia.

Chas Thompson, of the Northern Union, stated that his union has a good cylinder press and some other printing machinery which they will gladly donate to any needy mission field.

VOTED, That we thank the Northern Union for this gift to the Mission Board.

The printing house men present were asked to look over this printing machinery.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1917

The ninth meeting of the council was called at 10 A M , November 4.

Prayer by W H Anderson. Minutes were read.

WEST INDIAN ITEMS

PANAMA CHURCH BUILDING:

West Indian items were considered. The recent Panama council had taken action looking toward re-locating the Cristobal church, making the present church site the location for the publishing house branch which the Pacific Press is establishing on the Canal Zone. The Panama action was as follows:--

"Voted, That we present to the General Conference Committee information concerning the erection of a church building in Colon, and that we ask the General Conference to appropriate funds for its erection on the following basis:--

"The \$2000 to be paid by the Pacific Press to apply, and the remainder of cash required to be equally shared between the West Caribbean and the General Conference, to the extent of a total investment not to exceed \$5000."

VOTED, That we encourage our West Caribbean brethren to secure another property for their church building, accepting the offer of the Pacific Press to pay \$2000, the General Conference Committee joining the West Caribbean in providing a church building, the General Conference help thus given not to exceed \$2000.

HOMES FOR WORKERS IN WEST CARIBBEAN:

W T Knox explained that in connection with the Panama arrangements, the homes of the workers should be re-located. The Pacific Press had offered to join the West Caribbean Conference in securing a lot for the erection of homes, the title of the property to be vested in the General Conference.

VOTED, That we authorize the West Caribbean Conference to join the Pacific Press in purchasing land as a site for the erection of homes for workers, our responsibility in the matter not to exceed \$1,500.

ITEMS FROM PANAMA COUNCIL REFERRED TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The following items submitted by the Panama council were by vote referred to the coming General Conference for consideration:--

The proposition that Venezuela be transferred from the West Indian Union to the North Latin field.

The proposition that the Virgin Islands be transferred to the Porto Rico Mission.

Proposition that Mexico be transferred to the North American Division.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL:

The following recommendation of the Panama council was presented:--

"In consideration of the large number of young people in our churches in the West Indies, and the growing need of workers for various lines of work both in the English and Spanish fields, we recommend:--

"1. That a statement of the educational needs of the West Indies be placed before the General Conference Committee at the Fall Council.

"2. That in presenting the situation, we recommend that a union training school be established at a suitable place in the Island of Jamaica.

"3. That available funds from the sale of the Watchman Press, the Kingston property, present Riversdale property, and funds in hand from the sale of land, be released for the establishment of the proposed training school.

"4. That a man be selected and sent out to take the principalship of the school, and that his salary be provided for in the budget, and that the aim of the school be to meet all other expenses of the school from its operating receipts.

"5. That a committee of three be appointed to make recommendations concerning the location of the union training school and plans for buildings and estimate equipment necessary to operate the school."

VOTED, That the recommendation be adopted.

VOTED, That the call for a principal for this school be referred to the North American Division Committee on Distribution of Labor.

ITEMS FROM PANAMA COUNCIL REFERRED TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The following further items from the Panama council were referred to the General Conference:--

Recommendation as to Spanish school in Mexico.

Matter of organizing the North Latin field as a union mission.

PLACE OF PUBLISHING LAS SENALES:

The Panama council had referred to the autumn council the question as to whether the Spanish paper for this region should be transferred from Mexico to Panama.

G W Caviness, of Mexico, spoke of the needs of the Mexican field, with its 16,000,000, and of the importance of the paper in the work, Sabbath keepers being raised up where it has gone. No religious organization can hold property in Mexico, and by a new law no man is allowed to hold property for a church. Years ago a publishing company was organized, a stock company, which has done and can do our printing, and which can hold church property anywhere in Mexico. He felt that Mexico needed the paper, and that a paper at Panama would not serve the Mexican field to advantage. With hindrances now as to evangelistic work by foreigners, there is no hindrance to publishing.

VOTED, That this question be referred for recommendation to the members of the Publishing Department committee who are present.

REQUESTS FOR WORKERS:

VOTED, That requests for workers in the West Indian Union be referred to the North American Division Committee on Distribution of Labor.

E R JOHNSON-- PACIFIC PRESS BRANCH AT PANAMA:

VOTED, That E R Johnson be released from the North Latin field, to take up work with the Pacific Press at Panama.

HARVEST INGATHERING ORGAN:

A joint session was at this point called to consider the question of the organ for the next Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

R L Pierce stated that the Southern Publishing House submits the proposal that they undertake to produce the 1918 Ingathering number at cost.

VOTED, That the Watchman magazine be selected as the organ of the 1918 Ingathering Campaign.

VOTED, That the Pacific Press International Branch be authorized to arrange for the foreign editions of the Ingathering magazines as heretofore.

