GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

The Conference convened Monday morning Nov. 4, at 9:30, as usual, and after song, was led in prayer by Elder J. M. Rees, of Indiana. The minutes of the last meeting being approved, the question of adopting the By-laws, which was made the special order for that hour, was taken under consideration. After a few minor amendments, the By-laws were adopted in the following form:

ARTICLE I. — OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS, — THEIR CREATION AND DUTIES.

PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference and of the Executive Committee, and appoint all Committees not otherwise created.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. The duty of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of all sessions of the Conference, and of the statistics of the denomination.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SECTION 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall have in charge the general correspondence of the Conference, and shall also be the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

SECTION 4. The Educational Secretary shall have the general supervision of the educational work of the denomination. It shall be his duty to visit the different educational institutions; and he may, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, call Teachers' Institutes, when the circumstances seem to demand. It shall be his duty to suggest plans and devise means for the development of the educational work of the denomination. He shall also make a report to the General Conference at its sessions, of the progress of the work, and of the general standing of the educational institutions.

FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Foreign Mission Secretary to maintain a regular correspondence with superintendents of missions, and with the supervising committees of the foreign mission enterprises under the management of the Foreign Mission Board; to make regular reports of the condition and wants of the missions, to the Board, or to such standing committees as may be created for this purpose by the Board; to communicate the decisions of the Board to its agents in foreign countries; and to report to the Conference at its sessions, the workings of the Board, and the condition, progress, and wants of its foreign missions.

TREASURER.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money belonging to the Conference, to keep an account of the same, to disburse it by order of the Executive Committee, and to make a full report thereof at all sessions of the Conference.

POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of the Conference; it shall take the general supervision of all denominational work, and attend to the proper distribution of the laborers. It shall also give credentials to, or license, such ministers as may be employed in General Conference work; and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in the offices, boards, committees, or agents, by death, resignation, or otherwise.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 8. The Chair shall appoint, at each regular session of the Conference, the following Committees, to serve during the session:


AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 9. At each regular session of the Conference the presiding officer shall appoint, unless otherwise voted, a Standing Committee of six delegates, who shall, with the Executive Committee, constitute a committee for auditing and settling all accounts against the Conference.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

SECTION 10. The Conference shall elect a Foreign Mission Committee of six, whose term of office shall be the same as that of the officers of the General Conference.
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Sec. 11. The Executive Committee and the Foreign Mission Committee shall constitute a Foreign Mission Board of fifteen, for the management of the foreign mission work of this Conference.

BOOK COMMITTEE.

Sec. 12. The Conference shall at each regular session elect a Book Committee of thirteen, which shall each year hold at least two meetings at such times and places as will be most convenient for the majority of the members. It shall be the duty of the Book Committee to labor for the improvement of Seventh-day Adventist denominational literature, (1) by submitting to the authors and publishers judicious criticisms on books already published; (2) by promptly examining all manuscripts submitted to them, and giving advice with reference to their publication.

ARTICLE XII. — REPORTS.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries of this Conference to furnish such reports as the Executive Committee may require.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all persons employed by this Conference to furnish to the Recording Secretary quarterly and annual reports of all their work and expenditures during such time as they may have been employed.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of each local Conference to furnish quarterly to the Recording Secretary of this Conference such statistical reports as the Executive Committee may require.

ARTICLE XIII.—FUNDS.

The General Conference shall receive first-day offerings, Christmas offerings, donations, and a tenth of the tithes of local Conferences. The Executive Committee is also authorized to call for donations from local Conferences, churches, or individuals, as the wants of the cause may in their judgment demand.

ARTICLE XIV.—ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR CORPORATE BODIES.

The Conference shall elect at its regular sessions five Trustees for the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation of the city of Battle Creek, Mich., existing under the laws of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE XV.—GOVERNMENT.

All sessions of the Conference shall be governed by the standard parliamentary rules, except as in the By-laws otherwise provided.

The second reading of the report of the committee on consolidation of denominational interests was called for. That part of it providing that the publication and sale of all denominational books shall be under the control of the denomination, called out remarks from C. Eldridge, A. R. Henry, W. C. White, J. O. Corliss, A. T. Jones, and R. M. Kilgore. Pending action on the report, the meeting adjourned.

INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

SIXTH MEETING.

