

EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 12, 1915.

MEMBERS PRESENT: W T Knox, W W Prescott, C S Longacre, G B Thompson, M E Kern; also, E R Palmer, F M Wilcox, T E Bowen.

PALMER-SOUTH LANCASTER:

VOTED, That we ask Brother E R Palmer to comply with the request received from the Atlantic Union Conference President, that he attend their board meetings to be held at South Lancaster March 23-30, providing he can arrange to do so.

Adjourned.

W T Knox, Chairman pro tem
G B Thompson, Secretary.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING NORTH

AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held in Office of President of Medical College at Loma
Linda, Calif., Tuesday evening, March 23, 1915.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, E E Andross, F W Paap,
W W Eastman, W C White, F Griggs, N Z Town; also, H W Cottrell,
J A Ireland, E W Farnsworth, and Meade MacGuire.

I H Evans in chair.

F Griggs was asked to act as secretary of the meeting.

DR. LORETTA E KRESS-- D.C. MEDICAL EXAMINATION:

A letter was submitted from Dr. Loretta E. Kress, suggest-
ing that she would take the coming medical examination in the
District of Columbia in case the Division Conference would pay her
transportation expenses and examination fees. It was,-

VOTED, That we allow the transportation expenses to Wash-
ington and return and examination fees of Dr. Loretta E. Kress to
take the Medical Board examination of the District of Columbia
April 13, 1915.

CAMPMEETING APPOINTMENTS:

Consideration was given to help for the early summer
campmeetings. It was,-

VOTED, That A G Daniells attend the California and
Southern California meetings.

That Meade MacGuire attend the California meetings in
the Pacific Union save those which Elder Daniells attends.

That C L Benson attend the meetings of the Eastern Can-
adian Union.

That Geo. F Enoch attend the Western Canadian Union meet-
ings.

That C S Longacre attend the Iowa, Wyoming and East Colo-
rado meetings.

That W T Knox, J L Shaw, and J O Corliss attend the West
and East Pennsylvania, Chesapeake, and New Jersey meetings.

That J O Corliss attend the meetings of the Southeastern Union.

That I H Evans attend the Upper Columbia and Western Washington meetings.

That F W Paap attend the first three meetings of the North Pacific Union, and such meetings in the Lake Union as he can attend on his way East.

That F M Burg attend the Southwestern Union meetings.

That M C Wilcox attend the Northern Union and Southern Union meetings.

That W W Eastman and G B Thompson attend the Lake Union meetings.

That W W Prescott and F M Wilcox attend the Atlantic Union meetings.

HARVEST INGATHERING:

VOTED, That T E Bowen take charge of the promotion campaign as heretofore.

That the Treasurer be instructed to place a permanent order of 500,000 copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs with the Pacific Press Publishing Association, with the understanding that they shall stand ready to supply 200,000 more on similar terms as those made with the Review and Herald of last year.

FALL COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the time of the Council be from November 5 to 27.

That we accept the offer of the manager of the Exposition grounds to furnish us the auditorium on the evenings of Nov. 29 and 30; and a smaller assembly hall capable of holding about 1,200 people, and three committee rooms capable of holding about 50 persons, for the days of November 29 and 30, in which to hold a special series of meetings in connection with the closing work of our Council.

That E E Andross, C H Jones, J L McElhaney, H H Hall, and J W McCord be a committee to promote the plans and advertising for this meeting.

That the local conference presidents be invited to attend the Fall Council.

SABBATH SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES:

The chairman presented the question of our having prepared a regular series of lessons and programs for the use of the elders in our churches throughout the country, and offered a number of suggestive programs. It was felt by the committee that these programs and lessons would be of large help to the elders, and it was

VOTED, That the chair appoint a committee to give consideration to this question and report at a later meeting. Chair appointed H W Cottrell and E W Farnsworth.

ELDER H A AUFDERHAR:

Letters were submitted from Elder H A Aufderhar and the president of the East Colorado Conference asking for his transfer to another field. It was

VOTED, To ask the North Pacific Union Conference to take up correspondence with Elder Aufderhar with a view of placing him in the Western Washington Conference.

J M ANDERSON:

Elder J N Anderson asked advice with reference to taking further studies in the University before continuing evangelical work. It was,-

VOTED, To advise Elder Anderson not to take up further study at the University at the close of the present school year in Washington College, but to take up evangelical work as soon as he can be properly located.

On motion the meeting adjourned to 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 24.