WORKERS FOR NORTH LATIN:

VOTED, That requests for laborers in the North Latin field be referred to the North American Division Committee on Distribution of Labor, subject to financial provision in the appropriation budget.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 4, 1917

The tenth meeting of the council was called in joint session with the North American Division, to receive a report on the matter of children's lessons at camp meetings, which was adopted as follows:--

Whereas, The camp meeting furnishes one of the greatest opportunities of the year for earnest spiritual effort for our children and young people, and for strengthening the work in their behalf throughout the year,--

To recommend, That the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments cooperate in making strong efforts for the children and young people on the camp grounds, to the end that they may be converted and built up in Christ, and led to enlist in suitable lines of Christian service.

Further, That the Missionary Volunteer Department prepare suggestive outlines and conduct meetings for the senior and junior young people, ranging in ages from about twelve years upward; and that the Sabbath School Department prepare lessons and conduct meetings for the younger children.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 5, 1917

The eleventh meeting of the council was called at 10 A M , November 5, 1917.

Minutes were read.

Joint Session

The Committee on Appropriations made a report, which was adopted as follows:--

"We find that the treasury statement makes the following showing:--

"Calls for 1918, total	\$1,100,000
Estimated income, less reserve fund	693,635

"In facing the calls and the needs, the committee submits recommendations as follows:--

"With the great mission fields calling for a continual flow of reinforcements to care for the expanding work among the millions of all kindreds and tongues, where the cause of this message is literally breaking forth on the right hand and on the left, beyond all our human planning; and,--

"With the striking providences revealed to us in all the great fields, summoning us to yet greater things for Christ and his cause,--

✓ "Resolved, That we solemnly dedicate ourselves to God for larger undertakings in his name and by his enabling grace, recommending as follows:--

"1. That beginning with 1918, the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund be raised to a Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund per member in all the territory of the North American Division Conference, with exceptions hereinafter specified; and, further,--

"2. That this fund be distributed as follows: one fifth to home missions, and four fifths to foreign missions until the full twenty-five cents a week is raised, all overflow thereafter to go to foreign missions; the one fifth for home missions being distributed as follows:--

"(a) One fifth to the missionary training schools.

"(b) One fifth to the liquidation of the indebtedness on the Loma Linda medical missionary training institution.

"(c) Three fifths to the union conferences for institutional relief; union conferences not requiring this measure of relief being free to make appropriation of any amounts to the mission funds, it being our united aim to hasten the time when the conference institutions shall be fully freed from indebtedness, and this portion of the fund no longer needed.

"3. That having in view proportionate resources, exceptions to this plan of raising twenty-five cents per week per member be made as follows:--

"(a) Twenty cents a week per member to be raised by the white membership of the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Unions (save for the Florida and Oklahoma Conferences, which are listed for the full twenty-five cents), it being understood that the Southeastern and Southwestern Unions are excepted from payment of any portion on the Loma Linda indebtedness.

"(b) That the goal be set at ten cents a week per member for the colored and Mexican membership in the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences, and in the Virginia, West Virginia, and Arizona Conferences, all of this amount to go to missions.

"4. That we urge that the definite amounts to be raised in all other divisions and unions be set at the next General Conference, when delegates from these fields are present.

"It is further recommended,--

"5. That we appropriate from the available funds \$786,700 for 1918 for the regular work as at present operating, which requires practically all of our prospective income.

"6. That we endeavor to increase our funds for missions during 1918 to one million dollars, to meet as far as possible the requests for additional work, listed as special requests by the mission fields.

"7. That there be placed among the special appropriations, to receive immediate attention, the requests from the Asiatic Division (except Malaysia) for operating funds for their publishing work, to the total amount of \$22,000.

"8. That all matters connected with the working out of details of mission appropriations be referred to the officers.

"9. That we request the publishing houses and sanitariums to carefully husband their resources, in order that they may devote as much of their earnings as possible to kindred enterprises in mission fields.

"10. That all the overflow on the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings be devoted to the object set before the schools."

Recommended, That W H Anderson be encouraged to raise \$4,000 from people outside of our church, for opening a mission in Bechuanaland, and that we recommend to the South African Union Conference that Elder Anderson be allowed to open this work on his return to South Africa from furlough.

Resolved, That the former action of the Committee prescribing that wills and legacies coming to the General Conference shall be credited on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund be rescinded, in order that no regulation may interfere with the carrying out of the full provisions of the legacy.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer presented the financial report of the General Conference for the year ending January 20, 1917, the summary being as follows:--

Total expenditures -----	\$859,586.38
Total income-----	<u>808,062.44</u>
Net deficit in year's operation	51,523.94
Present worth, Jan. 20, 1917 -----	168,304.23
Receipts Jan. 20 to Sept. 21, 1917	\$521,071.01
Expenditures " " "	<u>445,315.49</u>
Income in excess of expenses-----	<u>75,755.52</u>
Surplus, Sept. 21, 1917-----	244,033.08

VOTED, That the report, with the auditor's statement, be accepted.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION:

The treasurer submitted the financial report of the General Conference Corporation, summary being as follows:--

Income for year ending Dec. 31, 1916	\$29,392.60
Expenses " " "	<u>9,595.40</u>
Net income for year to capital account	\$19,797.20
Total assets	\$564,297.76
Total liabilities	<u>338,383.77</u>
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1917	225,913.99

VOTED, That the report, with the auditor's statement, be accepted.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

F Griggs presented the following report, which was adopted:--

Resolved, That we adopt the following books for the use of the Ministerial Reading Course for the year 1918:--

"Back to the Bible," Price.....	\$.50
"One Hundred Years of Missions," Leonard.....	1.20
"Effective Speaking," Phillips.....	1.50
"Education," Mrs. White.....	1.25
Magazine "Christian Educator".....	1.00

Further, That a four-page leaflet be prepared by C C Lewis to be inserted in the book "Effective Speaking," and that he contribute also at least a column upon this subject, assisting in the use of the book "Public Speaking," in the magazine "Christian Educator." And that arrangements be made with the Fireside Correspondence School by which those who desire to pursue the course in public speaking as a study, may do so upon a special rate of \$5.00 for tuition, exclusive of the usual charges for books, postage, etc.

