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Preface.

The first Year Book for Seventh-day Adventists was issued in 1883. Since that time a yearly increase in its size has been required in order that the constant growth of denominational work might be justly represented.

While this publication is designed especially for Seventh-day Adventists, containing information of the greatest importance to them, yet it is hoped that copies may be placed in the hands of thousands of intelligent, candid persons outside of the denomination, who would be interested in a brief sketch of the history and present position of that class of people who unite the keeping of God's commandments with the faith of Jesus, and who believe in working while waiting for his glorious appearing.

Marked progress has characterized the work in all its departments during the past year. The efforts of the Tract and Missionary societies, sustained by faithful Bible-workers, canvassers, colporters, and home missionaries, have been crowned with success. The Sabbath-schools have done a noble work, besides supporting an important foreign mission; and the Health and Temperance cause has made advancement tenfold greater than in any previous year.

These, together with the extension of home and foreign mission enterprises, the enlargement of publishing houses, colleges, and health institutions, and the increase of laborers, church members, tithes, etc., are encouraging, as facts, and unmistakable as omens of the great work that will yet be accomplished through the favor of Him whose guiding hand has thus far given prosperity.
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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The General Conference of S. D. Adventists convened for its twenty-sixth annual session, at Oakland, Cal., at the time appointed, Nov. 13, 1887, at 9 A.M. The meeting was held in the lower rooms of the new S. D.A. church, at the corner of Twelfth and Brush streets. The President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, was in the chair; and the meeting was opened with prayer by Eld. O. A. Olsen.

The following-named brethren presented credentials as delegates from the following conferences:
- Colorado: J. D. Pegg.
- Minnesota: G. C. Tenney, H. P. Holser.
- Texas: Henry Hayen.
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E. W. Farnsworth, J. F. Hanson, Samuel Fulton, W. C. White, J. O. Corliss, A. La Rue, and H. Shultz were members by virtue of employment in the Conference some portion of the past year. The following were afterward received as delegates by vote of the Conference: L. Winston, Wm. Dale, of Kansas; Jesse Woods, John Charles, of Indiana; H. Nicola, L. J. Hankins, of Iowa; Andrew Erskine, of Missouri; G. K. Owen, Robert Sawyer, of Michigan.

The conference in Norway was admitted to the General Con-
ference, with O. A. Olsen as delegate, who was requested to act as delegate also from Sweden and Denmark, the two remaining conferences of the Scandinavian field.

The conference lately organized in West Virginia was also admitted to the General Conference, with R. A. Underwood as delegate.

J. I. Tay was requested to act as a member of the Conference, to represent the work in the islands of the Pacific.

The Conference was thus composed of seventy delegates, representing twenty-six conferences.

The Chairman was authorized to appoint the usual standing committees on nominations, resolutions, auditing, religious exercises, distribution of labor, and credentials and licenses.

Before making these appointments, he addressed the Conference at length relative to the present condition and prospects of our cause. The work is onward in every part of the field. Notwithstanding increasing opposition and earnest effort on the part of not a few to throw obstacles in its way and hedge up its progress, there is everywhere a degree of advancement and prosperity.

The question of the Sunday prosecutions was touched upon. Immediate acts of persecution have been restrained, so that none are now laboring under that embarrassment; but the current in favor of enacting stringent Sunday laws is daily increasing, and we are ere long to have greater difficulties to meet in this direction.

The speaker then passed in brief review the work among the Holland people. Remarkable success has attended the Holland paper, the Bible Reader. This has already attained a large list of paying subscribers, and there is a call for reading in the form of books, which are being prepared for them. Fields are opening in South Africa, South America, the West Indies, and our own country, and the outlook is very encouraging.

Remarks were also made upon the publishing work connected with this cause. The great demand for books which has led to the recent enlargement of the publishing houses, both in Battle Creek and Oakland, has been created largely by the canvassing work. This led to instructive remarks upon the canvassing work, and a consideration of the principles upon which alone it can be successfully conducted. In connection with these, a review of the city mission work was presented, and also the work of our foreign missions. The question of finances was spoken upon as a very important one to come before the Conference.

The committees were then named as follows:—


It was then moved and carried, That the Chair appoint a committee of nine, himself being chairman, to consider the question of the week of prayer and the holiday gifts, and report to this Conference. The following persons were appointed as said committee: G. I. Butler, W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, R. A. Underwood, C. H. Jones, W. C. Sisley, J. H. Cook, J. O. Corliss, and A. J. Cudney.

It was moved and carried, That the Chair appoint a committee of three (afterward amended to five) to act with such members of the General Conference Committee as can meet with them, on the distribution of labor. The following were appointed as this committee: G. C. Tenney, E. S. Griggs, J. M. Rees, A. D. Olsen, Samuel Fulton.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of nine to consider the question of training-schools for city mission and canvassing work, and the management of such work.

The Secretary requesting some assistance in his department,—

On motion of E. J. Waggoner, G. C. Tenney was elected assistant secretary pro tem.

After pertinent remarks by the Chair, upon the importance of punctuality in attendance upon the various meetings, and the necessity of expediting business by the various committees, the Conference adjourned to call of Chair. The Chairman appointed the next meeting at 2:30 P. M.

SECOND MEETING, Nov. 13, 2:30 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. R. M. Kilgore. Minutes were read, and, after minor corrections, accepted.

