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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

At the last session of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference held in Rome, N. Y., commencing Dec. 7, 1882, the following resolution was unanimously passed by that body:—

Resolved, That we request the President of the General Conference to arrange with the Publishing Committee of the S. D. A. Publishing Association to publish a book to be entitled "The Seventh-day Adventist Year Book," which shall contain such portions of the proceedings of the General Conference, and such other matters, as the Committee may think best to insert therein.

In accordance with this resolution, arrangements were made with the Publishing Committee, and after considerable delay, unavoidable in the preparation of a work of this kind, the following pages are presented as the result of their effort.

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- Nebraska: Geo. B. Starr.
- Province of Quebec: A. C. Bourdeau.
- Texas: R. M. Kilgore.
- Upper Columbia: J. H. Waggoner.
- Vermont: A. S. Hutchins.
- Wisconsin: H. W. Decker.

By vote, Bro. A. C. Neff was received as a representative from Virginia, and Eld. T. M. Steward as a delegate from Illinois in place of C. H. Bliss, who was not present, and J. O. Corliss as a representative of the General Southern Mission.

Eld. U. Smith stated that a Conference had been organized in Colorado, that wishes to be received as a member of the General Conference. The Conference has three churches with 164 members, and has a full corps of officers. It appointed him as delegate to the General Conference, provided it should be received.

It was then moved that the Colorado Conference be received as a member of the General Conference.—Carried.

Eld. Haskell called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Sabbath-keepers in Sweden had been organized into a Conference, with officers and a membership of about 150, and that it was anxious to become a part of the General Conference; whereupon it was moved that the Conference in Sweden be admitted into the sisterhood of Conferences.

Pending the action of the assembly on this question, the fact was mentioned that a European Conference had been organized, embracing the different missionary fields in Europe, including Sweden, and the question presented itself as to what relation the Conference in Sweden would sustain to that Conference, if it were admitted into the General Conference, and also what relation the European Conference sustains to the General Conference.

After remarks by Elds. Waggoner, Butler, Lane, Haskell, and St. John in reference to the question, it was moved that this matter be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair.—Carried.

Elds. Haskell, Waggoner, and Fargo were designated as said committee.

On account of their great length, it was moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the last annual session.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint the standing committees. It was further moved, that a Committee on Credentials and Licenses be considered as a standing committee.—Carried.

Committee on Nominations: J. Fargo, Harrison Grant, J. B. Goodrich.


Committee on Auditing: A. R. Henry and E. S. Griggs, to act with the Executive Committee.


Reports from missionaries being called for, Eld. Corliss spoke for Virginia and North Carolina. They are greatly in need of help. In order to have the wants of the different missionary fields considered, it was moved that the Chair appoint a committee of four to act with himself in considering the wants of missionary fields.—Carried.

S. N. Haskell, B. L. Whitney, R. M. Kilgore, and O. A. Olsen were requested to act in this capacity.

Eld. J. H. Waggoner introduced the following:—
Resolved, That Article 2 of the Constitution of this Conference be amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "three," making the Executive Committee a committee of five instead of three, as at present.

This was spoken to by Elds. Hutchins, Waggoner, Andrews, Underwood, Littlejohn, Steward, Lane, Bourdeau, St. John, and Bro. W. C. White, and in order to give more time for its consideration, it was by vote laid upon the table.

Following this, Eld. Smith read a report from Eld. J. N. Andrews in reference to the work in Switzerland, and Eld. Haskell related some very interesting experiences with Sabbath-keepers in Europe.

H. W. Decker and A. S. Hutchins were requested to act with the Chair as a committee to consider the question of enlarging the Auditing Committee, which was left over from the last session.

On motion, the Chair announced the following persons as a committee on preaching: B. L. Whitney, R. A. Underwood, D. B. Oviatt.

By vote, the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, 2 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. I. D. Van Horn. After roll-call, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A considerable part of this meeting was occupied in listening to calls for labor from different delegates. Elds. Andrews, Steward, Olsen, and Waggoner spoke for Chicago, requesting the Conference to send the brethren there some efficient help. This brought up the subject of the proper division of Conferences, when it was moved that the Chair appoint a committee of four to act with the General Conference Committee to consider the matter of boundary lines between Conferences.—Carried. H. A. St. John, J. O. Corliss, R. M. Kilgore, and I. D. Van Horn were announced as this committee.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting, to consider the matter of enlarging the Auditing Committee, reported as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report that we recommend that the Constitution be changed by substituting for the words "two laymen" "four delegates who have not been in the employ of the Conference the preceding year."

GEO. I. BUTLER.
H. W. DECKER.
A. S. HUTCHINS.

Moved, to accept this report. After being spoken to, it was moved to amend by substituting "six" instead of "four."—Carried. The question recurring on the original motion, it was passed.

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Moved, that the Chair appoint the additional four members of the Auditing Committee.—Carried.

They were appointed, as follows: S. H. Lane, W. C. White, J. Fargo, H. W. Decker.

Eld. E. W. Farnsworth and J. M. Rees having arrived, they took their seats as delegates, the former representing Missouri and Nevada, and the latter Indiana.

Moved, that all brethren in good standing be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference.—Carried.

A letter from Chas. P. Whitford of Jacksonville, Fla., was read. There is a company of Sabbath-keepers there who desire help.


Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, Dec. 8, 10 a. m.—Prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell.

Eld. D. A. Robinson and Bro. C. W. Comings took their seats at this meeting, as delegates from New England.

Eld Haskell proceeded to give an extended statement in regard to the European missions, especially the work in Switzerland, showing that a great work is being accomplished in Europe, and that there are a great many good openings for the introduction of the truth. But there is such a feeling there against anything that is American, that papers published in America and sent over to Europe cannot accomplish the good that those published in European countries can. There is great need of a German paper in Europe. The French paper has accomplished a great deal of good in removing prejudice and bringing the truth before the people. But Eld. Andrews is very feeble, and has not the help in the management of matters that he should have; neither can he visit the Sabbath-keepers in different parts and look after the various openings for labor. Somebody is needed to do this, and something must be done soon to supply this want.

Following these remarks, the Committee on Resolutions introduced the following:

Whereas, We have listened with deep interest to the report given by Eld. Haskell of the European missions, showing the importance of the work, the necessity of maintaining it, and the need of further assistance in this direction; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend that Eld. B. L. Whitney and family go, at their earliest convenience, to the assistance of Eld. Andrews, by connecting themselves especially with the work in Switzerland, laboring also to help other missions as opportunity may offer.

This was spoken to by Elds. Haskell, Butler, Waggoner, Oviatt, Bourdeau, Cottrell, Whitney, and Bro. W. C. White, and pending action the Conference adjourned till 2:30 p. m.
Fourth Meeting, 2:30 P. M.—The meeting was opened with prayer by Eld. S. H. Lane.

The resolution under consideration at the previous meeting when adjournment took place, was taken up, and after being spoken to by Elds. Brown, Wilcox, and Bro. H. W. Norton, it was passed unanimously.

The Committee on Resolutions introduced the following:—

Resolved, That we recognize the necessity of publishing a German paper in Europe, and we hereby recommend the Conference Committee to arrange for such publication at the earliest possible opportunity.

This was discussed by Elds. Haskell, Butler, and Kilgore, and Bro. W. C. White, and passed.

A communication from Eld. J. N. Loughborough in reference to the condition and wants of the English mission was read, after which the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

Fifth and Sixth Meetings, Sunday, Dec. 10.—H. W. Kellogg, additional delegate from Michigan, presented his credentials at this time.

