

F A L L C O U N C I L  
OF THE  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE

November 5 - 21, 1915.

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Fall Council, held  
at Loma Linda, Cal., November 5 to 21, 1915.

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First meeting

The first meeting of the Council convened in the chapel at Loma Linda, California, Sunday, November 7, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by R C Porter.

The following members of the Committee were present:-

I H Evans, G B Thompson, W T Knox, R D Quinn, R A Underwood, B G Wilkinson, M N Campbell, L H Christian, Chas., Thompson, C W Flaiz, E E Andross, O Montgomery, S E Wight, G F Watson, H S Shaw, W W Eastman, H W Miller, Frederick Griggs, M E Kern, Mrs. L Flora Plummer, C S Longacre, C B Stephenson, G F Haffner, B E Miller, P E Broderson, S Mortenson, W W Prescott.

By invitation, the following were also present:-

GENERAL CONFERENCE:

A G Daniells, L R Conradi, R C Porter, W A Spicer, W J Fitzgerald, J E Fulton, A J Haysmer, H R Salisbury, N Z Town, G I Butler, W C White, S N Haskell, C H Jones, J L Shaw, E R Palmer, L A Hansen, R F Cottrell, G F Enoch, G W Caviness, S A Nagel, Miss P Tunheim, H E Rogers.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

F W Paap, Miss E M Graham, F M Wilcox, A O Tait, P T Magan, W L Burgan.

ATLANTIC UNION:

Allen Moon, H C Hartwell, H W Carr, W R Andrews.

**CENTRAL UNION:**

A T Robinson, J S Rouse, E A Curtis, W D MacLay, D U Hale,  
N T Sutton, J H Morrison.

**EASTERN CANADIAN UNION:**

A V Olsen.

**COLUMBIA UNION:**

M C Kirkendall, E K Slade, F H Robbins, R E Harter, A R  
Sandborn, W C Moffitt, J W Hirlinger.

**LAKE UNION:**

Wm. Guthrie, W A Westworth, A J Clark, P A Hanson, E A  
Bristol, C F McVagh.

**NORTHERN UNION:**

A R Ogden, S E Jackson, G W Wells, E T Russell.

**NORTH PACIFIC UNION:**

U Bender, T G Bunch, H W Cottrell, L Johnson, H W Decker,  
J J Nethery, C A Burman.

**PACIFIC UNION**

E W Farnsworth, J E Bond, B E Beddoe, W F Martin, C L  
Taggart, J L McElhany, W M Adams, J A Stevens, N P Neilsen, J O  
Corliss, J N Loughborough.

**SOUTHEASTERN UNION:**

W H Branson, N V Willess, J L Shuler, W H Heckman, J B  
Locken.

**SOUTHERN UNION:**

A L Miller, R W Parmele, W R Elliott, B W Brown, C S Wiest.

**SOUTHWESTERN UNION:**

W E Baxter, J I Taylor, J A Leland, R B Coberly, John  
Isaac, C J Buhalts.

**WESTERN CANADIAN UNION:**

H H Humann, E M Chapman, J G Walker, A C Gilbert.

## GENERAL AGENTS AND PUBLISHING HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES:

V O Cole, I D Richardson, C E Weeks, F E Painter, J W Davis, I A Ford, H H Hall, L D Randall, L W Graham, F F Byington, J H McEachren, W R Beatty, D W Dillen, A F Harrison, H G Childs, H W Barrows, Dr. Newton Evans.

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint the following standing committees:

## COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

E E Andross (Chairman), G I Butler, S N Haskell, B G Wilkinson, F Griggs, W C White, C S Longacre, M E Kern, W W Eastman, F W Paap, G B Stephenson, J O Corliss, Miss E M Graham, Mrs. L Flora Plummer, L H Christian, S E Wight, O Montgomery, G F Watson, M N Campbell, R D Quinn, H W Decker, H W Miller, G B Thompson, W A Spicer, E W Farnsworth, A R O'Brien, A R Sandborn, A Moon, W D MacLay, W A Westworth, C A Burman, R W Parmele, B E Beddoe, F T Magan, Dr. Newton Evans, G F Haffner, S Mortenson, J G Walker, John Isaac, W H Branson, A V Olsen, P E Broderson, W W Prescott, W J Fitzgerald, H R Salisbury.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

C W Flaiz, Chas. Thompson, E W Farnsworth.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

W T Knox (Chairman), Chas. Thompson, R A Underwood, C W Flaiz, E R Palmer, J J Ireland, H S Shaw, J L Shaw, Wm. Guthrie, L R Conradi, R C Porter, J E Fulton.

## COMMITTEE ON AUDITING:

Officers of the Division Conference, the presidents of Union Conferences with H W Cottrell, E K Slade, J E Jayne, E T Russell, A T Robinson, C H Jones, C F McVagh, W H Heckman.

## COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

The President and Secretary of the North American Division.

The President and Secretary of the General Conference.

The Presidents of Union Conferences.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman rendered a brief report covering the work of the Division Conference since its organization. The report was replete with many items of a most encouraging nature. Funds for home and foreign work have increased, and the increase in membership has shown a very encouraging growth. He called attention to a number of important items which should be considered at the Council.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer rendered a financial report for the year 1914, as follows:--

## REVENUE STATEMENT

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

Jan. 20, 1915.

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INCOME

## TITHE

\$13312.40

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Atlantic Union Conference         | \$1223.46    |
| Central Union Conference          | 1750.57      |
| Columbia Union Conference         | 1427.99      |
| Eastern Canadian Union Conference | 233.69       |
| Lake Union Conference             | 2015.70      |
| Northern Union Conference         | 1357.77      |
| North Pacific Union Conference.   | 1332.32      |
| Pacific Union Conference          | 1921.47      |
| Southeastern Union Conference     | 493.87       |
| Southern Union Conference         | 343.29       |
| Southwestern Union Conference     | 666.34       |
| West Canadian Union Conference    | 498.37       |
| Miscellaneous                     | <u>47.56</u> |

## SURPLUS TITHE

(Exhibit A)

\$167500.43

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
|                                   | 16363.36 |
| Atlantic Union Conference         | 16363.36 |
| Central Union Conference          | 13525.12 |
| Columbia Union Conference         | 23118.19 |
| Eastern Canadian Union Conference | 859.75   |
| Lake Union Conference             | 37540.06 |
| Northern Union Conference         | 20309.07 |
| North Pacific Union Conference    | 17185.01 |
| Pacific Union Conference          | 26734.15 |

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Southeastern Union Conference     | 1609.57       |
| Southern Union Conference         | 2043.11       |
| Southwestern Union Conference     | 4978.59       |
| Western Canadian Union Conference | 3067.50       |
| Miscellaneous                     | <u>166.95</u> |

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|---|---------------|
| Colored Work                              | 2760.69       |
| Foreign Department Offerings              | 2518.77       |
| Religious Liberty Fund                    | 2381.12       |
| Interest on Deposits                      | 285.54        |
| Miscellaneous Donations (Items Exhibit B) | <u>693.70</u> |

Total Income for Year \$189,452.65

### EXPENSES

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

| <u>Dept.</u>               | <u>Salary</u>  | <u>Travelling Expenses</u> | <u>Office Expense</u> | <u>Total</u>   |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Educational                | \$ 1993.74     | \$ 829.59                  | \$ 224.76             | \$3048.09      |
| Executive                  | 5075.05        | 1303.04                    | 629.38                | 7007.47        |
| Medical                    | 572.00         | 131.87                     | 39.15                 | 743.02         |
| Missionary Volunteer       | 3174.76        | 474.34                     | 566.30                | 4215.40        |
| Negro                      | 1154.83        | 295.62                     |                       | 1450.45        |
| North Amer. Foreign        | 7105.55        | 2230.91                    |                       | 9336.46        |
| Press Bureau               | 1494.20        | 525.80                     | 480.83                | 2500.83        |
| Publishing                 | 2160.12        | 693.48                     | 355.49                | 3209.09        |
| Religious Liberty          | <u>1567.86</u> | <u>397.81</u>              | <u>475.10</u>         | <u>2440.77</u> |
|                            | 24298.11       | 6882.46                    | 2771.01               | \$ 33,951.58   |
| General and Office Expense |                |                            |                       | 2,160.54       |

#### APPROPRIATIONS

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Conferences:                                     | 19,500.00 |
| Atlantic Union                                   | 19,500.00 |
| Columbia Union                                   | 12,500.00 |
| East Canadian Union                              | 6,999.98  |
| Lake Union                                       | 4,000.00  |
| Southern Union                                   | 10,000.00 |
| Southeastern Union                               | 6,500.00  |
| Southwestern Union                               | 2,500.00  |
|  | 61,999.98 |
| Special Appropriations to Institutions and Dept. | 40,181.17 |
| Special Appropriations to Individuals, etc.,     | 5,796.14  |

|                                |                   |                 |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| TITHE                          |                   |                 |  |
| To General Conference as tithe | \$1331.25         |                 |  |
| " " " " sustentation           | <u>798.74</u>     | <u>2,129.99</u> |  |
| Total Expenses                 |                   | \$146,219.40    |  |
| Total Receipts                 | 189,452.65        |                 |  |
| Total Expenses                 | <u>146,219.40</u> |                 |  |
| Surplus for Year               | \$ 43,233.25      |                 |  |

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## BALANCE SHEET

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE FOR 1914

## ASSETS

|                                     |               |              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| CASH                                |               | \$ 69,102.40 |
| Commercial National Bank            | \$ 68,937.34  |              |
| Cash in Drawer                      | <u>165.06</u> |              |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE                 |               | 1,017.79     |
| General Conference Corporation      | 467.37        |              |
| North American Division Association | 6.20          |              |
| Personal Accounts                   | <u>544.22</u> |              |
| INVENTORIES                         |               |              |
| Fuel                                |               | <u>37.00</u> |
| Total Assets                        |               | \$70,157.19  |

## LIABILITIES

|  |               |                 |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE                       |               | 1,928.08        |
| General Conference                     | 1,209.54      |                 |
| Review and Herald                      | 267.75        |                 |
| Washington Foreign Missionary Seminary | <u>450.79</u> |                 |
| PROVISIONAL INVENTORIES                |               | 76.93           |
| Executive Department Salaries          | 59.05         |                 |
| Executive Dept. Travelling Expense     | <u>17.88</u>  |                 |
| Total Liabilities                      |               | <u>2,005.01</u> |

PRESENT WORTH AT DATE OF CLOSING \$68,152.18

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Present Worth on beginning the year 64,918.95  
 Surplus for the year 43,233.25

PRESENT WORTH ON BEGINNING THE YEAR 1915 68,152.18

### REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.  
 August 11, 1915.

Elder I. H. Evans, President,

Elder W. T. Knox, Treasurer,

North American Division Conf., S. D. A.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Brethren: -

I have completed the audit of the books of record of the North American Division Conference for the last fiscal year, and have attached herewith the Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet for this period. They present a correct statement of the affairs of the Division Conference as at the close of December 31, 1914, according to the books of record.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) S. E. McNeill  
 Auditor.

For the information of the Council, a financial report covering the first nine months of 1915 was rendered. This not being audited, is not preserved here.

#### APPROPRIATION TO HILLCREST SCHOOL:

The Treasurer's report showing funds had been advanced to help the Hillcrest School to the extent of \$20,039.53 the conference taking title to the property, the question was raised as to whether or not it was proper to use tithe for such purposes. A number of delegates spoke to the question.

VOTED, That the question of the proper use of the tithe be referred to the Committee on Plans, with request that they bring a report to the Council.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND  
MEETING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., November 8, 1915

Second meeting of Council

Additional members present: Meade MacGuire, H. M. J. Richards, R. J. Bryant, R. L. Pierce, W. J. Stone, J. W. Mace, S. N. Curtiss, F. E. Stafford.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by W J Stone.

Minutes approved.

The time of the Council was given to reports of Departmental secretaries.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

Brother H. E. Rogers, statistical secretary, rendered an excellent and comprehensive report for the year 1914. The following is gleaned from his report:--

Total membership in this Division December 31, 1914, 72,015; Sept. 30, 1915, 76,526, a gain during the past nine months of 4,511. The number of baptisms during 1915 are over 35% greater than for the preceding year.

Attention was called to the Financial Statement for 1914, which showed that in the operation of the sanitariums in this division during that year there was an increase of \$157,072.25. in liabilities, with a decrease in net worth of \$45,453.56, although these institutions received in donations \$38,371.10. Attention was also called to the work of our schools.

In view of the fact that we are operating institutions at a very material loss annually, it was--

VOTED, That this report, with the financial situation of our institutions, be referred to the Finance Committee for study, a report to be brought to the Council.

**PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:**

The secretary of the Publishing Department, W. W. Eastman, rendered a brief report covering the work of the department for the past two years. For the years 1911-1912 the sales of publications in this country amounted to \$2,246,055.50; for the years 1913-1914 the sales were \$2,543,293.80, a gain over the previous two years of \$297,248.30. He also stated that between 250 and 300 students have earned one or more scholarships during the year, and a number more have secured partial scholarships. On the whole the report was encouraging.

**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:**

The Educational Secretary, Prof. F. Griggs, gave a good report. His report showed 519 elementary, 40 secondary schools, and six colleges; or a total of 565 schools, being a gain of 46 during the past two years. The total enrollment is 16,176, an increase of 654 for 1914 over that of 1913.

