

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. NAMES.

This organization shall be known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECT.

The object of this Conference shall be to unify and to extend to all parts of the world, the work of promulgating the everlasting gospel.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall be composed of (a) such Union Conferences as are or shall be properly organized; (b) such local Conferences as are not embraced in any Union Conference; and (c) such mission fields as have not been organized into Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists in any part of the world, provided such Conferences shall have been accepted by vote at a session of the General Conference.

SEC. 2. The voters of said Conference shall be such duly accredited delegates from the Union Conferences, such members of the General Conference Executive Committee, and such other persons in the employ of the General Conference as shall receive delegates' credentials from the Executive Committee, as are present at any duly convened regular or special Conference session.

SEC. 3. Each Union Conference shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, an additional delegate for each local Conference embraced in its territory, and an additional delegate for each one thousand of its membership.

ARTICLE 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee of this Conference shall be twenty-five in number, and shall have power to organize itself by choosing a chairman, secretary, treasurer, and auditor, whose duties shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices. It shall also have the power to appoint all necessary agents and committees for the conduct of its work.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Conference, and shall hold office for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE 5. SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall hold a regular session once in two years, reckoning from 1899, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, at least four weeks before the date of the session.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee may call extra sessions, if in their judgment occasion requires, by a like notice; and the transactions of such extra sessions shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE 6. TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS.

The voters of this Conference shall, at each regular session, elect the trustees of such corporate bodies as are or may be connected with this organization, according to the State laws governing such corporation; and this Conference shall employ such committees and agents as it may deem necessary, according to the by-laws in such cases made and provided.

ARTICLE 7. BY-LAWS.

The voters of this Conference may make by-laws, and amend and repeal them at any session thereof. The scope of such by-laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the constitution.

ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voters present at any session.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.

SECTION 1. At each session of the Conference the Executive Committee shall nominate the presiding officers of the Conference, who shall be duly elected by vote of the Conference.

SEC. 2. At each session of the Conference the Executive Committee shall recommend some plan for the appointment of such temporary committees as may be necessary for conducting the business of the Conference.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of the Conference; it shall also give credentials to, or license, such ministers as may be employed in the General Conference work; and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents, by death, resignation, or otherwise; unless some other provision be made by vote of the Conference for filling such vacancies.

SEC. 4. At each regular session of the Conference the nominating committee shall nominate and the Conference shall elect, unless otherwise voted, a standing committee of eight delegates, who shall, with the chairman of the Executive Committee, and the presidents of the various Union Conferences, constitute a committee for auditing and settling all accounts against the Conference.

SEC. 5. The Conference shall elect at its regular sessions twenty-one trustees for the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation of the city of Battle Creek, Michigan, existing under the laws of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 6. The biennial session of the General Conference shall be held during the summer season, at such time as in the judgment of the Executive Committee will interfere the least with the general work in the field.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Twenty-second Meeting, April 18, 11 A. M.

A. G. Daniells in the chair.

One stanza of a hymn was sung, after which Elder S. N. Haskell offered prayer.

The Chair: Now we have four partial reports before us that have not been acted upon. We will ask the Secretary to place before us this business, so that we can improve the time between now and the time of closing. Will those who have the matter in charge kindly distribute the BULLETINS? Then you will have the reports.

W. G. White: Yesterday a slip was distributed containing a draft of the revised constitution. It has been the wish of the committee to whom was entrusted the drafting of this, that those receiving it should give it careful study, comparing it with the old constitution, and be prepared to make suggestions, criticisms, and amendments at our committee meeting. To save the precious time of this large conference, we have proposed that the Committee on Organization hold an open meeting this evening from seven o'clock, in the Review office chapel, and we ask that persons who have suggestions, criticisms, or amendments on the proposed constitution meet with us there and bring in all the propositions that will be helpful to the committee; then we can embody these, or such as may be accepted, before the matter is brought forward here for final discussion. Please improve the time to-day in giving this study. You can obtain from the General Conference Secretary copies of the BULLETIN containing the old constitution. Study it, compare it with the slip, and meet with the committee to-night at 7 o'clock with your propositions.

A Delegate: The Michigan workers were called together at that hour at place.

W. G. White: Well, we will provide another place, I think.

meet in the College? I think the College people will let us meet in the College library. The Committee on Organization will meet there.

The Chair: The Secretary will now read the business.

The Secretary: The first of the three reports in the BULLETIN is on page 306, a partial report of the Committee on Education. The second is found on page 311, a partial report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, beginning with No. 14. And the third report is from the Committee on Religious Liberty, page 312.

The Chair: The question is raised by the Secretary which one shall be first. In committee work I always like to begin with the little items first, and sweep them off, and take hold of the large ones toward the last. What will you have? There is no motion in regard to any one of them. The religious liberty recommendations were to be the order of business at the time when that question would be up for consideration. Shall we have the report on Distribution of Labor, page 311?

Geo. B. Thompson: I move that we adopt the report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

Delegate: I second the motion.

The Chair: Moved and seconded, that the partial report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor be adopted.

Here the Secretary read the partial report of this committee, as found in the BULLETIN, page 311.

The Chair: We will now call up the Conference on this No. 14. Any questions or remarks? Ready for the question? Next item.