These meetings were entirely occupied in listening to some very interesting remarks from Bro. G. H. Bell, in regard to education in general, and the manner of conducting the S. D. A. school at South Lancaster, Mass., in particular. The speaker proceeded to show that the popular method of filling the student’s mind with that which is not practical, and hurrying him through a certain course in order that he may obtain a diploma, is not true education. True education begins on the inside, at the core, with that which is practical. It builds up and strengthens a symmetry of character that, by and by, in after life, will show itself in some grand, good, and noble work for the world. The school at South Lancaster seeks to attain to this ideal. The teachers at this school have experienced that study and physical labor must be intermingled, in order to make a good school. Hence the time of the students there is divided into labor, study, and recitation hours; and the best of results are seen, both as to physical health, mental discipline, and progress in study.

Many interesting details in regard to the school were given, after which the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

Seventh Meeting, Dec. 11, 10 A. M.—Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Cook.

The subject of education and the establishment of schools in different sections of the country, drew forth many interesting remarks from Elds. Haskell, Butler, Waggoner, M. B. Miller, and Brn. W. C. White and G. H. Bell, during this meeting. Plans for the future of the South Lancaster school were mentioned, and also some brief explanations were given in regard to the closing of the Battle Creek College, showing what difficulties are to be met in the establishment and management of schools, and upon what principles schools should be conducted to meet the mind of God and forward his work. An account was also given of the establishment of the college at Healdsburg, Cal.

Eighth Meeting, 2:30 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. J. O. Corliss. A. H. Hall, delegate from New York, took his seat at this meeting.

The reports of special committees being in order, the following was presented by the committee appointed to consider the wants of missionary fields:

Your Committee recommend that the Executive Committee issue special credentials to those in the direct employ of the General Conference, showing the relation of each to the Conference; also the issue of local credentials and licenses to those laboring in fields outside of organized Conferences; these credentials and licenses to be continued from time to time by the General Conference, or at the discretion of the Conference Committee.

We also recommend that the California Conference supply Nevada with such help as it can consistently give; that an experienced laborer be sent to the Southern Atlantic States, to develop and build up the interest already existing, instruct those laboring there who are deficient in experience, and have a supervision of the work, with the object of bringing up the cause in all its branches. And we further recommend, in view of the fact that Eld. J. O. Corliss has already some acquaintance with that field, has felt a deep interest in it, and has a burden to go there to labor at the present time, that the field be assigned him till the providence of God shall indicate that his duty lies in a different direction.

These recommendations being discussed at some length by the Conference, they were adopted as the sense of the body.

Another special committee submitted the following report, which was also adopted:

Your Committee appointed to consider the relation of the organizations in Europe to the General Conference would report as follows:

We find that Denmark and Sweden have regular Conferences organized, which have adopted our State Constitution, or Constitutions similar thereto; but the recent organization called the “European Conference” would more properly be called a “European Council” as that appears to be the object for which it was organized. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Swedish Conference be admitted to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, according to their request.

Resolved, That while we indorse the organization of the European Conference, we recommend that its name be changed to that of a “European Council of Seventh-day Adventist Missions,” according to the object stated in its Constitution.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the action of the European Council in the fifth article of its Constitution, as follows: “When any important enterprise involving a considerable expenditure of money or affecting the general in-
terests of the case is to be entered upon by any mission, it shall be the duty of those conducting that mission to consult the Executive Committee of this Conference [Council]. And the General Conference cannot hold itself responsible to act in any such enterprise without such consultation having been held.

The matter of boundary lines between Conferences was made the subject of a special report, the committee appointed for that purpose making the following recommendations:

Whereas, The organization of churches by ministers of one Conference in the territory of another State has raised the question of the proper boundary of Conferences; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That the boundary lines of a State should in all cases be the boundary lines of the Conference bearing the name of said State, except in cases where good reasons shall exist for varying this rule.

2. That where differences arise on this point, appeal shall be made to the General Conference, and through their supervision the lines shall be established.

3. That before any steps are taken to organize a church by the ministers of one Conference in the territory of another, the full consent of the latter Conference should be obtained.

4. That when a church is so located that the members usually attending the meetings of said church are partly in one State and partly in another, a majority of such church shall decide to which Conference they will belong, but the individual members may, if they choose, pay their tithes to the Conference in which they live.

5. That where churches are transferred to another Conference by the establishment of boundary lines as herein recommended, there should be a consideration of the expense incurred in raising up and caring for said churches, and when the matter cannot be amicably arranged by the Conferences concerned, it shall be referred to the General Conference for settlement. Ministers located in the districts transferred may choose to which Conference they will belong.

6. That we recommend that for the present the Scandinavian church of Chicago be permitted to remain with the Wisconsin Conference.

7. That the cases of New York and Pennsylvania, and New England and New Jersey, where an understanding already exists, be exceptions for the present to the foregoing resolutions.

H. A. ST. JOHN.
J. O. COHILL.
R. M. KILGORE.
I. D. VAN HORN.

GEORGE I. BUTLER.
S. N. HASKEL.
U. SMITH.

It was moved and seconded that the preamble and resolution be adopted. This motion was quite fully discussed, but pending action the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

NINTH MEETING, DEC. 12, 10 A. M.—Prayer was offered by Eld. John Fulton.

The discussion of the recommendations of the Committee on Boundary Lines of Conferences was continued at some length, after which they were all adopted.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

As these recommendations especially affect the Minnesota and Wisconsin Conferences, Eld. Geo. I. Butler offered the following, which it was moved and seconded to adopt as a part of the foregoing report:

Whereas, The first resolution in this report places the boundary lines of Conferences in harmony with the boundary lines of the States in which they are located, thus allotting to the Conference of Wisconsin certain churches which have belonged to the Minnesota Conference; therefore—

Resolved, That we advise these churches to present themselves to the Wisconsin Conference, at its next session, and apply for reception. But in case any of them should not feel willing to drop their connection with the Minnesota Conference, we advise that they remain for the present a part of that Conference.

This was spoken to by the delegations from both States, and also by others; but the resolution was finally laid upon the table.

The Committee appointed to consider the wants of missionary fields then presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That ministers laboring outside their own Conferences, should after an absence of one year or more, be considered members of the Conference in which they labor, and should receive credentials therefrom; and ministers laboring in missionary fields should receive credentials from the General Conference.

Resolved, That the above resolution shall not prevent any Conference from issuing credentials to its members who are laboring in the general interests of the cause.

Whereas, Some ministers find it necessary to change their field of labor from one Conference to another, and confusion is liable to arise; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend that before such changes are made there should be an understanding between the Conferences concerned, or the change should be made in accordance with instructions from the General Conference.

The Committee on Resolutions reported still further at this meeting, as follows:

Whereas, The establishment of such schools as those recently created by our people in Massachusetts and California is necessarily attended with many perplexities, and will cost much more than would be imagined by one who has had no experience in such matters; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren in different Conferences that they proceed in the organization of schools with great caution; and that before doing so they counsel with the General Conference Committee.

On motion, this was adopted.

Whereas, Confusion is liable to occur in the accounts of our s. b. treasurers, resulting in the loss of funds, unless all pecuniary transactions are conducted according to careful business principles; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend that all persons paying tithes require from the treasurer a receipt for all moneys paid him, and that the treasurer be required to present quarterly to the church, or to an auditing committee appointed by the church, an itemized report of all money received, and all that is
paid by him into the Conference, showing the receipts of the State treasurer as vouchers therefor.

After some discussion, the above was adopted.

Whereas, The usefulness of our Publishing House in California was seriously impeded by the threatened enforcement of the Sunday laws of that State; and—

Whereas, By a mysterious Providence the very party which passed that law originally, arraigned themselves against the same in the last political contest in that State, so that their triumph rendered its repeal certain; therefore—

Resolved, That we recognize in this result the hand of God so shaping and directing the affairs of men as to render possible the full and free proclamation of his truth, until such time as the world shall have been thoroughly warned in regard to their duty to observe the Sabbath of the Lord, and to prepare for the advent of his Son.