**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:**

Dr. H. W. Miller, Secretary of the Medical Department, presented a report. Approximately 38,000 patients have been cared for during the year in our medical institutions. He urged a more thorough training for nurses, fewer changes in medical staffs, and a closer affiliation of our various sanitariums. He recommended that conventions be held for the unification and strengthening of the work.

A supplementary report was rendered by L. A. Hansen, the assistant secretary of the department. He had recently visited a number of our institutions, and reported improvement in various lines. He found managers and others anxious to cooperate in all plans advanced by the department for the improvement of the work. The employment bureau was rendering good service in locating nurses. The purchasing bureau was meeting with favor, and when put in general operation would result in a material saving of our institutions.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT:**

The report of the Religious Liberty Department was rendered by the secretary, C. S. Longacre. He related many striking incidents showing how the work of the department has been instrumental in defeating Sunday legislation in various parts of the field. He also brought before us evidence showing that the advocates of Sunday legislation are organizing their work, and made the forecast that some day, perhaps soon, we would lose out in the struggle against legislation of a religious nature, though we have been on the winning side for so many years.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 9, 1915, 2:30 P.M.

Third meeting of the Council.

Additional member present; Sydney Scott.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by H W Cottrell.

The time of the meeting was given to further reports from departmental secretaries.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

A most encouraging report of the Sabbath school Department was given by Mrs. L Flora Plummer, the Secretary. There are in the Division 2,767 schools, with a membership of 76,751. This was an increase of 220 schools, and over 9,000 members in two years. The membership of the Sabbath schools is 4,700 more than the church membership. 9,258 conversions are reported for the biennial period. The offerings to foreign missions show a constant increase. In the years 1913-1914 the schools in the North American Division gave \$503,880.36. This was an increase of \$205,236.17 over the amount given the previous two years. Eight conferences and mission fields gave over fifteen cents per week per member to foreign missions last year, and twenty-four conferences and mission fields gave over ten cents per week per member. A goal of one million dollars by the close of 1916 was urged. The report throughout was of a most encouraging and inspiring character.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT:

The report of the Missionary Volunteer Department was given by Prof. M E Kern. The largest number of societies reported was 684; the largest membership, 13,618. In 1914 1,760 young people were reported as converted. 676 standard of attainments, and 1,913 reading-course certificates, were issued, and nearly \$20,000 given to foreign missions. The growth in number of Morning Watch calendars is very remarkable, increasing from 6,000 in 1908 to 33,000 in 1913, and 55,000 in 1914. The statistics of other lines of work carried forward by the department showed growth and progress. The training of leaders, and continuity of service of secretaries was strongly urged.

#### NEGRO DEPARTMENT:

C B Stephenson, Secretary of the Negro Department, reported for this Department. There are in the United States 9,827,763 negroes, an increase of five million in fifty years. The work in the South began among the negroes about twenty-five years ago. There is now about 70 churches, with a membership of 3,000. These paid a tithe of approximately \$40,000 during the past two years. There are also 16 church and mission schools, and one academy, with an enrolment of approximately 700.

#### FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

Owing to the death of Elder O A Olsen, the Secretary of this Department, no report for this department as a whole could be given. A report for the Swedish work was rendered by Brother S. Mortenson, superintendent of that work. The message is making progress among this nationality. The Seminary at La Grange, Illinois, has about sixty students, and is practically self-supporting.

Brother P E Broderson reported for the Danish-Norwegian work. There are about 2,000,000 Danish-Norwegians in North America. Among these we have sixty-five churches, and 2,500 members. Sixteen ordained ministers; eight licentiates, and eight missionary workers constitute their corps of workers. Nearly 200 have been baptized during the first nine months of the present year. In the Seminary at Hutchinson, Minnesota, one hundred twenty-two students are enrolled. The school is self-supporting.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

F W Paap, the Secretary of the Home Missionary Department, rendered a report for this Department. This is the youngest department, being organized since the last General Conference. But it is showing encouraging growth. He stated that with a better and more thorough organization, the sale of our publications would be greatly increased, and a great ingathering of souls realized. Three conventions have been held during the year, with excellent results. The number of conversions reported is very encouraging.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH  
 MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Calif.

November 10, 1915 - 10 A. M.

Fourth meeting of Council.

Joint meeting

A joint meeting of the North American and General Conference Committee was held, and the special committee appointed to draft a suitable resolution of gratitude to God for his blessings, and resolutions of respect and sympathy concerning the death of Elder O A Olsen, and Sister Ellen G White, submitted the following:-

Inasmuch as "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," ---

Resolved, That we place on record our thanks and gratitude to God for the providential care and bountiful blessings bestowed upon this cause during the last biennial period, as shown by a larger ingathering of souls than ever reported in a like period before, and by the faithfulness of the believers in bringing into the storehouse both tithes and offerings in large excess of any former biennial period; we acknowledge God's blessings with hearts confessing that it is all of his mercy and not of any worthiness of ours; and with gratitude we consecrate our lives anew to his service.

Whereas, Since we last met in Committee council, one of our Committee members, of life-long service in the cause of God, Elder O A Olsen, has been laid to rest in the blessed hope,---

Resolved, That we place on record our sorrow in this personal loss to all of us, and our deepest sympathy with his bereaved companion, and with the family and relatives of our deceased brother; we further place on the record our appreciation of the strong and efficient service which the Lord enabled Elder Olsen to render this cause, as minister and evangelist, as a missionary administrator and leader in North America, Europe, South Africa, and Australia, and for years as President of the General Conference, beloved and respected by all for his abounding faith and eminent personal Christian qualities, as well as for his gifts of leadership in the work of God.

Whereas, Death has removed from our church councils one who since the early beginning of this movement has been closely identified with its growth and development, and who by voice and pen, in the spirit of sacrifice and devoted labor, through the exercise of the special gift of the Spirit of prophecy bestowed upon her, has contributed much to the extension of the gospel message throughout the world; therefore,--

Resolved, That we express our sincere sorrow for the great loss which has come to us as individuals and to the entire church in the death of our beloved Sister, Mrs. Ellen G. White; that we express anew our appreciation of her ministry to the church, and of the great value of the instruction which has come through her ministry as represented in her published works; and, further, we express to the family and relatives our deep sympathy in the loss of a faithful mother and kinswoman.

The resolutions touching the death of Elder O A Olsen and Mrs. E G White were spoken to by the Chair, R A Underwood, S N Haskell, Allen Moon, Lewis Johnson, L R Conradi, J N Loughborough, I H Evans, G F Haffner, S Mortenson, G B Starr, G I Butler, J O Corliss, Sydney Scott, C H Jones. Many touching tributes of respect and sorrow were expressed concerning the great and inestimable loss we have sustained in the loss of these eminent and respected laborers, whose voices have been heard in our councils from the beginning of this great movement.

The resolutions were adopted by rising vote.

Adjourned.

A G Daniells, Chairman,  
G B Thompson, Secretary.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIFTH  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
Loma Linda, California.

Nov. 10, 1915; 2:30 P.M.

Fifth meeting of the Council.

Additional members present: J E Jayne, C. Santee.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by J H Rogers.

The session was devoted to reports from Union Conference Presidents.

ATLANTIC UNION:

Elder R D Quinn, the President, presented a most encouraging report from the Atlantic Union. A strong spiritual campaign has been carried forward, with good results. Great spiritual changes have taken place in Maine and other local conferences. in 1914 \$21,638.73 was raised for foreign missions; during the first nine months of 1915 the sum raised was \$49,449.91. More than one thousand souls have been baptized during the past two years.

CENTRAL UNION:

R A Under gave a good report from the Central Union. A constant growth has been seen in the sale of literature. They hope to sell this year upward of \$70,000. An excellent increase has been seen in the offerings to missions; in some places they have doubled over the amount given the previous year. Over 1200 baptisms were reported for this year. The determined effort made to lift the heavy indebtedness resting on the various institutions has been attended with encouraging results, and has brought new hope and courage to the people. The outlook in the schools and sanitariums is quite encouraging.

COLUMBIA UNION:

The report for the Columbia Union was given by B G Wilkinson, the President. One-third of all the cities in the United States having a population over 25,000 are found in this Union. Considerable work has been done in these cities. Over 1100 new members are reported for the first nine months of 1915. They hope to increase this number to 1500 or 2000 by the end of

the year. The tithe for 1914 was \$274,287.08, an increase of \$47,357.19 over the amount for the previous year. For the preceding biennial period the amount raised on the twenty-cent-a-week fund was \$79,650.50; during the biennial period just closed the amount raised was \$132,552.58, an increase of \$32,908.00. Mount Vernon Academy has been delingered from debt. The sale of literature has increased, and the outlook in the Union throughout is good.

#### EASTERN CANADIAN UNION:

This is the smallest Union in the Division. Elder M N Campbell, in giving his report, called attention to the vast territory comprised in the Union, and the great amount of traveling necessary to reach the various parts of the field. The church membership is about 1100. There are 116 new converts reported for the present year. Five new churches have been organized since the last Council. They hope to reach their quota for missions this year.

#### LAKE UNION:

L H Christian, the President of the Lake Union, gave a cheering report. The membership of the Union is about 12,000. Although the field is one of the older fields, there has been an encouraging ingathering of souls in the various conferences. They still have unentered territory. There are nine advanced schools within the territory. The attendance in all the schools is increasing. Most of them are full to overflowing. Some progress has been made in reducing their indebtedness on institutions. The Madison and Wabash Valley Sanitariums are reported to be gradually reducing their indebtedness. The book work shows a gain. In 19d4 they sold approximately \$90,000 worth of books; during the first nine months of the present year, the sales have reached \$107,000. Mention was made of the Battle Creek church. Although its membership has been reduced to about 500, yet they pay a tithe of about \$13,000 per annum, and last year raised their quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, California

Nov. 11, 1915-2:30 P.M.

Sixth meeting of the Council

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by H W Decker.

Minutes approved.

UNION CONFERENCE REPORTS CONTINUED:

The presidents of Union Conferences continued their reports.

NORTHERN UNION:

Chas. Thompson reported for the Northern Union. He stated that for 1914 and nine months of this year 1,145 have been baptized, nineteen churches organized, and fifteen church buildings have been added. Some of these church buildings were purchased from other denominations. The tithe for the biennial period was \$244,234.56; offerings to missions, \$112,998.65. They expect to raise their full quota for missions. Splendid progress has been made in liquidating the indebtedness of the institutions in the Union.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION:

C W Flaiz, President of the North Pacific Union, gave a good report. He reported a membership of 9,306, divided into 213 churches, and twenty-nine unorganized companies. This is a gain of 1,663 members for the year 1914, and the first nine months of 1915. This is equal to a gain of eighty for each month of the year. The tithe receipts show a gain. The offerings to missions have shown a steady increase. Progress has been made in the reduction of institutional indebtedness. Walla Walla Collège is enjoying the largest patronage in the history of the institution.

## PACIFIC UNION:

E E Andross, in reporting for the Pacific Union, stated that the number of baptisms in this Union have been as follows: 1913: 691; 1914, 869; for the first nine months of 1915, 1081; a total of 2,641, with a net increase in church membership for this period of 2,426. The tithe during 1913 was \$184,000; for 1914 \$186,000. There are now 171 churches, an increase of 28. There are in the Union four sanitariums, and three educational institutions. The liabilities of our schools are being cared for, and an effort made to reduce them. We have endeavored to raise a fund of \$150,000 to pay off our liabilities, and to have a sufficient amount to properly equip them.

## SOUTHERN UNION:

S E Wight reported for the Southern Union. He said that in the Union there are forty-eight ministers and Bible workers. In spite of the difficult financial situation existing in the South, during 1914 there was sold over \$57,000 worth of our publications. From 1912 to 1914 the increase in membership was 288, but during the first nine months of 1915 the net gain has been 119. They now have a membership of 2,954, of whom 967 are colored. There are now eighteen church schools, of which eight are for colored, also fourteen rural schools. There is an intermediate school at Hazel, Ky., with thirty-five or forty students, sixty acres of land, and no indebtedness.

## SOUTHEASTERN UNION:

O Montgomery reported for this Union. While the conferences are not strong, and the laborers are few, yet last year 399 souls were baptized into the truth, and for the first nine months of 1915 there have been 455 persons baptized. During the past year and nine months there have been fifteen new churches organized, and fourteen new church buildings erected.

## SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

G F Watson reported for the Southwestern Union. The membership of this Union at the close of 1914 was 4,662; at the present time, 4,746. There were 1,263 accessions during 1914 and the first nine months of 1915. There have been many removals from the Union.

## WESTERN CANADIAN UNION:

H S Shaw reported for this Union. He stated that when the Union was organized during the latter part of 1907 there were 777 church members; at the close of 1914 there were 1,845 members; 63 churches. The tithe last year was \$45,500; mission offerings, \$16,500. There are 525 students in the schools. During 1913

there were baptized 214; 1914, 252; during the first nine months of 1915, 459. He said that while they are facing difficulties, they have never seen such victories as during the past year, or such a spirit of sacrifice on the part of our people.

Following these reports, W A Spicer stated that the soul-winning work going forward in this Division he found was having an encouraging influence in the fields abroad. They are looking to this country with renewed courage as they see an increase in the membership. This same sentiment was expressed by R C Porter, W J Fitzgerald, and L R Conradi. The expressions of these brethren on this matter are very much appreciated.

