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DEACONESS WORK

REPORT No. 1.

We recommend the following changes in the Constitution:—

1. *Re* memorial asking that Par. 312 be amended by adding the words "or other Deaconess Institutions" immediately after the words "Deaconess Home," that the words "Deaconess Institutions" be substituted for the words "Deaconess Homes."

2. Concurrence *re* memorial asking that the following be inserted in Par. 322, and numbered sec. 2: "A Deaconess Institution is a home, school, hospital or other organization, permanently established, administered by Deaconesses, or maintained for the care or education of Deaconesses, or for the promotion of the Deaconess work of the Methodist Church," and that the remaining paragraphs be numbered in harmony with this addition.

3. *Re* Par. 322, that immediately after the word "Conference," at the end of the first sentence the words, "in which there is a Deaconess Institution," be added.

4. *Re* Par 322, sec. 2, that this sentence be added: "In those Conferences where there is no Deaconess Institution the Annual Conference shall appoint a Standing Committee on Deaconess Work consisting of three members, one minister and two lay members (one man and one woman)."

5. *Re* Par. 321, that the following paragraph be inserted as sec. 9: "Retirement of a Deaconess automatically severs her relation to the Deaconess Institution with which she has been connected, and should she subsequently arrange to reside in any Deaconess Institution, it is assumed of course that she will make suitable payment for room and board," non-concurrence.

6. *Re* Par. 321, that the following paragraph be inserted as sec. 10: "The Chairman of the General Board, at its annual session, shall enquire concerning each Deaconess as to her moral and religious character, her doctrinal views and teachings, and her suitability for Deaconess work. Should there be any objection, a committee composed of the Officers of the Board and the representative of the licensed Deaconesses, shall hear the case and report to the General Board which shall have the power to suspend or dismiss her."

7. *Re* Par. 319, that the words in sec. 1, "Rest and Relief" be struck out and the word "Superannuation" be inserted.

8. *Re* Par. 319, that the word "Rest" at the end of section 1, be struck out and the word "Superannuation" be inserted.

REPORT No. 2.

1. *Re* Memorial, signed by twenty-six deaconesses in the active work throughout the country, calling the attention of the General Conference to their opinion that the Deaconess work does not occupy the place of importance in the activities and religious life of the Church that it ought to, and also calling attention to the fact that while in the year 1909 seventy-one deaconesses were at work, the number has steadily decreased, till now in 1922 there are only forty-three; and whereas the Deaconesses request the General Conference to enact such legislation as shall place the Deaconess order in a position to do more effective work, or if this is impossible, to disband the order of Deaconesses; and whereas the Deaconesses express their willingness to enter any other sphere of usefulness that the Church may call them to enter;

Your Committee begs leave, first, to express the opinion that the Deaconess order has been, and may continue to be, like the Christian ministry, a most potent factor in the activities of the Church, often performing work in our large cities which our ministers find well-nigh, if not altogether, impossible; second, to express the fear that for the past few years there has developed a pronounced discontent with certain phases of the Deaconess work, which discontent may have to do, largely, with the declining number of Deaconesses in training and in actual work; third, to recommend the appointment by General Conference of a Commission to consider the management and policy of the Deaconess work, with the purpose of allaying the present discontent, and, if possible, to place the Deaconess work of our Church on a more satisfactory basis.

2. *Re* Memorial No. 3, we recommend as follows:

(a) The endorsement of a Church-wide appeal for \$100,000.00 for the Deaconess Superannuation Fund.

(b) *Re* the inclusion of Deaconess work in the proposed benefit for the Departments of the Church, no action.

(c) That the recommended changes in the Course of Study as per the accompanying memorandum, be referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

(d) Withdrawn. (Page 115).

REPORT No. 3.

1. We recommend that the following be the members of the General Board of Managers of Deaconess Work: Rev. W. K. Hagar, London; Rev. I. G. Bowles, Toronto; Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, Hamilton; Rev. A. M. Irwin, Oshawa; Rev. Robert Smith, Montreal; Mr. F. A. Magee, Toronto; Mr. J. A. Irwin, Clinton; W. D. Lambly,

M.D., Montreal; Mr. R. W. Treleaven, Hamilton; Mr. G. N. Jackson, Winnipeg; Mrs. Oliver Hezzelwood, Toronto; Mrs. W. H. Henderson, Ottawa, Ont.; Mrs. T. A. Brown, Toronto; Mrs. S. S. Sharpe, Uxbridge, Ont.; Mrs. S. L. W. Harton, Galt.

2. We recommend that a lady be appointed as Principal of the National Training School and Superintendent of Deaconess Work.

REPORT No. 4.

1. Your Committee nominates the following as a Commission, in harmony with Report No. 2, Item 1:

Rev. Basil W. Thompson, Prof. J. F. McLaughlin, Mrs. Alex. Mills, Mr. C. H. Bishop, Mr. W. J. Fawcett.

2. We recommend that the findings of the Commission be reported to the Board of Management as soon as possible for action.