The above resolution drew forth interesting remarks from Elds. Littlejohn and Waggoner, showing how the Lord had worked for his people during the Sunday excitement in California, after which it was unanimously adopted.

On motion the resolution introduced in the first meeting in regard to increasing the General Conference Committee to five members, was taken from the table; but after some further discussion, the motion to adopt was lost, the balloting showing 24 yeas and 18 nays, a three-fourths vote being required to amend the Constitution.

The Treasurer's report, showing the financial standing of the Conference, was then read, as follows:—

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

M. J. Chapman in account with the General Conference of S. D. Adventists.

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The time for closing having arrived, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

**TENTH MEETING, DEC. 17, 9 a. m.—Prayer was offered by Eld. Geo. I. Butler.**

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three, including himself, to consider the matter of remuneration for the churches to be transferred from the Minnesota Conference, according to the action of the Conference in the previous meeting. The Chair afterward named J. Fargo and S. N. Haskell as the additional members of this committee.

The following resolutions were then presented, and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That our ministers be instructed to pay more attention to the subject of health reform; to study it in the light of the Bible; and to enforce it in our churches as an element of Christian character; and to counteract in a careful and judicious manner the prevailing tendency among our people to backsliding in regard to this important grace.

Whereas, Counsel has been given to us as a people that it is the duty of Eld. Uriah Smith to labor in the cause at large, and especially in holding Biblical Institutes, and not to confine his labors to Battle Creek; therefore—

Resolved, That we hereby request our Executive Committee to assign to Eld. Smith such labor as will give the various Conferences the benefit of his ability and experience, as indicated above.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

**ELEVENTH MEETING, 2 : 30 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. W. H. Littlejohn.**

The Committee on Resolutions introduced the following:—

**Resolved, That the ordinances of the Lord's supper and feet-washing are important, and should never be separated in their administration, except in case where such separation shall be absolutely necessary.**

Whereas, Many of our ministers have found it a very difficult matter to carry out our system of quarterly meetings successfully, so as to derive from them the benefits contemplated, and in many cases are obliged to set them aside or appoint them on another day than the one assigned; therefore—

Resolved, That the Chair be authorized to appoint a committee of three to consider this subject with its various bearings, and report, making such recommendations as they may deem proper.

The above were adopted, and the Chair named J. H. Cook, R. F. Andrews, B. L. Whitney, as the committee provided for in the latter resolution.

Resolved, That we recommend that the General Conference Committee prepare, or cause to be prepared, instructions to church officers, to be printed in the Review and Herald, or in tract form, as they may deem the better way.

On motion, the Chair appointed W. H. Littlejohn, J. O. Corliss, H. A. St. John, as a committee to take this matter into consideration, and report at the next annual session of the Conference.

Resolved, That we recommend that our churches purchase copies of the General Conference proceedings, and make themselves intelligent in reference to the business matters connected with our annual meetings.

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Resolved, That another section be added to Art. II. of the Constitution, to read as follows:—

"Sec. 2. —The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number by death, resignation, or otherwise."

Whereas, The English mission is now organized so that colporters and other persons distributing our literature can keep in operation the work now being done in Southampton and elsewhere; therefore—

Resolved, That in view of the wants of the cause in America, our Executive Committee be instructed to make such changes in the English work as shall secure, as soon as consistent, the services of Eld. Loughborough in the United States.
Whereas, it is the judgment of those who understand the condition of the cause, that a paper will sometime be needed in England, and it is also judged that the time for publishing it is not yet come; therefore—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that persons should be selected and educated for that work, to whom the duty of conducting the paper can be intrusted at the proper time.

These resolutions were adopted, after being spoken to by different members of the Conference.

The Committee on Nominations then presented the following names for officers to the Conference for the coming year: For President, Geo. I. Butler; Secretary, A. B. Oyen; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Executive Committee, Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, J. Fargo. These persons were elected to their respective offices.


They further recommended the following:—

"In order that the Conference may move understandingly in the matter of granting licenses in the Southern States, we recommend that action be deferred until a laborer from the General Conference shall enter that field, and ascertain the minds of the brethren living in the several localities relative to the proper persons to receive licenses. But in the cases of those who have heretofore received licenses, we recommend that they continue to labor as formerly, until the visit of the laborer herein mentioned."

This report was then adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That this General Conference indorse the action of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Society in closing the College, under the circumstances, and we indorse the resolutions passed at an informal meeting of the Educational Society in this place.

The meeting then adjourned to call of Chair.


Eld. S. N. Haskell gave an account of his visit to the Scandinavian countries the past summer, showing that an encouraging work is being done there, there being now about four hundred Sabbath-keepers in the three countries. Particulars were also given in regard to the publishing work in Norway.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of five, including himself and Eld. S. N. Haskell, to consider and recommend action concerning the Scandinavian and other missions. They were named as follows: W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, B. L. Whitney.

Resolved, That the General Conference Committee be requested to prepare a report of all foreign missions, and an appeal to be read in the churches at some quarterly meeting, together with an address encouraging donations to the mission funds.—Carried.

Eld. O. A. Olsen gave a brief history of the Scandinavian work in America, showing that the cause among the Scandinavians is in a thriving condition. He also spoke of the great need of having some of Sister White's works issued in the Danish-Norwegian language, and asked that something of the description be published.

It was thereupon—

Resolved, That it be the expressed sense of this Conference, that a book containing selections from the writings of Sister White be published in the Danish-Norwegian language.

The above was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.


The following resolutions were introduced, considered, and adopted at this meeting:—

Resolved, That Eld. E. W. Farnsworth be recommended to labor a part of the year, as the way may open, in the Missouri Conference.

Resolved, That we consider the tract and missionary work, in its different phases, one of great importance, and we recommend that special efforts be put forth for the increased circulation of all our periodicals.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this General Conference that the blessing of God attends the canvassing work; and we think that an experience in this work is an excellent preparation to efficiency in other departments of the cause.

Resolved, That we request the President of the General Conference to arrange with the Publishing Committee of the S. D. A. Publishing Association to publish a book to be entitled, "The Seventh-day Adventist Year Book," which shall contain such portions of the proceedings of the General Conference, and such other matters, as the Committee may think best to insert therein.

Whereas, This General Conference has voted to send Bro. B. L. Whitney, President of the New York Conference, to Switzerland, leaving that Conference, for the time being, without a President; therefore—

Resolved, That we request our Executive Committee to do all that may appear to them practicable to furnish aid to the New York Conference for the remainder of the current Conference year.

Resolved, That we request the General Conference Committee to take such steps as they may think advisable for the purpose of securing to the College a loan, without interest, of a sufficient amount of funds to replace the money upon which it is paying interest at the present time.

The subject of organizing local schools in different sections of the country was then introduced by the Chair. Statements were made by Elds. R. M. Kilgore of Texas, H. Grant of Minnesota, and G. B. Starr of Nebraska, to the effect that there is a great desire on the part of the brethren in their respective Conferences to have
schools organized as soon as practicable. But they wish to move cautiously, and to conform as far as possible to the recommendations of this Conference in regard to this matter.

Fourteenth Meeting, Dec. 10, 3:30 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. J. H. Waggoner.
The Committee on Church Quarterly Meetings reported as follows:

Your Committee recommend that the church quarterly meetings be held the first Sabbath and first-day in December, March, June, and September, and that one of the members of the Executive Committee of each State Conference hold a general meeting in each district within the bounds of their respective Conferences as often as once in three months if possible, this new arrangement to take effect March 1, 1883.

This was amended by inserting the expression, “or some minister whom they may appoint,” after the words “State Conference,” and finally laid upon the table.