No. 15 was again read next.

The Chair: I would like to ask one question, and that is, can any one tell whether the physicians have been consulted with regarding these medical missionary workers? It seems to me that that is an important matter when we come to talk with reference to nurses and medical workers, and

there ought to be a very clear understanding with the medical folks.

J. O. Corliss: Dr. Kellogg is a member of the distributing committee, is he not?

The Chair: He is not a member of the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

O. A. Olsen: Dr. Paulson is.

The Chair: I do not remember having seen Dr. Paulson in any of our meetings, and raised the question. It may be that they have been advised with.

L. R. Conradi: I would say that Dr. Kellogg himself ^{informed me} that the persons were ready to engage in the work in Europe, and afterward I investigated the matter and talked with the persons.

The Chair: Any further remarks?

Voices: Question!

The Chair: The question is called. Read the 16th.

The Secretary here read the 16th recommendation. The question being called, recommendation 17 was then read.

A Delegate: I would like to ask if this is John Maas and wife from Wisconsin.

The Chair: I can not tell you.

A Delegate: Yes.

Delegate asking above question: I would like to ask if they have been consulted with in regard to the matter.

The Chair: Can any member of the committee answer this question, whether this brother has been consulted about this recommendation?

I. H. Evans: I would say that Brother Westphal and his wife have been in correspondence about them, and we consulted also the Wisconsin president, and it was agreed we would make the recommendation

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The Chair: Any further questions? The next item.

The Secretary (reading): "18. That Miss Clara Richards be invited to go to Argentine, and engage in medical missionary work."

G.H.Smith: Has she been asked in regard to this matter? She is in Nebraska; she is not here.

I.H.Evans: I would say that Elder Town made a visit to Lincoln just prior to this Conference, and consulted her, and she consented to go, and arrangements were made which were satisfactory.

The Chair: Have the medical folks been consulted ~~quarta~~ also?

I.H.Evans: The Sanitarium in Lincoln has.

Delegates: Question!

The Secretary (reading): "19. That Jacob Wibbens be invited to make Holland his field of labor, under pay of the Colorado Conference."

The Chair: You have heard the recommendations. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor will please raise your right hand. Contrary the same sign. It is carried. What is your further pleasure?

I.H.Evans: The Committee on Distribution of Labor has a partial report that they would like to submit, if you wish, before you adjourn.

The Chair: There is no motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Education. Would it be proper to hear this report now? We will hear the report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor.

W.T.Knox: The Committee on Distribution of Labor suggest the following additional recommendations:---

20. That Arthur Fulton, of Nebraska, be invited to go to Argentine and engage in school work.
21. That Frank Kelley and wife, ~~of~~ _____, be invited to go to Mexico and engage in school work.
22. That A.G. Bodwell and wife, of Texas, be invited to make Mexico their field of labor.
23. That J.A. Leland and wife, of Argentine, be invited to make Mexico their field of labor.
24. That L.H. Christian, ^{of Illinois,} be invited to make Europe his field of labor, working among the Scandinavians.
25. That Victor ~~Simon~~ Thompson, ^{the} of Nebraska Conference, labor in the Illinois Conference.
26. That S.F. Svensson, of Michigan, labor in the Colorado Conference among the Scandinavians.
27. That H.R. Johnson, of Dakota, labor in the Michigan Conference, *among the Scandinavians.*
28. That John F. ~~Anderson~~ Anderson, of Minnesota, labor in Michigan in the Swedish work.
29. That August Anderson, of Dakota, labor in the Pennsylvania Conference in the Swedish work.
30. That A.E. Christian, of Minnesota, labor in the Dakota Conference.
31. That Niels Jorgensen and wife, of Iowa, labor in the Nebraska Conference.
32. That N.P. Nielsen, of Wisconsin, labor in Chicago in the Scandinavian work.
33. That ~~William~~ Ole Norderhus, ^{of} labor in the Dakota Conference.
34. That *Miss* Anna Bratt, of _____, connect with

the Scandinavian work in the New England Conference as a Bible worker and medical missionary.

35. That R.F.Andrews, of Illinois, labor in the Nebraska Conference.

36. That F.W.Mace, of the New England Conference, labor in the Chesapeake Conference.

37. That J.H.Jayne, of New York City, take the presidency of the Atlantic Conference.

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The Chair: This report will be published in the BULLETIN. Do you wish to take up the resolutions of the Educational Committee before adjournment?

C.N.Sanders: I move that we adjourn. (Seconded.)

J.O.Corliss: May I be permitted to present a matter before we adjourn? Brother A.J.Haysmer has put into our hands some pieces of what would be called in the South Sea Islands tapa cloth. It is pounded out of wood by natives of the West Indies. Brother Haysmer has fifteen or twenty pieces here, and he wants to dispose of them, and use the proceeds to buy tracts for the poor natives that do not have any money to buy. Brothor Haysmer has asked us to advertise them here. We do not propose to sell them here. He wants fifty cents apiece for these. I do not know whether they are worth it, or not. They may be worth a good deal more, if you will put the money into reading matter for the people. Elder Haysmer will be here immediately at the close of this meeting to wait upon any who want them. It is worth something to see how ingeniously it is pounded out of the wood. They just keep pounding and pounding until they produce this network, like a veil. You can use them for veils, if you want to.

