

To the General Conference

Battle Creek, Mich., April 4, 1901.

To the Delegates and Brethren representing the Southern Field:-- present to you the following Memorial:--

In our study of the situation in the Southern field we find that there are many circumstances and conditions peculiar to the South which make it desirable that the work of reform which our cause represents should be planned and carried forward by persons who have lived long enough in the field to be well acquainted with its peculiarities and necessities.

Especially do we find that in the ~~work~~ education and training of workers and of teachers, that they should receive their education and training in the field where their work is to be done, for this is not only the most economical way, but it is sure to add greatly to the efficiency of the laborers.

Such being the case, we believe that a more complete and independent organization of the work in this field, if sanctioned and approved by the General Conference will result in great benefit to the work.

1. By using to the very best advantage the working forces in the territory.

2. By fostering the spirit of faithfulness and self-reliance, and developing of self-supporting conferences with such aid as may be needed and provided for its advance work.

3. By closely linking together all the interests in the field, each part may be made more efficient in helping every other part.

In view of this we suggest that the delegates present take up and act upon the recommendation of the thirty-second session of the General Conference relating to the organization of Union Conferences which reads as follows:--

"That Union Conferences be organized in Europe and America as soon as deemed advisable, and that these Union Conferences hold bi-ennial sessions, alternating with the General Conference." Bulletin 1897, p. 215.

In the territory comprising District No. 2 there are three ^{States} organized conferences and a large mission field covering six states. We

think it would be for the best interest of the churches in these states if they should be organized at an early date into three or ^{more} ~~four~~ conferences.

As this is a mission field which has been largely assisted by the General Conference, and as its advance work will call for large expenditure of means, we request for it a continuation of such assistance, First, by remitting the tithe that would naturally be expected from a ~~Union~~ Union Conference to the General Conference. Second, by an appropriation for the current year of a sum equal to three-fourths of the net expenditure by the General Conference ^{in this field} during the past year, with the understanding that the aid from the General Conference will decrease as the states in the Union Conference become self-supporting.

We also request the General Conference to accept the President of the Southern Union Conference as a member of the General Conference Executive Committee.

If these propositions meet with the approval of the representatives of the ~~field~~ Southern field now present, we suggest that they appoint a committee of five to present them to the General Conference at the earliest opportunity with statistics regarding the field and our work in it, together with a draft of Constitution and by-laws.

Adopted at a meeting of Delegates and representative brethren from the Southern States held in the east vestry of the Tabernacle,
April 4, 1901

Smith Sharp, Sec.

N. W. Allee, Chairman

To the Southern Union Conference
now assembled,

Dear Brothers:—

The Annual
reunion of Confederate Veterans is to
be held in Memphis, Tennessee, the
latter part of May.

These are men by
nature inclined to religion; men of Lee
and Jackson's stamp; gathered from
every State in the South.

It is a great
opportunity. I implore you, let it
not pass without action on our part,
intelligent and determined.

Let us plan for
it; work for it; pray for it.

Let a plea be brought before the General Conference now assembled, for means for this special end :-

The distribution of papers, as "Signo of The Times" and "The ~~American~~ Sentinel of Liberty" tracts to be sold and given away, as "Marshalling of the Nations" :- Let racks be placed in buildings accessible, for our literature, not neglecting the principles of Health Reform.

Call for volunteers; divide the City; apportion the work;

Station your men ; under the
great Captain of our Salvation,
who also, will be there.

Is it a Lost Cause?

Yours in the hope of glory.

Lettie H. Tatum

15- April 1901.

On Friday last the attention of this body was called to the Reunion of Confederate Veterans to be held in the city of Memphis, Tenn., May 28 to June 1st.

At a meeting of the Southern delegation held the same afternoon this matter was considered, and the Tennessee delegation was asked to suggest some plan of action to be presented to this body. Subsequently a smaller committee was appointed to formulate recommendations, ^{and we submit} ~~covering~~ the following points:--

(1) That the GOSPEL HERALD issue a special eight-page daily edition during the reunion for free circulation among the delegates and visitors, four pages to be devoted to our literature and four pages to a daily programme, general news notes, locals, and carefully selected advertisements.

(2) That the Medical Missionary Association, the Review and Herald Publishing Company and the Pacific Press Publishing Company be invited to donate appropriate literature for free circulation at this reunion.

(3) That the General Conference be asked to appoint C.P. Bollman as editor of this special edition, and D.W. Reavis as manager of circulation.

(4) As neither the Southern Missionary Society nor the Southern Conferences are in a condition to do this work, it is recommended that the General Conference provide the necessary funds.

Moved by S.B. Hurlair
Sec. " Wm Woodford

Your Committee appointed to consider the interests of the Religious Liberty Work, would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That in harmony with the plan of reorganization adopted by the General Conference, the International Religious Liberty Association place its work, property, funds and obligations in the hands of the General Conference as soon as that body shall be ^{prepared} to assume these responsibilities.

2. That for the present, or until the expiration of the lease upon the rooms at 324 Dearborn Street, the head-quarters of the Religious Liberty Work, the publication of the Sentinel of Liberty, and of the Religious Liberty Library be continued in Chicago.

3. That until further action by the General Conference either in open session or by its executive committee, the religious liberty work be carried on under the name of the International Religious Liberty Association.

Allen Moon, Chairman.

C. P. Bollman, Secretary.