The committee appointed to consider the wants of the Scandinavian mission, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Considerable sums of money have been sent by our Scandinavian brethren to men who were strangers, and in some cases to unworthy persons; and

Whereas, The General Conference Committee exercises a watchful care for the wants and necessities of all the missions, receiving authentic information from our experienced missionaries, and is thus prepared to judge of the importance of private appeals; therefore—

Resolved, That it is the safe and wiser plan for all persons wishing to aid the European missions to forward their donations to the authorized treasurers of the mission funds.

Whereas, The building in Christiana, Norway, used at present for printing and holding meetings, is larger than is necessary, and will require a large amount of money to provide for interest and future payments; and—

Whereas, Another building can be erected, better suited for their work, at less cost; therefore—

Resolved, That we approve of their effort to sell, and make other arrangements.

The following resolutions were then presented by the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted:

Resolved, That we express our unabated confidence in the Testimonies which have been so graciously given to this people, which have guided our ways and corrected our errors, from the rise of the third angel’s message to the present time; and that we especially express our gratitude for Testimony No. 31, which we accept as a token of the care of God over us,—an evidence that he has not forsaken us, notwithstanding our many backslidings.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the brethren of the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences, and especially to the church at Rome, N. Y., our sincere thanks for the cordial reception extended by them to this Conference, and for their generous hospitality while we have been with them.

A vote of thanks was also extended to the railroads that granted the delegates favors in coming to the Conference.

Eld. R. F. Andrews invited the General Conference to hold its next annual session in Illinois, and Elds. H. A. St. John of Ohio and C. A. Washburn of Iowa extended the same invitation, offering the Conferences the hospitabilities of their respective States.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Geo. I. Butler, Pres.

A. B. Owen, Sec.

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Note.—We have succeeded this year in obtaining reports from all the Conferences and Missions, with a few exceptions. Yet the reports are in many instances incomplete, so that the totals hardly represent our standing correctly. The figures are, however, in most cases, too small rather than too large, with an exception, perhaps, in the number of ministers, where some may have been counted twice.

A. B. OWEN, Sec.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL (GENERAL) TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

This session, which was held in connection with the General Conference at Rome, N. Y., embraced five meetings, the first of which was called by the President Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. Prayer was offered by Eld. G. J. Butler. The Michigan Society was represented by six delegates; Iowa, by two; California, two; Minnesota, two; New York, six; Illinois, two; New England, three; Kansas, two; Pennsylvania, four; Vermont, three; Indiana, Texas, Quebec, Maine, Nebraska, Dakota, and Virginia, each by one.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, with the exception of the report of the Nominating Committee, was waived. All members of State societies present were invited to take part in the deliberations of the meeting. A report showing the labor performed by the various State societies, the General Society, and the societies in England and Switzerland, was read, of which the following is a summary: No. of members, 5,981; reports, 10,383; visits, 25,030; letters, 24,015; subscriptions obtained for periodicals, 6,643; pages publications distributed, 4,947,486; periodicals distributed, 550,324. The financial report showed the receipts of the General Society for the year to be $859.58; expenditures, $647.57; cash on hand, $2,068.07.

Of this labor an amount equal to the distribution of about 60,000 pages of tracts and 15,000 periodicals has been done largely by persons not of our faith under the supervision of the General Society. Remarks were then made by the President respecting the Special Edition of the Signs of the Times recently published on the Pacific coast. The power and efficiency of a well-trained tract and missionary society, having on hand a liberal reserve fund, has been forcibly demonstrated by the California Society. The circumstances connected with the Sunday movement and the coming election in that State, demanded immediate action, involving quite a large outlay of means and an immense amount of labor, all of which was cheerfully assumed and successfully carried by the tract society. The distribution of the edition was very thorough throughout the State, equaling one copy of each number to every six voters. Of the result, which was beyond every one's expectation, further particulars will doubtless be given elsewhere. It was repeatedly stated that it had been necessary to present the matter to the brethren, and in this way secure means and their co-operation in other respects, after it became apparent that the edition should be issued, the enterprise must have proved a failure. But now success has crowned the effort, and the amount taken from the reserve fund has been nearly or quite all replaced by contributions from the brethren throughout the State. Bro. Butler spoke of the success which has of late attended the Iowa Society, both with respect to the prosperous condition of its finances, and the hopeful, encouraging state of feeling existing among the brethren. He referred to the time, a few years ago, when the society was greatly embarrassed and the members much discouraged, and briefly stated how they had been enabled to recover from this condition. He said that could the tract societies all be placed upon a good financial basis, with a feeling of courage and cheerful activity among the members, no enterprise would be too great for them. These remarks were all forcible, and well received by the delegates present.

Dr. Kellogg spoke of the encouraging results of missionary labor at the Sanitarium, particularly in the distribution of health publications. Bro. Starre gave an encouraging report from Nebraska, and similar reports were listened to from Brn. Hutchins, Lane, Goodrich, Cook, and Olsen, who spoke for their respective societies. In Dakota the outlook is especially hopeful, both in respect to labor and finances.

At the close of the first meeting, the following committees were appointed: On Nominations, J. B. Goodrich, J. Fargo, and O. A. Olsen; on Resolutions, W. C. White, B. L. Whitney, and J. O. Corliss. In the subsequent meetings which were held, most of the time was occupied in considering the resolutions presented, which are as follows:

1. Whereas, There is a disposition in some localities to criticize the present plan of organization of our State tract societies, and an expressed desire to so change the Constitution and plan of operation as to have the church librarians transact all business directly with the State Secretary, and—

Whereas, The workers in several of our largest and most prosperous societies regard the work of the district secretary as indispensable to the highest efficiency of the organization; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend adherence to those plans which have proved successful, and that great caution be used in the introduction of new and untried methods; and further—

Resolved, That we recommend that any State society which regards such change as essential to its prosperity should consult with the officers of the General Tract Society before introducing them, and that they shall not publish or recommend any such experimental plans till they have been tried for at least one year, and have the acceptance of the General Tract Society.
This resolution led to a free discussion, in which the difficulties which have been experienced in connection with our present organization and also the utility of the organization were thoroughly canvassed. Of the points made in this discussion, more may be said hereafter.

2. Whereas, Our work is fast enlarging, and in the providence of God we are called upon to take advance steps and enter upon important enterprises, sometimes on short notice, and as such enterprises cannot be entered upon without means; therefore—

Resolved, That we consider it absolutely necessary, in order to carry on the work successfully, that each State society have a reserve fund on which it can rely in time of need; and we urge them to keep their reserve fund large enough to meet emergencies which may arise.

3. Whereas, We believe that there is a great work to be done in our large cities, and Chicago appears at this time to be a promising field for the constant employment of an efficient colporter, and—

Resolved, New York especially needs the constant presence of a laborer to act as ship missionary, and to forward missionary publications to Europe; therefore—

Resolved, That we station a colporter in each of these cities as soon as possible, and that we request the assistance of the General Conference in the appointment and maintenance of the same.

4. Whereas, The Signs of the Times has been the means of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth, and each year's experience strengthens the confidence of our missionary workers in its efficiency in the missionary field; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend its more general circulation in that capacity than ever before; and—

Resolved, Experience has shown that thousands will subscribe and pay for the Signs when offered with a desirable premium, and as the International Sunday-School Lessons for the coming year will be in the Acts of the Apostles, thus making the Life and Epistles of Paul a desirable book for general use; and the publishers of the Signs propose to offer the Life and Epistles of St. Paul by Conybeare and Howson with the tent-sheets, in special efforts to prepare the Life and Epistles of Paul for the general interest, and to give the truth in connection with the present movement, therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend to the careful attention of all our ministers and tent workers the plan that has been introduced in some localities of us, that a thorough and energetic canvass be inaugurated in all of our societies.