Resolved, That we place at the disposal of the Department of Education the sum of \$600 for the development of our educational literature.

MEXICAN PAPER:

The committee of the Publishing Department made a report, which was adopted as follows:--

Whereas, The work in Mexico would greatly suffer if the printing plant were closed out and the missionary paper removed,--

We recommend, That the publication of Las Senales de los Tiempos be continued in Mexico City, and that as soon as arrangements can be made, the Pacific Press Branch in the Canal Zone issue a Spanish missionary paper.

\$100,000 FOR MISSIONS:

Still continuing in joint session, it was--

VOTED, That the Division Conference appropriate from its surplus tithes to the General Conference for its mission work, \$100,000.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION:

The chairman named the standing committee of nine on reorganization plans, as follows:--

W T Knox, F M Wilcox, I H Evans, E R Palmer,
W A Spicer, M E Kern, J L Shaw, F Griggs, G B Thompson, AG Daniells

Adjourned.

AG DANIELLS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 5, 1917

The twelfth meeting of the council was called at 3 P M
November 5.

Prayer by F Griggs.

A joint session of the General and Division Conference Committees was called to receive a report from the Committee on Distribution of labor, which, as pertaining to mission fields, was adopted as follows:--

It is recommended that the following laborers be invited to respond to calls from the fields, and that the union and local conferences and organizations be requested to release these workers for the service specified:--

1. Albert Priest, of the Oklahoma Conference, to South Africa, as field missionary secretary of the Natal-Transvaal Conference.
2. Everet Everest, of the Pacific Press, to Malaysia, to take the management of the Singapore publishing house.
3. Bert Bray, of New Mexico, to Spanish evangelistic work in the North Latin mission.
4. J C Klose, of the Northern Illinois Conference, to Korea, as field missionary agent.
5. L J Beans, of Union College, to Bolivia, S A , as colporteur.
6. I P Dillon, of the Pacific Union, to the South Caribbean Conference, for evangelistic work.
7. W A Long, of the Wyoming Conference, to Jamaica, West Indies, for evangelistic work.
8. F M Owen, of the Arizona Conference, to the West Caribbean Conference, for evangelistic work.
9. Chas. Metzger, of Iowa, to the Virgin Islands, West Indies, for evangelistic work.
10. S A Ruskjer, of the Northern Union, to the Philippine Islands, as president of the Luzon Conference.
11. H M Kelley, of North Michigan, to India, for city evangelistic work.
12. W E Strickland, of Georgia, to South India, for work among the Malayalam people.
13. A F Prieger, of Haiti, to Georgia, in response to request from the Southeastern Union Conference.
14. Earl Montgomery, of Georgia, to the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission, South America.
15. J AP Green, of the West Indies, to the field missionary agency of the North Latin Mission, and of the Spanish work only in the West Indian Union, this action being in approval of the recommendation of the recent Panama council.
16. S W Van Trump, of the Review and Herald Publishing House, to China, to act as assistant manager of the Shanghai publishing house.

17. R J Sype, of Iowa, to Borneo, East Indies, for evangelistic work.

18. A E Iverson, of Western New York, to Singapore, East Indies, as secretary and treasurer of the Malaysian Union Mission.

19. ^{Mela} ~~E L~~ Peterson, of South Wisconsin, to Japan, for evangelistic work.

20. T W Steen, principal of Adelpian Academy, East Michigan, to Brazil, to take the principalship of the Brazilian Union training college.

21. J S McMullen, of the Texico Conference, to Brazil, as secretary and treasurer of the Brazilian Union Conference.

22. M E Hitchcock, of the Beechwood (Indiana) Academy, to the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission, Peru, to engage in work at Plateria, the head Indian training school.

23. Chas Bainer, of South Texas, to Cuba, as field missionary agent of the Cuban Mission.

24. E W Snyder, on furlough in California, to Porto Rico, as field missionary agent of the Porto Rico Mission.

25. W E Lanier, on furlough in North Carolina, to North Honduras, Central America, for Spanish evangelistic work.

26. W F Mayers, of Guatemala, to Mexico.

27. Mark Wilson, of Alabama, to the South Caribbean Conference, as field missionary secretary.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 6, 1917

The thirteenth meeting of the council was called at 10:45 A M , November 6, in joint session with the Division, to receive report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor, which was adopted as follows:--

Recommended, That the following further laborers be invited to the mission fields, the union and local conferences and organizations concerned being asked to release these workers:--

28. Arthur C Robbins, of Mt Vernon (Ohio) Academy, to South Africa, for mission school work.

29. Hubert Martin, of Williamsdale Academy, Nova Scotia, to North India, for vernacular work.

30. W M Adams, of California, to Hawaii, to take the superintendency of the Hawaiian Island mission.

31. G L Wilkinson, of Nevada, to China, for evangelistic work.

32. R E Bowles, of Iowa, to the Panama Canal Zone, to connect with the Pacific Press Branch publishing house.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following persons be added to the Educational Departmental committee: S L Frost, A W Anderson, W C John.