Eld. A. T. Jones, in behalf of the California delegation, asked the attention of the Conference to the following matter: Referring to a resolution passed by the California Conference at its session of Oct. 7-17, 1887, requesting the General Conference to take into consideration the question of the purchase of a missionary ship for use among the islands of the Pacific, he presented the following:

An Act to provide for the more efficient transportation of missionaries to the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

Whereas, The professed faith of Seventh-day Adventists requires them to carry the message of truth for this generation to all kindreds, tongues, and peoples; and as the islands of the Pacific Ocean are peopled with many thousands who have never heard the tidings of the soon-coming King, and there are no
regular means of transportation whereby missionaries may be sent to these islands; and,—

Whereas, It is thought by many that the time has fully come in the history of this work, when these islanders should receive that consideration which shall result in an organized effort to carry them the truth for these days; and believing that our people everywhere stand ready to give substantial assistance to every legitimate project for the spread of the truth; therefore,—

It is recommended by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in conference assembled—

1. That a vessel of suitable size and construction for missionary purposes be purchased or built, and equipped for missionary work among the islands of the Pacific Ocean.
2. That the cost of building and equipping said vessel for a two years' cruise shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000).
3. That such a vessel be made ready for service early in the year 1888.
4. That the duly elected officers of this body for the coming year, constitute a committee who shall be empowered to put in execution the provisions of this bill, and also to appoint other persons as their judgment may dictate, to act with them in carrying out the project.

Having presented this, he moved that the matter be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair, said committee to present some recommendation on the subject to this Conference, which motion prevailed.

The committee of five to consider the question of the purchase or construction of a missionary ship was then announced, as follows: A. T. Jones, C. Eldridge, M. H. Brown, J. O. Corliss, and L. C. Chadwick.

D. T. Jones submitted the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas, It is a matter of the greatest importance that all questions involving important issues should be acted upon only after due deliberation; therefore,—

Resolved, That we adopt the following rules to assist in governing our deliberations during this Conference:—

1. All resolutions and reports of committees after their first reading shall, without discussion, be placed upon file, and at a subsequent meeting shall be read the second time, and shall then be open for amendment, discussion, and final action.
2. Important resolutions and reports of committees too long to be retained in the mind, may be printed by order of the Conference, and each member supplied with a printed copy.
3. When immediate action is necessary, these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds' vote of the Conference.

After some discussion, this matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions; and the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

Third Meeting, Nov. 14, 3 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. S. H. Lane. Minutes read and approved.
The Committee on the week of prayer and the Christmas offerings, made the following report:—

Your Committee recommend that this Conference indorse the action of its Executive Committee in appointing a week of prayer to be held Dec. 17–25, and offer the following suggestions:—

First, That an address be sent to the officers of the churches, Sabbath-schools, and Missionary societies, setting forth the importance of the week of prayer, and urging them to work for a large attendance at the meeting appointed on fast-day, when they will also have plans to unfold before the brethren that will secure the co-operation of all the members, so that the following meetings of the week may be a success, and the Christmas offerings may be liberal. In order to accomplish this we recommend that the address mentioned shall urge a special meeting of the officers of the church, Sabbath-school, and Missionary society, on Sabbath, Dec. 10, in which they may pray together, and consult as to the best method of procedure.

Secondly, We also recommend that a circular letter be published in the Review and Herald, and be read in the churches on Dec. 10, setting forth the objects and importance of the week of prayer.

Thirdly, We further recommend that the following articles be prepared, to be read in each church during the week of prayer:—

1. A reading for fast-day, Dec. 17, setting forth the importance of devoting the week of prayer to the special work of seeking God.
2. Sunday, Dec. 18: Steps by which we place ourselves in a condition where God can accept us.
4. Tuesday, Dec. 20: The object of God's blessing, and how it can be retained.
5. Wednesday, Dec. 21: Missionary work in the home, church, and neighborhood.
7. Friday, Dec. 23: Foreign missionary work in Central Europe, Russia, etc.
8. Sabbath, Dec. 24: The obligation, privilege, and blessing of giving; also setting forth the branches of the work most in need.

Fourthly, We still further recommend that the delegates composing this Conference do all in their power to enlist the interest and secure the co-operation of the ministers in their several fields of labor, to help forward this work.

On motion to adopt, each item of this report was carefully considered.

An amendment was offered that the same matter provided for in this report, be translated into German, for the use of our German churches. Another amendment was offered that Elders Shultz, Shrock, and Holser attend to the preparation of this matter for the Germans. Both amendments were carried, and the report was then adopted.

It was then moved and carried, That the Chair appoint a committee of five to carry out the foregoing recommendations. He immediately named W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, R. A. Underwood, J. Q. Corliss, and W. C. Sisley as said committee,
The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows on the matter referred to them at the preceding meeting:—

With reference to the resolution presented by D. T. Jones, relative to rules of order for the government of our deliberations, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, we beg leave to submit the following recommendation:—

We recognize the principle involved in the rules suggested, as a good one, but fear that, if carried out as proposed, is would often occasion unnecessary delay in our proceedings; therefore, to secure the often desirable privilege of having more time to consider important nominations, resolutions, or motions, and at the same time not to embarrass the proceedings by unnecessary delays, we recommend that the following rules be adopted in place of the ones previously submitted:—

1. When matters are before the meeting upon which it would seem desirable that more time be given for thought or investigation, it shall be the privilege of any member to request such subject to be deferred to the next meeting, and on such request, no objection being offered, the subject shall be deferred without debate or motion, and at the next meeting shall come up as unfinished business.

2. When objection is offered, the request to defer may be overruled by a two-thirds' vote, and the question be acted upon immediately.

3. No question can be more than twice deferred under this rule.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed,
COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

This report was adopted.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of eleven, himself being one, to take into consideration the question of raising means to meet the wants of the different branches of the work, and the whole financial problem connected with the advancement of our cause.

The Chair requested a little time for the selection of this committee; and the Conference adjourned to such hour as he should call them together again.

FOURTH MEETING, Nov. 15, 3 P. M.—Eld. E. J. Waggoner opened the meeting with prayer; and the Conference approved the minutes of the preceding meeting.