5. Whereas, The public libraries throughout the country afford the means of presenting our denominational reading matter to the public, and—

Resolved, That we approve of the steps already taken toward the presentation of some of our bound books to these libraries by the General Society, and that we pledge our active co-operation in the speedy prosecution of this work.
The Nominating Committee recommended for President, Eld. S. N. Haskell, South Lancaster, Mass.; Vice-President, W. C. White, Oakland, Cal.; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss M. L. Huntley, South Lancaster, Mass.; Assistant Secretary, Miss Nellie E. Sisley, Battle Creek, Mich.; Executive Committee, Elds. S. N. Haskell, G. I. Butler, O. A. Olsen. On motion, these officers were elected collectively, after which the meeting adjourned. S. N. Haskell, Pres.

Maria L. Huntley, Sec.

**GENERAL SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.**

**FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.**

According to appointment, the Association convened at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1882, at 10 a. m., the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Waggoner. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, A. B. Oyen was chosen Secretary pro tem.

On motion, all delegates to the General Conference were received as delegates to this Association, after which the Secretary's report of the last annual session was read and approved.

By vote, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were afterward announced as follows: On Nominations, B. L. Whitney, J. H. Waggoner, J. Fargo; On Resolutions, Maria L. Huntley, H. A. St. John, J. O. Corliss.

Reports of delegates being called for, the following-mentioned persons responded, giving interesting statements in regard to the condition and progress of the Sabbath-school work in their respective States: M. H. Brown, for New York; O. A. Olsen, for Dakota; John Fulton, for Minnesota; J. M. Rees, for Indiana; A. S. Hutchinson and H. W. Pierce, for Vermont; R. A. Underwood, for Ohio; H. W. Decker, for Wisconsin; D. B. Oviatt, for Pennsylvania; Geo. B. Starr, for Nebraska; R. F. Andrews, for Illinois; A. C. Bourdeau, for Province of Quebec; J. H. Cook, for Kansas; J. B. Goodrich, for Maine; C. A. Washburn, for Iowa; E. W. Farnsworth, for Missouri; A. B. Oyen, for Michigan; D. A. Robinson, for New England; and S. N. Haskell, for Europe.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

**SECOND MEETING, 2:30 P. M.**—Prayer was offered by Eld. H. W. Decker, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:

1. Resolved, That after the conclusion of the Sabbath-school lessons based
on the four Gospels, we recommend the union, if practicable, of the youth's and adult's divisions, with one series of lessons, to be published in the Instructor, based on the Acts of the Apostles and such other portions of the New Testament as may be selected by the one who prepares the lessons.

2. Resolved, That we recommend that Sabbath-school lessons be published in the Advent Tidende for the use of Sabbath-schools among the Scandinavians.

3. Resolved, That we express it as the sense of this Association that all Sabbath-school reports be published quarterly in the Youth's Instructor.

4. Resolved, That we cordially invite and earnestly exhort our ministerial brethren to co-operate with the officers and teachers in the Sabbath-school work, and labor to build up this important branch of the work of God.

These resolutions were freely discussed by the members of the Association, showing a hearty sympathy in their favor, after which they were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations being called for, the following was presented: For President, G. H. Bell; Vice-president, A. B. Oyen; Recording Secretary, D. A. Robinson; Corresponding Secretary, Eva Bell Giles; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Nellie B. Richmond; Executive Committee, G. H. Bell, A. B. Oyen, J. O. Corliss, M. H. Brown, O. A. Olsen; Publishing Committee, G. H. Bell, A. B. Oyen, U. Smith.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the officers thus elected as a whole.

Adjourned sine die. W. C. White, Pres.
A. B. Oyen, Sec. pro tem.

THE AMERICAN HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The fourth annual session of the American Health and Temperance Association convened at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m., and was opened with prayer by Eld. S. N. Haskell. Reports were read from the State societies in California, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Vermont, Ohio, Wisconsin, and New York, showing an increase of 435 members in these States during the year, of which 285 are full members and 150 pledge members. Nearly all the new members were signers of the teetotal pledge.

The number of members reported by fourteen societies last year was 9,623. This, with the addition of membership during the year, and the estimated number of members of societies not reported, brings the entire membership to between fifteen and sixteen thousand.

Eld. Bourdeau reported for the Canadian H. and T. Society a membership of sixty-two, and an encouraging prospect. Eld. Fero also spoke encouragingly of the work in Pennsylvania. Interesting remarks were then made by the President, in which he spoke of the permanency of the work already accomplished by the Society.

The pledges issued by it are in no way dependent upon the organization, and would remain binding should it become extinct. He also stated that as yet the health feature of the work of the Society has received but little attention, particularly questions of diet and dress. Although thousands of people have been reformed from the use of tea and coffee, there yet remains much to be accomplished. The wearing of improper articles of dress is doing more harm than the use of tobacco, and bad diet is doing more injury in the world than both whisky and tobacco; hence the importance of taking advance steps in harmony with the principles indicated in the name, Health and Temperance Association.

Having been empowered to appoint the usual committees, the Chair named the following: On Nominations, Elks. G. I. Butler, H. A. St. John, and H. M. Kenyon; on Resolutions, Elds. S. H. Lane, J. H. Cook, and J. Fulton, after which the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SECOND MEETING.—This meeting was called Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. Prayer was offered by Eld. Waggoner.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

1. Whereas, There has been prepared a pledge adapted to the wants of children; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend all our members, the officers and teachers of our Sabbath-schools, and the ministers, to labor earnestly to induce all children within the circle of their influence to sign said pledge.

2. Resolved, That the secretaries of the various State Sabbath-school Associations be requested to place in the hands of the superintendent of each Sabbath-school a sufficient quantity of Children's Pledges to meet their demand.

3. Whereas, It is the duty of the Health and Temperance Association to guard sacredly the principles of health as well as temperance, we hereby recommend the following additional pledge:—

"Recognizing the duty to observe the laws of health as a moral obligation, I hereby pledge myself to conform to the requirements of those laws which relate to the maintenance of health, to the best of my knowledge and ability."

4. Whereas, Much good has been accomplished by the distribution of health and temperance literature, and the circulation of Good Health; therefore—

Resolved, That we earnestly request all members of the Association to put forth greater efforts to circulate said literature, and to increase the subscription list of Good Health.

Following this resolution the President stated the terms to canvassers on Good Health, and presented the prize offered to those who should obtain subscribers.

Resolved, That we recommend that local health and temperance clubs be or-
organized in all our churches, and that they hold their meetings in connection with the regular quarterly meetings.

This resolution was explained as not designed to interfere with the holding of meetings oftener than once a quarter, should any club so desire. It was thought that by the means recommended the work could be sustained in small churches, where heretofore difficulty has been experienced in keeping up the club meetings.

Resolved, That we request Dr. J. H. Kellogg to prepare a series of health and temperance lessons for the use of our Sabbath-schools, to be recited at least once each quarter.

On motion, this resolution was amended so as to read health and temperance clubs, instead of Sabbath-schools. A desire was expressed that these lessons should include synopses and notes, also suggestions concerning the best means for making club meetings interesting and profitable. It was also suggested that the lessons should be issued in a form accessible to all.

It was proposed by the President that a Health and Temperance Lesson Department be started in Good Health, to meet the wants of the clubs in this direction.

A resolution respecting temperance Sunday-schools was offered, which, after considerable discussion and amendment, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend to the members of the Association the organization of temperance Sunday-schools.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Moved, That the Constitution be so amended as to embody the pledge adopted in Resolution 3.

Moved, That we respectfully call the attention of the General Conference to the resolution respecting club meetings, and invite its co-operation.—Carried.

Moved, That the President of the Association be requested to prepare a course of reading for its members.—Carried.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, J. H. Kellogg, M. D.; Vice-President, A. B. Oyen; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek, Mich.; Executive Committee, J. H. Kellogg, Eld. S. N. Haskell, and W. C. White. On motion, these officers were elected collectively.

Adjourned sine die.

J. H. Kellogg, M. D., Pres.

MARIA L. HUNTLEY, Sec.