VOTE OF THANKS:

VOTED, That we extend to the Northern Union Conference our hearty thanks for the courtesies extended.

VOTED, That we extend to the Civic Commerce Association our thanks for the free use of the Unitarian Church for the council.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED NINETIETH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 18, 1917

P R E S E N T:

I H Evans, W T Knox, J L Shaw, N Z Town, W A Spicer;
also L A Hansen, T E Bowen.

Prayer by W T Knox.

ARMENIA-SYRIA RELIEF:

In joint session with the North American Division,
it was--

VOTED, That, in response to the calls of need in behalf of the Armenians and Syrians, perishing by thousands of hunger and want, we invite our churches in the Division to take an offering for their relief on Sabbath, January 12; and that we invite the five following organizations to join in appropriating \$200 each to the Armenia-Syria Relief Fund: General and North American Division Conferences, and the Review and Herald, Pacific Press and Southern Publishing Associations.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1918:

The treasurer submitted the budget for 1918, worked out by a sub-committee, in detail.

VOTED, That the budget be adopted, the summary being as follows:--

Estimated Receipts

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, etc.	\$869,647.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Division Appropriations	108,000.00
\$300,000 Fund	<u>6,000.00</u>
	1,108,647.00
Less Southern Unions	29,436.00
Less Working Capital	<u>219,911.00</u>
	<u>249,347.00</u>

SUMMARY

Asiatic Division:		
General Office	\$22,303.00	
Signs Publishing House	4,983.00	
East Asian Union Conference:		
General Office	2,327.00	
Chosen Conference	22,600.00	
Japan Mission	19,170.00	
Manchuria Mission	5,405.00	
North China Union Conference	84,697.00	
South China Union Conference	35,034.00	
Philippine Union Conference	26,591.00	
Malaysian Union Conference	23,576.00	
India Union Mission	94,020.00	
Bahamas Mission	566.00	
Hawaiian Mission	2,146.00	
Northern Latin American Missions:		
General	2,492.00	
Cuban Mission	8,359.00	
Porto Rican Mission	8,088.00	
Mexican Mission	7,215.00	
Haitien Mission	3,142.00	
Salvador Mission	3,712.00	
Guatemala Mission	2,189.00	
South Honduras	3,464.00	
North Honduras	1,032.00	
South African Union Conference	64,786.00	
South American Division Conference		
General	10,751.00	
Austral Union Conference	31,777.00	
Brazil Union Conference	31,493.00	
North Brazil Union Mission	7,568.00	
Inca Union Mission	43,566.00	
West Indian Union Conference	23,041.00	
Temporary Relief European Missions	17,500.00	
Executive and Departmental Work	38,250.00	
General Field Laborers	4,000.00	
General Conference Session	10,000.00	
Special Appropriations	75,000.00	
Sustentation Fund	15,000.00	
Harvest Ingathering Expense	40,000.00	
Special appropriations for additional workers and facilities	134,423.00	
Exchange Reserve	<u>125,000.00</u>	
Total Appropriations		\$1,049,266.00

BRITISH INGATHERING NUMBER:

On communication from the British Union as to their desire to issue a Harvest Ingathering number for 1918, in their own field, it was--

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the British Union to issue a Harvest Ingathering number of Present Truth in 1918, it being understood that the Union will bear the expense of the issue from the funds secured, taking the proceeds for the mission work which it is carrying forward.

W E LANIER:

VOTED, That we allow W E Lanier \$100 outfitting fund on his departure for Honduras.

Adjourned.

I H EVANS, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, W T Knox, G B Thompson, J L Shaw,
N Z Town, E R Palmer, W A Spicer; also F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham,
T E Bowen.

Prayer by N Z Town.

NORTH LATIN RATES:

VOTED, That the salary rates established for the North Latin fields at the Panama council for 1918 be made retro-active from July 1, 1917.

A G ROTH--ORDINATION:

VOTED, That we recommend to Elder R W Parmele, of the North Latin Missions, the ordination of A G Roth, in Haiti, at the time of his visit to the Haitien field.

H B LUNDQUIST--SOUTH AMERICA:

A letter was received from H B Lundquist, under appointment to India, now serving for a year with the Lake Union Conference. Brother Lundquist stated that although he had accepted the call to India, he had felt more and more the conviction that he should go to the Spanish fields, having had South America in mind. In view of this conviction, it was--

VOTED, That we transfer the appointment of H B Lundquist from India to South America, it being understood that this does not interfere with his release to the Lake Union for a year.