#### WORK AMONG THE INDIANS:

As there is a large number of Indians in the North American Division, for whom but little has been done, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of four to bring in some recommendation concerning work for the aboriginal tribes in North America.

The chair appointed A T Robinson, G F Watson, J E Bond, and F M Coberly as such committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION FUND:

The following committee appointed by the General Conference was made the Division Committee, to whom sustentation matters were referred: W T Knox, C H Jones, G B Thompson, R A Underwood, C W Flaiz, E E Andross, Chas. Thompson.

A number of questions on the agenda paper being referred to various committees, the council adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Held at Loma Linda, Cal.

Nov. 12, 1915; 2:30 P. M.

Seventh meeting of the Council

I H Evans chairman.

Prayer by S N Haskell.

Minutes approved.

The committee on Plans presented a partial report. These recommendations will appear later as finally adopted.

EVANGELISTIC WORK:

The question of how to attain greater efficiency in the work of bringing souls to Christ was given consideration, and occupied the entire meeting. The question was discussed by A T Robinson, G B Thompson, E T Russell, Chas. Thompson, H W Cottrell, R C Porter, F M Wilcox, O Montgomery, R A Underwood, A J Clark, E E Andross, J O Corliss, W H Branson, R W Parmele, G B Starr, R D Quinn, A G Daniells, and a number of others. Many helpful and practical suggestions were made concerning the importance of bringing men to Christ.

The interest shown in this question was very encouraging, and foreshadowed a great harvest of souls in the future. The importance of the question was such that it was felt that some definite suggestions should be made.

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee to bring before the Council some recommendations on this question. He announced this committee as follows:

R D Quinn (Chairman), A R Ogden, B E Miller, E K Slade, A J Clark, W A Westworth, C S Longacre, B E Brown, H M J Richards, W H Branson, John Isaac, C A Burman, G F Enoch, W J Fitzgerald, A J Haysmer, J E Fulton, P A Hanson, F W Paap, G B Starr, R E Harter, E T Russell.

Meeting adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, California,

November 14, 1915, 2:30 P.M.

Eighth meeting of the Council

I H Evans chairman.

Prayer by A T Robinson.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The committee on plans presented a further partial report, concerning the work of the ministry. Action deferred.

INDEPENDENT WORK:

The committee appointed at the last Fall Council to investigate the independent work being carried forward in the Division Conference, rendered their report. Action deferred.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Various suggestions were made in regard to the quarterly reports:

First, That a column be added giving information as to number received into church fellowship on former baptism.

Second, That a column be added devoted to "Per capita of total foreign offerings."

VOTED, That the basis of reckoning the per capita of both tithes and offerings be the membership of our conferences as shown by the annual statistical report issued prior to the beginning of the year during which the report is used; that is, the annual report for 1914 would be the basis during 1916.

WEEKLY SIGNS:

Consideration was given to the question whether the weekly SIGNS shall continue its present size, and whether it shall contain advertising matter.

The Chairman stated that some felt that the SIGNS is too large and expensive for general missionary purposes. Suggestions

have therefore been made that the size be reduced, and in order to meet the expense, that it carry advertising matter.

E R Palmer stated that the Review and Herald spent a number of thousand dollars trying to make advertising pay the cost of our papers.

A O Tait said that the message and the world were going in opposite directions. For this reason, he did not favor advertising matter in our papers. And the best paying advertisements we could not secure.

The sentiment against commercial advertising was unanimous.

R C Porter favored the SIGNS maintaining its present size. The question was discussed further by R A Underwood, F W Paap, E E Andross, F M Wilcox.

VOTED, That we favor the SIGNS retaining its present size and price, and that it do not carry advertising matter. Further--

VOTED, That the question of increasing the list of our missionary paper, the Signs of the Times weekly, be referred to the Committee on Plans.

#### ALASKA AND LABRADOR:

Alaska and Labrador being part of the territory of the Division Conference, consideration was given as to what was best to be done to advance the message in these fields. Elder M N Campbell, thought something should be done to open the work in Labrador by means of literature. He thought a worker could be secured.

Elder C W Flaiz said the population of Alaska was about 63,000. As the people are continually moving, the work of getting a foothold is difficult. He thought an appropriation would be necessary if the North Pacific Union were to carry the work in a strong way. There are a few Sabbath-keepers there at the present time.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to give study to these fields, and report. The following persons were appointed as this committee: G B Thompson, M N Campbell, and C W Flaiz.

#### LEGAL ORGANIZATION:

VOTED, That a committee consisting of W T Knox, and such auditors and treasurers as are present, with H E Rogers, be a

committee to give consideration to the question of simplifying our legal organizations.

#### CREDENTIALS TO PERSONS ON SUSTENTATION FUND:

VOTED, That the source from which credentials shall come to persons on the sustentation fund, be referred to the Union Conference presidents, Elder Flaiz chairman.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK:

VOTED, That the question of what can be done to secure opportunity for Union and local conference religious liberty secretaries to give more attention to religious liberty work, be referred to a committee composed of Union Conference Presidents.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The report of the Committee on Plans was taken up, and the following recommendations were considered and after amendments adopted as follows:--

#### UNION AND LOCAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

"We recommend,--

("1.) That the Union Conferences shall hold their sessions every four years, beginning with the present autumn and winter of 1915 and 1916, thus fixing the time midway between the quadrennial sessions of the North American Division Conference.

("2.) That the local conferences be held every two years, beginning with the year 1916.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL WORK:

"Whereas, The second million dollars to missions was given by our Sabbath schools in a little less than three years and one quarter; and,--

"Whereas, The speedy finishing of the Lord's work in the earth requires more liberal giving; therefore,--

We recommend, (3) That the new Sabbath school financial goal be: "The Third Million Dollars to Missions by the close of 1916." (It is understood that this gives a period of a little less than two years for the raising of the third million dollars.)

("4.) That the Sabbath school Department be authorized to prepare a Sabbath school Manual, dealing with all phases of this part of the work

## EDUCATIONAL WORK:

"Whereas, There is need of broadening our educational work and extending it into the homes, giving such instruction as will create a deeper interest in child welfare, and a greater appreciation of the importance of Christian education, and an atmosphere of Christian home culture and refinement; therefore,--

We recommend, (5) That the Department of Education, and the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Division Conference take steps to create such a general educative movement throughout our churches and homes, bringing out as rapidly as consistent a number of small leaflets emphasizing the importance of Christian education, home culture, and reading, in an inexpensive form, for general circulation.

## MEDICAL WORK:

"Whereas, We should put forth additional efforts to develop interest on the part of our churches in the fundamental principles and unfolding light pertaining to healthful living, and also seek a closer sympathy and cooperation on the part of our people in medical missionary work, as represented by our health institutions; be it recommended--

("6.) That the first Sabbath in April be designated as health and temperance day, and that a suitable program be arranged by the Medical Department for use on that date; further--

("7.) That a collection be taken on this day for the needy sick, the same to be held and dispersed by the local conference as a relief fund for such as the family or local church are unable to care for; further,--

("8.) That such needy sick as are supported by church funds and as are recommended by our conference officers, be cared for by our sanitariums at the uniform rate of seven dollars per week, which shall cover board, room, treatment, and medical attention, with special nursing at cost, and a nominal fee of ten dollars where surgery is required.

("9.) That the domestic labor required in the nurses' training course shall not occupy more than six months of the regular training period.

("10.) That a careful survey be made of the training schools for nurses now being conducted in connection with our sanitariums, with a view of determining the qualification of applicants accepted, the extent of the faculty, and facilities provided, and the nature of the curriculum, both theoretical and practical, and that a report may be rendered to the spring convention with a view of unifying the work of these schools.

"Whereas, There is need of greater uniformity and closer cooperation between our medical institutions in order to obtain greater efficiency and more economical management; and,--

"Whereas, This last year three local medical conventions were held, from which recommendations were referred and committees appointed to report to a later general convention, where final consideration could be given to effecting definite plans for this department of our work; therefore,

"We recommend, (11) That such medical convention be called in the spring of 1916, time and place to be designated by the North American Division Conference Committee, said convention to be attended by the medical superintendents and business managers of all our sanitariums, together with the officers of the North American Division Conference, and such members of its committee as may arrange to attend."

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., Nov. 15, 1915, 2:30 P.M.

Ninth meeting of the Council.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by B G Wilkinson.

Minutes approved.

**HARVEST INGATHERING:**

Elder R D Quinn stated that at the Fall Council one year ago a strong letter was prepared and sent out to the various conferences, urging a vigorous campaign in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering. This letter was a great help, in his opinion. He urged a similar letter at this time.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a letter to send out at once in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The chair appointed E K Slade, W A Westworth, A T Robinson.

**INDIAN WORK:**

The committee appointed to make recommendations on the work among the Indians in North America, submitted a report. This will appear later.

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

The Committee on Appropriations submitted a report, and the following appropriations were voted:—

**APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1916.**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Atlantic Union . . . . .     | \$18,000 |
| Columbia Union . . . . .     | 13,300   |
| Eastern Canadian . . . . .   | 8,500    |
| Southeastern Union . . . . . | 11,000   |
| Southern Union . . . . .     | 13,000   |
| Southwestern Union . . . . . | 3,750    |
| North American Foreign Dept. | 10,629   |
| North American Negro Dept.   | 32,200   |

|                                    |               |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| College of Medical Evangelists     | \$10,000      |               |
| Christian Record                   | 8,000         |               |
| Special to Atlantic Union          | <u>1,285</u>  |               |
|                                    |               | \$123,665     |
| Executive and Departmental Expense | 29,600        |               |
| Tithe to General Conference        | 1,400         |               |
| Sustentation                       | 840           |               |
| General Expense                    | 1,500         |               |
| Special Appropriations             | <u>12,535</u> |               |
|                                    |               | <u>45,875</u> |
|                                    |               | \$169,540     |

## Estimated receipts:

|               |              |           |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Tithe         | \$1,400      |           |
| Surplus tithe | 156,540      |           |
| Miscellaneous | <u>1,000</u> |           |
|               |              | \$171,540 |

## LIBERTY BELL:

Word having been received from officials of the Southern Pacific Railway that the special train conveying the "Liberty Bell" to Philadelphia from the Panama-Pacific Exposition, would stop at Loma Linda three minutes, the Council took a recess.

## RECESS

After recess prayer was offered by E R Palmer.

## INCREASE OF APPROPRIATION:

Some of the workers from the Southwestern Union felt that, on account of the financial condition in the Union, the appropriation granted to that Union was not large enough for them to properly carry forward their work.

VOTED, That the appropriation to the Southwestern Union be increased \$2,000.

## SOUTHERN UNION INDEBTEDNESS:

Elder S E Wight called attention to the heavy indebtedness of the Southern Union, and asked counsel.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take under

advisement the indebtedness of the Southern Union, and make recommendations concerning its liquidation.

The committee appointed was R A Underwood (Chairman), W H Heckman, J E Jayne, B G Wilkinson, A R Sandborn, E R Palmer, S E Wight, W W Prescott, H C Hartwell.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted a report. Action deferred.

#### COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

Consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on Plans submitted at a former meeting, was continued, and the following recommendations were adopted:-

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATIONS

"12. Resolved, That in harmony with the action of the educational and missionary volunteer council, we invite the Danish-Norwegian and Swedish Seminaries to work with the Missionary Volunteer Department in fostering the work among the young people of these nationalities, especially in translating literature and arranging reading courses in those languages.

"13. Resolved, That, in harmony with the request of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Council, we appoint an assistant secretary for the Missionary Volunteer Department to labor for our German young people.

"14. Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Council assigning to the Union Missionary Volunteer secretaries certain details of the work that have been carried by the Division Missionary Volunteer office."

Adjourned.

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

## ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., Nov. 16, 1915.

Tenth meeting of the Council.

I H Evans in the chair.

Following the adjournment of the General Conference Council, a short session of the North American Division Council was called.

## HARVEST INGATHERING:

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to send out to our people concerning the Harvest Ingathering, submitted the following report:-

"Your committee recommend that the following letter be voted by the Council and be signed by the President and Secretary of both the General and the North American Division Conferences; that it be printed here in a sufficient number of copies to be supplied in bulk to the president of each conference, to be forwarded to their respective conference offices, and mailed out to every family of our people.

"We believe the advantages of a circular letter over the plan to publish it through the Union Conference papers are--

"1. It will come to our people as an appeal directly from this Council to them.

"2. It will reach them much more quickly.

"3. It will be read by very many more people."

Committee: E K Slade, W A Westworth, A T Robinson."

After suggesting some additions to the letter, it was--

VOTED, That the report be adopted, and the letter prepared be sent out to the various conferences as may be arranged by the local presidents. Further--

VOTED, That the North American Division Conference pay the expense of printing the letter sent out.

The following is the copy of the letter sent:--

Loma Linda, Cal., November 22, '15.

TO OUR DEVOTED AND BELOVED

PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA:

Greetings:

The General and North American Division Conference Committees, with representatives of the cause from this and other countries, numbering more than one hundred and fifty, in session at Loma Linda, Cal., greatly desire that the inspiration and spiritual uplift of this world's council might reach all our people.