"RESTING BY AND BY," was sung at the opening of this meeting on the afternoon of November 4. Elder R. S. Webber, of Maine, offered prayer, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

The first business was the report of the Committee on New Books, which follows:

Your Committee appointed to examine the new books issued by the Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses the past year, would submit the following report:

Of new books in English, we would recommend:

1. "Civil Government and Religion," by Elder A. T. Jones, a pamphlet of 176 pages, forcibly and logically demonstrating from Scripture and history the proper relation of Church and State. It clearly defines the attitude that American citizens should assume toward the efforts now being made to secure religious legislation.

2. "The National Sunday Law," a pamphlet of 192 pages containing the argument made before the United States Senate Committee, by Elder A. T. Jones, on the Sunday-Rest Bill introduced by Senator Blair. It contains all that was said on that topic, also, with answers to all of the Senator's questions and objections written out in full. This pamphlet meets the question of Sunday laws in nearly all its phases.

3. "The Change of the Sabbath," a pamphlet of 318 pages, written by Elder G. L. Butler. He gives in condensed form the evidence of the change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week, showing the unhallowed character of that work.

While the book affords the opportunity of circulating in convenient form, the facts and arguments bearing on the question, it also will create an interest in the large work entitled, "The History of the Sabbath."

4. "Volume One, Great Controversy," by Mrs. E. G. White. The work has lately been revised, and its readers will find in it that which will interest and profit. It is a subscription book, and is well fitted for that line of trade.

5. "Testimony No. 33." The well known character of these volumes makes any special recommendation or description unnecessary. This book should be thoroughly circulated among the members of the denomination, and we would suggest that our societies take special pains in this direction.

6. "The Sentinel and Bible Student Libraries." We recognize in this literature that which is of great value to the cause of present truth, and in the manner of its circulation, a convenient and economical means of reaching the people. We consider that the publishers deserve the cooperation of the tract societies.

We would urge our State Societies to use their influence and organized methods in putting all the above mentioned books into the hands of the people.

Of works in foreign languages, we would recommend the following:

1. "Prophecies of Jesus," in the Danish and Swedish. It is well received by the public. A revised and enlarged edition will soon be issued. We believe that our tract societies should take a special interest in procuring Scandinavian canvassers for this book.

2. "Civil Government and Religion," which has been translated into the Danish, and will soon appear in the Swedish. We consider it important for our agents and workers, both American and Scandinavian, to give this pamphlet wide circulation as possible.

3. "Sunshine at Home" in the Danish. This work has been rewritten and enlarged. We would advise those having charge of the canvassing work, to use the opportunities at their command to secure canvassers for this book, and from those speaking the Danish language.

4. The last revised edition of the "Great Controversy," Vol. IV., has already been translated into the Danish language, and is now in press in Christiania, Norway, and will soon be ready for the market.

5. "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," is now being translated into the Danish language, and will be ready in a few months.


8. *Quito change la Sábado?* or "Who Changed the Sabbath?" a 32-page French tract by Elder J. H. Waggoner. We consider it worthy of a wide circulation.

9. *Le Souverain Pontiff,* or "The Sovereign Pontiff and the Church of Rome," a pamphlet of 48 pages, in the French. It is an able and forcible discourse on Dan. 7 and the "little horn." It was written by Prof. Gausen, and has been published at Basel by permission of the author's family. Its mission is a useful one.

10. *From Eden to Eden,* or "From Eden to Eden," by J. H. Waggoner. This book was issued at Basel, Switzerland, last March, appearing simultaneously in the French and German. The work takes in the entire scope of redemption, and its facts and principles are stated in an entertaining and forcible manner. Its appropriate illustrations and attractive style will secure for it many interested readers. We would urge our societies to give this book the attention it deserves.

"From Eden to Eden" will soon be issued in the English. The Pacific Press Pub. Co. will have an edition ready for the subscription-book trade in a few weeks. What is said above in regard to the French and German editions, will also apply to the English edition.

**SUPPLEMENTARY.**

There is a call for publications as follows:

- The Atoneoment and Christian Baptism in the Swedish; Titheing, important Testimonies of Mrs. White, the Spirit of God; its Offices and Gifts, in the Swedish and Danish languages; therefore, we would request the Book Committee to consider the practicability of meeting the demands in this direction as soon as possible.