J.H.Morrison: Elder Davis, of Indiana, desires to speak for a few moments, as he must leave for home this afternoon.

S.S.Davis: On account of some matters at home, I shall be compelled to go to my home this afternoon. Perhaps the most of you, if not all, heard what the Testimony had to say about the work in Indiana; and ~~with~~ with shamefacedness I have to face this congregation and say to-day that I was a part in that work, and I had a hand in it, and, in fact, I feel that I was among the first in it, and I thought for a while, perhaps, I would be the last out of it. But I praise God now that the

victory is won, and inasmuch as the Lord has spoken and said that that work was wrong, I agree with the Lord to-day. The work was wrong. Inasmuch as the Lord has said that the men who were at the head of that work were led in the wrong direction, I agree with the Lord that something led me in the wrong direction.

Brethren, while there are a great many things connected with this that I do not know how much I am guilty of, I do not want to excuse myself at all. I am just willing that this congregation and this people can just charge me with all the blame of everything you have ever heard about Indiana; and when we get up in the judgment, God will settle it all; and when the work of the third angel's message triumphs, I expect by the grace of God to triumph with it. [Congregation: Amen!] When you stand on the sea of glass, I hope to stand there and help you in singing the songs of Moses. Fourteen years ago I started in this truth never to go back, and I am determined by the grace of God to walk by faith when I can not see. ~~Yamson~~ I think sometimes the Lord brings us to where we can not see, so he will teach us all to walk by faith, and that is the way I am walking now---by faith, and I praise the Lord for the faith.

Voted, to adjourn. Benediction pronounced by Elder S.H.Lane.

A.G.DANIELLS, Chairman.

L.A.HOCPES, Secretary.

Twenty-third Meeting, April 18, 3P. M.

Elder A. G. Daniells in the Chair.

Prayer by G. W. Caviness.

The Chair: The report of the Educational Committee is undealt with as yet. What is your pleasure. Shall we take this matter up at the present time?

Delegate: I move the adoption of the report.

The Motion was seconded.

The Chair: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Schools be adopted, and the Secretary will read the items.

The Secretary: The/ resolutions are found on page 306 of the "Bulletin." Beginning with No. 6, the resolutions are as follows:-

(The Secretary read Resolutions 6 to 19.)

The Chair: You have heard these recommendations. Is it your pleasure to adopt them one by one, reading them again? If there is no objection we will proceed ~~xxxx~~ in that way, as it is the ordinary of working. The Secretary will read the first resolution.

The Secretary read the first item, after which the question was called and the seventh, eighth, ~~and~~ ninth, tenth were read separately, ~~there~~being no discussion.

The Chair: The Secretary will read No. 11.

Number 11 was read by the Secretary.

Luther Warren: I would like to spring my ^{question} ~~resolution~~ right there before ~~this~~ resolution passes. It seems to me that we as laborers ought to stand together and know what unforunate expressions mean. I can see from things that we have already come in contact with that there is great danger of our work being misrepresented. I know that these things have come up in a way that the nemy has taken advantage of us and we are in danger of his doing so. To us laborers we ought to have

an explanation of some of these things.

There is just a point or two that it seems to me we ought to understand together. Is it the wisest or the best thing we can do under the circumstances to advise our people to go on in the public schools until arrangements can be made for proper church schools. Then our people are asked a great many questions in our cities, especially concerning the matter that has been sent to us in that way. There are some of us understanding the messages of God in one way, and some in another. Ought we to encourage our people who have families to make arrangements to get out of the cities, and if so, what shall be done about their children? Shall they be encouraged to keep them at home because in most cases there will be difficulties about schools for them? I know that from a number of places there have come conflicting opinions on these matters, that it seems to me if these points could be determined, it would be a great help to us.

D. T. Bourdeau: I wish to be put on record regarding this recommendation. I will use the term Babylon. I love education. The idea was prevalent forty-five years ago that we must disconnect public from our schools, and the impression had been made that if we did not come out of the schools we would not be out of Babylon. I do believe that it would be more and more difficult to attend public schools and maintain our position as Seventh-day Adventists to keep our children from the public and let them come out without education. If keeping them in ~~any~~ the public schools is keeping them in Babylon, I have a daughter to-day who is in Babylon, for she is in the public schools.

E. E. Gardiner: I want the privilege to express my deep interest in this recommendation. My observation has been largely in the cities. I am not acquainted with the educators in the country, but I know there is much consequence to the proper training of teachers undertaking this work, and the wisdom and the propriety as to

withdrawing our children from the public schools. I have been impressed with the conscientiousness and the zeal of some of our ~~xxxxxxx~~ educators in the public schools, who are deeply interested in the welfare of our young people. They inquire very rationally and properly as to our criticism of the public school system. They want to know why we are withdrawing our children from the schools, what our object is and what our plan is, and inquire into it with a real desire to know what the trouble is, and ask if we are acting on the same plan as the Catholics in the Parochial school system, etc. Sometimes the answer is the evil associations of the children. We do not wish our children under any such associations. Then it sometimes gives offense to neighbors, and I have been impressed with the fact that it is a difficult matter to present to our neighbors, who are equally interested in the welfare of their children, and there are many interested in our schools, getting the children under better influences and advantages. So these questions are certain to be asked, and there must be answers to them, and I feel that it ought to be well understood that where the church school is started there ought to be clear instruction given to the churches that our people may know how to answer wisely to these questions.