Isaiah 54: 2, 3 is certainly now being fulfilled, especially in foreign mission fields, where hundreds, yea, thousands from the midnight of heathenism are rejoicing in the saving power of the third angel's message, some of whom have recently been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and nearly one thousand of whom are workers in this cause in various lines. Surely we can now say in the words of the Psalmist: "God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth." Ps. 74:12.

A new time has come. A new thing is taking place. The hour has struck which calls upon us to "enlarge the place of thy tent. . . stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The work in the Far East has outgrown all plans that have heretofore been laid. A measure has just passed the council forming the Orient, Australia, and the Pacific Island world into a great division of this cause.

This council feels profoundly impressed that, as stated in Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 117, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished, until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

We therefore make this appeal to you to arise, and with us rally to meet the demands of the great opportunity which the opening providence of God has placed before us.

We appeal to you personally, individually, to push the Harvest Ingathering campaign right up to the end of the year. The Lord has promised that the "wealth of the Gentiles" shall come to us. The great Far Eastern world is calling loudly for means. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." (Vol. 9, page 61.)

"Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books,

preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos." (Vol. 9, page 62.)

Surely here is a great opportunity for every member of the church to engage in this blessed ministry, by placing the message-filled Harvest Ingathering SIGNS in the hands of the people, and soliciting from them donations for our mission work.

"The battle-cry is sounding along the line, Let every soldier of the cross push to the front." "A work similar to that which the Lord did through his delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost He is waiting to do today." (Vol. 7, pages 17,33.)

We are deeply solicitous that our soon-coming week of prayer, December 11-18, shall be an occasion of deep searching of heart, putting sin out of the life, and earnestly seeking God for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The time in which we are living demands it. In Australia, South Africa, and some other countries there are already stringent laws, compelling every boy above the age of fourteen years to take military training. This takes the boys of our people away from their homes and their parents at that tender age, and throws them into wicked associations, which is a terrible trial to our people in those countries. The conditions foretold in Vol. 9, pages 43 and 44, are rapidly developing. We may be sure that similar experiences will be met in this country. Let us, in this time of peace, enter into a covenant with God, that his protection may be thrown around us and our children when the time of test comes to us.

We do not know how to express in words the deep anxiety of our hearts that our people rally to the financial support of our mission, and that every church in this country fully meet its full apportionment of twenty cents per week per member for the year 1915. The needs of this ever-widening cause demand it. Surely it is worthy of it.

Well, dear brethren and sisters, will you not join with us, in seeking for a fuller consecration of our lives to the Master, and in a great soul-winning campaign that will end in the speedy finishing of this work? May God richly bless you in your response to this rallying call.

By unanimous vote of the council in regular session.

A G Daniells, President General Conference  
W A Spicer, Secretary  
I H Evans, President N. American Div. Conference.  
G B Thompson, Secretary.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., Nov. 16, 1915, 2:30 P.M.

Eleventh meeting of the Council.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by E K Slade.

Additional members present: C M Snow, J J Irwin.

Minutes approved.

The Committee on Plans presented a further partial report. Action deferred.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MINISTRY:

Consideration of the recommendations concerning the ministry were taken up and considered. They were spoken to by W C Moffett, E E Andross, L H Christian, A G Daniells, Geo. F Enoch, M E Kern, and others. There being some matters upon which the Council was not clear, it was--

VOTED, That these recommendations be referred back to the Committee on Plans for further consideration.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor was considered, and after referring back the names of Elder A S Booth and Elder M H St. John for further consideration, the report was adopted as follows:--

"Your Committee on the Distribution of Labor for the North American Division Conference would respectfully recommend the following transfers:--

"1. That Elder E L Neff, of South Texas Conference, labor in the Georgia Conference.

"2. That Elder Fred Johnson, of Nebraska, labor in the Alberta Conference.

"3. That Bessie Sufficoll, of the Colorado Conference, labor as Bible worker in the South Dakota Conference.

"4. That Miss Edith Gregg, of Washington, be recommended to the Ontario Conference, as secretary and treasurer, and as Young People's Secretary.

"5. That Shirley Haynes, of New Jersey, labor in the Southeastern Union Conference.

"6. That Elder C S Lightner, of the Oklahoma Conference, labor in the Colorado Conference.

"7. That Elder D A Parsons, of Southern California, labor in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

"8. That Elder L F Passebois, of the Northern New England Conference, labor among the French in the Quebec Conference.

"9. That T T Babienco, of San Francisco, labor in the Western Canadian Union Conference."

#### INDEPENDENT WORK:

The report of the Committee on Independent Work, appointed at the last Fall Council, was taken up, and passed as follows:-

#### RECOMMENDATIONS ON INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

YOUR COMMITTEE appointed at the Council held at Takoma Park, October 25 to November 3, 1914, to make a study of the independent institutions of the North American Division Conference, would submit the following with reference to school enterprises:

We have visited many of the independent, or self-supporting schools, as they are variously called of the Southern and Southeastern Conferences. We made our investigations in this field because so many of these enterprises are located close together in this territory, thus saving expense.

A sub-committee spent two weeks in visiting these schools and the whole committee spent three days studying the situation together. During this time we visited fifteen of these self-supporting enterprises. Our study leads us to make the following general statements:

1. Your committee has sought earnestly and prayerfully to lay aside any preconceived opinions and come to the study of this work with unprejudiced minds.

2. We were impressed with the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice manifested by these workers. They are living in the plainest of homes and in some instances their self-denial falls little short of actual suffering, but notwithstanding they seem possessed of a cheerful and uncomplaining spirit.

3. We believe there is need in the South-land for work of the general nature carried forward by these schools. It appears to us that the character of the people throughout large portions of the South, and particularly in the Hill regions, is such as to demand a special effort toward permanency in our gospel work. It seems to us that if we would develop our work and give stability to it, it is necessary in many sections for gospel workers to live in the community and become leaders in the religious activities. We do not believe that people are to be brought into the truth solely by education, for the truth must be preached in its simplicity and purity.

4. We find many of these workers doing medical missionary work in their community, and as far as we were able to judge they have won the confidence and good will of the people by their ministrations.

5. We discovered two distinct classes of schools: one whose purpose primarily is to work for the people of the vicinity in which the school is located, the other seems to have to a greater or less degree the purpose of educating the children of Seventh-day Adventists outside the community, even soliciting students from other conferences from that in which the school is located.

6. We find a lack of supervision of this work, different methods being pursued in different schools, nearly every school seeming to be a unit of itself. A proper supervision would tend to greatly strengthen these schools.

7. In His prayer, as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, our Saviour pled for the unity of the church until the end of time, and in sympathy with this prayer it is our desire that the utmost unity may be found throughout the territory of the North American Division Conference, both in our evangelical and institutional work in order that the blessing of God may be seen and His Spirit poured out upon our work for its speedy finishing.

Based upon the foregoing, We recommend the following:

1. That this work be enlarged and strengthened, and that hereafter the Madison School, and the efforts which have sprung or may spring from it, shall be considered a part of the regular work of the denomination, and that the Madison School shall be regarded by the denomination as the training school for workers for rural schools in the mountain districts of the South.

2. That the North American Division Conference, regularly provide and support a Bible teacher for the Madison Training School.

3. That we encourage our Conference officers and our people to consider and look upon the rural school work in the hill districts of the South as a part of the regular work of the denomination, and that we encourage proper persons in all our Conferences to enter the Madison School to receive a training for this work.

4. That hereafter these schools be designated as the Rural Schools of the South, and be promoted jointly by the local and union conference officials, and by the workers in the Madison Training School, and that they shall be fostered and superintended by the regular organized work, and be operated on what is known as the self-supporting plan.

5. We recommend that when funds for these schools, gathered from the Seventh-day Adventist people, the title to such school properties shall be held in a manner agreeable to the conferences in which such schools are located. When the funds are provided by the promoters of the schools, the property shall be held by the promoters in such a manner as will safeguard the interests and future welfare of the school.

6. We recommend that hereafter when funds are solicited for this line of work, we follow closely the General Conference recommendation in regard to previously making satisfactory arrangements with conference officials.

7. We recommend that funds for the establishment and operation of these schools, when coming from our people, pass through the regular channels.

8. We recommend that all our schools, where support is supplied by contributions to our people, keep an account of their receipts and disbursements, and that the conference auditor shall annually audit the books of such schools or provide for the same.

9. That in the Teachers' institutes hereafter held, the managers and teachers in these rural schools shall have a part, and that provision be made in the program for the consideration and instruction in the particular lines of work in which they are engaged.

#### INDIAN WORK:

The report of the Committee appointed on work among the Indians was considered and adopted, as follows:--

"Your committee to study the need of work among the Indians of this country find that, according to the compilation

of statistics for 1914, there are 350,250 Indians in North America; this includes what are known as the five civilized tribes of Oklahoma, numbering 101,200, and about 20,000 in Western Canada.

"We find that 67,911, nearly one-third of the uncivilized Indians of the United States, are located in the four States of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado; and chiefly in corners of these four States where they join one another. 13,801 of these Indians are reported as speaking the English language; 9,427 of them read and write English; 20,326 profess Christianity, there being 82 churches and 133 missionaries located within the territory suggested. Your committee recommend--

1. "That the North American Division Conference take the supervision of work among the Indians of this country; that, as a beginning in this work, an appropriation of \$1,000 be made for the establishment of a small mission station, either in the northeast corner of Arizona or the northwest corner of New Mexico, and the support of a worker to be selected by the North American Division Conference Committee. We suggest for the favorable consideration of the Committee the name of Brother Orno Follett.

2. "That two members of the North American Division Conference Committee visit the field, and with the laborer chosen, decide upon the location of the mission station.

"Committee: A T Robinson, G F Watson, R B Coberly,  
J E Bond."

#### COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The recommendations of the Committee on Plans, upon which action had been deferred, were taken up, and after some amendments, were passed, as follows:--

#### SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

"Resolved, That we approve and adopt the following detail plans for Union Conference School organization, suggested to us by the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Council held at St. Helena, California, June 4 to 14, 1915: --

\*1. That the Educational Board of the Union Conference consist of the Union Educational Secretary, the Educational Superintendents of the local conferences, the President of the College, the director of the normal department, and the principals of Academies, Intermediate schools, and Seminaries.

\*2. That the actions of this Board be subject to the approval of the Union Conference Executive Committee.

\*3. That the Union Educational Secretary be chairman of the educational board.

"4. That there be an inspection committee consisting of the president of the college, the union educational secretary, and the superintendent.

"5. That it be the duty of this committee to examine carefully and inspect annually all academic work, and report their findings to the college faculty and the union conference educational board, and recommend a rating for the schools inspected; and that a report of such rating, together with the necessary information, be forwarded to the Department of Education of the Division Conference for final approval, and that the college faculty issue the rating.

"6. That students from accredited schools be admitted to the college without examination.

"7. That the basis of a credit be the academic standards adopted by the North American Division Department of Education.

"8. That the General Department prepare an inspector's report blank for use of the committees of inspection, embodying the items of standardization.

"9. That the General Department provide final examination questions for grammar grades in all elementary schools, and in all grades in unaccredited secondary schools.

"10. That final examinations in first semester subjects be given at the middle of the school year; and final examinations in second semester and full year subjects be given at the close of the school year.

"11. That the teacher under whom the final examinations up to and including the twelfth grade are given, mark the papers, grading each question, and send them to the superintendent, who shall record the approved standings in his own book and in the teacher's register, and forward a list of the same to the Union Conference secretary, together with all final ninth to twelfth grade examination papers marked by the teacher and approved by himself and the Union Educational secretary, who shall record all these standings above the eighth grade upon his books.

"12. That upon receiving a final grade of seventy-five per cent or more, the student be granted a certificate of standing in that subject, the certificate to be signed by the chairman of the examining board and the superintendent. In making up final standings half credit shall be allowed for examination and half credit for class work.

"13. That when a student has completed the eighth or unaccredited ninth to twelfth grades, and has passed the examinations, the Union Conference Educational Secretary issue a cer-

tificate of promotion, signed by himself and the superintendent. Such certificate to contain the specification by subject "without laboratory," "without library" or any other feature upon which the school does not have accredited standing.

"14. That accredited schools send a list of all final standings to the Union Secretary for recording within four weeks after examination.

"15. That the average of the student's work and class standings as well as the examination grades, be marked by the teacher upon the outside of examination papers, when grading either elementary or academic papers, thus clearly indicating the average of written work and class standings, in addition to the examination standing.

"16. That elementary teachers be required to pass examinations as arranged by the Educational Board, or give sufficient evidence of qualification, before being employed in our schools.

"17. That the Union Educational Secretary shall conduct one general Teachers' Examination annually, in connection with the Union Conference summer school.

"18. That other examinations than those conducted at the summer schools be given under the direction of the superintendent on a date to be arranged in each conference by the Union Educational Secretary.

"19. That teachers' examination papers shall be graded under the supervision of the superintendent, and then examined by the Educational Secretary of the Union, who if all requirements have been met shall sign and issue appropriate certificates, which must also be signed by the superintendent of the conference in which the applicant is to teach.

"20. That all appeals to the Examining Board must be made through the superintendent, within sixty days after the issue of any certificate, or after notice of failure.

#### FOREIGN SCHOOL COURSES

"We recommend, That the Boards of Management of our foreign seminaries in this country confine their course to fourteen grades for the present, and until further action by the North American Division Conference.