I H Evans, Chairman,
F Griggs, Secretary pro tem.

EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING NORTH

AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held in Office of President of Medical College at Loma
Linda, Calif., Wednesday morning, March 24, 1915,
9:00 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, E E Andross, F W Paap,
W W Eastman, W C White, F Griggs, N Z Town; also H W Cottrell,
J A Ireland, E W Farnsworth, and Meade MacGuire.

I H Evans in chair.

F Griggs was asked to act as secretary of the meeting.

REMOVAL OF SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL:

The chairman presented a letter from Elder Smith Sharp, of Graysville, Tennessee, and also referred to correspondence with the presidents of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences and the Principal of the Southern Training School, calling attention to a contemplated move of the Training School from Graysville to some other location. It was,-

VOTED, That the following resolution be spread upon our minutes and presented to the presidents of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences:

Whereas, reports have come to I H Evans and F Griggs, setting forth the steps that were being taken to remove the Southern Training School from Graysville, Tennessee, and

Whereas, such a move is of large importance to the Southeastern and Southern Union Conferences and to our people located in Graysville, and much involve financial investment of more or less magnitude, we

Recommend, That no such steps to move be taken without first raising all of the funds necessary to remove and establish in a new location, so that no indebtedness be created, and

That the Division Conference officers are hereby instructed to counsel all parties involved accordingly.

THE HILLCREST SCHOOL:

W T Knox presented the following report of a committee appointed to visit the Hillcrest school:

"Nashville, Tenn.,
"Feb. 17, 1915.

"To the Executive Committee of the
North American Division Conference.

Dear Brethren:--

"Your committee that was appointed at a recent session of your Committee to visit the Hillcrest School located near Nashville, Tennessee, and to consider the work of their educational institution, desire to submit the following report:

"The books were out of balance, and in the limited time at our disposal, this condition could not be rectified. Our report has been delayed, waiting for a corrected statement from the management through Brother G H Curtis, the Southern Union Conference Auditor. This, however, has not been submitted to us up to the present time. In its absence we submit the following:--

"As a result of a brief examination of the accounts of the Hillcrest School made by the Auditor of the North American Division Conference, we find the financial situation to be about as follows:--

"That the total outstanding liabilities of the corporation apparently amount to \$17,990.40, of which \$14,829.55 is represented by Bills Payable, drawing from three to six per cent interest. There are, however, a few loans that are without interest. But in addition to the sum that we have noted above, as liabilities, we desire to call your attention to another question.

"By examining the assets you will note that Brother Stains and Bralliar are charged with quite a large sum of money, which they have drawn from the institution during the period of their connection with this enterprise. Staines \$4,342.01; Bralliar \$3,126.29. For Brother Bralliar this period covers six years and seven months, while Brother Staines' connection with the institution exceeds seven years. During this time no salary allowance has been made to these brethren. What they have needed they have drawn from the institution in the way of supplies and such cash as was necessary to provide them with such other necessaries as they should need. We are not at the present prepared to say what would be required in making a final settlement with these brethren.

Donations:

"During the short time that we had opportunity to look into the work of the institution, we found that the receipts of

donations during the life of this school, and as recorded in the several donation accounts up to December 31, 1914, amounted to \$30,225.85. Of this amount there has been used up in buildings and general improvements the sum of \$7,583.25. The buildings that were erected from these donations have never yet been considered as a part of the assets of the property as donations were transferred to credit the investment and there the account was dropped. In addition to these investments there have been used up in meeting certain lines of operation expenses, the sum of \$1,314.66. The balance of the donations, amounting to \$20,474.94(?) has been credited as a portion of the operating income. On examining the various revenue statements of the institution covering its history, we found that in only two instances had the school come near being self-supporting without the aid of donations. At other times quite large sums were required from the donation account to meet the charge in operation. During the past two years this school has practically met with a failure in its crops so that the returns from this source have been very light. During the past year their nursery business, however, was much improved over any previous year. During this past season they have made some improvements in the way of a water plant, so that from this time forward they will be able to carry themselves through the dry season in their nursery department, and thus save their stock from perishing when there is a lack of rain. They have estimated that the cost of the entire water system has been more than lost by the failures that they have met through the lack of rain.

