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SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D. C., January 4, 1915.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, G B Thompson, W T Knox, M E Kern, W W Prescott, H W Miller; also W A Spicer, J L Shaw, F M Wilcox, E R Palmer, T E Bowen.

Prayer by W A Spicer.

INCORPORATING WORK FOR BLIND:

A letter from L M Muck was read suggesting that the work for the blind be incorporated.

VOTED, That we do not see light in incorporating the work for the blind at this time.

EVANGELIST FOR CHICAGO:

VOTED, That the Secretary take up correspondence with the North Pacific Union with a view to securing either Elder J F Piper or Elder M H St. John for evangelistic work in Chicago.

REQUEST FOR VIRGINIA TERRITORY:

A request being received from Elder W H Branson, President of the Cumberland Conference, and Elder O Montgomery, President of the Southeastern Union, asking permission to place canvassers in a few of the extreme southern counties of Virginia, it was

VOTED, That we look with favor upon the request from the President of the Cumberland Conference and the President of the Southeastern Union for permission to canvass a few counties in the Southern part of Virginia, and suggest that this be done providing satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Virginia and Columbia Union Conferences.

CHANGE IN SIGNS:

The question of the advisability of reducing the Signs from a sixteen page to an eight page paper was considered. A letter from C H Jones was read, asking counsel in the matter.

VOTED, That we look with favor upon the plan of reducing the Signs of the Times, weekly, from sixteen pages to eight pages, but suggest that the Pacific Press take up correspondence with the various Union and local conferences in the North American Division Conference in reference to this matter, with a view to ascertaining the sentiment of the field upon the question, and suggest that the matter be decided by the constituency at the meeting to be held in Mountain View in March, 1915.

H E ROBINSON:

VOTED, That we advise Elder H E Robinson to locate at Ashville, North Carolina, to act as pastor of the church at that place, his work to be under the direction of the local conference committee.

MEDICAL CONVENTIONS:

The Medical Secretary asked counsel in reference to planning for additional medical conventions.

VOTED, That as the matter of holding medical conventions was given careful consideration at the time of the Council, and the number of which seemed advisable to hold was arranged, we do not feel free to vary from the arrangements that were made by the Fall Council, and plan for additional conventions.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
G B Thompson, Secretary.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF NORTH
 AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D. C., January 5, 1915.

PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, M E Kern, C S Longacre, W W Prescott, F W Paap; also W A Spicer, F M Wilcox, J L Shaw, E R Palmer.

Prayer by C S Longacre.

MORTENSEN - WEST:

VOTED, That we concur in the request of Brother S Mortensen that he spend some time laboring in the conferences on the Pacific slope in the interests of the Swedishwork, and suggest that he remain as long as may be necessary to look after the work properly, perhaps attending some of the earlier camp-meetings.

MILLER - COLLEGE VIEW:

VOTED, That we approve of the suggestion that Elder B E Miller, Secretary of the German Department in the East, attend the meeting to be held in College View, Nebraska, beginning January 19.

STEPHENSON - GRAYSVILLE:

VOTED, That we approve of the request of Elder C B Stephenson, Secretary of the Negro Department, that he move his family from Boston, Georgia, to Graysville, Tennessee, and that we pay the necessary moving expenses.

JEWISH HOME - AUDIT@

VOTED, That we request J J Ireland, Ausitor of the North American Division Conference, to visit the Jewish Home conducted by Elder F C Gilbert, and make a careful audit of the affairs of this institution, ascertaining the receipts which have been received in behalf of the Jewish work, together with all disbursements, and report his findings to this Committee.

GILBERT - NEW YORK CITY:

VOTED, That we request Brother F C Gilbert to meet Elders W T Knox, W A Spicer and R D Quinn in New York City the afternoon and evening of January 12, 1915, with a view to counselling together concerning his work for the Jewish people.

DAVID GULDBRANSON - WAGE:

VOTED. That we authorize the Treasurer to pay the transportation of Brother David Guldbranson from Iceland to Manitoba, amounting to \$334.00, and that his wage be \$14.00 per week, this rate to be subject to further consideration when counsel has been secured from the field where he is laboring.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON ADJUSTMENT OF DEPARTMENTS:

The Committee appointed to investigate the expense of maintaining the various departments now operated under the General and North American Division Conferences, and make recommendations looking toward greater efficiency and economy rendered the following report:

That during the first five months of 1913, previous to the organization of the Division Conference, there was a total expense involved in the various departments of \$14,977.97, created as follows:

Jan. 20, 1913 - June 20, 1913.

