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Twenty-sixth Meeting, April 20, 1900 A. M.

Elder O. A. Olsen in the Chair.

H. R. Johnson offered prayer.

The Chair: We are now entering upon the last days of this Conference. Much important work is yet to be done. I trust that we may have the special blessing of God and the guidance of his spirit so that every move that is made may be the right move, directed of the Lord. There is considerable business that has ~~xxx~~ been reported that has not yet been acted upon. ~~A partial report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor is ready, and here are the copies of the proposed Constitution.~~ Here is also the partial report of the committee on Finance which has been distributed in printed form. What is your pleasure? Will you take up the recommendations? They begin with No. 38, page 355. I do not know but that we might take up the Constitution. With reference to the Constitution, I understand that it is intended to print that <sup>to be</sup> as it has ~~xxx~~ considered by the several committee in the "Bulletin" before it is again brought up before the delegation. What will you do with this partial report of the Finance Committee that has been passed out in these slips.

M. C. Wilcox: I move that the report be adopted by considering each item separately.

Delegate: I second the motion.

The Chair: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Finance be adopted by considering each item separately.

~~The motion was passed unanimously.~~

The Chair: The Secretary will read the first item of this partial report.

The Secretary (Reading): "Your Committee on Finance respectfully beg leave to submit the following partial report:-

6. We recommend that a most vigorous effort be made by our brethren and sisters, our local and Union Conferences, to push the relief of our schools and the Scandinavian Publishing House to a successful finish; that we endeavor to complete this work quickly and that no other general movements of the kind be commenced until those now under way are completed, unless urgent necessity demand otherwise. "

The Chair: Are there any remarks?

M. C. Wilcox: I would like to suggest that the word "issue" be used instead of the word "finish." "Fi/nish" is a kind of sporting term.

The Chair: You hear the suggestion. Any objection to it? If not, it can be adopted by common consent. The Secretary will read the next item.

The Secretary (reading): "7. We recommend that all proceeds from the sales of the German editions of "Christ's Object Lessons," both in the United States and Germany, be given to the school which has recently been started in Germany."

M. C. Wilcox: May I suggest another change of wording in that No. 6: "That not other general movements of the kind be ~~commenced~~ inaugurated" instead of "commenced." To inaugurate is to formally begin. Sometimes a man begins ~~something~~ something way back of its inauguration.

~~The Chair:~~ The Chair: This change of wording may be adopted by common consent, if there is no objection.

The question was called for.

The Secretary (reading): "8: We recommend that the proceeds from the sales of "Christ's Object Lessons" in the Danish-Norwegian language, in the United States and in Norway, be used for the relief of the Scandinavian Publishing House, and that the proceeds from the sales of the same in Denmark be used for the relief of the Frederickshavn School"

The question was called for.

The Chair: I would like to take the privilege of raising this question: Have the Committee considered that there are educational interests in Norway to be cared for by sales in Denmark, or should they be left out entirely. It seems to me that Norway should receive some consideration.

P. T. Magan: I do not think that the Committee considered that at all. It would be perfectly proper to do that here.

The Chair: It seems to me that Norway and Denmark should be placed on the same footing on that matter. Will it be proper to refer it back to the Committee? or will you make some change here?

P. T. Magan: I am sure that the Committee are perfectly willing that this matter go whichever way will be best for the best interests of the ~~xxxxxx~~ cause. This whole matter of giving the proceeds from editions of this book to foreign fields sprang from the advice of Sister White when she wrote to us last summer, asking that we get out the book in the Scandinavian languages for the benefit of the publishing house. The matter has been enlarged upon little by little. I am sure I do not know what her mind would be upon this matter. She wrote and made that special request that the ~~xxxxxx~~ matter go to the publishing house, and yet I know she has a kindly feeling toward the schools over there. It might be best to divide this fund and send a part of it to the school and a part of it to the publishing house.

The Chair: I would only have this remark to make: Let all the proceeds from that in this country go to the designated place.

, But as you have permitted what is sold in Denmark to go to the school there, so the proceeds of what is sold in Norway ought to go to the educational work there.

P. T. Magan: To get the matter before us I move that the article be amended to read that way.

Voices: I second the motion.

The question was called for and carried unanimously.

A. E. Place: Will you please read the motion as amended?

The Chair: The change is only this: That Norway be placed on the same footing as Denmark; that what is sold of the book in the Danish-Norwegian in this country go to aid the publishing house, and what is sold of the edition in Norway go to aid the ~~public~~ educational work there, the same as it is provided for in the paragraph.

Question: Does this mean that Norway and Denmark will not be placed in the position of the others, but that this is will be especially to assist in relieving the publishing house over there?

The Chair: They will do all in their power in relieving it; and as Denmark is to have the benefits of the sales for the educational, Norway needs it just as much, and I think it is right as it is placed:

S. H. Lane: Is it not a fact that if they themselves take hold to relieve this institution they will take more interest in it? It seems to me it would give them an education. They ought to feel some responsibility to save the publishing house.

The Chair: They are doing their utmost.

Question: Do they do the choosing?

The Chair: If Denmark and Norway had been placed together we would not have needed more, but there is an edition made, and I think about the that ~~xxxxxxx~~ same.

Question: There is a question as to what object they ought to be put- both go to the schools or to the publishing houses.

I. H. Evans: The Committee considered it from this standpoint: That Denmark had a school with a large indebtedness, and it seems that it is almost necessary that Denmark have the proceeds of the sale of the

~~ask~~ That Denmark had a school with a large indebtedness which she will hardly be able to raise, so we thought that the proceeds from the sale of books should go from both countries to the publishing house. When we take into consideration that the Frederickshavn school school with about seventy-eight thousand krone indebtedness, it seems almost necessary that Denmark have the proceeds of the sale of the books to raise that debt, but Denmark has no school, and this plan is not to start schools but is to help schools out of debt.

The Chair: Norway was united with Denmark, and they ought to stand together and work together.

~~RxxRxx~~ It was moved and second that this item be referred back to the Committee. Unanimously carried.

The Secretary (reading): "9. We recommend that the proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in the Swedish language, both in the United States and in Sweden, be devoted to the support of the Nyhyttan school in Sweden."

Question was called.

The Secretary (reading): "10. We recommend that all the bills for material for "Christ's Object Lessons" in all languages in the United States be met from the fifty Thousand Dollar Relief Fund of the Schools Fund, which should be increased to meet the added cost of typesetting, plate-making, and advertising in the foreign languages."

F. D. Starr: About how much has already been contributed to this fund?

P. T. Magan: Somewhere in the neighborhood of sixteen or seventeen thousand dollars, I think. I have not the exact figures here this morning.

F. D. Starr: How did this compare with what has been raised to pay off the indebtedness.

P. T. Mggan: I will say that about seventy thousand books, or perhaps eighty thousand, have been printed. Somewhere in the neighborhood of seventy thousand books have left the publishing houses, and you must bear in mind that this has not only had to pay for the mail, but it has had to pay for the illustrations, for the typesetting, and for the plate-making, which is no small item. It costs us us thousands of dollars to get out the plates for these books. You must remember that there is to be a set of German plates for this country and a set of German plates for across the water; a set of Danish-Norwegian plates for this country and another set for across the water.