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**MEETING OF THE S. D. A. P. ASSOCIATION.**

**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.**

The stockholders of the S. D. A. Publishing Association met for their twenty-first annual session, at Battle Creek, according to appointment, Dec. 20, 1882, at 5 p.m. Eld. W. H. Littlejohn opened the meeting with prayer. The call for delegates being made, it was ascertained that those present represented sixteen hundred and fifty-four shares.

The Treasurer's report, being next in order, was presented, as follows:

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

H. W. Kellogg in account with the S. D. A. P. Association.

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J. H. KELLOGG, M. D., Pits.

MARIA L. HUNTLEY, Sec.
RESOURCES.

Valuation of the property of the Association, $194,372 33
Notes and book accounts, 116,956 91
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1882, 15,696 65
Total, $327,625 89

LIABILITIES.

The Association owes on notes, accounts, and deposits, 318,578 01
Assets over all liabilities, $141,838 88
Assets as given Dec. 1, 1881, 123,685 52
Increase, $18,153 36

H. W. Kellogg, Treas.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the S. D. A. P. Association, and find them correctly kept, according to my best knowledge and belief.

A. R. Henry, Auditor.

At an informal meeting held at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1882, the following persons were nominated for officers of the Association for the coming year: For President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler; Vice-president, H. W. Kellogg; Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Treasurer, A. R. Henry; Auditor, W. C. Sisley; Publishing Committee, Geo. I. Butler, U. Smith, and G. W. Amadon.

Ballots being now circulated, this nomination was ratified, and these persons were then, by vote, declared elected to the offices named.

U. Smith was then elected editor of the Review the coming year, and J. N. Andrews and J. H. Waggoner corresponding editors. The employment of editors for all the other periodicals issued by the Association was left to the Board of Trustees.

The remainder of this report, except the two closing paragraphs, pertains to the meeting at Rome, N. Y. At the first meeting, Dec. 14, W. H. Littlejohn, J. H. Waggoner, and H. W. Decker were appointed a Committee on Nominations, and J. Fargo, W. C. White, and I. D. Van Horn, a Committee on Resolutions. A committee to suggest a plan for the better circulation of the periodicals issued at Battle Creek was appointed as follows: S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, and J. H. Kellogg. To this committee A. B. Oyen and Geo. I. Butler were subsequently added.

At the second meeting, held Dec. 18, the Committee on Nominations reported, recommending the persons named above to act as officers of the Association for the coming year.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which, after due consideration and discussion, were adopted:

1. Resolved, That we regard it to be the duty of the Trustees and managers of the Publishing Association to exercise a more watchful care over the young in their employ, guarding carefully the moral influence by which they are surrounded, and that thorough and energetic efforts be made to secure the highest Christian and moral influence in all departments of the institution.

2. Whereas, We believe that the Publishing Association will enjoy the greatest prosperity when its efforts are confined most closely to the work for which it was established; therefore—

Resolved, That the enterprises aside from the publishing work be disconnected from it.

This was amended by the addition of the words, "as soon as practicable," and adopted.

3. Whereas, The rapidly increasing magnitude of our publishing work has brought undue burdens on the few who were managing the institution, and there are some branches which cannot, without more help, receive due attention; therefore—

Resolved, That we request Bro. A. R. Henry to come to Battle Creek, that he may especially labor in connection with the financial interests of the institution.

At the third meeting, Dec. 19, the Committee on the Circulation of the Periodicals issued at Battle Creek, reported, making the following recommendations: 1. That the Youth's Instructor be offered with Sunshine Series as a premium for 85 cts.; 2. The Advent Tidende, with the Danish Home Hand-Book as premium, for $1.50; 3. The Harolden, with the Swedish Hand-Book for Home as premium, for $1.30; 4. That the matter of a premium offer for the Review and Herald be referred to the Trustees of the Publishing Association.

These recommendations were spoken to by different ones, and unanimously adopted.

At the meeting at Battle Creek, Dec. 20, the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the S. D. A. P. Association amend its articles of Association by increasing the amount of real property that may be held to the sum of $200,000, and by increasing the amount of personal property that may be held to the sum of $100,000; and that stockholders owning a majority of all the stock be authorized to duly execute such amended articles.

It was then moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to revise the Constitution, and suggest at our next annual meeting such amendments as they may think desirable.

U. Smith, A. R. Henry, and H. W. Kellogg were thereupon appointed as said committee.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

U. SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

G. I. BUTLER, Chairman.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE PACIFIC SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventh annual meeting of the above Association convened at the Pacific Press, Oakland, on Monday, April 24, 1882, in accordance with notice published in the *Signs of the Times*.

Having been opened by prayer, the Vice-President was empowered by vote to appoint Committees on Nominations and Resolutions—Elds. J. H. Waggoner and Rice, and W. A. Pratt were accordingly appointed to act in the former capacity, and Eld. Waggoner, C. H. Jones, and Wm. Saunders in the latter.

The meeting then adjourned to the church, for greater convenience.

On re-assembling, it was found that 1,012 shares were represented by those present and 1,147 by proxies, being 414 more than was required by law.

The minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting were read and approved, the Vice-President explaining what steps had been taken about the issuing of Mortgage Bonds as authorized at said meeting.

The revenue account and balance sheet for the year were then read, and after remarks by the Vice-President, C. H. Jones, and Eld. Waggoner, were accepted.

The Committee on Nomination handed in their report, recommending S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, J. Morrison, M. C. Israel, and C. H. Jones, as Directors for the coming year, and being balloted in form they were elected.

Addresses from the President, S. N. Haskell, and Eld. Geo. I. Butler, relating to the past, present, and future of the Association were read by Eld. J. H. Waggoner.

C. H. Jones on the part of the Committee on Resolutions read the following, which on being put to vote, were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas,* We recognize the hand of God in establishing the publishing work on this coast; and—

*Whereas,* This branch of the work has been the means of building up and establishing the truth in our midst, and bringing many souls to a knowledge of it, both at home and in foreign lands; therefore,—

*Resolved,* That we hereby express our gratitude to God for the degree of prosperity that has attended the work during the past year.

*Resolved,* That we pledge ourselves to sustain the work both by our means and our prayers.

*Whereas,* This being largely a missionary enterprise, we cannot look for large profits from the business to sustain the work; and,—

THE HEALTH REFORM INSTITUTE.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The stockholders of the Health Reform Institute met for their sixteenth annual session, at Battle Creek, Dec. 20, 1882, at 3 p. m. Eld. G. I. Butler led the congregation in prayer.

The meeting was organized by calling the roll to ascertain the number of stockholders present. It was found that nine hundred and twenty shares, two hundred more than the required majority of stock, were represented.

The report of the Treasurer being the first regular business, it was given as follows:
### RESOURCES

**Real estate:** $125,907.39
**Furnishings:** $25,084.40
**Farm stock, tools, etc.:** $1,055.00
**Supplies:** $3,378.20
**Fuel:** $1,690.00
**Gasoline:** $117.00
**Medical supplies:** $412.89
**Expense:** $332.00
**Instruments and apparatus:** $4,000.00
**Evaporator:** $1,000.00
**Good Health plates, sheets, etc.:** $92.30

**Supplies:** $3,378.20
**Fuel:** $1,630.00
**Gasoline:** $117.00
**Medical supplies:** $412.89
**Expense:** $332.00
**Instruments and apparatus:** $4,000.00
**Evaporator:** $1,000.00
**Good Health plates, sheets, etc.:** $92.30