H A B ROBINSON:

On information received from H A B Robinson, of Spain, invited to Salvador, in counsel with Professor Caviness, of Mexico, it was--

VOTED, To rescind the action inviting Brother H A B Robinson, of Spain, to Salvador, and to invite him to make Mexico his field of labor, to take the secretary- and treasurer-ship of the Mexico Mission, assisting as may be possible in the field and the publishing work.

E W SNYDER:

VOTED, That we ask the Sustentation Committee to endeavor to assist Elder E W Snyder, long engaged in the work in Spanish fields, to get into some business in this country.

F W PATTERSON--HAWAIIAN TREATMENT ROOMS:

L A Hansen reported results in his search for a man and wife to take the treatment room work in Honolulu. On his report, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the Medical Department to endeavor to secure F W Patterson and wife, of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, for the Honolulu treatment room work.

SINGAPORE MEDICAL WORK:

VOTED, That we invite the Washington Sanitarium management to start the medical work in Singapore by providing a physician and supporting him for such time as may be necessary until his work can be made self-supporting.

PHYSICIANS--ENGLAND AND SOUTH AFRICA:

Consideration was given to the call from England for a physician, also to South Africa's call. It was--

VOTED, That we suggest to the British Union that they negotiate with Dr. Haupt, at present taking studies for qualifying in Edinburgh, it being our judgment that he should make good help in England, having the advantage of association with the general medical superintendent either in Watford or Caterham. Further, That we suggest to the South African Union that they take up correspondence with Dr F J Richards, of Australia, with reference to securing him as medical superintendent of the Cape Sanitarium.

J D BAKER--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Communication was received from J D Baker, of Glendale, California, stating that he and his wife were in Glendale, engaged in the sanitarium work, waiting for the time to come when they can return to their field in British East Africa. It is their ardent desire that inasmuch as they are in California they may have the privilege of attending the General Conference.

VOTED, That we take the financial responsibility of inviting J D Baker and wife to attend the General Conference, and that we suggest to the British Union the propriety of making them delegates from the British East African missions.

A C ENNS--EAST AFRICA:

Word was received from A A Carscallen, of British East Africa, that A C Enns, formerly a worker in East Africa, was stranded at Mombasa, and desirous of returning to this country. With the knowledge that his course had made it necessary some years ago for the mission to drop him from service, nevertheless inasmuch as originally he was sent out as a missionary from this country, it was--

VOTED, That we recommend to the British Union that A C Enns be provided transportation to America in case he is unable to find employment in Africa and desires to return to this country, this action being taken on the general policy of dealing in a humane way with those who prove themselves unworthy of service in the field.

DELEGATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:

The question of delegation to the forthcoming General Conference from the mission fields was considered from the point of view of provision being made for transportation expenses. It was agreed that the following items should be provided for, in most cases the items being in the budget already voted, the additional items being left for appropriation from the Emergency Fund. This provision is as follows:--

Three delegates from South Africa, aside from any representatives at present on furlough.

Seven delegates from the Asiatic Division, seven possible representatives being in this country on furlough.

Five from the South American Division, counting F A Stahl.

Six from the West Indian Union, and superintendents of the North Latin Mission fields.

Adjourned.

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

TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 4, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, W T Knox, J L Shaw, M E Kern, N Z Town; also F M Wilcox, Miss E M Graham, W E Howell, T E Bowen.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

THEODORE HEYDE:

Letters from Elder J T Boettcher and Theodore Heyde concerning money deposited in the Russian Union Conference were considered.

VOTED, That the chairman be requested to take the letters from J T Boettcher and Theodore Heyde, and go over them with Brother Boettcher while in the West, with a view to making final recommendation to the Committee.

W H LEWIS--WEEK OF PRAYER:

Request from received from W C Moffett, president of the Virginia Conference, that W H Lewis, returned missionary from West Africa, be asked to spend some time at Ford, Virginia, his home church.

VOTED, That W H Lewis be requested to spend the week of prayer with the church in Ford, Virginia.

Adjourned.

A G DANIELLS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 4, 1917

P R E S E N T:

A G Daniells, I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson,
J L Shaw, N Z Town, M E Kern; also F M Wilcox, T E Bowen, W E Howell.

H E ROGERS--BULLETIN:

VOTED, That we ask H E Rogers to act as chairman of the stenographic force for the Bulletin at the coming General Conference, and that we ask him to make investigation as to available stenographic help on the Pacific Coast.

W E STRICKLAND--LOS ANGELES:

A letter from W E Strickland, responding to the call to India, asked for opportunity to take some needed medical training during the intervening months while waiting for permit to enter India.

VOTED, That we recommend W E Strickland to take some training at the dispensary in Los Angeles, pending the receipt of permit from the British government to enter India.

R J SYPE RELEASED:

R J Sype, invited to Borneo, raised the question as to whether the work and environments would make it advisable for him and his wife to go to that field to labor.

VOTED, That R J Sype and wife be released from the call to Borneo.

CLAREMONT UNION COLLEGE:

A cablegram was received from W B White, asking counsel regarding the change of location of the Claremont Union College from Claremont to Spionkop, and asking for a reply by cable.

