

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTISTS

First Meeting, May 11, 1905, 10:30 A.M.

The Thirty-sixth General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was called to order at 10:30 A.M., May 11, at Takoma Park. The President, A.G. Daniells in the chair.

The Chairman invited to the platform Brethren Haskell, Butler, and Loughborough, the presidents of Union Conferences, the superintendents of mission fields, and other laborers of long years of service in the message.

After the hymn, "O Worship the King," the forty-ninth chapter of Isaiah was read by W.W. Prescott.

The congregation united in the hymn, "Hark, hark, hear the blest tidings."

The Conference was then led in earnest prayer by Elders J.N. Loughborough and E.W. Farnsworth. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very manifest as the Conference unitedly dedicated itself to God.

The Chairman referred to the fact that the Conference was to be held in the open air according to the counsel that had been given. All were thankful for favoring weather, and for divine care over the delegates as they had come in from ^{near} ~~home~~ and distant fields. It was stated that the General Conference was organized, forty-two years ago this month, in a meeting held in Battle Creek, Mich. Of the 20 delegates present at that meeting but ^{four} ~~three~~ survive, Elders J.N. Loughborough, C.O. Taylor, ^{and Washington Morse.} ~~and~~ Isaac Sandborn. Sister E.G. White was present throughout that meeting. The Chairman expressed, in behalf of the Conference, thankfulness that in our present gathering we have Sister White and Elder Loughborough still with us.

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Elder J.N.Loughborough spoke with feeling of the progress during the forty-two years since the organization of the General Conference, and the congregation heartily responded with the "amens" to the expression of his hope that he might witness the speedy finishing of the work.

Sister E.G.White, who was present on the platform, addressed the Conference. She emphasized the need of repentance and humiliation before God and one another. In this last day of the great Day of Atonement it is time to make sure that every sin is confessed and forgiven. All through this meeting should be heard voices proclaiming, "He has pardoned my transgressions, He has made me clean from my unrighteousness." "Clear the King's highway," is the word to us now. "Gather out the stones, that a path may be made clear for the Holy Spirit to go through our midst, that the blessing of God may come to us in this Conference. "Depart from iniquity, and the Lord will make your feet to stand upon high and holy ground."

A praise service followed, the time being pressed full of testimonies. The keynote of these was that the workers had come from all the fields praying for God's blessing to be upon this gathering.

The roll was called and the following brethren responded:

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE:

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G.E.Langdon, J.W.Watt, S.H.Lane, O.O.Farnsworth, S.G.Huntington,
F.E.Painter, A.E.Place, P.F.Bicknell, C.H.Edwards, W.J.Fitzgerald,
R.D.Hottel, W.A.Wilcox, O.E.Reinke,

CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE:

W.H.Thurston, A.O.Burrill, H.E.Rickard, Eugene Leland.

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE:

S.B.Horton, J.E.Tenney, Smith Sharp, M.M.Martinson, I.A.Ford.

LAKE UNION CONFERENCE:

H.H.Burkholder, R.R.Kennedy, W.J.Stone, W.D.Curtis, J.M.Rees,
Wm.Covert, N.P.Neilsen, F.F.Petersen, R.T.Bowsett, A.G.Haughey, W.D.Park-
hurst, M.H.Campbell, E.K.Slade, A.R.Sandborn, S.E.Wight, J.B.Blosser.

NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE:

H.S.Shaw, C.A.Burman, J.G.Walker, W.M.Adams, J.W.Boynton,
F.L.Perry, A.E.Doering.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE:

L.F.Starr, N.C.Bergersen, Floyd Bralliar, A.T.Robinson, Lewis
Johnson, R.F.Andrews, H.M.Stewart, C. McReynolds, J.G.Hanhardt, G.F.
Watson, S.F.Svensson, B.E.Huffman,

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE:

C.N.Woodward, C.B.Hughes, T.W.Field, G.F.Haffner, J.R.Bagby,
U.Bender.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:

J.J.Ireland, J.O.Corliss, H.H.Hall, H.N.Loughborough, Dr. W.R.
Simmons, J.L.Wilson, A.Whitehead, F.M.Burg, E.L.Stewart, G.W.Reaser, C.E.
Knight, J.A.Holbrook, A.J.Breed,

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AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE:

G.A.Irwin, E.H.Gates, W.D.Salisbury, J. Hindson, Mrs.
Anna Hindson.

GENERAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE:

O.A.Olsen, E.E.Andross, E.W.Farnsworth, Mrs. E.W.Farnsworth,
W.C.Sisley, L.R.Conradi, Dr. A.J.Hoenes, J.G.Oblander, W.H.Wakeham,
E.G.Wilkinson.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION:

W.S.Hyatt.

DELEGATES AT LARGE:

A.G.Daniells, H.W.Cottrell, W.H.Thurston, Geo. I. Butler,
Allen Moon, R.A.Underwood, E.T.Russell, N.P.Nelson, J.W.Westphal,
W.W.Prescott, W.A.Spicer, L.A.Hoopes, A.T.Jones, W.C.White,
Frederick Griggs, S.N.Haskell, R.M.Kilgore, I.H.Evans, F.W.Field,
J.N.Anderson, J.L.Shaw, A. H. Haysmer, J.B.Beckner, F.M.Wilcox, Dr.
D.H.Heald, F.M.Dickerson, Mrs. L.F.Plummer, G.B.Thompson, Mrs. F.L.Bland,
E. Duser, K.C.Russell, W.A.Colcord, D.W.Reavis, J.S.Washburn, S.N.Curtiss,
Jas. Cochran, E.R.Palmer, S.D.Hartwell, Dr. W.C.Green, Dr. J.E.Froom,
Dr. B.E.Fullmer, Dr. C.P.Farnsworth, Dr. E.H.Perrine.