**Bills receivable:** $8,379.32
**Good accounts—bank:** $2,509.16

**Miscellaneous:** $842.58

**Good Health plates, sheets, etc.:** $92.30

**Notes and bonds:** $80,719.49
**Personal accounts:** $10,613.73

**Net worth Oct. 2, 1881:** $87,258.72
**Added net gain for 1882:** $11,331.45

**Net worth Oct., 2, 1882:** $98,590.17

### LIABILITIES

**Notes and bonds:** $38,719.49
**Personal accounts:** $10,613.73

**Net worth Oct., 2, 1882:** $98,590.17

### LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT FOR 1882

**Shares:**
- Losses: $207.99
- Gains: $51.57

**Good Health charities—board & treatment gratis:**
- Donations: $4,357.84
- 247.28

**Expense—outlay:**
- Inventory: $3,325.00
- 4,086.56

**Supplies—cost:**
- Sales: $3,323.30
- Inventory: $21,300.41
- 13,389.98

**Fuel—cost:**
- Sales: $23.71
- Inventory: $1,680.00
- 1,386.10

**Gas—cost:**
- Sales: $9,595.80
- Inventory: $117.00

**Medical supplies—cost:**
- Sales: $9,192.98
- Inventory: $3,925.89

**Instruments & apparatus—cost:**
- Sales: $4,715.33
- Inventory: $4,650.00

**Total:** $189,525.39

**I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Sanitarium, and find them to have been correctly kept; and the above is a correct statement of the business of the last year.**

**C. W. Stone, Auditor.**

**Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 11, 1882.**

### HEALTH REFORM INSTITUTE

**Evaporator—rent:** $63.00
**Inventory:** $1,095.00

**Circulare, postage, advertising, etc.:** $2,514.48
**Sanitary supplies—sales:** $79,312.90

**Board and treatment:** $1,233.76
**Sanitary supplies—sales:** $851.65

**Cost:** $1,915.41
**Instruments & apparatus:** $1,002.39

**Laundry receipts:** $6,696.14
**Interest:** $23,332.56

**Farm stock, tools, etc.—inventory Oct. 1, 1881:** $1,470.54
**Additions to Oct. 1, 1882:** $390.00

**Inventory Oct. 1, 1882:** $1,860.60
**Inventory Oct. 1, 1882:** $1,095.00

**Net gain:** $711.60

**Net worth Oct., 2, 1882:** $11,984.45

**Net worth Oct., 2, 1882:** $84,797.56

**I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Sanitarium, and find them to have been correctly kept; and the above is a correct statement of the business of the last year.**

**C. W. Stone, Auditor.**

**Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 11, 1882.**

The report was accepted.

A motion empowering the Chair to appoint the standing committees, prevailed, whereupon he named, as a Committee on Nominations, B. L. Whitney, A. R. Henry, and R. M. Kilgore; as Committee on Resolutions, John Fulton, U. Smith, and J. H. Waggoner.

After consultation, the Committee on Nominations reported, recommending that the following persons be elected directors for the coming year: S. N. Haskell, J. H. Kellogg, A. R. Henry, W. H. Hall, G. H. Murphy, J. Fargo, L. M. Hall.

Ballots being circulated, these persons were duly nominated, and then elected by a strong vote.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

1. Whereas, During the past year financial success and prosperity have attended our Sanitarium at Battle Creek; and—

   Whereas, A marked improvement in the moral and spiritual influence has been seen; therefore—

   **Resolved,** That we express our sincere gratification at the progress manifest in these directions, and that we recognize in these things the providence of God and his tender care over this important branch of the work.

2. Whereas, Frequent embarrassment is experienced at the Sanitarium on account of irresponsible poor coming to that place unannounced, with no provision to meet the most ordinary expenses; therefore—

   **Resolved,** That we recommend that the poor among S. D. Adventists who
wish to go to the Sanitarium for treatment, do not go without a recommendation from the officers of the Conference to which they belong.

4. Whereas, We see in the establishment of the Sanitarium the providence of God; and—

Whereas, His blessing has attended the efforts put forth to relieve the afflicted; therefore—

Resolved, That we express anew our confidence in this branch of the work, and urge our people everywhere to give it their moral and financial support, and to call the attention of suffering humanity to this important institution, and as far as consistent induce them to visit the same.

All these resolutions were adopted with no dissenting vote; and the meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the Board.

U. Smith, Sec.
S. N. Haskell, Pres.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE S. D. A. EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION, DEC. 20, 1882.

Stockholders of the S. D. A. Educational Society assembled in Battle Creek, Dec. 20, 1882, at 4 p. m., according to appointment, to transact business pertaining to the Society. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Waggoner. On inquiry, it was ascertained that the stockholders present represented 1,920 shares.

The Treasurer's report being next in order, it was read as follows, and accepted:


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<td>&quot; notes issued,</td>
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FINANCIAL STANDING.

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<td>Philosophical apparatus,</td>
<td>$4,523.00</td>
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<td>Museum,</td>
<td>$1,150.00</td>
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<td>Library, books, and stationary,</td>
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2. Ledger Accounts.

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<td>Bills payable—outstanding notes,</td>
<td>$470.00</td>
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<td>Due Review and Herald,</td>
<td>$6,398.75</td>
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<td>Net assets June 30, 1881,</td>
<td>$40,792.56</td>
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<td>Net loss,</td>
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<td><strong>Present Worth,</strong></td>
<td><strong>$40,999.71</strong></td>
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I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the S. D. A. Educational Society, and find them to have been correctly kept; and the above is a correct statement of the business of the last year, according to my best knowledge and belief.

C. W. Smith, Auditor.

At an informal meeting of the stockholders held in Rome, N. Y., Dec. 14, the following-named persons were nominated as a Board of Trustees for the Society for the coming year: Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, J. H. Kellogg, A. R. Henry, W. C. Sisley, A. B. Oyen, H. W. Kellogg. At this present meeting these names were presented, and, ballots being circulated, the nomination was ratified, and the persons named declared elected.

At the informal meeting mentioned above, the following resolutions were introduced, and adopted as the sense of the stockholders present:

1. Resolved, That in our judgment the enforcement of thorough discipline is absolutely indispensable to the preservation and usefulness of every school, and that we express it as our decided opinion that the system of discipline originally inaugurated and enforced in the Battle Creek College is worthy of the highest commendation.

2. Whereas, Some of the faculty and students of the College did, during the last College year, sympathize with, and afford moral support to, certain persons who were placed under censure by the Board of Trustees; therefore—

Resolved, That by such a course of action they were guilty of insubordination, such as was worthy of severe reprobation.

3. Whereas, The Battle Creek College has been closed for some time past, and we have listened to sufficient causes to justify the Board of Trustees in closing it; therefore—

Resolved, That we express it as our judgment that the course pursued by the Trustees in closing the College was in perfect keeping with sound policy.
CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

AS AMENDED TO JAN. 1, 1888.

For the purpose of securing unity and efficiency in labor, and promoting the general interests of the cause of present truth, and of perfecting the organization of the Seventh-day Adventists, we, the delegates from the several State Conferences, hereby proceed to organize a General Conference, and adopt the following Constitution for the government thereof:

ARTICLE I.—This Conference shall be called The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall be composed of delegates from the different State Conferences, and such ministers as shall have been employed as missionaries during any part of the year.

ART. II.—SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of three, of whom the President shall be one.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number by death, resignation, or otherwise.

ART. III.—The duties of the President and Secretary shall be such respectively as usually pertain to those offices.

ART. IV.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse means under the direction of the Executive Committee, and keep an account of the same, and make a full report thereof to the regular meetings of the Conference.

ART. V.—SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take the general supervision of all ministerial labor, and see that the same is properly distributed; and they shall take the special supervision of all missionary labor, and as a missionary board shall have the power to decide where such labor is needed, and who shall go as missionaries to perform the same; and they shall audit and settle accounts with ministers and others in the employ of the Conference.

SEC. 2. Means for missionary operations may be received by donation from State Conferences, churches, or individuals; and the Committee are authorized to call for means when needed.