VOTED, That we inform the South African Union Committee that the General Conference Committee here has not sufficient information to express decided opinion as to the advisability of removing the union training school from Claremont at this time. At the coming General Conference delegates from South Africa will be able to place information in the hands of the Committee which will make them more intelligent in rendering counsel

HAROLD L GRAHAM--ASIATIC DIVISION:

Writing to the General Conference Committee regarding foreign mission work, Harold L Graham expresses his willingness to engage in stenographic or general accounting work in the Asiatic Division.

VOTED, That we ask the Columbia Union Conference to secure the release of Harold Graham and Mrs Graham at the close of the present school year, to answer the call for help in the Asiatic Division either in stenographic or other business lines.

RUSSIAN DELEGATION:

Letters from J T Boettcher and O E Reinke asked counsel regarding delegation to the coming General Conference. Brother J T Boettcher in his letter made recommendation of a number of brethren as delegates:--

VOTED, That we express to the Russian brethren our approval of a good delegation to the coming General Conference; and while the General Conference Committee would not undertake to name the delegation, they would be favorable to the appointment of the following-named persons as delegates: H J Loeb sack, J F Ginter, O E Reinke, Dan Isaac, J Sprohge, S Jefimow, and Jacob Schneider.

M M HARE--PHILIPPINES:

A telegram from M M Hare to Elder AG Daniells expressed his willingness to go to the Philippines.

VOTED, That we ask the Pacific Union Conference to endeavor to secure the release of M M Hare to answer the call to the Philippines, to act as president of the Central Southern Luzon Conference.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

The secretary of the Publishing Department made recommendations to the Committee regarding members of the Publishing Department Committee.

VOTED, That the following-named persons be appointed as members of the General Conference Publishing Department:--

C C Crisler, J S James, F E Fulton, W P Henderson, F A Detamore, L V Finster, J M Johansen, W W Fletcher, Walter L Mead, O Montgomery, Lyman Bowers, C E Hooper, E L Richmond, W A Harvey, H R Gay, Steen Rasmussen, H E Loop.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR:

The treasurer presented an action of the Review and Herald Board, asking to be relieved from carrying the loss incurred in publishing the Christian Educator.

VOTED, That the following committee be asked to consider the present financial loss in publishing the Christian Educator, and make recommendations to the General Conference Committee: W T Knox, F Griegs, W E Howell, E R Palmer, G B Thompson.

Adjourned.

AG DANIELLS, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 24, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W T Knox, J L Shaw, N Z Town, C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer, W A Spicer; also Miss E M Graham, T E Bowen, F M Wilcox, L A Hansen.

E E MONTGOMERY RELEASED:

E E Montgomery, of South Carolina, invited to Lake Titicaca, had sent in a report indicating his wife's health not at all satisfactory.

VOTED, That E E Montgomery be released from appointment to the Lake Titicaca Mission field, on account of the report of Sister Montgomery's physical condition.

M E HITCHCOCK RELEASED:

Consideration was given to the medical reports of Brother and Sister M E Hitchcock, of Indiana, invited to the Lake Titicaca Mission. Careful consideration was given to the medical findings regarding a slight defect in Professor Hitchcock's heart action. While under ordinary conditions the reported findings would be unworthy of notice, it was felt that it would not be wise for him to go to the high altitude of the Lake Titicaca Mission. It was therefore:--

VOTED, That we release Professor and Mrs M E Hitchcock from appointment to the Lake Titicaca Mission, but that we study with them during the next few months the question of finding the right place in some other mission field with lower altitude.

W A LONG RELEASED:

A letter was presented from W A Long, of Wyoming, expressing the willingness of himself and wife to accept the call to work in Jamaica, but stating conditions of health which he has always had to consider when working in any southern field. In view of these conditions, which it would seem would make work for him in the tropics a difficult matter, it was--

VOTED, To release Elder W A Long from appointment to the work in Jamaica, on account of physical condition when laboring in a warm climate, and in view of the evident predisposition to malaria.

BURT BRAY RELEASED:

Medical report was received from Elder and Mrs Burt Bray, invited to Salvador, Central America. While expressing willingness to accept the call, if thought wise, the medical report in Sister Bray's case showed unsatisfactory health conditions.

VOTED, That Brother and Sister Burt Bray be released from appointment to Salvador, and that we ask them to keep in mind the future needs of Mexico or some of the other Spanish fields where good climatic conditions might be found for Sister Bray, and for which sooner or later workers are sure to be requisitioned.

MARK WILSON RELEASED:

The Publishing Department reported reply from Mark Wilson, of Alabama, invited to lead the colporteur work in the South Caribbean Conference. The report showed that Brother Wilson was being compelled to move from the South toward the North on account of his wife's health.

VOTED, That we release Brother Mark Wilson from appointment to the South Caribbean field on account of the health of Sister Wilson.

CHARLES BAINER RELEASED:

The Publishing Department reported having heard from Charles Bainer, of Oklahoma, invited to take charge of the colporteur work in Cuba. The report showed that Brother Bainer felt that he ought not to go to Cuba at this time, and declined the invitation.

VOTED, That we release Brother Charles Bainer from the appointment to Cuba.