The question was called and Recommendations twelve, thirteen and fourteen were read by the Secretary.

M. H. Brown: Numbers fourteen and fifteen were taken up in the work of the International Sabbath-School Association. They were passed at that time.

Luther Warren: I feel somewhat deliviate before the brethren of so great experience in attempting to speak on this subject, but my hearts is so full of some of these things it does seem tome that some of them must be brought before our minds. I understood that there were some brethren who had expected to say some things on this

thirteenth resolution. I will say that a meeting was held by those specially interested in this matter, and it was appointed to write up some resolutions and present them to the Educational Committee, and then this committee was to bring the matter before the conference.

I am sorry that it comes in at so late a date. About eight years ago the Lord began sending words upon the matter of the organization of our young people. I would like to read a sentence or two from one of these

In May 29, 1893, that was the message ~~xx~~ sent us. "Young men and young women ~~you~~ ^{not} form companies and as soldiers of the cross ~~xx~~ enlist in the work, putting all your ^{and} ~~skill~~ ^{skill}, and talent into the Master's service, that you may save your souls from ruin. Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work. Let young men and women ~~come~~ to the work in the name of Jesus. ^a Let them unite ^{together} upon some plan ~~or other~~ of action. Let there be ^a company formed, somewhat after the order of the Christian Endeavor Society."

These are only extracts from messages sent to us again and again during the last eight years. I began doing this in my work as I raised up companies, and churches, expecting that after a little somebody would take up the work, and that it would have general attention throughout the field. Three years ago I was here at Battle Creek, and some of the workers here gave it special attention, and a start was made, and there were young people ~~went~~ ^{went} out to a number of cities. Some plans were laid to carry forward the work. I spoke about it to one or two of our leading brethren at that time, hoping that some general plan would be laid, but the time has gone on, and it seems to me like a great many other things the Lord has spoken about have come in and this matter has been left out. I think we can all appreciate the fact

we have among us a large number of young men and women that might

become useful in the Master's work, that are ^{of saving the young} drawing away to the world.

We have thousands of bright young men and women all over this world, that, if this plan had been carried out thoroughly, and they had been educated in their own home for the ~~fund~~ work God has given them, might to-day be ready for the work.

I can speak of one church especially where I grew up. There were in that church at the time I was a member of the church fifty young men and women of about my own age. These have grown up, and to-day more than half ~~more~~ of them are in the world. Of the other there is not more than half a dozen at the most that have any part in the work. Since that time fifty more have taken their place in this work. Here is 100 young people in that one church, and that a country church. It seems as though something must be done, that this work may be carried forward together.

There are difficulties in the way; but I have looked forward hoping that at this Conference an effort would be made by which it should be carried forward throughout the world. A little has been done in two or three Conferences, so far as I know. But difficulties have been met, and the work has largely stopped.

Concerning the next point that was spoken of, the next resolution, concerning the work for unbelievers, or the children of unbelievers. The Lord has said that hundreds and thousands of children might be saved if the right effort was made. The appeal has been made, Who will gather the children into little groups, and tell them about Jesus and about his work. The children of to-day must meet the great crises of to-day as children. In the past God has sent messages to the world, and when the children have been kept back by the influence of their parents, God has allowed these children to grow up, and they have sent the message. Our children throughout the world must meet the issues of to-day as children.

It seems clear to me from the messages that God ^{has given} concerning the

work of children and the work for children, that God expects the message to be given to the children in a different way than it has ever been; that special work must be carried on for the children of the great cities; that the children of the world, the children of India, of Africa, China, as well as the great cities in our own country. I believe that God, by his Spirit, is speaking to the young men and women especially throughout our land to-day, calling upon them to put forth special efforts for the children. My heart is in this work more than any other work among us.

There is one thing that I would like to speak of, that has a little connection with this. When you go back through Chicago, I wish you would take time to visit the Children's Home in Chicago. I wish you had time to hear Sister Black tell something about this work; it would help some of you, I know, to show how God will work in teaching the truths of the third angel's message to the children. Take children from everywhere, children who have an unfortunate training. The workers there are living upon \$5 a month; and yet there is danger of the work having to stop on account of lack of funds. Just a few hundred dollars could be put into that work, and hundreds of children saved. But the work is the same throughout other large cities.

W.C.White: Christ has a place for the children in his work. He had a work for Samuel; and he recognized the youth that had the leaves and the fishes. There is certainly a great field of usefulness open to the young people in our churches, and I hope and trust that in the carrying out of this resolution, our brethren will view the work in the light of the extracts which Brother Warren read. It says that the youth should be organized into companies. I like that term very much better than societies. A company is one portion of an army. A company works in harmony with other companies, under the direction of leaders. This is the form in which the ~~mission~~ work of the youth should be shaped in all our churches. I do not like the term society, because the

thought naturally prevails that each society is an independent republic; and it's is God's plan that the aged and the youth should unite together in the planning and executing of the work of the church. It is right for them to study in differnt columns, and to train in different columns, but every effort on the part of the youth should be tenderly cared for by the officers of the church.