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The Chairman presented the report of the Executive Committee, nominating chairmen for the current session of the General Conference, which was unanimously adopted as follows:

G.A.Irwin, O.A.Olsen, A.G.Daniells, L.R.Conradi, W.W.Prescott, H.W.Cottrell,.

The Secretary presented the following list of members of the various General Conference departments not otherwise represented among the delegates, whom the Executive Committee had appointed delegates at large:--

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT: E.A.Sutherland, F.M. Dickerson, Mrs. L.F. Plummer.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: G.B.Thompson, Mrs. F.L.Bland, E.Houser.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT: K.C.Russell, W.A.Colcord, C.P.Bollman, D.W.Reavis, J.S.Washburn.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT: S.N.Curtiss, James Cochran, E.R.Palmer, S.D. Hartwell,

The chairman stated that various Union Conferences had appointed as delegates medical members, who, joined by physicians in attendance, were to hold meetings for the consideration of this department of the General Conference work. The Executive Committee recommended the following named physicians and men connected with institutional work to form the departmental committee on medical work during the sessions of the Conference, and the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted by the Conference as follows:--

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

Delegates already appointed from Union Conferences: Drs. Rand, Simmons, Martinson, Hayward, Coloran, Edwards, Hoenes, Nicola, George, Paulson, W.H.White.

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Medical members hereby appointed delegates : Drs. Heald, Green, Froom, Hare, Ross, Fullmer, Farnsworth, Perrine, Swayze, Neall.

Institutional workers on departmental committee, and delegate members where not already so appointed: F.M.Wilcox, W.C.White, A.E.Place W.J.Fitzgerald, Smith Sharp, W.C.Sisley,

It was voted that the usual standing committees should be nominated by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

Meeting adjourned to 2:30 P.M.

A.G.Daniells, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.

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The second meeting was called May 11 at 2:30 P. M.,
A. G. Daniells in the chair.

Prayer was offered by G. A. Irwin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
approved.

Additional delegates had come in since the roll-call
as follows: M. C. Wilcox, W. L. McNeely, H. C. Wilcox,
O. O. Bernstein, C. W. Everest.

The President, A. G. Daniells, presented his address,
(published in last week's Review) reviewing the progress
and present outlook of the work.

I n t e r m i s s i o n

An intermission was taken of fifteen minutes.
The hymn, "Watchman on the Walls of Zion," was then sung and
prayer was offered by W. F. Wakeham.

I. H. Evans, treasurer of the General Conference,
submitted the financial report which appears in the last Review,
and which was unanimously adopted.

Elder W. A. Spicer, Secretary, presented a report on the
general outlook in the mission fields which appears in another
part of the paper.

Following the report the meeting was opened for testimonies on the work before us. The keynote of the testimonies was as follows:--

G. A. Irwin: "My heart is cheered at the evidences of the progress of this message. Some suggested that I was too old to take my recent trip among the populous portions of Malaysia and Southeastern Asia, but I am not too old to want to be out on the extreme firing line. I have no desire, as much as I love the country of my birth, to return to it; I want to see this work closed up."

J. O. Corliss: His love for the message glowed brighter than ever in these days when we begin to see the finishing of the work. He moved that portions of the reports of the President and Secretary be reprinted in leaflet form for use by laborers as they go among the churches.

O. A. Olsen: Seconded the motion to reprint the reports and said that in the stirring situation before us he heard "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees."

D. T. Bourdeau: Entering upon his 50th year as a Sabbath-keeper, his word was, "Talk faith, let us venture as did ancient prophets and apostles, for God is the living God and it is the day again of great things."

A. T. Robinson: He recounted the providential experience ten years ago in starting the Watabelo-land Mission, and thanked God that now that mission was sending out trained workers.

W. J. Stone: Spoke of the hearty interest in the missionary advance in the home churches, and read a cheering paragraph from a letter from a sister in Ohio, reporting the determination

that took possession of her church to work for missions more earnestly than ever as they heard of the death of Dr. Haude Miller in China.

S. N. Eastell: "From the beginning the nature of this message has been to go into regions beyond. Whenever this forward policy has been halted it had brought weakness. When Brethren White and Belden, in the early days, were mowing grass to get money for printing our first paper, the Spirit of prophecy told them that they were to go ahead at once and prepare for publishing, for God would raise up friends, and this message would have its representatives in all the world. We see that fulfilled to-day.

When, in the early days, believers in the eastern states began to move westward, many felt trouble over the weakening of the forces in the east. But the Spirit of prophecy then declared that this was of God; that these believers would build up a strong work in the west, and then later, the truth would return eastward again. And when the work turned strongly eastward, then the message would be quickly finished in all the earth. We are seeing the beginning of this before our eyes. Surely the call is to go forward into unworked fields, and the people will sustain such a missionary policy. Over and over again in this work it has been seen that in every crisis what was, apparently, been the darkest moment, has been always the brightest moment for God to work."

S. E. Lane: He rejoiced anew in the truth that was winning its way throughout the earth.

The motion to reprint portions of the reports was then acted upon unanimously.

It was voted that missionary reports be made the order
for the evening session. The opening day of the conference
made it manifest that it is indeed a missionary conference, and
the presence of the Holy Spirit made all hearts glow with love
for God and the message he has committed to us.

Adjourned.

A. C. Hamilton, Chairman
W. A. Spicer, Secretary.