W. K. HAGAR, *Chairman*.

W. E. WILSON, *Secretary*.

DISCIPLINE No. 1

REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee recommends:—

1. Deleted (Pages 101, 154.)

2. *Re* Decision No. 7 of the Court of Appeal; see Report No. 3, Decision 7.

3. That Memorial No. 84 be referred to Discipline Committee No. 2.

4. *Re* Memorial No. 47, non-concurrence.

5. *Re* Memorials Nos. 24 and 57, non-concurrence.

6. *Re* Memorial No. 59, from Mr. Hunt of Calgary, that Connexional officers be ex-officio members of General Conference, non-concurrence.

7. *Re* Memorial No. 62, from Alberta Conference, asking that all General Conference Officers, College Professors, Lecturers, Superintendents of Missions and Field Secretaries be nominated by District Meeting or Conference, non-concurrence.

8. *Re* Memorial No. 85, from Belmont Quarterly Board, *re* the election of General Conference Officers, we recommend non-concurrence.

Adjournment. Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned at 10.00 p.m. The doxology was sung and Rev. Trevor Davies, D.D., pronounced the benediction.

TENTH DAY—SIXTEENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 6th, 1922.

Opening

Conference resumed at 9 30 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. Hymn 178 was sung. Rev. B. C. Freeman led in prayer.

Memorial Transferred.

On motion a memorial *re* Probationers at Agricultural College was transferred from the Committee on Course of Study to the Committee on Education.

Deaconess Committee Report No. 1.

Rev. W. E. Wilson presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 were adopted.

Item 5. Moved to adopt.

Moved by Mr. I. Hilliard and seconded, That item 5 be laid on the table. Lost. The item was adopted.

Items 6, 7, 8 were adopted.

Moved and seconded, That the report as a whole be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Rev. G. N. Hazen, seconded by Rev. H. E. Thomas, That item 4 be referred back to have defined the duties of the proposed Conference Standing Committee on Deaconess Work in those Conferences where there is no Deaconess Work. The amendment was lost, and the report as a whole was adopted. (Page 330).

Report of Church Union Committee

Rev. W. R. Young presented the report of the Committee on Church Union.

Hon. N. W. Rowell gave a summary of the proposed Act incorporating the United Church of Canada.

Moved by Rev. W. R. Young seconded by Mr. W. G. Hunt, That the report of the Committee on Church Union be received and considered.

Moved by Rev. W. R. Young, and seconded, That the debate be now adjourned. Carried.

Business Committee Report No. 9.

Report No. 9 of the Business Committee was presented by Rev. G. M. Young, as follows:—

We recommend,—

1. That a session of Conference be held this afternoon from 2.00 to 3.30 o'clock, and that committees in Group B meet at 3.30 o'clock. Adopted.

2. That Rev. J. C. Cochrane be permitted to make an interim report at the close of this morning's session *re* the disaster in the northern towns. Adopted.

3. That the following be excused: Mr. A. J. Young, from Monday morning; Rev. F. L. Brown, until Monday; Mr. W. J. Con-

Fund, and Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies have discovered the budget needed in order to carry out their work for the year, a joint meeting of the General Secretaries of these Departments shall be called by the General Superintendent, in order that a single statement may be issued for the Church through the Annual Conferences, and otherwise, thus bringing the total needs of all the Departments before the whole Church. This statement shall be sent to the President of each Annual Conference, whose duty it shall be to present the same to his Conference on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

Moved by Rev. T. A. Moore, seconded by Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, That the motion be laid on the table until the Report of the Committee on Finance be considered. Carried.

Commission on Departmental Work. Moved by Rev. J. W. McConnell, seconded by Rev. W. B. Smith, That the Commission called for by the

resolution of this afternoon *re* Budget and reorganization of Departmental work consist of seventeen members, to be elected as follows: West of Winnipeg, one minister and one lay member; east of Montreal, one minister and one lay member; and one minister and one lay member from each of the following Conferences: Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, and London; and further, that these elections be made by the several delegations in attendance at this Conference; also that two lay members and one minister be elected at large from the central Conferences, who shall be members of the Commission. It is also understood that the heads of Departments shall be corresponding members of the Commission, and that the General Superintendent shall be Chairman of the Commission.

Moved in amendment by Rev. S. W. Dean, seconded by Mr. A. M. Scott, That the General Conference Special Committee be the Commission. The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended, was adopted.

General Conference Special Committee. Moved by Rev. W. R. Young, seconded by Mr. Thos. Hilliard, That the General Conference Special Committee, acting as a Special Commission to consider the question of correlating the Departments and the creating of a Budget, shall have power to call in the heads of Departments and any other persons who may furnish desired information. Carried.

Deaconess Work. Reports No. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Deaconess Work were presented by Rev. W. E. Wilson.
Reports No. 2 and 3 Items 1, 2 (a), (b), and (c), of Report No. 2 were adopted.

Item 2 (d). The nomination of a General Board of Management, in harmony with Discipline; action as per judgment of Committee in harmony with Discipline. The item was withdrawn.

