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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING.

THE meeting opened at the usual morning hour, Tuesday, November 5, with song, and prayer by Elder E. E. Miles, of Massachusetts. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, and the unfinished business was taken up, which was the consideration of the report of the Committee on the consolidation of denominational interests. The report as adopted, reads as follows:—

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the publishing interests of the denomination, have carefully considered this subject; and in order to meet the increasing demand of our work, and to avoid all sectional feeling and personal interests which are now liable to arise from the present plan of conducting our business by having separate organizations, and also to unify the work and secure the more hearty co-operation of all, would respectfully recommend,—

1. That steps be taken at once to form a corporation for the purpose of taking entire control of all our publishing interests, thus bringing the work under one general management.

2. That the officers of this Association be a board of twenty-one trustees, to be elected by the General Conference, with power to organize themselves by electing a president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer.

3. That at least twelve persons on this board be representative men not connected with any local publishing house, taken from different parts of North America, according to the numerical strength of the denomination.

4. That when this Association is organized, one-third of the trustees be elected for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years.

5. That the Stockholders of the Review and Herald Publishing House and the Pacific Press Publishing Company take into consideration the advisability of turning over all their interests to this new organization, and if thought advisable to do so, that steps be taken as soon as possible to bring about this result.

The objects of this new organization shall be:—

1. To hold the title of all our denominational publishing houses and the equipments thereof.

2. To own, publish, and control the sale of all denominational books, tracts, and periodicals.

3. To secure, as far as possible, by purchase or otherwise, the plates and copyrights of all denominational books now published by our different publishing houses, or that may be written in the future.

4. To encourage the preparation of books, pamphlets, and tracts upon the different points of our faith.

5. To appoint editors and managers, to take a general supervision of the work of the various offices.

In view of the fact that it may take some time to bring about, in full, this much-to-be desired result, and in order to move in that direction as far and as fast as possible, we recommend that at the first, this association assume control of all denominational publications and periodicals now published in the foreign languages and of such works as belong to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, but that the incorporation be made with a view to assuming entire control of all our publishing interests.

In order that no time may be lost, your Committee would further recommend that a standing Committee of twenty-one be elected by the General Conference at its present session to take this whole question into consideration, with power to act. We would also suggest that the very best legal advice be consulted in bringing this new organization into existence.

Your committee would further recommend that a similar organization be effected for the purpose of controlling all our educational interests, and owning the property,—thus bringing them under one general management. Also, another to control our health institutions.

A. R. Henry presented the following:—

We would recommend that one-tenth of the net earnings of the consolidated publishing association be set aside from year to year, to create a fund for the assistance or support of superannuated ministers; that the General Conference, or its Executive Committee, take charge of this fund, and make regulations for its care and disbursement. Should this not be sufficient to meet the demands, other sources of income may be devised from time to time as circumstances may indicate.

A further report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor, was then given as follows:—

The Committee on Distribution of Labor further report by recommending as follows:—

17. That H. W. Miller, in accordance with the request of the Ohio brethren, go to that State and take the presidency of the Tract Society, and act as a member of the Conference Committee.

18. That Elder E. J. Van Horn act as a member of the Ohio Conference Committee.

19. That Elder T. M. Steward return to Michigan to labor in that field.

20. That Brother John Cole, in harmony with the request of the Nebraska Conference, return to that field.

21. That Elder W. W. Sharp make the North Pacific Conference his field of labor, and that he be advised to attend the ministers' school.

22. That Elder W. H. Saxby be invited to attend the ministers' school, and then go to Ohio.

23. That Elder Oscar Hill and wife return to Kansas.

24. That N. W. Kauble attend the ministers' school, and then go to South Dakota and act as a member of the Conference Committee of that State.

25. That recommendation 12 be amended by inserting "Iowa" in the place of "Nebraska."

26. That M. G. Huffman attend the ministers' school this winter.

27. That Elder O. A. Olsen act as president of the Michigan Tract Society, and take the place of H. W. Miller on the Michigan Conference Committee.

28. That the Michigan Conference be divided into three sections, and that a Vice-President be appointed to take the charge of each of these sections.

29. That G. H. Rogers engage in the canvassing work in the Lake District.

30. That Elder J. W. Scoles labor in the Upper Columbia Conference provided he can be spared from the Signs office.

31. That Elder W. B. White act as President of the South Dakota Sabbath-school Association in place of Elder W. W. Sharp.

32. That Elder Wm. Covert go to Missouri.

33. That all fields not hereby supplied, be referred to the General Conference Committee.

34. That New Brunswick be cut off from the Maine Conference, and that it become a part of the mission field of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick.