L. T. Nicoll, Chairman.

O. A. Johnson, representing the Scandinavian cause, said that there were quite a number of books needed in that language. Among others he mentioned, "Ministration of Angles," a work on Spiritualism, and another on the Sanctuary. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The chair then appointed the following Committee to carry out the recommendation of the first resolution, found on the second column of page 132 of the *Bulletin:* L. C. Chadwick, D. T. Jones, C. Eldridge. Upon motion of C. H. Jones, the following names were added to the Committee: L. Dyo Chambers, A. O. Tait.

A supplementary report from the committee on resolutions was presented as follows:

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

Resolved, That we approve of and recommend the adoption of the plan for circulating religious liberty literature, which were set forth in the August *Home Missionary Extra,* pages 4 and 5.

The second resolution on last column of page 124 of the *Bulletin* was then called up and amended by inserting the words "for free distribution" after the word "literature." As amended it was adopted.

The last resolution on the first column of the same page of the *Bulletin* was then amended by inserting the words "two-thirds of" after the word "that," in the fifth line, and striking out the word "unanimously" in the last line.

C. Eldridge spoke decidedly against the resolution, because he thought that the principle of incorporating each State by itself is wrong. He thought that the States would better deed their property to the General Conference Association, if they wanted to hold property legally. He said it was better to consolidate under one general head.

W. C. White could see present advantages in State incorporations; but he did not think that it would prove the best in the end. "There is," he said, "a growing desire to have all the general work be directed by the General Conference;" and he therefore recommended that the whole matter be referred to the Conference.

In answer to some remarks from a previous speaker, L. C. Chadwick said that in Pennsylvania the society had incorporated for their own protection. They did not think it was a matter over which the International Society had, or desired to have, control. He was in favor of the resolution, and thought it ought to be adopted for the encouragement of the other States, if for no other purpose. As for Pennsylvania, he said that when the proper time should arrive, that State was ready to transfer their property to the General Conference Association.

R. M. Kilgore spoke in favor of the resolution. A vote was then taken and the resolution was rejected.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions, concerning the support of District Canvassing Agents, was then considered. C. Eldridge said that it would be a decided advantage to the General Conference to grant just such a request as the one embodied in the resolution. He showed that $25,000 tithes were paid into the cause last year from the profits on books. This he thought to be a matter worth looking after. L. Dyo Chambers also spoke on the same line, after which the resolution was adopted.

The other resolution, presented with the one just adopted, was next considered. C. Eldridge thought the plan suggested was open to some criticisms, but he did not wish to lay anything in the way of the passage of the resolution. The chair said that some plan ought to be adopted at this meeting that would give the brethren the opportunity of taking hold of some line of work unitedly, immediately upon the close of the Conference. The resolution was then tabled.

The Committee on Resolutions still further reported the following:

Whereas, There are persons in our churches, who are not able to enter the work as field canvassers, but who could do good work as local agents for our health and temperance literature; and,

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No. holding weekly missionary meetings.
Have you a State District?
No. of members.
Per cent reporting.
Letters written.
Letters received.
Visits made.
Bible read/ye hold.
No. subs. obtained for periodicals.
Pages of publications distributed by agents.
Pages of publications distributed by other members.
Agents.
Other members.

Arkansas
California
Colorado
South Atlantic
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Michigan
Missouri
Maine
Nebraska
New York
New England
North Pacific
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Quebec
South Dakota
Texas
Tennessee
Upper Columbia
Virginia
West Virginia
Wisconsin

**Totals**

**Australian**
**British**
**New Zealand**
**Scandinavian**
**South Africa**
**Central Europe**

**Totals**
## No. of Cities of 10,000 or more in habits, not yet entered by workers.

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<th>No. read 'g' r's supplied during yr. with any of our religious periodicals.</th>
<th>No. with health journals.</th>
<th>No. of tract distributors in use.</th>
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<td>No. of society or church members who have circulated Rel. Library P'ns.</td>
<td>No. studying lessons on National Reformation in Zion's Harbinger.</td>
<td>Amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals.</td>
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<td>Wholesale value of publications sold to agents.</td>
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<td>Fourth - Sabbath and other donations.</td>
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<td>Memberships and special donations.</td>
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<td>Total receipts.</td>
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<td>Value of periodicals sold.</td>
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<td>Excess of resources over liabilities.</td>
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### Arkansas
- No. of cities: 5
- No. of religious periodicals: 6
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $1,407.58.

### California
- No. of cities: 37
- No. of religious periodicals: 46
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $1,505.49.

### Colorado
- No. of cities: 8
- No. of religious periodicals: 45
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $988.59.