Reports from laborers in foreign fields being made the order of the meeting, W. C. White spoke of the work in the Central European field. The workers there are of good courage; their efforts have been blessed in the conversion of souls, and the plans of those who have had charge of the work in that locality have been greatly extended during the past year and a half. This field embraces Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, etc. The workers may be increased without increasing the call for means from this country. The outlook is very hopeful.
O. A. Olsen spoke of the Scandinavian work, embracing Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. He has met with less difficulty than he anticipated, and the success attending the efforts put forth has been far beyond his expectations. Denmark has nine churches of seventh-day observers; Norway, four; and Sweden, ten. The aggregate membership of the three conferences is 810. They have found it difficult to furnish from their office of publication, books in sufficient quantities to meet the orders of canvassers. The work in this branch is self-sustaining; and the speaker had only words of courage and good cheer to offer concerning the cause there.

S. H. Lane spoke in regard to the work in England, which has now been in progress about nine years, and with which he has been connected some two years. He briefly recapitulated the work that has been done there, and related some interesting incidents which have occurred in connection with the progress of the cause in that field. There are four churches and 115 members, with enough isolated observers of the seventh day to bring the whole number up to 185. He was certain that a great work is to be done in the British Isles in the near future.

J. O. Corliss spoke respecting the work in Australia. There are three churches and 150 observers of the seventh day there. He gave many interesting statements concerning the peculiarities of that field, and suggestions in reference to the further prosecution of the work there.

The remarks of all were full of interest, and the Conference was well entertained during the meeting.

On motion, the Chairman appointed a committee of three, consisting of W. C. White, A. R. Henry, and C. H. Jones, to take into consideration the subject of the Year Book for 1888, and to suggest a plan for its publication.

W. C. White requesting to be released from the Committee on Resolutions, on account of so many other pressing duties, his request was granted, and E. J. Waggoner appointed in his place.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FIFTH MEETING, Nov. 16, 3 P. M.—P. H. Cady led in prayer. Minutes approved.

Reports from missionaries being continued, S. Fulton spoke of the work in Florida, where he has been laboring the past year. He thinks Florida a good field, on account of the large influx of visitors during the winter months. Some striking conversions from this class have already taken place. The summers there are not so oppressive as in some portions of the North, on account of the ocean and gulf breezes, and the summer is a more favorable time to use the tent than the winter, when a stove would be needed much of the time. Four places
have been entered, and between sixty and seventy conversions have taken place.

The Chairman spoke in regard to the work in Alabama and Mississippi.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following partial report:

Your Committee appointed to consider what subjects should come before this Conference in the form of resolutions, would respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, There has been, during the past year, steady and tangible progress in all departments of our work, notwithstanding increased obstacles thrown in its way, and more active opposition than heretofore on the part of those who desire to hinder its progress; therefore,—

1. Resolved, That we recognize in this prosperity an evident token of God's willingness to respond to the prayers and efforts of his people, and a prophecy that his counsel will guide, and his hand defend, this his work in the future.

Whereas, The increasing demands for our publications have rendered it necessary that both the Central and Pacific Publishing Associations should increase their facilities by enlarging the offices of publication at Battle Creek and Oakland to nearly double their former capacity; therefore,—

2. Resolved, That we commend the prompt action of the managers of both these Associations, in making this provision to meet the demands for our books and periodicals; and we regard this great increase in the circulation of our literature as cheering evidence that this message is soon to arrest the attention of this generation.

3. Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the addition to our other periodicals, of a paper in the Holland language; and we are particularly grateful to God for the success which has so far attended its publication, and for the marked progress of his work among that people.

Whereas, The great religio-political crisis in which will be involved the last conflict between truth and error, is even now overshadowing our land; and,—

Whereas, In these troublous times the Lord by the prophet (Dan. 12:1) has assured protection to those only whose names are written in the book of life, and whose robes are washed in the blood of the Lamb; and,—

Whereas, The success of the cause of truth depends not upon human efforts, but solely upon the power of God,—which power can be secured only by bringing ourselves into such harmony with his will that we may become partakers of the divine nature; therefore,—

4. Resolved, That we will, by the help of God, strive as never before to heed the injunction of the Scriptures, "Be ye holy; for I am holy," and so separate ourselves from all sin and impurity of heart and life, that the divine counsel may guide, and the divine power attend, all our efforts.

Whereas, The General Conference Association is a legally incorporated organization, capable of holding property and transacting business in any part of the world, and is therefore the proper body to look after the financial interests of all our missions, and other pioneer enterprises; and,—

Whereas, This Association, in order to do the important work it is designed to accomplish, must have funds; therefore,—

5. Resolved, That we recommend those who have means to donate to the general advancement of the cause, or money which they can loan temporarily, without interest, to deposit such means with this Association, rather than with any other of our institutions which are more local in their designs and operations.
Whereas, The opening of missions in foreign lands involves much expense, and is attended with many difficulties; therefore,—

6. Resolved, That we hail with much gratitude the progress of the work in the different countries of Europe, as seen in the organization of four conferences, the establishment of three offices of publication, and the large interest that has been awakened all over Europe.

7. Resolved, That we approve of the efforts made in Central Europe, Scandinavia, and Great Britain in holding mission schools for the purpose of educating canvassers and colporters; and we hereby express our gratitude for the success of the canvassing work in those countries, as a potent means of bringing the truth before the masses.

8. Resolved, That we approve of the removal of the office of publication in England from Great Grimsby to London, and the opening of a depot for our publications in Paternoster Row; and we bid the mission workers there Godspeed in their efforts to establish the cause on a firm basis in the very heart of the English-speaking world.