#### UNIFYING COURSES:

"We recommend, That the Boards of Management of the schools in each college territory seek to unify their courses of study, expense rates, cooperate in the employment of faculties,

and in every possible way endeavor to unify and harmonize all features of the work of the schools.

#### CHURCH BUILDING IN LONDON, ENGLAND:

"Whereas, The General Conference Committee Council, at a recent meeting, took the following action regarding a proposal to raise a fund for a church building in London, England:-

"VOTED, That we ask the North American Division to waive for this purpose the arrangement we have made to make no special appeals aside from the regular mission funds, and that in case this arrangement is agreed to, we proceed to raise the funds required by calls appearing in the Review, listing subscriptions also in the Review.' Therefore--

"Resolved, That we concur in this recommendation, and by calls in the Review and Herald, and in other proper ways try to raise \$10,000 for the erection of a church in the metropolis of the world. This is not to apply on the twenty-cents-a-week fund.

#### PERIODICALS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

"Whereas, There is an urgent demand for periodicals in Russian, Bohemian-Slavish, Italian, Polish, Hungarian, Servian, Rumanian, and Bulgarian; and,--

"Whereas, The International branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association is in position to give primary attention to such work; therefore--

"1. We recommend, That immediate steps be taken by that Association toward the publication of a quarterly Russian magazine, with thirty-two pages and cover, and a monthly four-to eight-page paper in the same language, the quarterly being for sale by colporteurs and church members, and the monthly to contain the Sabbath-school lessons and general instruction for our own people.

"2. That similar periodicals be issued in the other languages as rapidly as the demands may be thought sufficient to warrant the undertaking.

"3. We suggest the following-named persons to act as a committee to arrange for the bringing out of these periodicals: W W Eastman, N Z Town, Secretary of the Foreign Department, H H Hall, L W Graham, J R Ferren, F W Paap, Miss E M Graham.

#### STUDY OF SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS:

"Whereas, Our spiritual life depends on personal, con-

tinuous study of the Word of God, and our Sabbath-school lessons afford the best means for daily Bible study; therefore,--

"1. We recommend, That every Seventh-day Adventist family set aside some time each day, preferably in connection with the family worship, for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson.

"2. That the ministry promote this as they visit the homes of Sabbath-keepers, also by speaking publicly of its importance, and in other ways as there is opportunity."

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., November 17, 1915, 2:30 P.M.

Twelfth meeting of the Council.

I H Evans in the chair.

Minutes approved.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES:

The secretaries of the various departments submitted lists of the departmental committees, which were acted upon as follows:--

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

Secretary, W W Eastman; General Members: N Z Town, W C White, W W Prescott; Publishing House Managers: C H Jones, R R Palmer, R L Pierce; Managers of Branch Publishing Houses: L W Graham, J W Mace, L D Randall, S N Curtiss, J F Beatty, J M Rowse, F F Byington; Circulating Managers: H H Hall, I A Ford, J R Ferren, Jas. Cochran, D W Reavis, J L McConaughy; General Missionary Agents: V O Cole, I D Richardson, J B Blosser, J W Davis, D W Dillon, C E Weeks, W R Beatty, F E Painter, W L Manful, A F Harrison, J H McEachren; Home Missionary Secretaries: F W Paap, Miss E M Graham.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

Secretary, H W Miller, M. D.; Other Members: L A Hansen, W E Bliss, M. D., L M Bowen, Frederick Griggs, H A Green, M. D., J D Shiveley, M. D., Newton Evans, M. D., D D Comstock, M. D.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Secretary, F Griggs; Assistant Secretary, W E Howell; Other Members: J L Shaw, C C Lewis, M E Kern, C L Benson, C W Irwin, O J Graf, E C Kellogg, H A Morrison, E G Salisbury, M E Gady, C S Longacre, L L Caviness, W W Ruble, M B Van Kirk, H D Dick, F R Isaac, N W Lawrence, L H Wood, Leo Thiel, T D Rowe, H W Miller, M. D., Newton Evans, M. D., C A Russell, B F Machlan, C L Stone, C J Boyd, M E Olsen, J H Schilling, M L Andreasen, G E Nord, H G Lucas, H J Sheldon, S M Butler, N S Ashton.

## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Secretary, Mrs. L Flora Plummer; Assistant Secretary, Rosamond D Ginther; Other Members: G B Thompson, W W Prescott, M C Wilcox, W A Spicer, Mrs. Vesta J Farnsworth, F M Wilcox, Mrs. Fannie D Chase, T E Bowen, W E Howell, C C Lewis.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT:

Secretary, M E Kern; Other Members: Miss Matilda Erickson, Meade MacGuire, C L Benson, J L Shaw, Frederick Griggs, W E Howell, Mrs. L Flora Plummer, Mrs. Fannie D Chase, M L Andreasen, C J Boyd, G E Nord, Assistant Secretary for the German; and all the Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries in the Division.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT:

Secretary, C S Longacre; Other Members: K C Russell, J O Corliss, Allen Moon, W M Healey, C P Bollman, G B Thompson, D W Reavis, F M Wilcox, W A Spicer, W L Burgan, C E Holmes, L L Caviness, A J Clark, H W Cottrell, C B Haynes, L A Smith, S B Horton, J E Jayne, W F Martin.

## NEGRO DEPARTMENT:

Secretary, C B Stephenson; Other Members: S E Wight, O Montgomery, G F Watson, L H Christian, R A Underwood, B G Wilkineon, R D Quinn, J K Humphrey, J M Campbell, M C Strachan, Sydney Scott, W H Green, U S Willess.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

## GERMAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, EAST:

Secretary, B E Miller, J H Schilling, C W Weber, G P Gaede, J G Hanhardt.

## GERMAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WEST:

Secretary, G F Haffner, J H Schilling, Carl Leer, G A Grauer, John Isaac.

## SWEDISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Secretary, S Mortenson, August Anderson, Fred Johnson, G E Nord, Carl Svenson.

## DANISH-NORWEGIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Secretary, P E Broderson, Lewis Johnson, M S Reppe, C A Thorp, L H Christian.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK:

The Committee on Evangelistic Work submitted a report which was adopted as follows:--

EVANGELISTIC WORK:

Your committee on evangelistic work submit for your consideration the following:

Whereas, The Lord has called this denomination into existence for the definite purpose of teaching, in all the world, certain specific, fundamental truths of his holy Word, which make us a separate and distinct people, and

Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy in the chapter in "Early Writings" entitled, "A Firm Foundation," solemnly warns us against changing those teachings or stepping off from the platform of present truth, and

Whereas, Every Bible doctrine is intended to reveal the gracious purposes of God and his power to redeem men through the grace that is in Christ Jesus our Lord; therefore

RESOLVED, That it is of supreme importance that our ministers faithfully preach and teach everywhere these fundamental doctrines, and that they do so only from the standpoint of the truth as it is in Jesus; and

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That these truths be presented in a dignified and affirmative manner, keeping in mind the instruction found in "Gospel Workers," page 167, "Let the message for this time be presented, not in long, labored discourses, but in short talks, right to the point;" and that in our churches the Sabbath service be so conducted that our people shall have more time for social meetings.

(2) That ordinarily all the vital truths of the message be presented in a series of meetings continuing from four to six weeks, and if the interest warrants it, the same truths be repeated.

(3) That, in keeping in mind the cautions contained in "Gospel Workers" concerning sensational methods, we do more of that genuine revival work recommended in the "Testimonies," which leads to true repentance from sin, and actual change of heart; and, not only should special services be devoted to a living exposition of the doctrines of divine grace, but "in every discourse fervent appeals should be made to the people to forsake their sins and turn to Christ." ("Gospel Workers," pp. 158-9.)

(4) That each laborer select a regular time each day for prayer and personal study of the word of God; we suggest that the first hour in the morning is best for this purpose.

(5) The careful conservation of our resources of time, talent, and money, and to assist in accomplishing this, we suggest—

a. That each laborer work to a daily program suitable to his needs.

b. That evangelists, and those in charge of assistant laborers, systematize and carefully supervise the work of those whom they direct.

c. That we associate well balanced, medium sized companies of laborers.

d. That the strongest available corps of auxiliary workers be organized from among our church members.

e. That where the public attendance is large, the place of meeting be divided into sections in charge of special ushers and assistants, and that a card system for the securing of names and addresses and a follow-up system be used in conserving the interest produced.

f. That we emphasize the judicious use of our spirit-filled literature.

g. That our tents and other places of meeting be made as neat and attractive as possible, being careful to avoid that class of decoration that is either expensive or grotesque.

h. That a larger number of strongly organized public efforts be conducted during the winter season.

Whereas, The acceptance of the entire message is necessary to the building up of a strong church prepared to meet its Lord; therefore

(6.) RESOLVED, That we urge all our laborers and church elders to thoroughly examine each candidate for baptism upon every point of present truth.

Whereas, We recognize that ministerial institutes are of great value to our laborers engaged in every line of evangelistic work; therefore

(7) WE RECOMMEND, That each union conference arrange for a portion of the time of its next conference session to be devoted entirely to strong ministerial institute work; and that so far as practicable all local conference laborers attend.

## COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans presented a further partial report; action deferred.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The Committee on Finance presented a partial report; action deferred.

## COMMITTEE ON LEGAL CORPORATIONS:

The Committee on Legal Corporations submitted a report, action deferred.

## COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The following recommendations from the Committee on Plans were taken up for consideration and adopted:--

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

"Whereas, There are in this country aside from the Germans and Scandinavians more than eight million people of foreign nationality, very few of whom can be instructed in our message in the English language; therefore,--

"We recommend, That the North American Division Conference strengthen the work of the general Foreign Department and secure as soon as possible a man to fill the office of secretary of the Foreign Department made vacant by the death of Elder O A Olsen.

"1. That the Division Conference appropriate a sum sufficient to support such workers among these nationalities as are not paid by any local conference.

"Whereas, The local conference officials should be in close touch with all lines of work and with the workers within their borders;--

"2. We recommend, That all laborers be directed in their work by the conference in which they labor and receive their salary from the same, and that all appropriations for their support made by the Division and Union Conferences or by any individual go directly to the conference concerned.

## "MINISTRY OF HEALING:"

"Whereas, The benefits of using the book 'Ministry of Healing' as a relief book are still available, and believing that great good will result from a circulation of the book; and,--

"Whereas, The publishers are willing to make special terms on the book in quantities, in the English and some of the foreign languages; therefore,--

"We recommend, That our sanitariums and foreign seminaries and other schools avail themselves of the advantages offered by the sale of 'Ministry of Healing,' arranging with the publishers, through the proper channels for their supply.

#### HOME WORKERS' BOOKS:

"We recommend, That until such time as the Home Missionary Department is sufficiently organized to take over the sale of Home Workers' Books, they be left in the hands of the field and union agents, as specified in recommendation six, page 30, Publishing Department Actions, reading as follows:--

"That our Union and Field Agents carefully study the opportunities presented by our Home Workers' books, in developing a large class of amateur canvassers, many of whom will enter regular subscription book work."

#### PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

"Recognizing the change in recent years from the terms 'Book agent' and 'canvasser' to that of 'colporteur' as being an advance step in designating the missionary character of our publishing work; and,---

"Whereas, There should be a corresponding elimination of commercial terms from the official names of leaders in the colporteur work; therefore,--

"We recommend, That section 87 of the Publishing Department Recommendations be amended to read, 'Union Field Missionary Secretary,' instead of 'General Missionary Agent;' and that Section 88 be amended to read 'Field Missionary Secretary,' instead of 'Field Missionary Agent.'

#### HARVEST INGATHERING:

"Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering campaign has proved a great blessing in acquainting the people with the world-wide movement, as well as an effective method of raising means with which to upbuild the work; therefore,--

"Be it resolved, (a) That we continue the plan, and open the campaign for 1916 during the week of October 9-16.

"(b) That we use the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, Weekly, as the medium.

"(c) That we set our goal at \$100,000.

"(d) That the material used in the promotion of the campaign be furnished and sent out by the publishers.

"(e) That the oversight of the campaign be in the hands of the Treasury Department of the North American Division Conference.

"(f) That the Home Missionary Department of the North American Division Conference take charge of the field end.

"(g) That a suitable report blank be prepared to be used in reporting the results of the campaign.

"We recommend, That continuous efforts be made to place the Review and Herald, our church paper, in every Sabbath-keeping home; and a club of the Signs of the Times, our pioneer missionary paper, in every church and company."

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., November 18, 1915, 2:30 P.M.

Thirteenth meeting of the Council.

Prayer by Allen Moon.

Minutes approved.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary of the Home Missionary Department submitted the departmental list of members, which was passed as follows:--

"Secretary, F W Paap; Assistant Secretary, Miss E M Graham; Other Members: I H Evans, W T Knox, W A Spicer, G B Thompson, N Z Town, W W Eastman, E R Palmer, I A Ford, A E Sandersen, S E Ruskjer, G F Haffner, B E Miller, P E Broderson, S Mortenson, H H Hall, R L Pierce, L W Graham, J W Mace, L D Randall, S N Curtiss, J F Beatty, J M Rowse, V O Cole, I D Richardson, J B Blosser, J W Navis, D W Dillon, F E Painter, W R Beatty, W L Manful, A F Harrison, J H McEachren, W H Hayes, F F Byington, J R Ferran, and all Union Conference Home Missionary Secretaries."