35. That the question of transfer of Bible workers and canvassers be referred to the General Conference Committee, the canvassing agent, and the officers of the International Tract Society.

36. That the question of help for the foreign fields be referred to the Foreign Mission Board.

Per order of Committee.

D. A. ROBINSON, Secretary.

The Educational Committee, whose report was referred back to them (see BULLETIN, p. 125), reported again, recommending the following amendments in the sections numbered:—

2. That the location of the school be left to the following Committee; provided, however, that the school shall not be so located by the Committee as to impose the six shares hereafter mentioned, upon any Conference, against the protest of the member of the Committee from that Conference: J. H. Morrison, W. B. White, R. S. Donnell, L. A. Hoopes, E. H. Gates, J. G. Wood, W. S. Hyatt, Allen Moon, L. Dyo Chambers, W. W. Prescott.

8. That the amount of money to be raised within this school district for improvements upon the real estate within a period of two years shall not exceed \$50,000.

10. That the General Conference be requested to provide \$20,000 to assist in the erection of "Homes" for this school.

They also recommended bi-annual instead of annual elections.

The report called out interesting remarks from Prof. W. W. Prescott and the chair. Each of them spoke of the necessity of having apartments in the home of the proposed school, so that each nationality can have quarters by themselves. This was not because of any national line, but was suggested in order that the students might keep alive their knowledge of their mother tongue, and by this means become better qualified to labor in behalf of the people whom they represent. The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported further, as follows:—

For Board of Managers of the Central Bible School of Chicago—W. W. Prescott, W. C. White, R. M. Kilgore, Geo. B. Starr, A. O. Tait.

For Board of Managers of the Western School—W. W. Prescott, E. W. Farnsworth, J. H. Morrison, Allen Moon, C. A. Hall, J. P. Gardiner, N. P. Nelson.

For Committee on Transportation—A. R. Henry, T. A. Kilgore, J. M. Craig, A. T. Robinson, C. H. Jones.

Foreign Mission Committee—A. R. Henry, C. Eldridge, L. C. Chadwick, E. B. Miller, L. McCoy.

For Committee on Consolidation of Publishing Interests—O. A. Olsen, S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, A. R. Henry, C. Eldridge, F. E. Belden, Harmon Lindsay, C. H. Jones, J. N. Loughborough, M. J. Church, E. W. Farnsworth, E. H. Gates, W. W. Prescott, J. H. Kellogg, D. T. Jones, L. C. Chadwick, R. A. Underwood, A. T. Robinson, R. M. Kilgore, J. H. Morrison, W. H. Edwards.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following substitute to a former report of the Judiciary (page 59 of the BULLETIN) regarding the transfer of the Battle Creek church to the jurisdiction of the General Conference:—

In view of the fact that the Battle Creek church is composed of persons largely drawn together by our institutions of a general character belonging to the denomination, and in view of the great importance these institutions sustain to the general cause, also the need of more thoroughly organized aid in the Battle Creek church; therefore,—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that a transfer of the church and territory included in the city of Battle Creek to the jurisdiction of the General Conference would be a good plan; and further, we invite the Battle Creek church and the Michigan Conference to take this matter under favorable consideration.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following additional report:—

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the Review and Herald Board for providing commodious and well furnished office rooms for the Secretary of this Conference, and for the Secretary and Treasurer of the General Conference Association.

Resolved, That we recommend that steps be taken to organize a Conference in the State of North Dakota as soon the General Conference Committee may think best.

WHEREAS, The canvassing work has assumed such magnitude that it is impossible for the general canvassing agent to render the assistance and give the instruction that is needed in all the States; and,—

WHEREAS, This work has resulted not only in developing workers who have been made useful in other branches of General Conference work, but also in bringing in a large increase of tithe; therefore,—

Resolved, That we grant the request of the International Tract Society, to provide for the support of a district canvassing agent in each of the General Conference districts.

WHEREAS, Elder A. J. Cudney was selected to visit the brethren in Pitcairn Island, to complete the organization of a church there, and left Honolulu, H. I., on the ship *Phebe Chapman*, for that purpose, July 5, 1888; and,—

WHEREAS, Nothing has been heard from him since that time; therefore,—

Resolved, That we hereby express the sense of pain we feel over the suspense arising from this lack of tidings, and the uncertainty that hangs over his fate.

Resolved, That we will use due diligence to secure, if possible, some tidings concerning him after his departure from Honolulu.

Resolved, That we tender to his family our sympathy in their afflicting circumstances.

INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

SEVENTH MEETING.

THE members were led in prayer by the chairman, Elder W. C. White, at 2: 30 P. M., November 5. The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved. The resolution concerning the plans for circulating religious liberty literature, as found on page 143 of the BULLETIN, was considered and adopted.

The first resolution on page 147 of the BULLETIN was next taken up. The following substitute was offered by C. Eldridge, and was adopted:—

Resolved, That we recommend that an assistant to the State Agent be chosen for the health and temperance work, in the same manner as the State Agent is appointed, who shall labor under the direction of the latter in appointing and instructing agents for this line of work.

The substitute was opposed by H. W. Pierce and Allen Moon. C. Eldridge spoke at length, strongly advocating the measure. W. R. Smith thought it a move in the right direction. The substitute was then voted upon and was carried.

The next resolution followed under consideration, when C. Eldridge moved to amend so that instead of reading "an assistant State agent," the resolution should be made to read "the State agent's assistant." The mover of the amendment, in answer to a question, said that if one were canvassing for religious works, and desired to change to the work of selling health books, the same steps should be taken to accomplish the change, as would be to remove an agent from one State to another. The resolution was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and work, found on same page of BULLETIN, was next discussed by L. C. Chadwick and C. Eldridge. The first two words of the last clause were replaced by the words "who may," and the entire article was then added to the previous article, and as amended was adopted.

A Committee which was appointed to consider the first resolution at the bottom of page 133 of the BULLETIN, reported the following:—

The Committee appointed by the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association to consider the matter of a canvassers' journal, and who were instructed to report to this body, respectfully submit the following:—

We recommend that the chair appoint, at this session, a committee of five to take this matter into consideration together with such recommendations as may be made by the General Conference, and that said committee have power to act.

L. C. CHADWICK,	} Committee.
F. E. BELDEN,	
E. E. MILES,	
S. N. CURTIS,	
A. J. BREED,	

The report was adopted.

The Chair spoke of the advisability of publishing, immediately after the close of the session, an abstract of the proceedings of the entire session, for the benefit of the workers. It was then moved by A. T. Robinson that such matter be published in an "extra" of the *Home Missionary*, and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare the matter for it. Carried.

A. T. Robinson then presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the next regular session of the International Tract and Missionary Society be held in District No. 1, of the General Conference field, at such time and place as the Executive Board may decide upon, unless some emergency should arise making it seem necessary to hold the session at some other place.

The resolution was adopted.

L. C. Chadwick and the chair then highly recommended *The Gospel in all Lands*, not only as valuable to the ministers, but as a family journal.

The society then adjourned *sine die*.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

NINETEENTH MEETING.

At 3: 30 P. M., November 5, the delegates were again assembled in Conference, and joined in singing Hymn No. 983. Prayer was offered by Elder I. D. Van Horn. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor reported the following additional recommendations:—

(Continued on page 154.)

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, BY SECTIONS.

Number.	NAME OF DISTRICT.	NAME OF CONFERENCE OR TERRITORY.	Ministers.	Licentiateds.	Total no. laborers.	Churches.	Membership.	Tithe.	
5	SOUTHWEST.....	Missouri.....	7	7	14	24	773	\$3,455 98	
		Kansas.....	10	13	23	64	2,183	10,780 26	
		Colorado	}	7	1	8	10	316	4,445 15
		Wyoming							
		New Mexico							
		Indian Territory.....							
		Texas.....	2	6	8	14	425	2,001 84	
Arkansas.....	1	2	3	13	271	702 00			
	Totals.....	27	29	56	125	3,968	21,385 23		
6	PACIFIC COAST.....	Montana.....	1	1	2	22	500 00	
		Upper Columbia—	}	5	7	12	16	438	4,509 66
		East ½ Washington							
		East ½ Oregon							
		Idaho							
		North Pacific—	}	7	4	11	26	627	7,205 72
West ½ Washington									
West ½ Oregon									
British Columbia									
California.....	17	8	25	34	2,143	35,032 90			
	Totals.....	30	20	50	76	3,230	47,248 28		
7	FOREIGN CONF. AND MISSIONS.....	Australia.....	3	6	9	6	362	7,468 00	
		Central Europe.....	6	4	10	30	693	2,139 64	
		Denmark.....	3	1	4	10	265	859 16	
		New Zealand.....	2	2	4	3	175	1,403 00	
		Norway.....	4	1	5	3	301	473 00	
		Sweden.....	2	3	5	12	360	929 23	
		British.....	2	4	6	8	160	1,217 80	
		South Africa.....	2	1	3	4	80	2,798 36	
			Totals.....	24	22	46	76	2,396	\$17,288 19

RECAPITULATION.