"In connection with our visit to the Hillcrest School we secured the services of a real estate dealer, one who is considered to be fair and reasonable and well posted with reference to valuations in the vicinity of Nashville. He went over the farm with us and made a careful survey of the situation, and then informed us that the best figure that we could expect to obtain would be about one hundred dollars per acre for the land. This would mean \$18,500. for the price of the property. He stated that the numerous buildings that were on the property would be more of a hindrance to its sale than a help because there would be very few people who would desire such a large number of farm buildings. From the best information that we could get from him the price on the property would range from \$17,000 to \$20,000. The former figure would be for a quick sale, while we might have to wait a long time before obtaining the latter figure.

"Your committee has given some thought to the questions as to what we should do with the present situation. We realize that the Brethren at Hillcrest are in a very embarrassing situation, and that they will need to have help of some kind. There are two possible sources for relief that have been suggested.

"(a) The Division Conference could approve of sending Prof. Magan into the field to solicit funds for this institution. We understand that they have at the present time a list of unpaid

pledges which were made a number of years ago. It was stated to us that this possible resource, if fully paid, would lift them out of debt, but your committee did not have access to the list of pledges, and cannot pass upon the correctness of this statement. The brethren at Hillcrest feel that if they could be relieved from all indebtedness, they would be able to operate the institution in such a manner as to make it self-supporting.

"(b) The second proposition would be for the North American Division Conference to take over the property and pay off the obligations. We realize, however, that conditions in the field at the present time would hardly warrant us in taking over property of this class and paying off the obligations. And yet, it may be preferable for the Division Conference to consider the second proposition as the best one to follow, on account of the strong feeling against further solicitation for this enterprise.

"We had a meeting with the board of trustees of the Hillcrest institution and the proposition was made to us that the North American Division Conference take over the property assuming the responsibility, and then lease it to the present operators for a period of ninety-nine years, and allow them to continue the work that they are now doing. We feel, however, that such a plan would hardly be feasible because the attendance at Hillcrest at the present time numbers only twenty students. They have a capacity for only three or four more additional pupils, unless further investments are made to furnish accommodations. Second, our school at Oakwood is not full, and is engaged in about the same line of work as the school at Hillcrest, but it is doing a better work and more time is devoted to the work of mental training. The school at Oakwood would be able to carry the work that is now done at Hillcrest with little or no embarrassment. To your Committee it appears if the property was taken over that it should be with no restrictions, and with the idea of disposing of it and transferring the entire educational work to Oakwood.

"Freedom was granted to the Auditor in making an examination of the books of accounts and the vouchers that could be produced, but they withheld the privilege of any record being made of the names of the individuals who had contributed the donations or made loans on which they have established, and have carried forward their work from the date of purchase of the land, the manager, in the presence of the board, stating that he had by the board been instructed not to give free access to all records, documents, etc.

"Respectfully submitted,

Committee	W T Knox	S E Wight
	J J Ireland	C B Stephenson

On motion meeting adjourned to call of chair.

I H Evans, Chairman,
F Griggs, Secretary pro tem.

NINTIETH MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 25, 1915, Loma Linda, Cal.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Eastman, N Z Town, F W Paap, E E Andross, L A Hansen, W C White, H W Cottrell, L M Bowen, E G Fulton, J J Ireland.

Elder Evans was in the chair.

Prayer by L M Bowen.

CASE OF HOWARD LEE:

Brother Howard Lee, of Korea, appeared before the committee and stated that he had returned to the States on a furlough, with the expectation of returning to Korea as soon as his wife's health would permit. It was--

VOTED, That Brother Howard Lee be asked to attend such camp-meetings in the Pacific Union Conference as may be arranged for by Elder Andross. The usual furlough rate is to be extended to Brother Lee while he is in this country.

E G FULTON:

Brother L A Hansen, Assistant Secretary of the Medical Department of the North American Division Conference, read the following resolution which had been passed at the medical convention that was held at Loma Linda:

"Recommended, that the North American Division Conference take under consideration the advisability of asking E G Fulton to visit our sanitariums to give instruction in culinary service, such as the proper preparation of foods, the arrangement of menus, table waiting, cost system, and other matters of general sanitarium service."

Brother Fulton, who was present, expressed his willingness to comply with this invitation if it was thought best on the part of the Executive Committee of the Division Conference. He stated that his business is in such shape that he could leave it at the present time. Thereupon, it was--

VOTED, That we invite Brother Fulton to take up work with the Division Conference in harmony with the resolution passed. His salary rate was set as \$20.00.