### South Atlantic
- No. of cities: 3
- No. of religious periodicals: 43
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $764.98.

### Illinois
- No. of cities: 15
- No. of religious periodicals: 18
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $656.97.

### Indiana
- No. of cities: 8
- No. of religious periodicals: 10
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $100.00.

### Iowa
- No. of cities: 4
- No. of religious periodicals: 7
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $7,101.25.

### Kansas
- No. of cities: 9
- No. of religious periodicals: 11
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $6,640.00.

### Minnesota
- No. of cities: 3
- No. of religious periodicals: 11
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $7,101.25.

### Missouri
- No. of cities: 9
- No. of religious periodicals: 8
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $8,664.00.

### Maine
- No. of cities: 1
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $596.75.

### Nebraska
- No. of cities: 1
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### New York
- No. of cities: 13
- No. of religious periodicals: 17
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $8,664.00.

### New England
- No. of cities: 10
- No. of religious periodicals: 11
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $8,664.00.

### North Pacific
- No. of cities: 7
- No. of religious periodicals: 12
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $8,664.00.

### Ohio
- No. of cities: 2
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Pennsylvania
- No. of cities: 11
- No. of religious periodicals: 13
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Quebec
- No. of cities: 2
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### South Dakota
- No. of cities: 3
- No. of religious periodicals: 4
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Texas
- No. of cities: 3
- No. of religious periodicals: 4
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Tennessee
- No. of cities: 10
- No. of religious periodicals: 12
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Upper Columbia
- No. of cities: 3
- No. of religious periodicals: 4
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Vermont
- No. of cities: 1
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Virginia
- No. of cities: 1
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### West Virginia
- No. of cities: 1
- No. of religious periodicals: 3
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Wisconsin
- No. of cities: 7
- No. of religious periodicals: 8
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $306.78.

### Totals
- No. of cities: 99
- No. of religious periodicals: 238
- The amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals sold is $10,160.00.

**Notes:**
- a. Amount received on books, tracts, and periodicals, and Fourth Sabbath donations.
- b. Six months.
- c. Nine months.
- d. And donations.
- e. Ministers, and agents, report for only last quarter.
BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR (OF NINE MONTHS) ENDING JUNE 30, 1889.

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<th>Balances of accounts.</th>
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<th>Losses and gains.</th>
<th>Stock.</th>
<th>Resources and liabilities.</th>
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<td><strong>Present worth Oct. 1, 1888.</strong></td>
<td><strong>$311,693.96</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pacific Press.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Present Truth.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>N. Y. branch Pacific Press.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Loss and gains.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fourth-Sabbath readings for 1888.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Labor (for transient help).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Accounts receivable.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cash June 30, 1889.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Balance, Present Worth, June 30, 1889.</strong></td>
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* Amounts expended from Oct. 1, 1888 to June 30, 1889 in the gratuitous distribution of publications, in the regular work of the Society, over and above all receipts going to the credits of these accounts. On Merchandise, however, nearly half the amount comes from extra discounts on the Inventory.

† To South Lancaster Academy.
WHEREAS, There are many book agents and temperance workers in places where there are no Seventh-day Adventist churches who could be encouraged to act as local and field agents for health and temperance works; and,—

WHEREAS, In many State societies the State canvassing agent cannot engage in this line of work without impairing his efficiency as manager of the field canvass; therefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend that an assistant State canvassing agent be chosen in the same manner as the State agent, to work in harmony with the latter, in appointing and instructing agents for the health and temperance literature.

Resolved, That we approve of the proposition of the Sanitarium, to pay one-half the salary of an assistant State agent while engaged in this work, and that we recommend the prosecution of this work as far as can be done without taking workers from the canvass for religious books, or detracting in any way from the interest of that work.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg being called on, expressed surprise at a voluntary resolution from the International Tract Society, recommending the dissemination of health literature. For all that, he said he was not opposed to the resolution, since it looked toward helping the denomination through the Sanitarium, and health publications. The more of such literature that is scattered, the more extensively would be understood the work of the Sanitarium, and the more people would be brought within the range of our denominational work. He was, he said, heartily in favor of the resolution.

