

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 10, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, G B Thompson, F Griggs, R A Underwood,
G F Watson.

Prayer by I H Evans.

SECRETARY FOREIGN DEPARTMENT:

The secretaryship of the Foreign Department having been vacant since the death of Elder O A Olsen, and the requirements of the field in general among the various nationalities together with the removal of the International Publishing office to Chicago, makes it necessary that someone be appointed to fill this vacancy. And as Brother Steen Rasmussen had been with Elder Olsen for some time before his death, and has since been looking after the work of the department very acceptably, and through correspondence nearly all the members of the Committee had expressed themselves as favorable to Brother Rasmussen taking the work, it was,

VOTED, That Brother Steen Rasmussen be appointed as secretary of the Foreign Department.

APPROPRIATION - PORTLAND:

A request having been received from Elders A G Daniells, Quinn and others for further appropriation for the development of the work in Portland, was placed before us by

the chair. After giving the matter due consideration in order that the leading of the Lord in the work in the East may be properly fostered, it was,

VOTED, That we make a further appropriation to the work in the city of Portland if necessary up to a thousand dollars.

SIMON - MINISTERIAL LICENSE:

Brother J F Simon having been appointed to work among the German young people in the Division Conference, it was,

VOTED, That a Ministerial License be given to Brother J F Simon.

EMPLOYMENT FOREIGN WORKERS:

A letter was read by the Chairman from Steen Rasmussen making suggestions in reference to the employment of J A Dominski, a Pole, L F Kuchera, a Bohemian, and Brother Herman, a German. As these workers are expecting to labor in Chicago, it was,

VOTED, That we submit the following proposition to the Lake Union and Northern Illinois Conferences as a basis for their employment:

That the salary and expenses of these workers be divided in six parts: For 1916, the Division Conference to pay three parts, the Lake Union two parts, and the Northern Illinois Conference one part.

For 1917 the Division Conference to pay two parts, the Lake Union two parts, and the Northern Illinois Conference two parts.

For 1918 the Division Conference one part, Lake Union two parts, and the Northern Illinois Conference three parts.

For 1919 the Lake Union Conference two parts and the Northern Illinois four parts.

It being understood that the expense in any year shall not exceed two thousand dollars. In case any additional expense beyond this amount is incurred, it is to be borne by the Lake Union and the Northern Illinois Conference as they may arrange.

CAMP-MEETING HELP:

VOTED, That the following further arrangements be made for camp-meetings:

(1) That we invite Elder E W Farnsworth to attend the meeting in the North Pacific Union.

(2) That we invite Elder W W Eastman to attend the camp-meeting in the Western Canadian Conference instead of the North Pacific Conference as formerly arranged.

(3) That J F Simon also attend the meeting in the Western Canadian Union.

(4) That Elder Charles Thompson be invited to attend the camp-meeting in the Southern Union Conference.

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

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 20, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT: W T Knox, C S Longacre, M E Kern, F Griggs, also J L Shaw, and Miss E M Graham.

FURTHER REMITTANCE - MISSISSIPPI

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to remit two hundred fifty dollars further to Mississippi for the repurchase of tents after the loss by fire.

W T Knox, Chairman.

W A Spicer, Secretary pro tem.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 25, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F M Wileox,
M E Kern, W WEastman, F Griggs, C S Longacre, F W Paap,
Mrs. L F Plummer, Dr. H W Miller; also A G Daniells, W A
Spicer, Miss E M Graham, E L Shaw, T E Bowen, L A Hansen.
Prayer by I H Evans.

GILBERT - SOUTH AFRICA:

The General Conference having requested the North
American Division Conference to secure the release of Elder
A C Gilbert, president of the Sadkatchewan conference for
the presidency of the South African conference, it was,

VOTED, That we ascertain whether or not Brother
Gilbert would accept of this invitation and whether he and
his wife could pass the necessary medical examination re-
quired of those sent to foreign fields.

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

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, F Griggs, F W
Paap, M E Kern, C S Longacre, W W Eastman, Miss E M Graham,
H W Miller; also A G Daniells, W A Spicer, T E Bowen, J L
Shaw, L A Hansen.

Prayer by L A Hansen.

WW Eastman - INSTITUTE:

W W Eastman, secretary of the Publishing Department,
asked counsel whether he should attend the canvassing

institute to be held at South Lancaster, Mass.

VOTED, That we advise Brother Eastman to attend this institute which begins May 2, 1916.

CHURCH OFFICERS GAZETTE:

A request having been received from Elder W C White that the principals of the independent schools in the south be supplied with the Church Officers Gazette, it was,

VOTED, That we ask the Review and Herald to place the independent schools on the subscription list of the Gazette.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER INSTITUTES:

VOTED, That Prof. M. E. Kern provide help for the Missionary Volunteer Institutes to be held in Wisconsin and Indiana, the understanding being that he attend himself or arrange for someone else to do so.