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The committee on Plans submitted a further partial report. Action deferred.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

The committee appointed to make recommendations as to who shall grant credentials to those on the sustentation fund, submitted a report. Action deferred.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

The Committee on Nominations submitted a report. Action deferred.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The Committee on Finance submitted a further report. Action deferred.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The recommendations of the Committee on Plans, submitted at a previous meeting, were considered, and the following were adopted:--

"We recommend, The appointment by this Council of a commission consisting of the auditor of the General Conference, the auditor of the North American Division Conference, and the statistical secretary of the General Conference, to investigate the conditions and gather statistics relating to tract society and publishing house operation, and to report their findings to a representative meeting of the General Conference and North American Division Conference Committees at as early a date as consistent; this information to form the basis of any business adjustment which may be deemed necessary between the publishing houses and the tract societies; also that a report of this commission's findings be placed in the hands of the Union Conference auditors for their study.

## PRINTING BY SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

"Whereas, The Southern Publishing Association is in need of additional work which is more evenly distributed throughout the year, and is well equipped for doing the same; and,--

"Whereas, Its central location enables it to serve the field advantageously; and,--

"Whereas, At the present time it does not have any of the general work enjoyed by our other publishing houses; we therefore,--

"Recommend, That this matter be referred to the managements of the three larger publishing houses and the Publishing Department of the North American Division Conference, looking with favor on giving additional work to the Southern Publishing Association."

## RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MINISTRY:

The recommendations on the gospel ministry, which had been referred back at a previous meeting, were given consideration. A number of amendments were made. A substitution offered by Brother F M Wilcox was accepted in place of the one referred back. After careful consideration, and a number of amendments, the recommendations were adopted as follows:--

"Whereas, The work of the gospel ministry is a sacred and holy work, and only those should be encouraged to enter it who renounce the world, sin, the love of display, and worldly pleasure, and who are willing to lead humble, self-sacrificing, Christian lives, that by precept and example they may preach the pure gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and,--

"Whereas, The third angel's message and our world-wide work demand a growing, progressive, educated ministry, who can preach the message to all classes, and who give evidence of a divine call to the ministry, not only in their own experience, but in the judgment of the brethren;--

"We recommend, That all candidates for ordination to the gospel ministry shall be carefully examined in Bible doctrines, their ability correctly to expound the same, and their confidence in and loyalty to the denominational organization.

"We recognize that God often calls to the gospel ministry men of limited education, but whose mature judgment and practical experience in life, with rich spiritual endowment, give them a special fitness for the work of the ministry. The fruit of their labors has demonstrated the genuineness of their call, and we esteem them highly for their works' sake.

"We recommend, That these workers in the exercise of the ability which God has given them, seek by every reasonable means to increase their efficiency. By the opportunities offered in the Fireside Correspondence School, in the Ministerial Reading Course, and in general reading and study, this increased efficiency may be obtained.

"We recommend, That young men who are planning to enter the ministry, avail themselves of the opportunities offered in our denominational training schools to secure a good education, and that they be encouraged as far as possible to complete not less than fourteen grades of school work before they are ordained to the gospel ministry.

"We further recommend, That all under twenty-five years of age, now laboring in the ministry, either as ordained or licensed preachers, who do not possess an education equal to fourteen grades of work, be encouraged to attend either our denominational training schools, or take work in the Fireside Correspondence School until the educational standard of fourteen grades has been reached.

"That all our ministers shall pursue the ministerial reading courses and such other regular courses of study as they can take consistently with their gospel work.

"That the ordination of men to the gospel ministry shall be governed as follows:--

"(a) The Committee on Ordination shall consist of the Union Conference Committee, with such members of the General and Division Conference Committees as may be present, and such other ordained ministers of experience as may be invited in; and if the

candidate be for work in a foreign department, the secretary of that department be consulted.

"(b) The Union or local conference executive committee, believing that one of their workers should be ordained to the gospel ministry, shall by vote recommend said person to their Union Conference committee for examination for ordination.

"(c) The chairman of the Union Conference committee shall take up the question of the ordination of a candidate at a meeting of the committee, and if the vote is favorable, shall call the candidate to appear before the committee on ordination, or a sub-committee appointed by the same, for examination in harmony with these recommendations.

"(d) Those passing satisfactory examinations and giving full proof of their call to the ministry, shall be recommended to their respective local conferences for ordination at the earliest suitable occasion.

"We further recommend, That the arrangements for the ceremony or ordination be in the hands of the representatives of the General or Division Conference who may be present, together with the Union and local conference presidents; and that the service in general be conducted as follows:--

"Let there be a sermon on the ministry, if possible; then a short history of the one chosen for ordination; then the prayer, followed by the charge, and lastly the welcome.

"Whereas, Our rapidly advancing work oftentimes affords opportunity for men to do efficient service for the Lord who are worthy to be engaged in the work because of their deep spiritual experience and ability to organize and lead in missionary<sup>work</sup>, who are not sufficiently qualified to enter the regular ministry; therefore,--

"We recommend, That we recognize the call of these persons to a service which may or may not be a call to a life-work, by giving them missionary credentials.

"Whereas, The Union Conference is called upon to adjust matters when the local conferences become burdened with too heavy a force of laborers; therefore,--

"We recommend, That whenever additional regular laborers are to be added to the payroll of the local conference, the Union conference officers be consulted.

"That credentials shall be revocable at such time, and for such cause, as the conference granting them deems it unwise for the person to continue in the work of the gospel ministry.

"We recommend, That ministerial credentials be renewed only to such as give their undivided time to the sacred work of the ministry to which they were set apart by ordination, except in cases where ordained ministers are employed by the conference in other lines of conference or institutional work. It is understood that this does not apply to aged or infirm workers who may receive their support from the sustentation fund or from private income.

"That where ministerial credentials are not renewed, the authority to administer the ordinances of the church, to perform marriage ceremonies, etc., be not recognized.

"That where for any cause ministerial credentials are revoked, or are not renewed, and application is made to another conference for their renewal, this request be not granted without consultation with the local and Union Conferences previously granting the credentials. This does not preclude the right of appeal.

#### LEGAL CORPORATIONS:

The report of the committee appointed to take under consideration the matter of legal corporations, was considered, and passed as follows:--

"Whereas, In some parts of the field conference and institutional corporations have been multiplied until their handling has become cumbersome; therefore,--

"We recommend, (a) That careful council be taken from the Union Conference Committee before further legal organizations are affected.

"(b) That where two or more conferences without legal organizations are located in one state, if possible a single corporation be made to suffice for the holding of church and other conference property.

"(c) That on account of the liability that deeds, legacies, and other transfers of property have been made in favor of existing corporations, such organizations be not discontinued except upon careful counsel.

"Whereas, Property interests and money aggregating thousands of dollars are lost to this cause through failure of our people to make, while they live, proper provision for the transfer of their property to this cause; and,--

"Whereas, A certain portion of this amount thus lost could be saved to promote the advancement of this message if proper efforts were put forth; therefore,--

"We recommend, That special attention be given to the

matter of securing from our brethren and sisters of means such property as they may wish or can be induced to have used for the advancement of this cause, by deed or grant, annuity or will; and to this end, we request the officers of the North American Division Conference to foster this effort--

"(a) By cooperating with the proper officers of our conferences and conference corporations throughout the Division, in an endeavor to save for this work all the money which can be secured from those who can be induced to thus contribute for the advancement of this message.

"(b) By issuing a booklet of general instruction, which can be used by various conference officers in promoting this effort; said booklet to contain proper forms of transfer, also suggestions particularly along the line of religious corporations.

"(c) All amounts sent by each Union Conference to the Division Conference as the result of this effort shall constitute a portion of the fund which that Union is endeavoring to raise in behalf of foreign missions, when not otherwise specified.

"Believing that many of our people who have had only a limited experience in the use of legal forms and methods while transferring and handling property, real or personal, would appreciate suggestions from men of more experience in these lines, thus safeguarding their interests and conserving the funds of Seventh-day Adventists that might otherwise be partially or wholly consumed in attorneys' fees, court, or other unnecessary expenses while distributing their property to their heirs, friends, or our religious associations:--

"We recommend, That all our presidents and secretaries of religious associations or conferences shall consider it a part of their duties to carefully watch for opportunities of thus assisting members of their constituency who may be in need of such advice, and will willingly render such desired aid as they may be able to give.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

A report of the Committee on Finance, submitted at a previous meeting, was considered. The recommendation on the increase of tuition in our schools was considered. A number of delegates spoke to the question. There being objection to some features of the recommendation, it was voted that the recommendation be laid on the table.

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE:

The committee appointed to submit recommendations for the liquidation of the indebtedness in the Southern Union Conference submitted the following report, which was adopted:--

"Your committee appointed to suggest ways and means for the relief of the Southern Union Conference Association, respectfully submits the following:--

"Whereas, The Southern Union Conference Association has a deficit of \$62,000; and,--

"Whereas, The membership of the Southern Union Conference is unable to meet this deficit; therefore,--

"We recommend, That sufficient money be appropriated to pay the interest on this debt, and that the officers of the North American Division Conference be authorized to devise a plan for the speedy liquidation of said indebtedness."

#### COMMITTEE ON INCREASE OF SCHOOL TUITION:

On motion, the resolution concerning the increase of tuition, laid on the table, was taken from the table, and referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair. This committee was announced as follows:--

F Griggs, J L Shaw, B G Wilkinson, R A Underwood, E K Slade, G F Watson, L H Christian, O Montgomery, H W Cottrell, Allen Moon, J L McElhanev.

Pending further consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, the Council adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOURTH  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, California, Nov. 19, 1915, 9 A. M.

Fourteenth meeting of the Council.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by J O Corliss.

Minutes approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The recommendations from the Council Committee on Finance before the Council when it adjourned were considered, and adopted as follows:--

BROADVIEW SEMINARY:

"That as touching the request of the Broadview Seminary for assistance from the five cents devoted to institutional debts:--

"We recommend, That this request be referred to the Union Conferences involved, to be considered at their coming Union Conference meetings.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK--SOUTH:

"In harmony with the request from the South regarding the Twenty-cent-a-week fund,--

"We recommend, That the colored churches in the State of Virginia, and the Southeastern, Southern, and Southwestern Union Conferences, be asked to raise fifteen cents a week for missions, instead of twenty cents, ten cents to be applied for missions, and five cents to be applied on institutional indebtedness; and that this action be retroactive, so as to include the year 1915.

WILLS AND LEGACIES:

"Whereas, Much means is lost to this cause either by carelessness or by not knowing how to properly make wills; therefore,--

"We recommend, That each Union Conference employ a financial secretary to solicit donations for denominational work, and advise concerning wills, annuity bonds, etc.

"That when wills are administered by said financial secretaries, no fees be retained that are not turned into the treasury from which said agent secures his salary.

#### PURCHASING BUREAU--SCHOOLS:

"In order that our schools may have the financial advantage of lower prices for food and general school supplies--

We Recommend, That our schools unite with our sanitariums in a central purchasing bureau.

#### SCHOOLS-FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

In order to secure uniformity in the financial managements of our schools, we recommend the following:

That our elementary school boards pursue substantially the following financial policy:

##### (a) Combined Tuition and Pledge Plan

1. Take a careful census of all children of school age early in the summer.
2. Fix a tuition rate for each grade in the school.
3. Make a careful estimate of the monthly expense of conducting the school on the basis of the census, the tuition rates, the teacher's salary, school supplies, repairs, and improvements.
4. That every parent be urged to pay the tuition of his own children as far as possible.
5. That in cases where parents cannot pay, other members of the church be solicited to pay the equivalent of the tuition of one or more children each month.
6. That other members be invited to pledge a certain amount each month for the upkeep of the school until the total amount paid in tuition and pledges exceeds the monthly estimate by ten per cent.
7. That all who make monthly pledges for the support of the school be encouraged to pay them twelve months in the year, so as to create a surplus during the summer to meet the extra expense incident to the opening of school.
8. That no Seventh-day Adventist child in the church be deprived of the privilege of the school for financial reasons.
9. That a financial agent be appointed to solicit and

collect pledges and keep the board informed on the financial status of the school from month to month.

(b) All-Pledge Plan

To add as an alternative financial policy with the combined tuition and pledge plan that of making the school expense entirely a general church affair.

We Recommend, That our schools be regarded as an important part of the home end of the world-wide missionary movement, and be dealt with on the same economic basis as our mission fields; viz., that a careful budget of operating expense and improvements be made for each year in advance, and that before a new year is entered upon, provision be made for any deficit that may have occurred in the previous year's operation, and in case of any special emergency, arising after school has opened, immediate steps be taken for such adjustment of budget and plans as will carry the school safely over the emergency.

SCHOLARSHIP PLAN:

1. We Recommend, That such young men as give promise of becoming ministers be selected, and if necessary, be aided by their respective conferences with tuition scholarships, in harmony with a previous recommendation passed by the North American Division Council in the autumn of 1913; that the smaller conferences provide at least one such scholarship each year, and that the larger conferences provide two or more such scholarships each year.