9. Resolved, That a standing committee of five be appointed by the Chairman, to confer with other committees which should be appointed in the various conferences, in reference to the defense of those who may suffer persecution under oppressive Sunday laws, and also to direct in efforts that may be needed in various States to oppose the passage of such Sunday laws.

Signed, Committee on Resolutions.

On motion to adopt, many interesting remarks were made on the subjects introduced, especially on resolution four, with its preambles. Resolution five was deferred to a subsequent meeting for a more full presentation of the subject. The consideration of resolution nine was not reached when the hour of adjournment arrived. Adjourned to call of Chair.

Sixth Meeting, Nov. 17, 3 p. m.—After singing, prayer was offered by the Secretary. Minutes read and approved.

The discussion of resolution nine pending at the last adjournment, was taken up. A. T. Jones spoke at some length in reference to the character of the work being done by the National Reform Association, and the attitude we should take in reference to it. As Protestants we should oppose the enactment of all Sunday laws. When we assent to the enactment of Sunday laws, even those which make exceptions in our favor, we recognize the right of Sunday legislation. All Sunday laws are oppressive. There should be protest-ants once more. Christ separated from the civil government all that pertained to our duty to God. The speaker gave quotations from prominent members of the association, showing the deceptive nature of its work, that it is committed to the proposed measures of the papacy, and the real attitude of the National Reform party toward Seventh-day Adventists, and their relation to S. D. Baptists. The question was further spoken to by E. J. Waggoner, who anticipated the deceptive work of Spiritualism and infidelity in connection with the popular movement in favor of Sunday laws;

The remarks and questions were pointed and interesting, and served to shed much light upon the evidences of the rapidly approaching crisis which awaits the truth of God and the people of this generation; and the machinations of those who are the willing or unwilling agents of the enemy of truth and religious freedom.

The Chairman proposed to the Conference the practical question as to what would be duty for Sabbath-keepers in places where stringent Sunday laws exist, in reference to working or refraining from work upon the first day of the week. It was suggested by the Chair that steps be taken to bring out a proper answer to this question.

It was voted that the Chair appoint a committee of nine, to whom shall be referred the consideration of the question involved in resolutions four and nine, and an arrangement for a class discussion of the whole question, and the preparation of such a statement of the subject as will properly define the position which Sabbath-keepers should occupy in the various contingencies which may arise under the enforcement of Sunday laws. The Chair appointed as said committee, U. Smith, A. T. Jones, E. J. Waggoner, L. McCoy, D. T. Jones, J. M. Rees, J. N. Loughborough, E. W. Farnsworth, and A. R. Henry.

The question of adoption of all resolutions discussed, except those deferred, being placed before the meeting, it was unanimously carried.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SEVENTH MEETING, NOV. 18, 3 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. J. H. Cook. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor made the following recommendations:

1. That S. H. Lane take charge of the work in Florida and Georgia.
2. That O. C. Godsmark accompany Eld. Lane to this field of labor.
3. That a conference be organized, embracing the States of Florida and Georgia, at as early a date as may be consistent.
4. That J. M. Rees continue to have charge of the work in North Carolina, devoting as much of his time to that field as can be spared from his duties in Tennessee.
5. That J. P. Henderson, of Indiana, be recommended to go to Arkansas, to make that his field of labor.
6. That Victor Thompson make Indiana his field of labor.
7. That G. G. Rupert labor in Michigan, as the committee of that conference may direct.
8. That G. C. Tenney spend three or four months in the office of the Pacific Press, in the editorial and subscription book department, and then proceed to Australia to engage in the publishing work there.

10. That W. B. White, of Minnesota, take the place in Dakota made vacant by A. D. Olsen.

11. That J. W. Raymond act as president of the Pennsylvania Conference and Tract society; and that L. C. Chadwick take the place on the conference committee made vacant by Eld. Raymond.

12. That D. E. Lindsey, of Ohio, labor in Delaware and Maryland.


14. That C. P. Haskell go to Ohio to labor, and fill the position on the conference committee made vacant by the removal of Eld. Gates.

15. That R. A. Underwood act as president of the Ohio Tract society.


17. That E. W. Farnsworth be released from the recommendation that he go to England, which was adopted at the last session of this Conference.

18. That J. M. Erickson remove to Sweden, and make that his field of labor.


20. That H. R. Johnson take the lead of the Scandinavian work in Iowa and South Dakota.

These recommendations were duly considered, and separately adopted, except No. 12, which, at Eld. Lindsey's request, was referred back for further consideration.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

EIGHTH MEETING, Nov. 20, 9 A. M.—Prayer by E. S. Griggs. Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following:

For President, Geo. I. Butler; Secretary, U. Smith; Corresponding Secretary,* Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Treasurer, A. R. Henry; Conference Committee, Geo. I Butler, W. C. White, S. N. Haskell, O. A. Olsen, R. A. Underwood, U. Smith, R. M. Kilgore.

The report was adopted as a nomination simply.

Moved (by W. C. White), That the Constitution of the General Conference be so amended as to provide for a foreign mission secretary, a home mission secretary, and an educational secretary.—Carried.

R. A. Underwood spoke of the enterprise started at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in establishing a health institute; and referring to the advantages which he thought might accrue therefrom to the cause in Ohio, and at large, in favor of the health and temperance movement, he asked the Conference to interest itself in the providing of suitable physicians to take charge of the same. D. E. Lindsey offered a few remarks in behalf of the same enterprise.

* W. H. Edwards, Battle Creek, Mich., was subsequently appointed to this position by the General Conference Committee.
Moved (by R. A. Underwood), That the Chair appoint a committee of seven to take this matter into consideration, and to make such recommendations to this Conference as in their judgment may seem best.—Carried.

The following brethren were named as this committee: R. A. Underwood, J. H. Kellogg, J. N. Loughborough, A. R. Henry, J. Fargo, William Covert, and J. W. Raymond.