E C SILSBEE--FURLOUGH:

Word was received from Brother E C Silsbee of his arrival in California from South Africa, a furlough having been recommended in his case after about eight years in the field. Inasmuch as Brother Silsbee had not been successful in mastering the vernacular, it was felt by the brethren in South Africa that they would not press for his return to the field, provided he could fit into the English work in this country. Both Brother and Sister Silsbee are graduate nurses.

VOTED, That we encourage Brother Silsbee to look toward securing work in this country, and that in the meantime a furlough rate of \$15 be allowed for himself and family for a time, while arrangements for future work are being made.

J R CAMPBELL--RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA:

A letter was received from J R Campbell, now in Arizona, reporting that he and his wife had given up their plan to go on with further school work while in this country, and that they would be ready to return to South Africa, if desired, after the next General Conference. Inasmuch as South Africa is urging the return of these workers, it was--

VOTED, That Brother and Sister J R Campbell be granted a furlough rate from September 1 of \$15 a week, and that we recommend them to prepare to return to South Africa after the General Conference.

MRS JESSIE MOON--PORTO RICO.:

The secretary reported that Mrs Moon, of Porto Rico, had returned to this country to secure better conditions in her effort to recover from pellagra, making her stopping place in Connecticut.

VOTED, That a special appropriation of \$25 be granted to Mrs Jessie Moon, to provide extra food or other comforts in her effort to make recovery of health.

E R JOHNSON:

Consideration was given to a letter from E R Johnson, of Cuba, who has been released to work for the Pacific Press Branch at Panama. Medical report showed that he really ought to have two or three months rest and change before going down into a yet warmer climate.

VOTED, That a special appropriation be made to allow E R Johnson two or three months furlough before taking up his duties with the Pacific Press, and that we advise Brother Johnson to take his furlough at San Jose, Costa Rica, just above Panama, the high altitude there affording a change of climate.

W WEASTMAN--CUBA:

By request of the General Conference Publishing Department, it was--

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to allow W W Eastman, secretary of the Division Publishing Department, to attend the Cuba general meeting and canvassers' institute in January.

HAROLD GRAHAM--ASIATIC DIVISION:

Report was received from Brother Harold L Graham, of Ohio, that he and his wife felt free to accept the call to China. Medical report being reviewed and proving satisfactory, it was agreed to go forward with plans to place these workers in the field.

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That W T Knox, J L Shaw and H E Rogers be a committee to give counsel regarding the issuing of the new Year Book.

R H LEECH--APPROPRIATION:

The treasurer reported that Brother and Sister R H Leech, on furlough from India, had found it necessary to incur some medical expenses beyond their ability to meet from furlough allowance.

VOTED, That the treasury make a special appropriation of \$50 to R H Leech, the same to include the bills from the College Place Sanitarium for Sister Leech's care, Brother and Sister Leech being engaged in an effort to strengthen themselves for the work in India by special work at the Walla Walla College.

MRS G W CAVINESS:

In view of the fact that when the Mexico Mission workers scattered from the field on account of revolutionary conditions, the handling of the office accounts and the business side had been taken over by Mrs Caviness as work wholly independent of her husband's work, it was--

VOTED, That Mrs G W Caviness be given a rate of \$7.00 a week for the time spent in carrying the Mexico Mission office work while in the United States, and that on the return of the mission to Mexico the rate be fixed according to the action taken by the autumn council, dealing with all the mission fields.

J A LELAND AND S MARCHISIO:

Word was received that workers in Monterey, Mexico, were being brought into close places by the very abnormal conditions making the procuring of necessary food a matter of great expense. It was--

VOTED, That the treasurer make a special appropriation for present emergencies, as follows: To Elder J A Leland, \$100; to S Marchisio, \$30.

Adjourned.

W T KNOX, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 27, 1917

P R E S E N T:

W T Knox, G B Thompson, J L Shaw, F Griggs, N Z Town, C S Longacre, M E Kern, W A Spicer; also L A Hansen, Miss E M Graham, W W Eastman, T E Bowen, F W Paap, F M Wilcox.

Prayer by L A Hansen.

W F MAYERS--FURLOUGH:

Word was received from W F Mayers, formerly of Guatemala, reporting that he had reached California, rejoining his wife, whose condition of health led to his return, the doctor having advised against her going to Guatemala. Brother Mayers reported himself as also much worn by his work in the tropical field.

VOTED, That W F Mayers be granted three months' furlough from January 1, at \$14 per week.

GUATEMALA MISSION HOME:

Consideration was given to the proposition of securing the house built by Elder J B Stuyvesant, the former superintendent of Guatemala, as a permanent mission home. Elder E W Thurber, the present superintendent, reported that he felt it ought to be secured. If necessary, he and his wife were willing to purchase the property, provided they could do so, having a thousand dollars they could invest in it. The price asked by Brother Stuyvesant is \$1700.

VOTED, That Elder E W Thurber be encouraged to purchase the Stuyvesant property in Guatemala at \$1700, and that we ask the General Conference Corporation, if necessary, to lend Brother Thurber \$700, to enable him to complete the purchase, with the understanding that Brother Thurber gives the Corporation an option on the property at the purchase price, operative for one year following date of purchase.