2. Resolved, That we express to the Review and Herald Publishing Association our appreciation of their cooperation in providing tuition scholarships in each of the advanced schools located in the Review and Herald territory, and that we recommend this plan to the favorable consideration of our other publishing houses.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN:

That it be the policy of the North American Division Conference to undertake to raise twenty cents a week as heretofore, fifteen cents of this to go to the General Conference for missions, and five cents to be applied on the liquidation of institutional indebtedness; further, that we undertake to raise the fund as far as possible to above the average of twenty cents a Division, the overflow to go to the General Conference for missions; and further that any union raising large special funds for institutional relief, thus dividing effort in raising the twenty cents a week fund, shall participate in the distribution of the five cents for institutional relief only to the amount that such union has raised above the fifteen cents.

THE CENTRAL PURCHASING BUREAU:

Resolved, That we favor the plans of the Medical Department for the establishment of a central purchasing bureau in order to secure the benefits of cooperative purchasing of supplies for sanitariums and other institutions and lines of work as can be associated in the plan; and that the following be a suggestive basis of developing the general scheme:

(a) That the Medical Department office be a bureau of information for the proper keeping of price records, needs of institutions, sources of supplies, market conditions, catalogues, samples, etc., through which the proper officials may be put quickly in possession of any information needed.

(b) That steps be taken for the adoption of uniform standards for all kinds of supplies and equipment.

(c) That specification sheets be prepared covering materials, sizes, shapes, patterns, construction, quality, makeup, weights, tests, etc., and that copies of these be supplied to all buyers, together with requisition blanks, order blanks, and other stationery:

(d) That all institutional buyers and other individuals prepared to do so, assist the department office in securing comparative prices, information on sources of supplies, qualities, grades, etc., by contributing the same, the department office serving as a clearing house for information, passing it on to those interested through bulletins or circular letters.

(e) That purchasing be done on the basis of shipping and billing to individual institutions, securing as far as possible such discounts and terms as would be applicable to the aggregate purchases, and that when this cannot be done, blanket orders be placed through the Treasury Department of the North American Division Conference, but with the understanding that all such business shall be on a cash basis, and that each institution concerned shall be held strictly to prompt payment of its account.

(f) That our institutions keep a careful account of supplies used during the year so that it may be possible to readily approximate the combined needs and thus secure bids and estimates, and place orders for futures.

(g) That when practicable, package and canned goods bear a suitable label of our own, thus getting advertising benefit from goods sold through our food stores and commissaries.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The recommendations of the Committee on Plans, submitted at a former meeting, were considered and passed, as follows:--

## INTER-MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE:

"We recommend, That the Western Colorado and Utah Conferences be united under the name of the Inter-Mountain Conference, the new organization to become a constituent part of the Pacific Union Conference, with the understanding that the Pacific Union Conference assume responsibility for the payment of Western Colorado's share in the General Conference Association debt assigned to the Central Union Conference, as originally apportioned to the Western Colorado Conference, with accrued interest; this change to become effective January 1, 1916.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

"Whereas, There is increased activity among religious organizations to bring Sunday legislation to the front and to deprive observers of the true Sabbath of their rights; and,--

"Whereas, We have been exhorted to meet this issue by scattering religious liberty literature like "the leaves of autumn;" therefore,--

"We recommend, That cheap, up-to-date leaflets on live religious liberty and temperance issues be provided by a special committee to meet the demands, said committee to be appointed by the executive committee of the North American Division Conference.

"Whereas, There is a constantly growing demand for ready funds to supply religious liberty literature to State officials and members of the legislatures, and to other prominent public men, as well as for general circulation and use when important issues arise; therefore,--

"We recommend, That the Fourth Sabbath Home Missionary offering each February be set apart for this purpose, the receipts to be forwarded to the local conference treasurer, and conserved by him for the same purpose.

## TRANSFER OF LABORERS:

"Whereas, In the past embarrassment and confusion have been caused by irregularities in procedure when workers are wanted by certain conferences and institutions; therefore to preserve unity and cooperation,--

"We recommend, That our policy in such matters be as follows:--

"1. That within a Union Conference interchange of laborers within said Union Conference shall be made by Union and local conference committees.

"2. Where an institution, local conference, or Union Conference wants a worker employed outside of said Union or local

conference, the procedure shall be as follows:--

(a) The institution or local or union conference desiring such worker shall present their request to said Union Conference Executive Committee; said Union Conference Committee shall pass said request, if approved, on to the Division Conference Executive Committee through its officers, and said Division Conference Executive Committee through its officers, if it approves, shall pass said request to the Union Conference Executive Committee employing said worker.

(b) No party desiring the services of a worker outside the local or Union Conference where he works shall take up correspondence with said worker until after his Union Conference officers have informed him that the arrangement for securing said worker has been completed.

#### MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

"Whereas, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in the winning of souls:--

"We recommend, That in every Conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially volumes 6 to 9, in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family.

"Whereas, The times in which we are living, when important issues are rapidly developing, and signs that show the end to be near are multiplying on every hand, make it an urgent necessity to enlist every Sabbath-keeper in the finishing of the work:--

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"We recommend, That the Home Missionary be recognized in each Union and local conference, as a definite department, and that the following steps be taken to organize it in a definite way:--

(a) That a Home Missionary Secretary be appointed in each Union Conference, for the purpose of enlisting every Sabbath-keeper in systematic and regular work just as rapidly as men with the necessary qualifications can be found.

(b) That the local conferences appoint Home Missionary secretaries as soon as they can find suitable individuals, for the purpose of building up the Home Missionary work.

(c) That the Home Missionary secretaries of both Union and local conferences be practical instructors and organizers, with ability and experience which will enable them to set people to work in the following lines:

- "1. Distribution of literature: Tracts, periodicals, magazines, small books.

- \*2. Bible readings and cottage meetings.
- \*3. Christian help work.
- \*4. Missionary correspondence.

"(d) That tract society secretaries be educated to recognize that their office carries with it a large degree of responsibility to foster the Home Missionary work in the churches, and that a high standard of efficiency be maintained in our tract society offices in regard to the making and increasing of business along the lines of soul-saving work.

"(e) That ministers, as they raise up new companies, organize them into working societies before they leave them.

#### SUSTENTATION CREDENTIALS:

The committee appointed to make recommendations concerning who should grant credentials to those on the sustentation fund, submitted a report.

The council not being clear upon the redomndations submitted, the report was referred to the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference for further consideration.

#### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report, which was adopted:--

"Your committee on Nominations would recommend that--

Elder F M Wilcox take the place on the North American Executive Committee made vacant by the resignation of L M Bowen.

"We also recommend that the German Seminary be requested to release as soon as consistent, Prof. J F Simon, to be assistant Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, to labor among the German Young people."

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The following further recommendations from the Committee on Finance were considered, and passed:--

"Whereas, We recognize with gratitude to God the earnest and responsive way in which our people are rallying to relieve our institutions from the debts with which they are encumbered; and,--

"Whereas, We realize at the same time the strong tendency to increase the liabilities of our various inatitutions so that some are becoming more deeply involved in debt:--

"We recommend, That a continual, active, and determined effort be made by all Union and local conferences, and boards of management of institutions to liquidate the liabilities of the institutions for which they are responsible, and that as a people we in no way relax our energies until conferences and institutions are free from the burden and bondage of debt.

"That regardless of pressing demands we extend no institutional or conference work of any kind on borrowed money, and advance no enterprise faster than money is in hand with which to enlarge the work.

"That we guard against carelessness in the use of money, and urge our workers to practice economy in all lines of work with which they are engaged, and study and pursue plans of advancement which are efficient and economical.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted their final report, and the following recommendations for the transfer of laborers were adopted:--

- "1. That Elder M H St. John, of Western Oregon Conference, be invited to labor in Chicago.
- "2. That Elder A S Booth, of Southern California, be invited to labor in the City of Baltimore."
- "3. That J H Miller, of the Southern California Conference, be invited to labor in Chicago.
- "4. That A W Kuehl, of the Minnesota Conference, be invited to connect with the New England Sanitarium, as chaplain.
- "5. That C C Jensen, of the Southeastern California Conference, be invited to labor in the North Dakota Conference.
- "6. That R L Benton, of Western Colorado Conference, be invited to labor in the Minnesota Conference.
- "7. That W H Green, of Detroit, be invited to labor in the Southern California Conference as soon as a suitable man can be found for Detroit.
- "8. That Elder A A Meyer, of the Oklahoma Conference, be invited to labor in Manitoba.
- "9. That Elder S B Horton, of Washington, D. C., be invited to labor in West Michigan."

#### SCHOOL TUITION:

The committee to whom was referred the recommendation con-

cerning the increase of tuition of our schools, submitted a report, which after being amended, was passed as follows:--

"Whereas, Our educational institutions in this country are operating at an annual loss, and are continually in need of donations to meet their operating expenses:--

"We recommend, That in case schools find themselves unable to meet their financial requirements on the present rate of tuition, that they be authorized to raise the tuition rate not to exceed twenty per cent, in all grades above the eighth.

"That colporteur scholarships be raised in proportion.

"That every earnest efforts be put forth by our school managers to increase the earning capacity of the industries connected with our schools, and to collect the accounts due the schools from patrons.

"That we look with favor upon the liberal donations of the Review and Herald to the training schools in its district, and that we request that our different publishing houses contribute liberally to the training-schools in there respective territories.

#### COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

The Committee on Plans rendered their final report, which was adopted as follows:--

#### A REQUEST FROM THE EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY

#### VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS TO THE FALL COUNCIL, 1915.

Dear Brethren,--

We feel that the time has come to ask for more consideration of the great work which our young men and women must perform in the finishing of the third angel's message. In the providence of God the hour has struck when his Spirit is energizing hearts for the most extraordinary work ever undertaken for the salvation of souls. The greatest war of all times has revolutionized the view-point of men everywhere, and they are instinctively turning to those who understand and teach the prophecies of the Bible, for an explanation of the meaning of the stupendous events of our day. In ways heretofore never experienced by us, doors are thrown wide open. The hour has surely come when we should greatly increase the numbers of those who can proclaim the present truth. We believe that our young people and our schools are the key to the situation.

We have a host of young people waiting to be trained for service. They are pressing forward asking that ways be opened through which they can enter God's work. We also have a liberal people, who

will loyally support this expanding work. But we need leaders for these young men and women. Never can they be trained for efficient service without strong spiritual leadership. Less than fifty per cent. of our young people have as yet come under the influence of our Christian schools. We have failed to make proper provisions for reaching and developing them in the churches, and for drawing them into our schools.

The Council and series of conventions which were held this past summer, have emphasized the crying need for a strong and more constant leadership. The fact that many of our missionary volunteer secretaries and educational superintendents have had no special preparation for their work, and that repeated changes have been made, has resulted in inefficiency in the work of these departments. But the importance of our work demands that we have as leaders in these departments the strongest men obtainable, and that they shall have special fitness and training for enlisting and educating our young men and women.

The General Conference of 1913 passed the following resolution in regard to the missionary volunteer work:

"RESOLVED, That all conferences make a special effort to build up this department of their work by a careful selection of secretaries, in counsel with the Union and General Conference Missionary Volunteer Departments, and by having secretaries who have been reasonably successful remain in office long enough to enable them to build up a strong work."

At the Fall Council of 1913, the following action was taken:--

"WE RECOMMEND, 1. That in the Union Conference one person act as educational and missionary volunteer secretary, and that the work be so arranged that half time shall be given each department.

"2. That the conferences which have a membership of 1,500 or more, endeavor to provide a missionary volunteer secretary who will give his entire time to the work.

"3. That conferences with a membership of less than 1,500 elect one person who shall divide his time equally between the educational and missionary volunteer work."

Two years have passed since this action was taken. Of the nineteen conferences coming under the provision of separate officers for the educational and missionary volunteer work, but three have made these provisions. We must be mindful of the fact that we are losing hundreds and thousands of our young people to

the world. Statistics obtained in one of our conferences now having a membership of approximately 1,600, reveal the fact that in fifteen years 1,500 children of our people have lost faith in this message, and are now associated with the world. In one of our churches of medium size, in another conference, sixty-five children and youth have gone to the world. This church considered itself for years too poor to conduct a church school, but now they have rallied to save those that remain.

We submit, dear brethren, that these facts, and many more of a similar nature which might be adduced, demand that there shall be set apart in our conferences men and women who have a natural fitness and a special preparation for work as missionary volunteer secretaries and educational superintendents; and that they shall not be overloaded with other duties. We believe that if these departments can be given efficient and continuous leadership in our local conferences, it will result in the saving of our own boys and girls, those who by birth and training should be the strongest in Christian service; and we further believe that from a financial point of view such a course will be most highly profitable. To the end of accomplishing this, we ask this Council to adopt the following resolution:--

WHEREAS, In the growth and development of our educational and missionary volunteer departments, efficient leadership has from the first been felt to be of prime importance; and,--

WHEREAS, This matter has at different times received consideration in reports presented by these departments, and in recommendations adopted in Council; and,--

WHEREAS, Having very largely failed to carry out these recommendations,--

WE RECOMMEND, That a more earnest effort be made to carry out the spirit of these actions.

#### SCHOLARSHIP FARES

WHEREAS, There has been no uniform system of paying the railroad fare of student colporteurs to and from their field; we therefore--

RECOMMEND, That the maximum inducement offered to accepted student colporteurs who return to their home conferences, be--

(a) Their fare to the field on condition of agreement to put in eleven weeks of faithful work during the season, including delivery, the fare not to be allowed in case the colporteur fails to carry out the agreement.