I have often met this state of things in our churches: Some earnest young people meet together, and organize a children's meeting or a young people's meeting, and because they did not consult the officers of the church, the officers excused themselves from any responsibility. Brethren, is that right? Does the father and the mother in the home excuse themselves from the responsibility of what the children are doing because they organize an expedition and start off without counsel? No; father and mother say, "Why our responsibility is all the greater; we are their parents, and we must know what they are doing, and we must help them in every thing. That is right. Therefore we will be with our children, whether we are invited or not." This is the spirit with which church officers must aid the youth's work. They must not keep away until they hear something is done that is not exactly orthodox, and then meet together and vote that the society or that the meeting be disbanded. No, brethren; enter into it. You have a right there as visitors. Do not intrude your dry and old experiences to hinder their work, or to allay their arder. Pray for them; plan with them; help them by counseling their leaders. Know what they are doing, and let them know that the whole church through its officers is interested in every good work they are engaged in. Let it be indeed a company, a working company, a company in which the whole church is interested; but, brethren, let us not encourage the organization of independent societies of young people to run without any connection with other sections of the church.

[Voices: Amen!]

S.M. Butler: I would like to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that this recommendation says that this Conference shall appoint a committee to form a plan of organization for this Conference to act upon; and also that the extracts from the Testimonies say the very things to which Brother White has called attention, namely, that they should consult with those who are older, and that together they should form a plan, and should work together. Seek counsel from those who are older.

I am very much interested in this question before us. I feel certain that among Seventh-day Adventists there is a large class of just as fine young people as can be found anywhere in the world. I feel certain that these young people, if properly organized, and properly helped, will be a tremendous influence, a great factor, in the work in which we as a people are engaged. It does seem to me that we have been exceedingly slow to see this fact.

It seems to me that as a people we ought to take hold of this now. There have been some things done in this respect in various Conferences. In Michigan something has been done. In 1899 steps were taken to carry out the spirit of the extracts from the Spirit of Prophecy. There has been a great lack of agreement, and especially there was opposition, and a lack of interest on the part of those who opposed it in many of the churches.

Now we thought that this General Conference would undoubtedly take up this matter, and do something, and lay some plans, and then that this matter would be taken hold of, and we would all work together. I feel confident that our young people are ready to do this. I know that the young people in Michigan are ready to do this. I have had correspondence with them, and personal conversation with them. I know they are ready to throw their influence on the side of right, many of them

are. And if the older people say it is the right thing to go ahead and do it, we will stand by you in it; and if they do stand by them in it, we shall find that the young people will be ready to do their part. I am sure they will be a great power in this work. I do hope that this Conference will give it hearty support, and that wise plans will be devised here, and that we shall realize what God desires we shall.

F.M. Wilcox: I would like to move the following amendment to No. 13. "We approve the movement to enlist the interest of our young people in more effectual missionary service." Striking out the words "organize our young people in societies." I heartily approve of the remarks of Brother White. I believe this Conference, where we are trying to simplify organization, and doing away with some of the societies as independent organizations, we should not begin to organize new societies. I move this as an amendment.

A.T. Jones: I second.

The Chair: You have heard the amendment. Are you ready for the question.

Question was called for.

C.M. Gardner: I am opposed to the amendment to this recommendation, from the fact the recommendation calls for a committee of nine to plan for an organization or some plan that would be in harmony, to look after the interests of the young people; and inasmuch as the Testimony speaks directly of the young people forming companies after the order of the Christian Endeavor society, it seems to me before we strike that out, we might carry out the spirit of this resolution. I am sure that we, as a people, recognize that our young people have been sadly neglected; and as we look to the young people as the nursery of the church, and as that part of the church which will form the missionaries that shall in the future carry the gospel, it seems to me that we should consider this carefully, and not strike out that part of the recommendation that is in itself in harmony with the Testimony that has been read to us.

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And it seems to me that there is a safe consideration in it in the fact that there are to be nine persons selected who shall carefully look over this matter, and bring forward to this body an organization that shall be in harmony with the Testimonies, and with the necessity among us for more effectively looking after our young people, and encouraging them into the missionary work, and in the church. I am heartily in favor of the recommendation just as it reads.. I trust this amendment will be voted down, and the recommendation as it reads shall be carried by this body; that nine good, earnest persons shall be selected to look after this matter carefully, and bring before this body their deliberations.

F.M.Wilcox: I wish to state that my amendment did not affect the latter part of the recommendation, but left intact that part of the resolution relating to the appointment of nine men on the committee. It only provides for a change on the first part of the resolution doing away with the idea of independent organization and society, leaving the remaining part of the resolution intact.

C.C.Lewis: I am opposed to the amendment. It seems to be a mere question of words, and the words used in the recommendation are the words used in the Testimonies. I can't see why there should be any particular objection to this wording. It seems to me it would take the life out of the resolution, and seems to leave the matter where it was before.