By vote, the Nominating Committee were instructed to nominate the three secretaries called for in the preceding vote on a change in the Constitution.

The Committee on the Year Book submitted the following report:

We recommend, That the size, style, general arrangement, and contents be the same as last year, with the following changes and additions:

1. That the sketches of our different institutions, missions, etc., be grouped under one main head, with appropriate sub-heads, the main head to be, "Progress of the Work during the Year 1887;" that the reports on organization, etc., be brief, but specifying minutely the changes and improvements that have been made during the past year, and the advance steps that have been taken.

2. That the book contain the articles of incorporation of the General Conference Association, the Act under which it was incorporated, its constitution and by-laws, together with a statement of the object and scope of the Association.

3. That the headings under "General Directory," etc., be set in bolder type than last year.

4. That the running title state as nearly as possible the contents of the page.

We further recommend, That a committee of three be appointed to collect reports and take charge of this work, and to push it forward to an early completion; that the societies represented bear a share of the expense of publication, so that the book can be furnished at retail at the nominal price of ten cents. That the book be published at the Review and Herald Office, Battle Creek, Mich.

We would suggest that F. E. Belden, G. W. Morse, and M. J. Chapman constitute said committee.

Your Committee would also suggest the propriety of having some person or persons appointed to engage in gathering up reports, statistics, etc., for the Year Book for 1889, so that there may be no delay in its publication.*

This report was amended, making provision for instruction to be given in reference to deeding property to the General Conference Association.

Moved, That the Year Book for 1888 be issued by January 1, and that an edition of 10,000 be issued, and proportioned to the Tract societies. The motion was lost.

The Treasurer presented his report as follows:—

* The following named persons were subsequently appointed to act in this capacity during the year 1888:—

F. E. Belden, W. C. White, H. P. Holser, G. W. Morse, M. A. Steward.
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Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

NINTH MEETING, Nov. 22, 10:30 A. M.—Prayer by Eld. O. Hill. Minutes approved.

The Committee on National Reform reported through their secretary, A. T. Jones. As the Committee had not completed their work, the report was only a report of progress. Sr. White followed with an instructive address. Remarks were also made by A. T. Jones, L. McCoy, M. J. Church, and E. J. Waggoner.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor made the following additional recommendations:

21. That we recognize the good services of A. La Rue in the ship missionary work on the Pacific Ocean and its islands, and that he continue in the same.

22. That H. P. Holser go to Central Europe to act as treasurer of the mission publishing house, and to take charge of the book sales department and the counting-room; to teach canvassers, colporters, and Bible workers; to help in the general work and in the field, as he may have opportunity; and also to act on the Mission Board as alternate in the absence of B. L. Whitney.

23. That A. Barry, of Kentucky, go to Michigan, to labor in that conference.


These recommendations were adopted, and the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

TENTH MEETING, Nov. 22, 4 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. R. M. Kilgore. Minutes approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor continued their report, as follows:

25. That I. J. Hankins go to South Africa, to take the place in the mission there made vacant by the removal of D. A. Robinson.

26. That Wm. Arnold, now in Australia, go to England to help in establishing the canvassing work there.

27. That John Fulton and wife be requested to spend a year at the Rural Health Retreat, at St. Helena, Cal.

28. That Samuel Fulton take the place made vacant in the North Pacific Conference by the removal of John Fulton to St. Helena.
29. That D. T. Bourdeau go to New Orleans, and spend the winter in labor in that city.

These recommendations were all adopted.

The Committee on the Missionary Ship reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider the matter of securing a ship for missionary work among the islands of the sea, would respectfully submit the following report:

We believe that such a ship is needed; we deem the enterprise a noble one, and well worthy of the support of all our people; but in view of the fact that some of our missions are now in actual distress for means which they must have in order to do properly the work which must be done; and as the International Sabbath-school Association has devoted its contributions for 1888 to the London Mission, and as it would be most profitable to our people that all should take part in the missionary ship enterprise when it is decided upon; therefore,—

We recommend, That the enterprise of setting afloat a missionary ship be postponed till the next annual session of the General Conference.

We would further recommend, That a committee of five, consisting of three brethren from east of the Rocky Mountains, and two from the Pacific Coast, be appointed to take charge of this matter during the year 1888, to report at the next annual session of this Conference; and further, that donations to this enterprise may be received during the year, from any who feel disposed to make such donations.

After a series of lively remarks and propositions, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

Whereas, Our increasing publishing interests in different parts of the world are in reality but one, whose object is to extend the glorious truths of the Third Angel's Message; and,—

Whereas, United counsel and concert of action relative to the production of our publications is necessary to insure willing and harmonious efforts on the part of our people to extend their circulation, and also that God's Spirit may abundantly attend the work in the future; therefore,—

10. Resolved, That an International Publishing Committee, for the coming year, be chosen by this Conference, consisting of thirteen persons, whose duty it shall be at this session of the Conference, and as often thereafter as possible during the year, to confer together relative to the general interests of the publishing work as a whole, the improvement of our subscription books in particular, and the advisability of issuing other works that are suggested as necessary in the canvassing field.

11. Resolved, That we suggest the names of the following persons as members of this Committee for the year 1888, the first to act as chairman of the committee:


Whereas, There is a great lack of uniformity of closing the reports presented to the Auditing Committee, which causes such Committee much labor and perplexity, and opens the way for injustice to be done either to the Conference or to those laboring in its employ; therefore,—
12. Resolved, That the General Conference year begin Oct. 1 and terminate Sept. 30 of each year, and that hereafter all reports of labor and bills of expense close at the latter date.

