MY EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONFERENCES

- 1. There is a definite rising trend of loyalty to the General Church program and an increased effort to participate more fully.
- 2. There is some concern among conference leaders of the softening up on our position of Sanctification and Holiness as a second definite work of Grace and they are speaking out for more emphasis on this doctrine.
- 4. It goes without saying that the Conference Superintendent is the man who is grinding in the mills. He is the man who is in the line of fire from every side. He is the key man in this church. If his conference goes well, he just happens to have a good conference; but when difficulties arise, the superintendent is always responsible.
- 6. Being a Superintendent myself, I am probably a little prejudice, but in my opinion all across the church, the office of the Super-intendent needs to be esteemed more highly by our preachers and laiety, and its importance underscored.
- 7. The Superintendent is the <u>man</u>. In every case, he may not be the best qualified, and then again he just might be. At any rate, he is the people's choice, and if any man in this church needs <u>help</u>, <u>encouragement</u>, <u>promotion</u>, and <u>appreciation</u>, it is the Conference Superintendent.
- 8. The smaller conferences need more personal attention and some system of organizational and administrative training. We need a method of lending pastors and evangelists without the necessity of their transferring, and having them at least partly underwritten to the home Mission Department.
- 9. In every conference that I conducted, there has been an increase and improvement. There was a total of 4 new church and 2 missions.

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My most unusual and impressive experience was the Latin American Conference in Denver. It was in every respect far beyond what I had anticipated.

After laborously explaining to the Superintendent, Rev. Padilla, through my interpreter my agenda, I noticed that they went ahead with their program and followed very meticulously their pattern, and let me sit by and listen.

It was one of the thrilling experiences of my life including the shouting, the warm reception I received, the new methods of conducting conferences (and I did get some new ideas.)

My Spanish was rusty, but Mrs. Robinson, who spent much of her early life with the Spanish speaking people, was lost in the crowd. She was like a child at a field day.

The climax came with the big typical Spanish dinner, with Friholes and all the hot trimmings, and we had a very warm conclusion.

They received one ordained preacher.

They were the only Conference that has 100% representation from the churches.

These people are one of our greatest mission fields on earth.

They are begging for literature, books, pamphlets, anything in their language, and if we don't do something quickly, the people who now provide their literature will absorb them.

In my opinion, they are our most challenging field in America.