W.W.Prescott: It does not so much depend upon the meaning which we ourselves put into the word that we use. In the extracts read, and which I think we all remember, the word "organize" is used. We use the word "organize" also. It does not follow that when we use "organize" we purpose to do or know how to do what is said in the Testimony when it says "organize." Our ideas of organization seem to be that it means therefore more societies and outward forms. Now I think the word "organize" may be used in a different sense altogether, from that; and while this matter has been before the Conference, it has seemed to me that if the body were willing to pass, if it were not passed at all, were not considered at all, but were let to pass a matter that involved a very great deal, with practically no thought whatever. Now it may be the very wisest and best thing that we can do to form a separate and new organization, but I would not like to tie myself to it today; that is all, and therefore, I would like simply to allow the amendment to pass that it might be left with these men here asked for, to make such recommendations to the Conference upon that very definite point, giving it more study than we have given it.

Luther Warren: I am hoping that the amendment will not pass, brethren. I am glad that in some way this matter shall be brought before us. It seems clear to me, and I have given the subject study for more than seven years, and of course, I am liable to be wrong in many things; that is why I am anxious this matter should come before my brethren who have more experience; but it seems very clear to me that God expects us to organize, and that it means just what we naturally and shall mean by organization. I have not lost sight of the fact that God wants us to simplify, but God himself says, "Let there be a company formed, somewhat after the order of the Christian Endeavor Society, and see what can be done by each accountable human agent in watching for and improving opportunities to do work for the master." Had I time to read the extracts on this matter, it seems to me the matter is made very plain, and very clear, and that it is time this instruction will be carried out, and I hope it will be carried out, and that brethren of experience will be put on this committee.

*after con. discussion by J. M. Wilson
C. M. Gardner, C. C. Lewis, W. R. P. Powell, E. J. Waggoner,
me (Luther Warren)*

No. 13 was amended so as to read: "We approve the movement to organize our young people for more effectual missionary service, et cetera."

They are a part of the church work; and yet we have a superintendent and assistant superintendent, a secretary and treasurer, and a certain number of necessary officers in that organization. We do not necessarily have to have a constitution in the church to regulate that, and I do not understand it is contemplated to have a constitution; not necessarily so; but it does seem to me that if we simply think it is going to be a meeting of young people, managed entirely by the old brethren, the very spirit of this movement will be all taken out of it, and the young people will not be encouraged to take hold and do the work and gain the experience in doing it that God has in view in this movement.

I want to say that I feel very much interested in this, and I hope to see the work brought before this Conference by that committee that may be appointed at once, so that you may have some time to deliberate upon this and bring it before the Conference, so some general plan of work may be adopted that will be accepted uniformly among us.

C. C. Lewis: I move an amendment to the amendment ~~adopted~~ suggested by brother Snyder. It leaves out the word "societies," and makes it read: "We approve the movement to organize our young people for more effectual missionary service."

A. G. Daniells in the chair:

~~Amisak~~: I have been out, and I do not know where we are at all. An amendment to an amendment?

F. M. Wilcox: I beg to say that I will accept that as the amendment, if there is no objection.

The Chair: At least all will agree to this. Those who favor, raise the hand; contrary, same sign.

E. J. Waggoner: I just wanted to add one word before the matter was dropped. It seems to me that if the idea expressed by the last speaker but one is the idea to obtain, it would be most disastrous and calamitous; that is to say, there are to be societies of children, young people, inde

pendent of the church or leaders in the church. I certainly can not see why there should be any discredit placed upon the elders of the church, or the leaders in the church, in that which is legitimate church work; for among almost the last things we find in the words of the Lord, when he spoke to Peter, giving him his specific work, were "Feed my ~~lamb~~ sheep. Feed my lambs." So that the work of caring for the young devolves upon the elders of the church, just as much as the work of leading those who are of mature years. But if the idea be to organize young people, and just simply let them be a sort of a copy of some other society which is held by the old, that they shall go through the routine, official, everything, and then be separate from the organic life of the church, it seems to me it would be most disastrous to the young people themselves.

M. C. Wilcox: I do feel burdened to say just a word further in regard to this matter, right in the same line in which Dr. Waggoner has just spoken. If this is passed, and we simply think that the young people ought to be organized in some way, simply because such a resolution as that has been passed, we will fail of the very thing that the Lord has exhorted us to do. It is not merely societies or merely organizations of any kind that is going to amount to anything. And these organizations or societies never will amount to anything, unless somebody has a burden from the Lord to do some kind of work. Our young people ought to be organized for work. They ought to be organized by some one who has a burden in that line. They ought to be organized by some one who has some experience in that line. And if they are organized outside of that, and simply a young people's society organized by themselves and in themselves and for themselves, they will be simply courting societies, and will do far more harm than good. I tell you, it means not simply the organization of some society which shall meet together from Sabbath to Sabbath and have reports read or a few essays or

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remarks, or some minister who is passing through address~~s~~ them,--it means earnest work for God. And unless we are organized in that way, better not organize at all. (Voices: Amen!) But organize, and let them be organized, to work for God. (Voices: Amen!)

The Chair: No. 16.

David Paulson: Just a word should be said on No. 16, unless it has been explained to the audience before.

The Chair: Just come forward.

David Paulson: I did not expect to say anything on this, as there are others who could speak to this resolution much better than I can, but if no one else is here to speak to this, I ~~much~~ wish to say that there seems to be a great fascination to gather young people into a class-room for a few months, and then have them go away, with the idea that they are full-fledged nurses, even though they have never seen a sick person, or learned how to actually do anything by practical experience with their hands in ministering to the needs of a sick person. They have learned certain forms and theories, and with these lessons learned which they have had, they think that they do know how to treat the sick. This is a fascinating idea to many, but it is not practical.