Department	Av. No. Employed	Salaries	Traveling	Office
Educational	2	\$ 651.00	\$ 471.23	\$ 69.21
Executive	14	4374.00	485.92	1095.97
Medical	2	595.71	3.00	44.72
Press Bureau	2	667.57	6.46	213.29
Publishing	2	695.90	142.25	81.57
Religious Liberty	2	1010.35	408.11	302.83
Mis. Volunteer	4	1332.90	153.88	243.50
Sabbath School	4	<u>1145.40</u>	<u>210.39</u>	<u>572.81</u>
	32	10,472.83	1,881.24	2,623.90
				\$14,977.97

During the corresponding period in 1914, after the organization of the Division Conference the cost of operating the General Conference departments amounted to \$11,561.37, created as follows:

STATEMENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Department	Av. No. Employed	Salaries	Traveling	Office
Educational	2	637.38	131.11	125.38
Executive	12	4055.66	627.18	1271.20
Medical	2	588.00	5.00	53.99
Mis. Vol.	3	546.28	176.21	406.03
Publishing	2	571.84	460.79	110.43
Sabbath School	4	<u>972.90</u>	<u>98.66</u>	<u>723.33</u>
	<u>25</u>	<u>7372.06</u>	<u>1498.95</u>	<u>2690.36</u>
				<u>11561.37</u>
			Decrease	<u>3416.60</u>

And for the same period the like expense to the Division Conference was \$8517.66, created as follows:

STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE
OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

Jan. 20, 1914 - June 20, 1914.

Department	Av. No. Employed	Salaries	Traveling	Office
Educational	1	521.49	8.15	43.87
Executive	6	1939.11	577.06	204.06
Medical	1	275.00	128.87	.66
Mis. Vol.	3	1481.81	169.93	263.89
Press Bureau	2	544.27	400.29	109.65
Pub. Dept.	1	520.00	177.73	128.86
Rel. Liberty	<u>2</u>	<u>670.00</u>	<u>103.68</u>	<u>248.78</u>
	16	5951.68	1565.71	1000.27
				8517.66

Combining the departmental expense of the two Conferences for the period under consideration, the following showing is made:

STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE OF THE
GENERAL AND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCES

Jan. 20, 1914 - June 20, 1914.

Department	Av. No. Employed	Salaries	Traveling	Office
Educational	3	1158.87	139.26	169.25
Executive	18	5994.77	1204.24	1475.26
Medical	3	863.00	133.87	54.65
Mis. Vol.	6	2028.09	346.14	669.92
Press Bureau	2	544.27	400.29	109.65
Publishing	3	1091.84	638.52	239.29
Rel. Liberty	2	670.00	103.68	248.78
Sabbath School	<u>4</u>	<u>972.90</u>	<u>198.66</u>	<u>723.33</u>
	41	13,323.74	3064.66	3690.13
G. C. in 1913	<u>32</u>	<u>10,472.83</u>	<u>1881.24</u>	<u>2623.90</u>
INCREASE	9	2,850.91	1183.42	1066.23
				5,100.50

This gives an apparent increase over the like period of 1913 when the General Conference only was operating, of 9 employees, at an additional expense of \$5,100.56.

Since the Division Conference has been organized there has, however, been made some expansion to the office work independent of the new organization. For the Home Missionary work three employees have been added, and for the general Mailing Department, one employee. There have been two additions made to the working force in the Educational Department. One, Professor Lewis, was engaged for the Correspondence School previous to the organization of the Division Conference. Another, Professor Shaw, is giving his time exclusively to the Washington Missionary College. This would leave apparently three additional workers on account of the creation of the new Conference.

In view of the full time of Professor Shaw being occupied in College work, we recommend,

First, That he be relieved of the responsibility of the secretaryship of the Educational Department of the General Conference, and that Professor Griggs be appointed to the same.

Second, That the resignation of Professor Griggs as an elected member of the General Conference Committee be requested, and that Professor Shaw be elected to fill the vacancy.

I H Evans
 W T Knox
 COMMITTEE: W W Prescott
 E R Palmer
 J J Ireland
 G B Thompson
 W A Spicer.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
 G B Thompson, Secretary.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D. C., January 8, 1915/

PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs, W W Prescott, Mrs. L Flora Plummer, M E Kern, H W Miller, C S Longacre; also W A Spicer, F M Wilcox, C L Benson, W E Howell, T E Bowen, E R Palmer, J L Shaw.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

ERICKSON - MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT:

Miss Erickson having resigned as Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, it was

VOTED, That Miss Matilda Erickson be listed as a member of the Missionary Volunteer Department.

SHAW-EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

Prof. J L Shaw having resigned as Secretary of the General Conference Educational Department, it was

VOTED, That Prof. J L Shaw be listed as a member of the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL - MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the Council of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments be held as soon after the close of the schools as possible.

Further,-

VOTED, That we advise that this Council be held in the Pacific Union Conference.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
G B Thompson, Secretary.

SEVENTH-NINTH MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at College View, Nebr.,

January 20, 1915.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, G F Haffner, Charles Thompson, O A Olsen, L H Christian, G F Watson, R A Underwood, B E Miller, F Griggs, W T Knox; also the presidents of the various local conferences in the Central and Northern Unions.