The resolution was laid over until the next meeting, after which the Committee on Constitution and Work, presented through its chairman, L. C. Chadwick, the following:—

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that article three of the Constitution of the International Tract Society, shall be so amended that it will read as follows:—

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, as many Assistant Secretaries as may from year to year be deemed necessary, a General Canvassing Agent, who shall have the general oversight of the canvassing work in the entire field, and an Executive Board of nine, of which the President, Vice-President, and General Canvassing Agent shall be members.

These officers shall be elected at the annual meetings of the society; with the exception of the General Canvassing Agent, who shall be appointed by the General Conference Committee and the President and Vice-President of this society.

That the following be added to article four:—

They shall also appoint a District Canvassing Agent for each of the districts of the General Conference, who shall have the oversight of the canvassing work in their respective fields, under the direction of the General Canvassing Agent.

The meeting then adjourned.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH MEETING.

This meeting was called at 5 P. M., Monday, November 4. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder J. N. Loughborough, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was voted that the Committee to whom was referred the resolution concerning a monthly or bi-monthly canvassing journal (see Bulletin, page 133,
first column), be requested to report to the International Tract Society.

Elder R. A. Underwood presented the following: —

Resolved, That we favor the present efforts to secure the consolidation of the various publishing interests of the denomination.

This resolution was adopted without discussion, and the Association adjourned sine die.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was called by the President, C. Eldridge, at 5:30 p. m., Monday, Nov. 4. A solo was rendered by T. S. Parmeece, and prayer was offered by J. O. Corliss. The first thing called for was the report of the Committee on By-laws. These were read by J. O. Corliss, chairman of the committee, and were adopted. They read as follows: —

1. The National Religious Liberty Association shall be an independent organization, sectarian and nonpartisan.
2. This Association shall have an organ, through which to advocate its principles and advertise and mould its work.
3. No literature shall be published or circulated under the name of this Society by any of its officers or members until it has been endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Association.
4. All matter for publication in newspapers shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the President and at least a majority of the Editorial Committee, before it is sent out by the Secretary; provided, that in the absence of the editorial quorum, the President and first Vice-President may act as members of the Editorial Committee.
5. The duty of employing legal counsel, and defending members indicted for violating religious laws, shall devolve upon the Executive Committee; but this power may be delegated to the Vice-Presidents in the several States when necessary.
6. No act or decision involving great expense, or change in the working of the Association, shall be valid unless at the time the decision or act is voted upon, a majority of the Executive Committee shall be present.
7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, have power, by and with the consent of the Committee, to appoint State officers, employ lecturers, and take care at all times that the will of the Committee be faithfully executed.
8. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Executive Committee, and with his assistant maintain a correspondence with Press Agents and members in various parts of the field relative to the publication of newspaper articles and other matter approved by the Editorial and Executive Committees.
9. Vice-Presidents shall be required to enlist the co-operation of ministers, lawyers, school-teachers, and business men everywhere, in the work of circulating petitions to Congress, and to State legislatures, in opposition to religious legislation; also in selling and distributing pamphlets, tracts, periodicals, which point out the evils of religious legislation, or the union, in any form, of religion and the State. They shall also, under the direction of the Executive Committee, assist in the defense of any member of the Society, within their States, who may be prosecuted for non-compliance with religious enactments.
10. District Secretaries shall lecture on the subject of religious liberty in all its phases; secure signatures to the petitions opposing religious legislation, and also obtain all possible co-operation in such work, and in the dissemination of literature in harmony with the aim of the Association.
11. Press Agents shall be empowered, with the concurrence of the Vice-Presidents and District Secretaries of their respective States, to select and appoint in each county seat and city of their States, responsible persons who are in sympathy with the object of the Association, and who will act in its behalf by working with local editors to bring to their attention the importance of the question of religious liberty, and to get their influence in behalf of the aim of the Association.
12. The general meetings of the Association shall be held annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.
13. The Executive Committee shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and make a report of the same at the annual meetings of the Association.
14. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members present, at any annual meeting of the Association, or at any regular meeting called for that purpose, due notice having been given of such meeting.

The Society then proceeded to elect officers, as follows: —

President — C. Eldridge.
First Vice-President — D. T. Jones.
Secretary — W. H. McKee.
Assistant Secretary — A. F. Ballenger.

A. F. Ballenger then introduced the following: —

In view of the effort soon to be made to secure the passage by Congress, of a national Sunday law, we urge the immediate appointment by the State Press Agents, of local agents in every city or town in their district where access to a newspaper can be had and a competent person can be found to act.

The Association adopted the resolution, and the meeting adjourned.