Report No. 3, Item No. 1. We recommend that the following be the members of the General Board of Managers of Deaconess Work: Rev. W. K. Hagar, London; Rev. I. G. Bowles, Toronto; Rev. J. D.

Fitzpatrick, Hamilton; Rev. A. M. Irwin, Oshawa; Rev. Robert Smith, Montreal; Mr. F. A. Magee, Toronto; Mr. J. A. Irwin, Clinton; W. D. Lambly, M.D., Montreal; Mr. R. W. Treleaven, Hamilton; Mr. W. Breen, Winnipeg; Mrs. W. T. Reid, New Westminster; Mrs. W. I. Croft, Newport Landing, N.S.; Mrs. A. W. Keeton, Macklin, Sask.; Mrs. T. A. Brown, Toronto; Mrs. S. S. Sharpe, Uxbridge, Ont.

Moved to adopt.

Moved in amendment by Rev. J. A. Doyle, seconded by Rev. C. Endicott, That the item be referred back to the Committee to nominate members of the Board nearer to Toronto. Carried.

Item 2 was adopted, 139 voting yea, and 86 nay.

**Northern
Ontario
Relief
Fund.**

Moved by Hon. E. J. Davis, seconded by Rev. F. L. Brown, That this Conference hereby requests Rev.

E. B. Lanceley and the Treasurer of the Mission Board to pay over to Mr. Oliver Hezzelwood, Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern Ontario Fire Relief Committee, all sums already received or that will be received for Northern Ontario Relief. Carried.

**Transfer of
Memorials.**

Moved by Mr. W. G. Hunt, seconded by Rev. G. W. Barker, That the Memorials dealing with Publicity be transferred from the Committee on Departmental Work to the Committee on Memorials. Carried.

Adjournment. Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned at 10.00 p.m., Rev. D. N. McCamus pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTEENTH DAY—TWENTY-THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 11th, 1922.

Opening.

Conference resumed at 9.30 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. Hymn 430 was sung. Rev. C. Endicott led in prayer.

**Nominations
for Court
of Appeal.**

The General Superintendent presented the following nominations for the Court of Appeal.

Ministers.

Andrew Stewart.
T. Albert Moore.
S. J. Shorey.
W. H. Hincks.
S. P. Rose.
J. W. Graham.
Thomas Manning.
J. E. Hughson.
W. S. Lennon.
Geo. M. Young.
W. R. Young.
J. H. Arnup.

Lay Members.

R. W. Treleaven.
Alex. Mills.
Alfred W. Briggs.
Irwin Hilliard.
R. J. McLaughlin.
Judge Chesley.
Chief Justice McKeown.
F. A. E. Hamilton.
F. E. O'Flynn.
B. N. Davis.
Elmer Davis.
E. H. Cleaver.

noons, the arranging of the highly successful and impressive meetings in Massey Hall, and the billeting of delegates. These services have involved the expenditure of much time and effort, and we hereby tender the Committee our gratitude and thanks. Carried.

**Thanks of
Women
Delegates.**

Moved by Mrs. T. H. Wright, seconded by Mrs. J. F. Ehr Gott, That the thanks of this Conference be extended to the Local Committee for providing not only a room for social intercourse for laymen, but also a Rest Room for women members, and through this Committee, we would especially thank the firm that furnished this room, making it such a restful retreat after sessions. Carried.

**Lay Agencies
Report No. 2.** Report No. 2 of the Committee on Lay Agencies was presented by Rev. A. J. Tufts.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2. Moved to adopt.

Moved in amendment by Mr. E. S. Caswell, seconded by Rev. C. Endicott, That Par. 378, sec. 5, be deleted. Lost.

The item was adopted.

Items 3, 4, 5 (a), (b), 6 were adopted.

On motion Reports No. 1 and No. 2; as amended, were adopted as a whole. (Page 375).

**Deaconess
Report No. 3.** Report No. 3 of the Committee on Deaconess Work was presented by Rev. W. E. Wilson.

Item 1, referred back and now reported. Adopted.

**Deaconess
Report No. 4.** Report No. 4 of the Committee on Deaconess Work was presented by Rev. W. E. Wilson.

Items 1, 2 were adopted.

On motion, Reports Nos. 2, 3, and 4, as amended, were adopted as a whole (Page 331).

**Memorials
Report No. 3.** Report No. 3 of the Committee on Memorials was presented by Rev. J. W. Hibbert.

Items 1-7, were taken as read and adopted.

Item 8 (a) was adopted.

Item 8 (b). That the allowance for circuit conveyance be not more than \$200.00.

Moved to adopt.

Moved in amendment by Rev. W. S. Lennon, seconded by Mr. Elmer Davis, That the allowance for circuit conveyance be not less than \$150.00, nor more than \$200.00.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Rev. R. J. McIntyre, That the allowance for circuit conveyance be actual cost, but that not more than \$200 be allowed.

The amendment to the amendment carried. The item, as amended, was adopted.

Items 9 to 13 were adopted.

On motion Report No. 3, as amended, was adopted as a whole. (Page 379).

**Memorials
Report No. 4.**

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Memorials was presented by Rev. R. E. Finlay.