WORKERS FOR SOUTH AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICA:

Requests were presented from the General Conference Committee for a German worker for South America, - one giving promise of possessing administrative ability; also an evangelist for South Africa. The names of George R E McNay, of Iowa, and Brother R N Studt, of Colorado, were suggested for South Africa.

COLORED WORKER FOR SAVANNAH:

A request from Elder C. B. Stephenson, Secretary of the Negro Department, that suitable help for Savannah, Georgia, be secured to take charge of the colored work in the city, was considered.

VOTED, That Elder U S Willis, of St. Louis, Missouri, be recommended to take up work in Savannah, Georgia.

Elder J S Rouse, of Missouri, consented to this, with the understanding that the Division Conference will meet the necessary transportation expenses of a worker to take the place of Elder Willis of St. Louis.

TRANSFER OF J W OWENS:

VOTED, That we recommend Elder J W Owens, of Colorado, to labor in the Missouri Conference.

SHEAFE - DENVER:

VOTED, That Elder L C Sheafe, of Southern California, be invited to take up work among the colored people in Denver, Colorado.

PERIODICALS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES:

Realizing the important mission and great value of our various papers and magazines, not only as a medium of communication, instruction, encouragement and general enlightenment for our own

people, but also as a means of bringing the truth of God before the people generally, we

RECOMMEND, That similar papers be issued in the Russian, Hungarian, Bohemian and other tongues as the advancement of the work may demand, and further,-

RECOMMENDED, That we request the Review and Herald to undertake the production of these periodicals, the supervision of the literary work being under the direction of Elder O A Olsen.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, That we recommend that Prof. C B Hughes, of Keene, Texas, take the Educational Secretaryship of the Southern Union Conference.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY SOUTHEASTERN UNION:

VOTED, That Prof. G C George of South Dakota be recommended to take the Educational Secretaryship of the Southeastern Union Conference.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
W T Knox, Secretary pro tem.

EIGHTIETH MEETING OF THE NORTH
 AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Held at Takoma Park, D. C.,

January 28, 1915.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, M E Kern,
 W W Prescott, C S Longacre, W W Eastman, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer; also
 F M Wilcox, T E Bowen and N Z Town.

Prayer by C S Longacre.

HILLCREST SCHOOL:

During the recent board meeting at College View, Nebraska, Elder W C White and Prof. P T Magan placed before the Chairman and Treasurer the financial condition of the Hillcrest school, located near Nashville, Tennessee. This school, being involved in debt to the amount of \$18,000, advice was sought as to what was the wisest and best thing to do under the circumstances. It was agreed that the Division Conference Auditor should visit the school and make an examination of the accounts. Therefore,--

VOTED, That in order that the real financial standing of the Hillcrest School may be known we request J J Ireland, the Division Conference Auditor, to make a thorough audit of the accounts of the school, and submit a complete financial statement to the Committee, and further,--

VOTED, That W T Knox, S E Wight, C B Stephenson and J J Ireland be a Committee to study the report of the Auditor in connection with the general situation, and make recommendations as to the future of the work to be done at Hillcrest; whether in their judgment, it would be better to continue the school, or whether the work being done there could be done equally well at Huntsville, Alabama. Also what effect the closing of the school would have upon the work in general, and whether the assets of the school could be sold to good advantage.

ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL CONVENTIONS:

In harmony with the expressed opinions of many members at our late Fall Council, that our ministers and evangelical workers should not be called from their evangelical work to attend conventions during 1915, we recommend,--

That, in the Bookmen's, Educational and Missionary Volunteer

conventions yet to be held, the attendance at these conventions be limited to those classes agreed upon at the time of the late Council.

That the Bookmen's conventions be attended by Union agents, field agents, Tract Society secretaries, and Home Missionary secretaries.

That, at the Educational and Missionary Volunteer conventions, the attendance be limited to those provided for by the Council.

That we advise that the spring meeting of the constituency and Executive Committee of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists be limited in its attendance, and that all business which can be postponed be adjourned to a time preceding or following the General and North American Division councils this autumn.

These actions were taken with the understanding that there will be a full attendance of the Executive Committee of the General and North American Division Conferences, together with other leading men, at the coming Fall Council, to be held in the West.

BRISTOL-SALARY:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of \$4.00 per week on the salary of Brother A J Bristol, as previously arranged with the District of Columbia Conference Committee.

CARL WEEKS*--CONVENTION:

VOTED, That the Secretary of the Publishing Department be authorized to invite C E Weeks to attend the Bookmen's Convention to be held at Takoma Park, February 1-10, with the understanding that the General Conference will pay the expense involved if he takes up work with the General Conference, and the Division Conference if he takes up work with the Division Conference.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
G B Thompson, Secretary.