1	ATLANTIC.....	44	23	67	157	3,997	\$28,181 84
2	SOUTHERN.....	9	6	15	28	557	2,988 49
3	LAKE.....	51	42	93	245	7,490	53,272 73
4	NORTHWEST.....	46	38	81	264	6,738	52,176 95
5	SOUTHWEST.....	27	29	56	125	3,968	21,385 23
6	PACIFIC COAST.....	30	20	50	76	3,230	47,248 28
7	FOREIGN.....	24	22	46	76	2,396	17,288 19
	Grand Totals.....	231	180	411	971	28,376	\$222,541 71

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37. That Elder S. H. Lane take the presidency of the New York Tract Society, and that A. E. Place act as Vice-President of the same, and that F. M. Wilcox be a member of the New York Conference Committee.

38. That Elder M. H. Brown take the place made vacant by W. W. Sharp on the Wisconsin Conference Committee.

The Foreign Mission Committee, through its chairman, W. C. White, then rendered the following report:—

Your committee on foreign missions, find:—

1. That in New Zealand, an efficient preacher is needed, in addition to the laborers already in that field.

2. That two additional laborers are greatly needed in Australia.

3. That an able and experienced editor is needed in London, and six more Bible workers, and two preachers, for the work in Great Britain.

4. That in Germany there is a call for two more preachers; and for Hamburg, four experienced Bible workers; and a ship mission, any who can speak German, Danish, and English.

5. That an able corps of canvassers should be sent to France and Italy, as soon as suitable books and tracts are prepared for use in Catholic countries.

6. That there is great necessity for books in the French, Italian-Spanish, Portuguese, Bohemian, and German languages, especially edited for use in Catholic countries, aiming to dispel the darkness of superstition, and to reveal the beauties of God's word; and that special attention should be given to the preparation of works for South America.

7. That more preachers are needed in Sweden, and experienced workers to connect with the publishing house in Christiania.

8. That a Dutch minister is needed in South Africa, also a company of trained health missionaries.

9. That South America offers many promising fields for canvassers who can speak two or more of the following languages; namely, French, Spanish, German, Italian, and English.

10. That the West Indies is a promising field for a minister, a Bible worker, and one or two canvassers.

11. Your Committee finds itself quite unable to secure laborers for the greater number and the most important of these positions, without taking men from their places whose loss would seem to be an irreparable injury to the work in which they are now engaged.

We therefore recommend:—

1. That greater efforts be put forth for the education and training of laborers for foreign missions: (a.) By encouraging suitable persons to attend the German, French, and Scandinavian branches of the Ministers' Bible School, in Battle Creek; (b.) By the holding of three or four months' Institutes, for the instruction of large classes of Bible workers and colporters, in such places as London, Hamburg, Basel, Christiania, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Cape Town, Melbourne, and other central points.

2. That the Mission Board be instructed to select at as early a date as possible, suitable persons for the places needing laborers, and to send them into the work as rapidly as the amount of funds in the treasury will warrant.

3. That an able corps of translators and book editors be employed to labor under the direction of the Book Committee, to prepare as soon as consistent with good work, an ample supply of books, pamphlets, and tracts, for use in the Catholic countries above mentioned.

W. C. WHITE,	} Committee.
D. A. ROBINSON,	
A. R. HENRY,	
W. C. SRSLEY,	
W. H. EDWARDS,	

The report of the Committee on Christmas Exercises was then taken up, and after a few amendments was adopted. [As this matter, when prepared, is to be sent to the proper persons, with instructions, it is not printed here.]

The report of the Committee on the Manufacture of Tents (BULLETIN, p. 140) was then called up, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses (see page 140) was then called up. The name of A. T. Robinson was added to the list of those to receive credentials, and the report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses further recommended that those who have been removed from General Conference fields into local Conferences, be granted credentials or licenses by the Conferences where they labor. This recommendation was adopted by unanimous consent.

The report of the Finance Committee (found in first column of page 139 of the BULLETIN) was then adopted.

The recommendations of the Committee on Distribution of Labor (BULLETIN, pp. 130, 150, and 151) were then considered and adopted.

The additional recommendations of the Committee on Nominations (BULLETIN, p. 150), were then called up and adopted, with the exception of the Committee on Consolidation of Publishing Interests, which was referred back to the Committee.

The resolutions presented at the preceding meeting were then taken up and adopted. The recommendation of A. R. Henry, providing for a superannuated ministers' fund, was also adopted.