(b) That where paragraph "a" is complied with a scholarship is earned during this time, and settlement made for all books received, his return fare to the school be paid.

(c) That where conditions are such that it seems advisable for a student to work in a field other than his home conference, arrangements be made for such transfer with a committee consisting of the principal of the school, the union president, the union field and home missionary secretaries of the fields concerned, and the presidents of the conferences concerned; in which case the courtesies mentioned in above paragraphs "a" and "b" shall apply.

#### TRACT SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, In the providence of God the publishing work has become a great factor in all lands for the proclamation of the third angel's message, and our tract societies in local conferences and mission fields are the active agents for extending this work in their respective fields; and,--

WHEREAS, In a large proportion of our local conferences, the work is greatly curtailed, and kept in an unprofitable condition, through inefficient organization and methods in the tract society offices; and,--

WHEREAS, The periodical work has been turned over to tract societies for promotion in their respective fields, on condition that the societies be efficiently manned and operated to conduct such work; therefore,--

WE RECOMMEND, That such steps be taken to man and equip our tract society offices as may be necessary to enable them to do the strong, aggressive work which the importance of the message, and the times in which we live, demand; and we suggest that careful study be given to the following outline of organization and plans, in bringing about the necessary improvements:

(a) That the Union conference president, auditor, field missionary secretary, the manager of the book department or branch house for the Union, and the president of the local conference, be a standing advisory committee to cooperate for the selection and recommendation of proper secretaries, and for the development of thorough efficiency.

(b) That secretaries be appointed for tract society work who are not only bookkeepers, but who also give promise of becoming strong leaders in missionary work.

(c) That such stenographic help be given to tract society secretaries as will relieve them of those lines of detail work which can be done by less experienced persons, so that secretaries may give their time to the more important features of aggressive work upon which the success of the tract society office largely depends.

(d) That in the selection of assistants in our tract society offices, persons of education, ability, and devotion be secured, who give promise of future development as tract society

secretaries.

(e) That careful attention be given to office methods and equipment, in order to insure the greatest possible efficiency.

WHEREAS, At the present time there is a lack of uniformity in charging expense and labor items to our tract societies, thus rendering it impossible to make proper comparison from the financial reports between different societies' operating accounts; therefore,--

WE RECOMMEND, That where the secretary's salary and other tract society clerical and office expenses are paid by the conference from the tithe, these items be entered in the revenue statements as donations or appropriations for tract society salary and expense.

#### APPOINTEES FOR BRITISH TRAINING SCHOOL

WE RECOMMEND, That in the matter of the selection of young men to attend the Stanborough Park Missionary College, at Watford, England, previously voted, the secretaries of the General and North American Division Conferences, together with the secretary of the Department of Education, be a committee to select and make arrangements for such young men to attend this school.

#### DIVISION OF THE TITHE

WHEREAS, Previous Councils of both the North American Division and General Conferences have established a basis of calculation to determine what portion of local conference tithe income shall be devoted to the North American Division Conference and to the Sustentation Fund; and,--

WHEREAS, It is necessary that there shall be uniformity of action in this matter; therefore,--

RESOLVED, (a) That we reaffirm that all percentages of tithe to the Division Conference and to the Sustentation Fund shall be based upon the full tithe receipts of each local conference, without making any deductions for the tithe paid to the Union Conference.

(b) That these percentages shall continue as at present; viz., six per cent. (6%) of the full tithe receipts to the Sustentation Fund; and to the Division Conference, five per cent. (5%) of the full tithe receipts from all conferences having a tithe of \$15,000 or less, with an increase in this allowance of one per cent. (1%) on the entire tithe receipts for each additional \$1,000 increase in tithe income of the local conference, until 20% is reached.

(c) That all conferences be urged to immediately adopt this plan for both funds under consideration.

### THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL

WE RECOMMEND, That the North American Division Conference Executive Committee be requested to take such action as may seem necessary in order to carry into effect the action of the constituency of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists concerning the raising of funds for the erection of the proposed hospital at Los Angeles.

### MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR LOMA LINDA

RESOLVED, That we ask the officers and laborers of all our conferences and institutions, and parents, to encourage our young people who are planning to take a medical course, to take their training at the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists.

### A VOTE OF THANKS

RESOLVED, That we express to the Pacific Union Conference, the Loma Linda Sanitarium, and those individuals who have shared the heavy burdens connected with the entertainment of this delegation, our sincere appreciation of and hearty thanks for the cordial hospitality which has been extended to us during this Council.

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All other items requiring consideration by the North American Division Conference, were by vote referred to the Executive Committee.

Voted, That the North American Division Conference Committee Council be adjourned sine die.

At the close of the Council, Elder Geo. I Butler desired to make a few remarks to the brethren in reference to some personal matters. His remarks were of a most touching character, and greatly appealed to the hearts of all his brethren. He recited briefly his past laborers in the cause, and some of the reasons which for a time called him from active service to recuperate his health, which had failed under long and strenuous labor in the cause. He had a great desire to be freed from present financial perplexities which hindered him from being engaged actively in the cause. The message still burned in his heart and he desired to be free to devote his energies to advancing the message. His courage and faith and ardent desire for labor greatly cheered the Council.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIFTH MEETING  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Loma Linda, Cal., Nov. 21, 1915, 2 P.M.

I H Evans, Chairman.

Prayer by F M Wilcox.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The following actions were taken to release laborers, in harmony with the requests received from the General Conference committee, and to fill vacancies occasioned by the same:--

1. That we request the Southeastern Union Conference to release Elder O Montgomery to go to South America, to take the presidency of the South American Division Conference.
2. That we ask the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences to release Elder E K Slade to take the Presidency of the Southeastern Union Conference, in harmony with the request of its executive committee.
3. That we release Nels Johnson, of the Pacific Union College, to the General Conference, to act as field agent in Argentine.
4. That I C Theilig, of the Pacific Union College, be released to the General Conference, to work in South America, or Spain.
5. That Ellis Howard, of the Washington College, be released to the General Conference, for South America.
6. That Wm. G. Wirth, of New York City, be released to the General Conference, for the Bengal Mission.
7. That Lyle Shepard, of Berrien Springs, be released to the General Conference, to labor among the Telegus in India.
8. That we request the Lake Union Conference to release Roy Copeland and wife, to the General Conference, to labor in central India.
9. That we release Dr. Olive Smith and husband, of Loma Linda, to the General Conference, to labor in India.

10. That we release Floyd Smith, of the Washington College, to the General Conference, as teacher for the Garhwal school.
11. That we release Louis Ahrens, of South Lancaster, to the General Conference, to teach an English school in India.
12. That we release Vera Shoff, of the Portland Sanitarium, to the General Conference, as nurse in India.
13. That we request the Northern Union Conference to release Carl E Weaks, to the General Conference, to act as Secretary of the Publishing Department in the Asiatic Division.
14. That we release J G White, of Melrose, Mass., to the General Conference, for China, providing this is agreeable to the management of the New England Sanitarium.
15. That we request the Pacific Union Conference to release Geo. L Wilkinson, to the General Conference, to connect with the school work in China.
16. That we release to the General Conference Dr. Iner Ritchie of California, to labor in China.
17. That we ask the Southwestern Union to release Alfred Petersen, of Oklahoma, to the General Conference, for school work in China.
18. That we request the Pacific Union Conference to release to the General Conference Ernest Lloyd, of Southern California, to labor in China.
19. That we ask the Pacific Union Conference to release to the General Conference R D Loveland, to labor in China.
20. That we release Lyle Wilcox, of the Pacific Union College, to the General Conference, to labor in China.
21. That we release to the General Conference C E Andross, of the Pacific Union Conference, to labor in China.
22. That we release to the General Conference Steen Rasmussen, of Chicago, for China at such time as it may seem best for him to disconnect from the Foreign Department, the time of his separation from the Department to be determined by the executive committee later.
23. That we release to the General Conference R W Smith, of the Pacific Union College, to labor in the Pacific Islands.

24. That we release A L Shidler, of South Dakota, to the General Conference, to labor in the West Indian Union, as field agent.

25. That we release to the General Conference H D Casebeer, of the Pacific Union College, for Porto Rico.

26. That we release to the General Conference E W Snyder, of California, to labor in Mexico.

27. That we release to the General Conference G A Roberts, of Arizona, to labor in the West Indian Union.

28. That we release to the General Conference W E Neff, of Kansas, to labor in Venezuela.

29. That we ask the North Pacific Union to release C J Cole to labor in the West Indian Union.

30. That we ask the Lake Union Conference to release to the General Conference S E Kellman, of North Michigan, for work in Cuba.

31. That we release Professor W W Prescott to the General Conference, to take the work of Field Secretary.

32. That we consent to the release of Professor J L Shaw, to the General Conference to take the work of assistant secretary when satisfactory arrangements are made to fill the vacancy made in the Washington College.

33. That we invite Brother S A Oberg, on his return from Venezuela, to go to the Northern Union to act as Secretary of the young people's work in Iowa.

34. That we request the North Pacific Union Conference to release to the General Conference U Bender of Montana, to take the superintendency of the Rhodesia Mission, when some one is found to take his work.

35. That we release Elder M N Campbell to the General Conference to take the presidency of the British Union Conference as soon as satisfactory arrangements are made for some one to take his work.

36. That we ask the Lake Union Conference to secure the release of Elder C F McVagh, of West Michigan, to take the Presidency of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference.

37. That we concur in the request of the General Conference for Elder J W Christian to take the Presidency of the Cape Conference, South Africa, and that we ask the Central Union Con-

ference to release him at as early a date as possible.

38. That we invite Elder R W Parmele, of the Southern Union Conference, to labor in the Indiana Conference.

39. That Chas. N. Sanders, of Indiana, be invited to go to the Southern Union, to take the Presidency of the Louisiana Conference.

#### BERMUDA ISLANDS:

The General Conference having requested that the islands of Bermuda become a part of the Atlantic Union territory, it was--

VOTED, That we concur in this arrangement, with the understanding that the workers now on the island be a part of the staff of workers in the Atlantic Union Conference.

#### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS:

The General Conference Committee having suggested that the Hawaiian Islands become a part of the Pacific Union, the committee not being clear that this would be advisable when all the circumstances are carefully considered, it was--

VOTED, That action on this matter be deferred for the present.

#### LOMA LINDA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That a Committee of five be appointed by the chair, to give study to the proposed plan of the Loma Linda constituency for the raising of funds for a Hospital in Los Angeles, and outline plans and perfect arrangements so that this work may be thoroughly understood and properly carried forward.

The chair announced as this committee: W W Prescott, W T Knox, Chas. Thompson, Mrs. L F Plummer, G B Thompson.

#### SPRING BRANCH SCHOOL:

A request having been received from the Spring Branch Rural School for an appropriation of \$800 for the erection of buildings, the purchase of land, etc., it was--

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to bring in suggestions with reference to this matter. The committee announced was: F Griggs, G B Thompson, S E Wight, W T Knox.

**FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:**

In view of the vacancy existing in the Foreign Department by the death of Elder O A Olsen, and in harmony with the request received from the Department itself, it was--

VOTED, That Elder C W Fialz be appointed secretary of this Department, with the understanding that he will look after his conference work until the time of the Union Conference session.

Adjourned.

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

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIXTH  
MEETING NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
Loma Linda, Cal., November 21, 1915, 7:30 P. M.

I H Evans in the chair.

Prayer by F W Paap.

LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL:

"The committee appointed to make suggestions concerning the carrying forward of the plans submitted in the memorial concerning the Los Angeles hospital, submit the following report:--

- "1. We recommend, That the name of this organization be 'The Woman's Committee on the Los Angeles Hospital.'
- "2. That an organization be perfected, consisting of a chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be the Treasurer of the North American Division Conference.
- "3. That Mrs. S N Haskell be invited to call together such representative women as it may be deemed best, to perfect this organization.
- "4. That the territory in which this committee shall operate shall be North American.
- "5. That a representative woman be selected in each Union Conference, and in such local conferences as may be deemed advisable, to aid in carrying forward the work.
- "6. That this work be carried forward by means of articles in the REVIEW AND HERALD, the Union Conference papers, by correspondence, and by personal solicitation.
- "7. That this whole work be carried forward under the cooperative counsel of the Treasury Department of the North American Division Conference.
- "8. That all expenses connected with this movement be met from the funds collected by this committee."

SPRING BRANCH SCHOOL:

The committee appointed to make recommendations concerning appropriations to the Spring Branch School, rendered a verbal report. It was--

VOTED, That we look with favor on the request of the Southern Union Conference in reference to the Spring Branch School, and request the Treasurer to take some steps to open some sections of the field, from which some funds can be secured.

EXPENSE OF ENTERTAINMENT:

VOTED, That the General Conference, the North American Division Conference, and the Pacific Union share equally the expense of entertaining the delegation at the Council, each taking one-third of the expense.

GEORGE F ENOCH:

VOTED, That Elder George F Enoch be assigned labor in the territory of the Washington Missionary College, aiding the various conferences in raising their quota of funds for the addition to the College, his work to be under the general direction of the North American Executive Committee, salary to be paid by the College and the Division Conference.

Adjourned.

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