But there is one thing that can be done in our schools, and it will relieve our Sanitarium training-schools of a large burden, and that is to give a large share of the theoretical instruction that is now given in our Sanitarium training-schools, in the colleges. It would be bringing a larger class of students into our colleges, it would put them under the influence of colleges, which would be helpful and wholesome to them, for one year longer before they are brought into such places of trial and temptation as they will find in our Sanitarium. So a plan has been elaborated whereby a large share of the ~~more~~ instruction which we now give during the first year in our various training-schools for nurses, will be given in our colleges, provided they will carry out this resolution (and I believe they will), and this will enable us during the two years that our young people are in the Sanitarium, to teach them vastly more practical things than they now learn. In fact, there is no limit to what they may learn. This preliminary instruction in the elementary branches might

just as well be given in college halls. I might say much more, but I think this is sufficient to explain the intent of the resolution.

~~Delegates: Question!~~

Resolutions Nos. 17 and 18 were read by the Secretary.

D.F.Bourdeau: No. 18, concerning the teaching of languages in our school, is very important. I trust we shall not simply form resolutions, but aim to carry them out. If people come into our midst who are prepared to teach those languages, we should be prompt to use those people. ~~I cast no reflection; but action is necessary.~~ I think we ought to have eyes open before, behind, and on every side, ~~and~~ ^{to} see what God is giving us as helps in this very direction; for then we will be better able to carry out this resolution. I believe other languages should be taught, and that works should be prepared in those languages. I thank the Lord for this resolution. ~~I hope we will take it to heart, and carry it out.~~

The Secretary read No. 19.

The Chair: We have now had all the recommendations. The motion is to adopt them.

S.N.Curtiss: I do not fully understand the wording of the past part of resolution No. 6, where it speaks of church schools be supported either by "local tuition of voluntary contributions."

C.C.Lewis: It was thought that in some churches they might prefer to have tuition paid, and in others to support the school entirely by voluntary contributions. There is a difference in plans in various parts of the country, and it was designed that this resolution should meet these various conditions. Some prefer to have the children earn their own tuition as far as possible, and some encourage their students to earn all they can to contribute to the fund for the support of the church school.

O.F.Campbell: In resolution 16 it is specified that no diplomas be granted to nurses. Are ~~the~~ there not a large number of nurses who are now in the sanitariums, who have been encouraged that they will receive such diplomas? How will this resolution affect these?

M.C.Wilcox: This resolution was ^{not} designed to touch the Sanitarium training-school at all, our other schools---colleges and academies, who have a preparatory course for nurses, as outlined by Dr. Paulson a few minutes ago. It is expected that the sanitarium training-schools will grant diplomas as heretofore to their graduate nurses.

F.D.Starr: No. 8 reads: "Intermediate industrial schools should be established wherever it seems advisable." Could not this be made more definite? It would indeed be gratifying if it could. The important point to decide is just where such schools are advisable.

C.C.Lewis: The Committee considered this, but after trying several times, they decided they were not competent to make any decision without knowing the circumstances and the nature of the case in each instance; for those who are on the ground are the only ones who can decide.

The Chair: The question is called for. All in favor of the report please raise the hand. Contrary same sign. Carried.

Resolution No. 13 provides that a committee of nine be appointed.

~~C.C.Lewis: I move that Luther Warren, ~~and S.M. Butler,~~~~
were nominated as
and A.G.Haughey be members of this committee.

~~E.E.Gardner: I second the motion.~~

~~A.G.Haughey: We have a man in our Conference who has been giving his special attention to this work. I would therefore move the substitution of the name of H.H.Burkholder in place of A.G.Haughey.~~

~~A.T.Jones: I second the motion.~~

~~C.C.Lewis: I would like to have them both on.~~

~~The substitution was carried. The original motion, as amended by the substitution, was carried.~~

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M.C.Wilcox: I move that the remainder of this committee of nine be appointed by the chairman, in consultation with whomsoever he may choose.

~~The Chairman:~~ The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chair: We have a little unfinished business yet---the report of the Committee on Distribution of Laborers. The Secretary will read the report.

The Secretary read the report entire,--recommendations Nos. 20 to 37, as printed in the forenoon proceedings of the ~~forenoon~~ Conference.

O.A.Olsen: I move the adoption of this report by considering each name separately.

S.H.Lane: I second the motion.

The Secretary read recommendations 20 to 24, the question being called on each.

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and also Scandinavian, and he is now entering the ministry, and he has a burden and an interest to take up the educational work among this people, and also to assist in developing our literature. Now, he cannot do that effectually here in America, as has already been said, Therefore I request that he go to Scandinavia, ~~or~~ to Denmark or Norway to connect with the work there, to become acquainted with the ways and customs and habits and conditions of the people and ~~integrate~~ educate himself in these things, and it may aid us in reviving the educational work. I feel that there could be no greater or more important ~~xxxx~~ way to help in this branch of the work than just such usefulness as that.