The meeting then adjourned to the call of the chair.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

TWENTIETH MEETING.

THE third meeting of the Conference, held on Tuesday Nov. 5, was opened at 8 o'clock p. m., by the song "Watch and Pray." The delegates joined in prayer with Elder J. N. Loughborough. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Prof. W. W. Prescott, in behalf of the Committee on Education, presented the following:—

WHEREAS, An educational institution, known as South Lancaster Academy, and located in what is now District No. 1, of the General Conference field, and,—

WHEREAS, This school is fully equipped, with a competent corps of teachers, and is prepared to do thorough work in its line; herefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend to the Conference located in that field, the importance of sustaining this school by influencing students to attend.

We recommend that one-tenth of all the funds which shall hereafter come into the hands of the General Conference Association through legacies, be used, under the direction of the General Conference Committee, in the education of laborers, provided that the amount so used shall not exceed \$5,000 per year.

The rules were suspended to allow immediate action upon these recommendations. Prof. Prescott spoke specially of the first one, urging the delegates from the East to labor to fill the South Lancaster School. The report as a whole was then adopted.

The Nominating Committee then reported the following amended report in reference to the Committee to plan for consolidation of the publishing interests:—

O. A. Olsen, W. C. White, J. B. Goodrich, A. R. Henry, Harmon Lindsay, L. Dyo Chambers, C. H. Jones, H. W. Decker, R. A. Underwood, M. J. Church, E. W. Farnsworth, E. H. Gates, D. T. Jones, R. M. Kilgore, A. T. Robinson, Allen Moon, J. H. Morrison, S. H. Lane, Geo. A. Irwin, L. C. Chadwick, A. O. Tait.

This report was amended by the substitution of the names of C. Eldridge for that of Harmon Lindsay, F. E. Belden for Geo. A. Irwin, and Uriah Smith for J. B. Goodrich. As amended, the report was adopted.

The chair appointed the following named persons to act as committee to prepare Bible-readings on first-day offerings (see BULLETIN, pp. 90, 91):—

R. A. Underwood, A. T. Jones, U. Smith, E. J. Waggoner, E. W. Farnsworth.

Upon request, the chair announced the members of the General Conference Committee who are to have charge of the various districts for the coming year. These stand thus: District No. 1, A. T. Robinson; No. 2, R. M. Kilgore; No. 3, O. A. Olsen; No. 4, E. W. Farnsworth; No. 5, E. H. Gates; No. 6, R. A. Underwood; What these districts comprise may be seen from the table on pages 152 and 153 of the present issue of the BULLETIN.

On motion of E. W. Farnsworth, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Battle Creek church, for their kindness to the delegates to this Conference. A vote of thanks was given to the editors of the BULLETIN.

It was voted that it is the sense of this body that the regular sessions of the Conference should be held in the spring.

A motion to adjourn was then carried. Before

dismissing, the president, O. A. Olsen, made the following remarks:—

“I would express my gratitude to God for his kindness and favor and blessing with us during this session of the General Conference; and as we separate, may we carry the spirit of the message with us. I desire that the Committee may have a large share in your prayers.

“We are carrying great responsibilities, and we need the special help of God. We thank you for your help and your favor the past year. It is our earnest desire to seek God, and to walk in all his counsel; and by your help we shall have the help of God with us in the future work.”

The delegates then joined in singing the Doxology, and the meeting was dismissed with the benediction by the president.

Appointments for the meeting of Committees, Wednesday, November 6:—

Managers of Western school at General Conference room at 12, M.

Managers of Central Bible School at 6 P. M. in A. R. Henry's room.

Presidents of Conferences and officers of the N. R. L. A. will meet at the office of C. Eldridge, west building of Review office at 9 A. M.

Delegates and laborers from District No. 1, in southwest vestry, at noon. Committee on Bible Readings on Church Order and Government, R. A. Underwood, A. T. Jones, U. Smith, E. W. Farnsworth, E. J. Waggoner, will meet at the General Conference rooms at 6 P. M.

Delegates from Districts No. 6 of General Conference will meet at General Conference rooms at 5 P. M. by request of R. A. Underwood.

The Executive Committee of the International Sabbath-school Association will meet at 303 West Main Street (W. C. White's house), Wednesday, at 9 A. M.

Committee on consolidation of publishing work, at 2 P. M.

Trustees of General Conference Association, at 11 A. M.

Auditing Committee at 7 P. M.

Delegates from District No. 3, at 9 A. M.

All interested in the Ministers' School met in College Chapel, at 4 P. M.