Whereas, There is a great lack of uniformity in making out reports; and,—

Whereas, Facts are frequently omitted which are essential to an intelligent and satisfactory audit; therefore,—

13. Resolved, That a blank be prepared and furnished to each employee of the General Conference, in time for his annual report; and we recommend further that a circular letter accompany each blank, giving ample instruction for filling out the same.

14. Resolved, That the President of the General Conference is hereby empowered to appoint a committee of three to carry into effect the provisions of the two preceding resolutions.

These resolutions coming up in the ordinary way for discussion, after some remarks on resolution ten, it was referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair, and the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

This committee was subsequently named as follows: U. Smith, W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, F. E. Belden, and R. A. Underwood.

ELEVENTH MEETING, Nov. 24, 3 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. H. Nicola. Minutes approved.

The regular business being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, resolutions thirteen and fourteen were discussed, and laid on the table.

The Committee on Resolutions reported further, as follows:—

Whereas, With our present plan of auditing, the time of several delegates is occupied for a large part of each session with merely clerical work, and the time of the session is too short to allow them to do the auditing in a manner satisfactory to themselves; therefore,—

15. Resolved, That this Conference authorize the President to appoint the Auditing and Finance committees a sufficient length of time before any session of the Conference to allow them to do at least the greater part of their work before the beginning of the session; and, further,—

16. Resolved, That in order to carry out the provisions of the above resolution, we recommend that each State send a list of its delegates to the President by the first of September preceding the Conference session.

Whereas, The different parts of our work are so connected, and the State conferences and local institutions are so related to the General Conference and the work at large as to make our work one individual whole; and,—

Whereas, The counsels of the President of the General Conference, who has the oversight of the whole work, with the officers of the State conferences and local institutions, are indispensable to unity of plan and harmony of action in all places and in all departments of the work; and,—

Whereas, Local cares and responsibilities placed upon the President will not only overburden him, and deprive the Conference prematurely of his valuable services, but will also deprive other conferences and local institutions, equally needy and equally deserving, of his oversight and counsels; therefore,—

17. Resolved, That this Conference respectfully but emphatically protest against overburdening the President of the General Conference with cares and
responsibilities of State conferences and local institutions, thus endangering his health and drawing his attention from the general work.

Resolutions fifteen and sixteen were laid upon the table. Resolution seventeen was lost.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

TWELFTH MEETING, Nov. 15, 12 m.— Prayer by Eld. J. F. Hanson. Minutes approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor further reported, as follows:—

31. That we renew the recommendation that D. E. Lindsey go to Maryland and Delaware.
32. That J. E. Swift, of New York, go to Ohio, to labor in the Cleveland mission.
33. That the province of New Brunswick be united to the Maine Conference.
34. That J. F. Hanson labor in San Francisco and elsewhere in California, under the direction of the California Conference committee.
35. That Wyoming Territory be united to the Colorado Conference.
36. That E. Hillard go to Minnesota as soon as the General Conference Committee can relieve him from the work in New Orleans.
37. That as soon as convenient, Carrie Irwin change her field of labor from New Orleans to the Washington Mission.
38. That O. A. Johnson, of Nebraska, visit Montana next summer, and engage in tent labor if the way should open.
41. Inasmuch as the San Francisco church has presented to this committee an urgent request for help in that city, we recommend that the California Conference committee take this matter into favorable consideration, and do all that may seem consistent in supplying ministerial help for missionary work in this important city.
42. That Jacob Reiswig* of Dakota, go to Colorado for his health.

These recommendations were duly considered and adopted.

The Committee appointed to present recommendations for a general book committee being called upon, submitted the following:—

Whereas, Our growing publishing interests in different parts of the world are one in purpose, and should ever be united in action; therefore.—

Resolved, That this Conference elect a standing committee of thirteen persons for the coming year, to be known as the Book Committee, whose duty it shall be to labor for the improvement and wider circulation of our denominational literature.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this committee to hold a meeting in the spring, and another in the fall of the year, at the most convenient place for a majority of the committee to meet.

* Deceased.
Resolved, That questions as to the establishing of new printing-offices, the duties and privileges of the smaller offices now in operation, all questions that may arise between our publishing associations or general agents, shall be referred to this committee, whose decisions, after receiving the approval of a majority of the General Conference Committee, shall be considered as the voice of this people.

Resolved, That the members of this committee for the coming year be nominated by the Nominating Committee of this Conference.

U. Smith,
W. C. White,
O. A. Olsen,
F. E. Belden,
R. A. Underwood,

Committee.

This report was adopted, and the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

Thirteenth Meeting, Nov. 16, 7 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. A. T. Robinson. Minutes approved.

The Committee on City Missions reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider the general interests of the city missions and canvassing work, respectfully submit the following report:

Whereas, The growth and importance of the city mission and general Bible work demand that broader and more careful plans be laid for carrying it forward; therefore your Committee recommend—

1. That the managers of our educational institutions located at Battle Creek, Healdsburg, and South Lancaster, secure in the Biblical and Missionary departments more thorough instruction in the manner of preparing, and in methods of giving, Bible readings.

2. That the teachers in said departments spend a portion of each year at one of our principal city missions, to gain a practical experience in and knowledge of Bible work.

3. That as far as possible, all who would enter city missions, should first attend one or more terms of preparatory instruction in one of our educational institutions.

4. That each of the following conferences conduct a city mission training-school, so as to accommodate workers from other conferences that may be selected to receive a thorough preparation in all branches of this work; namely, New England, Michigan, Illinois, and California; and that these schools begin courses of instruction, and receive students, January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, of each year, unless in exceptional cases where other arrangements are deemed advisable.

5. That only such persons be sent to these schools as the various State conference committees shall recommend after consultation with the mission director, and that they shall pass a satisfactory examination before an examining board of three, two to be appointed by the General Conference Committee to act with the mission director.