There is one thing I must state in connection with that. ~~the~~ Neither ~~xx xxx~~ Denmark or Norway conferences have funds on hand with which to support him for a time, because we are now doing our utmost and have all the laborers on our hands that we can possibly support from the tithe from our small constituency. Therefore I come with the request that some of our strong Conferences here where our Scandinavian work is so largely represented come forward and offer support to this brother until the work develops the strength that it may support him. We believe in your doing this you will do a noble work, will help on the message and not only help it in Scandinavia, but also help it here in America from that standpoint, and with your assistance being able to replenish our depleted literature and developing the work in the best way possible. Now, I believe with all confidence that there will be some of our Western strong Conferences that will come forward and do this, and support this brother that he may take hold of this work and aid the Scandinavian branch from this standpoint. Believing this, we are glad for the recommendation.

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A. O. Olsen: I would like the privilege of speaking ~~so~~ that recommendation. ^{no. 24} It is well known to those of the congregation that Elder Hohn Matteson led our in the Scandinavian work. Not only was he an able evangelist and missionary, both in the home field and abroad, but he had also given him much ability in writing and producing a literature on the present truth of the home field and in the Scandinavian language. And we are also fully aware that while his ministrations in the work in the desk and the mission field was very effectual, his work with the pen in producing literature and his editorial work was even more effectual, reaching a much larger audience than his voice could reach. When his health began to seriously decline, and we saw that his end was approaching, it gave us very much concern, with the thought as to who was coming up to take the work that he was leaving, not so much the ministerial work as the editorial work and the producing of literature on present truth among the Scandinavians. For a long time we had no schools in ~~Scandinavia~~ by which to develop our growing Scandinavian population in present truth. ^{Finally} ~~xxxxxx~~at the building of Union College, this was provided for and the idea of developing the growing talent, for the work was what caused us to speak so earnestly for such a department.

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The Lord has been blessing this work, and ~~xxxx~~number of young people and growing laborers have come up through these lines, receiving their preparation in the school, and this we are thankful for. But no one has come forward and shown the ability and the fitness to take up the ~~xxxx~~ litera~~xxx~~ry work of present truth. Now, there is Brother Louis Christiansen whose name has been brought before the Conference. He has finished Union College and finished a course in

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The question was called and the next ~~two~~ ^{four} items were read.

A Delegate: I would like to have the words "Among the Scandinavians" added.

The Chair: The words are added. ~~The next item.~~

~~Items Nos. 27 and 28 were read.~~

The Secretary read recommendation 29, and was spoken to by ^{R.A.} ~~Underwood~~ Underwood, L. Johnson, N.P. Nelson, E.G. Olsen. As the time drew on for the convening of the Colorado Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, to hold their legal meeting, a motion prevailed to adopt all the recommendations from 20 to 28 inclusive. Action on following recommendations was deferred until a later meeting.

G.B. Thompson: The Committee on Nominations have a further partial report that will be presented by the Secretary, Brother Spicer.

W.A. Spicer* [Reading]: "The Nominating Committee recommend, as a further partial report, that the following-named persons be members of the General Conference Committee: H.W. Cottrell, R.M. Kilgore, C. Mc Reynolds, W.T. Knox, G.A. Erwin, O.A. Olsen.

"The persons named are presidents of Union Conferences. Two Union Conference districts not having selected a president, a full report can not be submitted.

"The following persons are recommended as electors at large of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association: J.R. Leadsworth, A.B. Olsen, F.B. Moran, J.M. Craig, W.H. Riley, A.N. Loper, A.J. Sanderson, J. Sutherland, J.A. Brunson, ^{Mrs.} N.H. Druillard.

"It is recommended that the Local Board of Managers for Union College be enlarged by the addition of two members, making a Board of eleven instead of nine as at present constituted.

"It is recommended that the Board of Management of Union College be as follows:--

The Presidents of the following Conferences: Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado; J. Sutherland, A.N. Loper, the president of the College, and the Bible teacher in the College.

"It is recommended that the following designated persons constitute the Local Board of Management of Keene Industrial Academy: Presi-

dents of the following Conferences: Southwest Union Conference, Texas, Greer, Oklahoma, Arkansas, the business manager of the Academy, W.S. ~~Greer~~ J.D. Matthews, B.F. Woods, T.P. Stevenson, J.M. Mesley."

[Signed]

General Conference Nominating Committee."

The Chair: What will you do with this report?

A.T. Jones: I move its adoption.

N.W. Allee: I second the motion.

The Chair: The Secretary will proceed to read the names.

The Secretary [Reading]: For General Conference Committee:

H.W. Cottrell, R.M. Kilgore, C. Mc Reynolds, W.T. Knox, G.A. Irwin, O.A. Olsen.

The Chair: Now this pertains to the Conference. We will take a vote on this. Those who favor the motion to elect these persons will manifest it by the uplifted hand; contrary, by the same sign. It is carried.

The Chair: Now would it please you to adjourn?

A.T. Jones: I move we adjourn.

The Chair: To what time?

A.T. Jones: to 10:30 to-morrow morning.

J.O. Corliss: I second the motion.

The Chair: Those who favor the motion will please stand.

Dr. Riley will call a meeting of the medical board that was "adjourned to this hour.

A.G. DANIELLS, Chairman.

L.A. HOOPES, Secretary.