THE HILLCREST WORK:

The chairman called attention to the report of the committee that was appointed some time ago on the Hillcrest School proposition,

and the following preamble and resolution was introduced:

"Whereas, Prof. P T Magan met Elders Evans and Knox at College View, Nebraska, in January, 1915, and appealed through them for assistance from the North American Division Conference in behalf of the Hillcrest School Corporation, which was then deeply involved financially, and

"Whereas, at the request of P T Magan, the auditor of the General Conference was sent to make an examination of the financial affairs of the said Hillcrest School, and

"Whereas, the North American Division Conference Executive Committee in considering the request of P T Magan appointed W T Knox, C B Stephenson, S E Wight, and J J Ireland as a committee to consider the report of the auditor on the affairs of the Hillcrest Corporation and study the needs of that work and make such recommendations as to them seems best as a solution of the situation at said school, and

"Whereas, this special committee reported its conclusions to the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference on March 24, 1915, and recommended that it do act; therefore

"We recommend, That in harmony with the report of the committee on the Hillcrest work, the North American Division Conference advance from its funds on hand such sums as may be necessary up to the amount of \$20,000.00, for the purpose of taking up the outstanding liabilities of the Hillcrest School Corporation, but only upon the following conditions:

"(a) The Hillcrest Corporation is to give to such individuals or corporation as the North American Division Conference may name clear title in fee simple to all the real estate and personal property that have been purchased or contracted for in whole or in part within the state of Tennessee or elsewhere through the donations or loans secure from the people.

"(b) That all accounts and notes receivable and all records of unpaid pledges are to be assigned by the Hillcrest School Corporation to such persons or corporation as the North American Division Conference committee may direct.

"(c) That the management and continuation of the Hillcrest school work will rest with the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference or such agents as may be appointed by said committee.

"(d) That if ever this Hillcrest property is disposed of, then the amount advanced or such portion thereof as realized from its sale is to be returned to the treasury of the North American Division Conference."

This recommendation was given considerable discussion, and as the time for the meeting had fully expired the meeting was adjourned to the call of the chair.

I H Evans, Chairman, J J Ireland, Secy. pro tem.

NINETY-FIRST MEETING NORTH
AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 25, 1915, Loma Linda, Cal.

MEMBERS PRESENT: I H Evans, W T Knox, W W Eastman, N Z Town, W C White, E W Farnsworth, E E Andross; also W A Ruble and J J Ireland.

Prayer by Elders Farnsworth and Andross.

THE HILLCREST PROPOSITION:

Further consideration of the resolution introduced in the previous meeting concerning the action of the North American Division Conference for the relief of the Hillcrest work was given. After additional remarks the recommendation was adopted.

THE NORTH AMERICAN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT; RASMUSSEN WAGES:

Elder Evans called attention to the vacancy that had occurred in the North American Foreign Department through the death of Elder Olsen. He stated that Brother Rasmussen, who was Elder Olsen's stenographer, was at the present time looking after the various lines of work that Elder Olsen had started. Brother Rasmussen was receiving at the present time a salary of \$12.00 a week, but he felt that it was impossible for him to keep his family upon that allowance and live in the city of Chicago. Thereupon, it was--

VOTED, That Brother Rasmussen, of Chicago, be allowed \$15.00 per week.

LESSONS FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

The committee that was appointed at a previous meeting to make a report upon the outline of lessons for church elders failed to get together and formulate a definite report. Elder Farnsworth stated that he was in favor of the plan that was outlined. He had gone over the manuscript that was submitted, and felt that the assistance that would be rendered to our church elders through such a medium of lessons would be most highly appreciated. Elder Cottrell expressed to Elder Evans that he was in favor of the plan. Therefore, it was--

VOTED, That a committee of three, of which the chair shall be one, should be named to prepare a series of lessons for the assistance of our local church elders in conducting church services when an ordained minister is not present. The following constitute the committee: I H Evans, N Z Town, W T Knox.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

Elder Evans stated that he had had some conversation with Doctor Ruble with reference to taking up the secretaryship of the Medical Department. Doctor Miller had been to him and had suggested that he, as secretary of the Medical Department, should give up that work so as to devote all of his time to the sanitarium interests. Some of the leading brethren here at Loma Linda felt that if the Medical Department needed the assistance of Doctor Ruble at this time that he should be released from the work here at Loma Linda, hence it was--

VOTED, That in view of the suggestion of Doctor Miller to give up the secretaryship of the Medical Department of the North American Division Conference, we invite the board of the College of Medical Evangelists to release Doctor Ruble to take the secretaryship of the Medical Department of the North American Division Conference.

Adjourned.

I H Evans, Chairman,
J J Ireland, Secretary pro tem.