6. That the conferences from which these individuals are sent become responsible for their support pro rata, not covered by profits on publications sold by them while at the school, until such time as the director and State conference committee shall deem it advisable to remove them for whatever cause, or make other arrangement for their support in case they remain at the mission.

7. That mission training-schools should not be started without competent persons to manage them, and that in all cases the General Conference Committee...
should be consulted as to the establishment of new training-schools, or the con-
tinuance of those already started. And further, that in conferences where it
seems advisable, training-schools or institutes be conducted during three months
of the year.

8. That the Home Mission Secretary arrange the program for such insti-
tutes, and provide the necessary help by advice of the General Conference
Committee.

9. As experienced managers and thorough workers are few, and as missions
are a financial burden, and, if not properly conducted, may result in injury to
the cause; therefore, caution should be exercised in establishing city missions.

10. That the Home Mission Secretary devote his time principally to the
furtherance of the city mission work during the coming year, both by visiting
the missions and by awakening an interest among our people generally in behalf
of the Bible work.

Whereas, The steps which have been already taken to systematize the can-
vassing work have resulted in great good; and,—

Whereas, The present status of the work demands that still further steps be
taken in this direction; therefore,—

Resolved, That the General Conference Committee appoint an agent who
shall work in the general interests of the canvassing work in the United States.*

Resolved, That said general agent shall arrange for institutes especially in
the interests of the canvassing work, at such places as may be selected by the
General Conference Committee and conference committees of those States in-
terested.

This report was adopted.

The Committee on National Reform reported as follows:—

The preamble and resolution referred to us, we would resubmit with our ap-
proval, and in addition to this would present the following: —

Whereas, The teachings of Christ entirely divorce the Church and the
State; and,—

Whereas, The State has no right to legislate in matters pertaining to relig-
ious institutions, and Sunday is only a religious institution; therefore,—

1. Resolved, That we as a people do oppose by all consistent means the en-
actment of Sunday laws where they do not exist, and oppose the repeal of ex-
emption clauses in Sunday laws which already exist.

2. Resolved, That we recommend that a pamphlet be prepared, (1.) Showing
the true relation which should exist between the Church and the State; (2.) Ex-
posing the organized efforts now being made to unite Church and State by
changing the Constitution of our country; (3.) Showing the real effect of un-
modified Sunday laws, in places where they have been in force; and that said
pamphlet be placed in the hands of all members of legislative bodies where ef-
forts are or shall be made to secure the enactment of Sunday laws.

Whereas, To quietly and peaceably do our work six days in the week, as
well as to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Lord, is duty toward God,
and an inalienable right, and that with which the State can of right have noth-
ing to do; therefore,—

3. Resolved, That there is no obligation resting upon any observer of the
seventh day to obey any law prohibiting labor on the first day of the week, com-
monly called Sunday.

4. Resolved, That while asserting this right, and while practicing the princi-
ple avowed in this resolution of working the six working-days, the resolution is
not to be so construed as either to sanction or approve any arrogance on the

* F. E. Belden was subsequently appointed.
part of any, or any action purposely intended to offend or impose upon the religious convictions or practices of any person who observes the first day of the week.

Whereas, We deem it essential to the proper work of the Third Angel's Message that the true relation existing between the Church and the State, and the relation that exists between what men owe to God and what they owe to civil government, should be understood; therefore,—

5. Resolved, That we recommend that this subject be made a part of the regular course of Bible study in all our colleges; and that special attention be given to it by all our ministers in the field.

These resolutions were under discussion when the Conference adjourned.

Fourteenth Meeting, Nov. 27, 7 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. N. C. McClure. The question before the meeting being the discussion of the resolutions on National Reform, it was moved and voted that these resolutions be made the special order of the meeting to be held at this place on the evening of Dec. 3, at 7 o'clock.

The Committee on Finances presented their report, as follows:

1. We recommend, That the mission property in Central Europe be transferred by deed to the General Conference Association.

2. That the General Conference Association employ a financial agent to travel and labor in its own interests, and in those of the missions and other associations.

Whereas, The General Conference Association was created a legal corporation for the especial purpose of holding property for the general interests of the cause; therefore,—

3. We recommend, That those who desire to give real estate or personal property by deed, bequest, or otherwise to the general interests of the cause, should give it to the General Conference Association.

4. We further recommend, That our people everywhere literally carry out the advice of the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." As a weekly free-will offering in behalf of the foreign mission work, this is to be laid aside each week at home, and at the end of each quarter to be paid to the Tract society officers, to be sent to the general treasury.

Whereas, Some of our people have made pledges in one State, and have changed their residences and paid their pledges in another State, thereby embarrassing their brethren in the former State, who have undertaken enterprises upon the strength of these obligations; therefore,—

5. Resolved, That it is the voice of this Conference that those who make pledges for any purpose should pay them where they are made.

Whereas, In the past many pledges have been made to various objects in the cause, some of these being for large amounts, and conditional upon selling farms or other property; and,—

Whereas, Many of these persons have felt unwilling to make other donations in view of their old pledges still unpaid; thus standing year after year where they do little or nothing to help the cause with their means, because they cannot sell their property; therefore,—
6. Resolved, That this Conference earnestly request every one of those who have made these pledges, whether conditional upon selling property or otherwise, to pay what they can of these pledges, and receive credit for what they pay.

7. Resolved, That our conference and Tract society officers in every conference make earnest efforts to induce those who have made these unpaid pledges, to pay what they can on them, and thus help the cause in this time of its great need.

8. Resolved, That we request each person having unpaid pledges to the foreign missions, to make payment in full or in part on Christmas; and we recommend that these payments be put in with the Christmas offerings, provided that they are accompanied with a written statement, specifying that they are in payment of certain pledges.