PORTO RICAN COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That on request of the Porto Rico Committee, H D Casebeer and Dr E F Otis be added to the membership of the Advisory Committee.

A N ALLEN:

A letter was received from Elder A N Allen, of South Carolina, reporting that he had just made a delivery of books following a canvassing campaign. While he had enjoyed the book work, he felt that his heart was in the ministry, and he wished to offer himself for service, suggesting the Southwest, where his Spanish might be of service.

VOTED, That Elder Allen's request be referred to the North American Division.

F M OWEN RELEASED:

Information was received from Elder F M Owen, of Arizona, invited by the autumn council to Panama. The Pacific Union and the Arizona Conference had voted to release him, provided he felt clear to accept.

Brother Owen felt there was nothing in the way of his acceptance save some special conditions in his family, requiring consideration in a financial way. The education of his daughters, one of whom is in her first year college at Pacific Union, was one consideration. Further, some obligations had been brought upon him by business ventures before he entered the work, which he had been reducing during recent years. At the rate of saving he would require two more years to get clear from debt, but volunteered

to go on to the field, hoping that he would be able to pay on these obligations from the mission field end.

In view of the experience that the new missionary entering upon work abroad almost invariably finds it impossible to save anything from his salary, and in view of the expense incurred by any worker in breaking up home to go abroad, it was felt that it would be practically impossible for Brother Owen to pay up anything on his obligations while working in the mission field. It was therefore felt that he should be released from appointment, in order that he may clear himself from his obligations.

VOTED, That Elder F M Owen be released from appointment to the West Caribbean, on account of financial obligations which he finds himself compelled to arrange to meet during the next two years.

N A D ASKED TO SUPPLY WORKERS:

VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to keep in mind and endeavor to secure for the mission fields workers to replace those who have been released from appointments made at Minneapolis, as follows:--

Pastor for the Kingston (Jamaica) church, Elder W A Long, of Wyoming, being released on account of inability to endure tropical work.

Superintendent for Salvador, Elder Burt Bray being released on account of his wife's health.

School man and office accountant for Lake Titicaca Indian school, Professor M E Hitchcock being released on account of health.

Minister for West Caribbean Conference, Elder F M Owen being released because of financial obligations.

Field missionary secretary South Caribbean.

Field missionary secretary, Natal, South Africa, Mark Wilson, of Alabama, and Albert Priest, of Oklahoma, having declined calls.

A C ROBBINS--SOUTH AFRICA:

Consideration was given to the report of Professor and Mrs A C Robbins, of Ohio, invited to mission work in South Africa. The medical reports were satisfactory, and Brother and Sister Robbins are quite ready to go forward to the field.

VOTED, That Brother and Sister A C Robbins be accepted for South Africa, and that ministerial license be granted to Brother Robbins, and missionary license to Mrs Edith R Robbins.

EDGAR TWAMLEY--CHINA:

On the suggestion of Edgar Twamley, of China, that the young lady in England to whom he is engaged be sent out to that field, it was--

VOTED, That we advise Brother Twamley that the Mission Board is willing to meet the transportation of his intended at any time, but that we advise that any effort to make the journey be postponed until sea travel is possible or advisable for women,

TEACHERS:

VOTED, That we ask the Educational Department to take under consideration the calls for teachers provided for in the 1918 budget as follows:--

Teacher for the Malaysia school.

Teacher for the Annfield school, India.

Teacher for the West Indian Union school, Jamaica.

W E STRICKLAND:

The Committee having agreed to the proposition that Brother W E Strickland, under appointment to India for vernacular work, be allowed to take some special medical missionary training at Loma Linda while waiting for his India permit, it was--

VOTED, That W E Strickland and wife be granted the students' rate of \$12.00 per week while taking special preparatory work for India, this rating to begin from the time of his ceasing work with the Georgia Conference.

R H TERRELL-- CUBA:

The Publishing Department reported that having been authorized to advertise in the Review for candidates for the colporteur work in Cuba, they had arranged with R H Terrell, of the County Hospital at San Bernardino, to go into Cuba in the book work.

VOTED, That we invite R H Terrell, of California, to go to Cuba as a colporteur, providing his transportation to that field.

Adjourned.

W T KNOX, Chairman.
W A SPICER, Secretary.

INFORMAL MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

December 28, 1917

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P R E S E N T:

W T Knox, J L Shaw, G B Thompson, M E Kern, F Griggs,
C S Longacre, Mrs L F Plummer; also T E Bowen, Miss E M Graham.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR:

The committee appointed to consider the resolution of the Review and Herald Board regarding the publication of the Christian Educator submitted the following report:--

"That we ask the Review and Herald Board to re-consider the matter of continuing the publication of Christian Educator on the following basis:

"(a) That the price of the magazine be raised to \$1.25, to take effect March 1.

"(b) That all club rates, except for premiums and with other publications, be discontinued.

"(c) That the Department of Education and the Review and Herald Circulation Department unite in a joint campaign at once to raise the subscription list to 3,000."

VOTED, That we ask the Review and Herald Board to continue the publication of Christian Educator on the basis outlined by the committee.

Adjourned.

W T KNOX, Chairman.
J L SHAW, Secretary.