TENT - A O Burrill:

A request was placed before the committee by the chair from Elder A O Burrill of Vancouver, British Columbia, requesting that, on account of the serious financial condition in that conference occasioned by the war, that the North American Division Conference supply funds to purchase a tent to be used on the island of Vancouver. After careful consideration, it was,

VOTED, That the Treasury Department be authorized to provide a 30x50 tent to be sent to the British Columbia Conference, it being understood that the British Columbia Conference will provide funds to pay the freight, tariff and war tax.

JACQUES - NORTH DAKOTA:

A letter was placed before the Division Committee from the president of the Northern Union Conference, stating that Brother Jacques, a brother who had reached California from Russia as a refugee, would be furnished employment in the North Dakota Conference, providing his transportation was provided from California to North Dakota.

VOTED, That we authorize the Treasury Department to pay the transportation of Brother Jacques from California to North Dakota.

R Hook, JR. - ENGLAND:

A request having been received from the General Conference Committee asking that the North American Division arrange for the release of R. Hook, Jr. from the Review and Herald, that he may accept a call from the British Union Conference, it was,

VOTED, That we concur in this request and ask the Review and Herald Corporation to give favorable consideration to the request for the release of Brother Hook to connect with the publishing work in Great Britain.

SWARTOUT - CHINA:

A request having been received from the General Conference Committee asking that the Division Conference secure the release of Prof. Swartout of Mt. Vernon Academy for work in China, it was,

VOTED, That we concur in this request and release to the General Conference Prof. Swartout for work in China.

LABORER - PHILIPPINES:

The General Conference Committee having requested that the Division Conference secure a laborer for the Philippine Islands, it was,

VOTED, That we approve of this request and endeavor to secure as soon as possible a laborer to take charge of the Tagalog field in the Philippines.

ANDREWS - SOUTH AMERICA:

A request having been received through the General Conference Committee from Elder O. Montgomery, president of the South American Division Conference, and also from Prof. W. W. Prescott, for a capable man to be secured to head the school being started in Brazil, and the General Conference Committee having asked for the release of Prof. Andrews of Union College, it was,

VOTED, That we concur in this request and endeavor to secure the release of Prof. Gordon Andrews of Union College for the Brazil school.

HOLDER - WEST CARIBBEAN:

VOTED, That we concur in the request of the General Conference Committee for the release of John Holder of Ohio to take charge of the book work in the West Caribbean Conference.

BUTTON --JAMAICA:

VOTED, That we permit the General Conference Committee to arrange with Brother Button, who is at the present time connected with the Washington Missionary College to take up work temporarily in Jamaica while Brother Haines takes a vacation in this country.

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

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1916.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

I H Evans, W T Knox, G B Thompson, M E Kern, C S Longacre, F Griggs, W W Eastman, F W Paap, F M Wilcox; also W A Spicer, E R Palmer, T E Bowen, J L Shaw, G G Roth, L A Hansen, W E Howell, Miss E M Graham.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS:

The chairman gave a statement of his recent trip in company with Orno Follett among some Indian reservations in New Mexico and Arizona, in his efforts to establish work among these tribes, in harmony with the recommendation passed at the fall council at Loma Linda, California. It appears that there are some very serious difficulties in beginning work among these tribes, as they have no written language, no literature, and some of them are continually on the move. The Hopi Indians number about four thousand, and live somewhat in villages. The Navajos number thirty thousand and have no certain abiding place. In view of the difficulties in starting the work, and as there was time for only a brief visit to the field to study the situation, it was,

VOTED, That we advise Brother Follett to secure one or two horses, a saddle and such other equipment as may be

necessary for visiting these tribes, and that he prospect further for a few months in search of a suitable opening for a school and a place to begin work which will give some promise of success, and see, if possible, if there are not some favorable openings for work to be found among these tribes. In the meantime we advise Brother Follett to retain his present home until the future of the work among the Indians is more clearly defined.

APPROPRIATION FOR COLORED WORK:

Correspondence from Brother C B Stephenson, secretary of the Negro Department, and from Brother Branson, president of the Southeastern Union, reveal the fact that unless some additional appropriation is made for the work among the colored people in the Cumberland and Georgia Conferences, it would be necessary to abandon aggressive work this summer in tents,

VOTED, That the officers of the Division Conference be authorized to give further study to the question, and make, if thought best, an appropriation to the colored work in the Georgia and Cumberland conferences not to exceed four hundred dollars for each conference.

Appropriation - PITTSBURGH:

A letter was read from Prof. Wilkinson, giving a statement of the interest which has been developed in Pittsburgh through the meetings held in the Pitt theater by A G Daniells and others, and asked for a further appropriation of five hundred dollars that the present interest may be strongly developed and followed up this summer.

VOTED, That we authorize the Treasury Department to advance a further appropriation of five hundred dollars.

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