SEC. 3. When any State Conference desires ministerial labor from a minister not a resident within the bounds of such Conference, their request shall be made to the General Conference Executive Committee, and ministers sent by said Committee shall be considered under the jurisdiction of the Conference Committee of such State: Provided, 1. That if such minister consider the State Committee inefficient, or their action so far wrong as to render his labor ineffective, he may appeal to the General Conference Executive Committee: Provided, 2. That if such State Committee consider such minister inefficient, they may appeal to the General Conference Committee, who shall decide on the matter of complaint, and take such action as they may think proper.

SEC. 4. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have power during the intervals between the yearly meetings to license ministers who may be raised up in mission fields.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the ministers and others in the employ of the General Conference to make a written report to each annual meeting thereof of each day's occupation during the Conference year, or such portion of the year as they may have been in the employ of the Conference.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Conference to select a committee of four delegates who have not been in the employ of the Conference the preceding year, to act with the Executive Committee in the examination and settlement of accounts.

ART. VI.—Each State Conference shall be entitled to one delegate in the General Conference, and one additional delegate for every five delegates in the State Conference, such delegates to the General Conference to be chosen by the State Conferences or their Committees: Provided, That the delegates to such State Conferences be elected according to the following ratio, to wit: Each church to the number of twenty members or under, shall be entitled to one delegate, and one delegate for every additional fifteen members.

ART. VII.—The officers shall be elected at the regular meetings of the Conference, and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are chosen.

ART. VIII.—SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the Conference shall be held annually, and the time and place of holding the same shall be determined by the Executive Committee, by whom due notice thereof shall be given through the Review.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called at the option of the Committee.

ART. IX.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any meeting.
CONSTITUTION FOR STATE CONFERENCES.

Whereas, We have before us the great work of disseminating light upon the commandments of God, the faith of Jesus, and the truths connected with the third angel's message: and—

Whereas, Order, union, and concentration of action in the dissemination of these truths is of the utmost importance, therefore—

Resolved, That we adopt the following Constitution, as recommended by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, assembled at Battle Creek, Mich., May 20, 1863:—

ARTICLE I.—Section 1. This Conference shall be known as the Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall be composed of all ministers in good standing, and delegates of organized churches within its limits.

ART. II.—Sec. 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of three, of whom the President shall be one; and they shall be elected annually.

Sec. 2. The duties of the President and Secretary shall be such as are peculiar to these offices respectively.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Conference funds, to pay out the same under the directions of the Executive Committee, and to make an annual report thereof at the regular meetings of the Conference.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint through the President the time and place of the annual Conferences, and to call special Conferences whenever in their judgment it may be needful so to do; to call on the churches and scattered brethren for means when needed, and to disburse the same; to take the general supervision of all tent operations, and properly belonging to the Conference; to audit and settle accounts with ministers and others in the employ of the Conference, and to exercise a general watch-care over all matters pertaining to the interests of the cause within the bounds of the Conference.

ART. III.—Sec. 1. Conference funds shall be raised from the proceeds of Systematic Benevolence, and by gifts and donations.

Sec. 2. We recommend that all churches belonging to this Conference adopt the plan of Systematic Benevolence on the tithing principle, as set forth on the first page of our s. b. books.

Sec. 3. The churches and scattered brethren within the bounds of this Conference will be expected to pledge to the Executive Committee the amount that they will give each month during the Conference year, for the support of the ministers and tent operations, and for such other purposes as may be necessary for the advancement of the cause; said sums to be paid to the Treasurer monthly, when convenient so to do; or at the beginning of every quarter; viz., on the first of April, July, October, and January; except when it be preferable to give it, or a portion of it, directly to preachers who labor among them.

Sec. 4. The churches will be expected to make a report to the Secretary at the end of each quarter, of the amount they have sent to the Treasurer, or paid to preachers, during such quarter.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of ministers to report to the Secretary at the end of each quarter the amount they have received and expended during such quarter, and at the end of each year they shall make a written report to the regular meetings of the Conference of the entire amount of their receipts and expenditures during such Conference year.

ART. IV.—Sec. 1. When any church or scattered brethren wish ministerial labor in their vicinity, their call shall be made to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the churches in this Conference to send a written report to the regular meetings of the Conference of their standing, their losses, and additions during the year, also the yearly amount of their s. b. fund.

ART. V.—Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Conference to determine who are the approved ministers within the bounds thereof, to grant suitable credentials to the same at each regular meeting; and during the interval of such meetings the Executive Committee shall perform such duties.

Sec. 2. Those who feel it their duty to improve their gifts as messengers, or preachers, shall first lay their exercises of mind before the Conference Committee, to receive a license from them, if the Committee consider them qualified.

ART. VI.—Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the ministers of this Conference to make a written report to each annual meeting thereof, of their labors each week during the Conference year.

ART. VII.—Sec. 1. The delegates to this Conference shall be elected according to the following ratio: Each church to the number of twenty members, or under, shall be entitled to one delegate, and one delegate for every additional fifteen members.

Sec. 2. In case all the delegates to which any church is entitled do not attend the Conference, the delegates attending may cast the full number of votes to which said church is entitled.

ART. VIII.—Sec. 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided such amendment shall not conflict with the Constitution of the General Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference issue a pamphlet containing the minutes of this Conference, together with the address on organization issued by the Battle Creek Conference of Oct. 5 and 6, 1861; also that the minutes of this Conference be published in the Review.

Resolved, That we recommend the State Conferences to publish in pamphlet form the minutes of their proceedings, and distribute to their churches.

Adjourned sine die.

U. SMITH, Secretary.

JOHN BYINGTON, Chairman.

THE PUBLISHING WORK.

Up to Oct. 1, 1880, the Publishing Association at Battle Creek, Mich., had issued 223,563,511 pages of books, pamphlets, and tracts. Since that date to Oct. 1, 1882, the number of pages printed is as follows:—

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<td>General Aggregate</td>
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- First Quarter: 15th
- Full Moon: 29th
- Third Quarter: 31st

**MOON’S PHASES**

- New Moon: 9th
- 1st Quarter: 15th
- Full Moon: 29th
- 3rd Quarter: 31st

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- Septuagesima Sunday: Jan. 21
- Sexagesima Sunday: Feb. 4
- Advent Sunday: Dec. 2
- Palm Sunday: Apr. 1
- Good Friday: Mar. 31
- Easter Sunday: Apr. 1
- Low Sunday: Apr. 1
- Rogation: Apr. 1
- Ascension Day: May 8
- Whit Sunday: May 8
- Trinity: May 8
- Corpus Christi: May 8
- Advent Sunday: Dec. 2

**Eclipses**

In the year 1883 there will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon.
and the morning of the 16th of October; visible generally throughout the United States.

IV. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, October 30, visible as an annular eclipse from the southeastern coast of Asia, near the 40th parallel of latitude, across Japan, and over the greater part of the Pacific Ocean. It is visible as a partial eclipse on the Pacific coast of the United States.

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—William Miller, the apostle of the second-aid movement, was born at Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 15, 1785. He died at Low Hampton, Mass., Dec. 30, 1849.

—The longest prophetic period mentioned in the Apocalypse is that of Dan. 8:14—en-}
great star shower of Nov. 13, 1833, was fulfillment of the prophecies designated.

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**National Calendar**

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**Third Quarter, November**

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**December, 1883**

**First Quarter, December**

- 1: 1 Tu
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- 3: 3 Th
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**Winter, 1882**

- November: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- December: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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**Summer, 1883**

- March: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- June: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- September: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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**Spring, 1883**

- February: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- March: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- April: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- May: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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**Autumn, 1883**

- July: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- August: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- September: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- October: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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- Winter begins, 1882, December 21, 10 eve., and ends, 1883, March 21, 10 eve.
- Spring begins, 1883, March 21, 10 eve., and ends, 1883, June 21, 10 eve.
- Summer begins, 1883, June 21, 10 eve., and ends, 1883, September 23, 10 eve.
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