9. Resolved, That those who have no pledges now due to foreign missions, and who are not prepared to make cash donations on next Christmas, may make such pledges to those missions, which may be received as Christmas offerings.

10. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of T. and M. officers, and church clerks and treasurers to co-operate with the financial agent of the General Conference Association in carrying out the plan suggested in the foregoing resolutions.

11. Resolved, That this conference cordially indorse the action of the General Conference Committee in appointing a week of prayer to be followed by Christmas donations to our needy foreign missions, and the General Conference Association. And we urge our people most earnestly everywhere throughout this country to be liberal in their gifts on that occasion, and lift the burden of indebtedness crippling our foreign work, and thus encourage the hearts of our sacrificing laborers who have for the love of Christ left their homes and friends to labor among strangers.

The report was adopted.

O. A. Olsen made a report of the workings and present condition of the publishing work in Christiana, which was by vote accepted.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor made a final report, recommending the following:

43. That R. A. Hart go to Norway, to assist in the publishing work in Christiana for a year, or until efficient help can be educated.

44. That Carrie Mills go to Portland, Oregon, to take a position in the school, and to assist in Bible work.

45. That W. W. Sharp take the place on the Wisconsin Conference committee made vacant by the removal of H. R. Johnson.

46. That Oscar Hill and wife go to Alabama and Mississippi to labor.

47. That furnishing labor for the Pacific islands be referred to the General Conference Committee, with the recommendation that help be sent at the earliest possible date, to supply the urgent needs of that field.

These recommendations were all adopted.

The Committee on Nominations completed their report by presenting the following names:

The report was adopted.

The Chairman, in harmony with a previous action, announced as the committee for the consideration of the matter of securing a ship to be used for missionary purposes, the following persons: C. Eldridge, C. H. Jones, J. N. Loughborough, W. C. Sisley, A. T. Robinson.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses made recommendations as follows:—


The resolution concerning the General Conference Association, deferred at a previous meeting, was now adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

Whereas, In the providence of God the South Lancaster Academy has been established in the New England Conference for the purpose of qualifying men and women to labor in the cause of God; and,—

Whereas, Many are now successful laborers who were not such before entering the Academy, thus showing its usefulness in the cause; and,—

Whereas, A printing establishment has been connected with the Academy to qualify individuals in that department, which has given evidence of its usefulness; and,—

Whereas, The freight on publications from our other offices of publication to the Eastern States is quite large, and there are many large cities where our publications are to fall like the leaves of autumn; therefore,—

18. Resolved, That the General Conference recommend that the Book Committee permit the tracts and pamphlets used in the Eastern societies, to be printed at South Lancaster; and further,—

19. Resolved, That the Review and Herald and Pacific Press publishing houses be requested to furnish at reasonable rates, the plates for said purpose, of such tracts and pamphlets as may be desired.

Whereas, Our Saviour has laid down the one sole ground on which parties once married can be divorced; and,—

Whereas, The practices of society have become most deplorable in this respect, as seen in the prevalence of unscriptural divorces; therefore,—

20. Resolved, That we express our deprecation of this great evil, and instruct our ministers not to unite in marriage any parties so divorced.

21. Resolved, That we exhort our own people, when about to contract matrimonial alliances, to bear in mind, and give due weight to the injunction of the apostle, "only in the Lord."
GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Resolutions eighteen and nineteen were referred to the Book Committee, and the remainder of the report was adopted.

Requests being presented for the location of the next General Conference, after several motions and some discussion it was—

Voted, That the next session of the General Conference be held in South Lancaster, Mass. It was further—

Voted, That the time fixed be sometime between the middle and the close of October, 1888, as the Conference Committee may decide.

Adjourned to meet again Dec. 3, at 7 p. m.


The resolutions presented by the Committee on National Reform being the special order for the evening, the resolutions were read, and spoken to by E. J. Waggoner and A. T. Jones.

It was moved to amend the resolutions by inserting the word "oppressive" before the words "Sunday laws," so as to read "oppressive Sunday laws," instead of simply "Sunday laws."


The amendment was lost. The resolutions were then adopted.

C. W. Flaiz was appointed by vote to fill the vacancy on the Kansas Conference committee, caused by the removal of O. Hill.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses offered an additional report, recommending that credentials be granted to J. O. Corliss, and licenses to W. L. H. Baker, Mrs. H. Enoch, and Geo. R. Drew; which report was adopted.

G. C. Tenney offered the following resolution, which, after remarks from different ones, cordially indorsing the sentiments expressed, was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That we hereby express our earnest thanks to the Oakland church for the cordial reception and generous entertainment which they have extended to the delegates to this Conference.

Adjourned to meet in Battle Creek, Mich., at the call of the Chair.

SIXTEENTH MEETING (Battle Creek, Mich.), DEC. 11, 10 A. M.—Prayer by the President. Minutes approved.

Quite a large congregation having assembled, the President occupied considerable time in remarks upon the doings of the Conference while upon the Pacific Coast, setting forth the interesting phases of the work presented in that field, and the encouraging tokens which are apparent in different branches of the work everywhere.
The great question of national reform which came so prominently before the Conference, was briefly reviewed, as well as the financial problem involved in the future progress of this cause, and the progressive and expansive foreign work, as exhibited in the European and other fields.

Eld. Corliss gave an interesting account of the work as now going forward in the islands of the Pacific.

R. M. Kilgore, C. Eldridge, and W. C. Sisley were appointed to take the place of the three absent members on the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING, DEC. 12, 4 p. m.—Prayer by H. W. Miller. Minutes approved.

The business of this meeting being the election of a Board of Trustees for the "General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists," the Chair was empowered to appoint a nominating committee to present the names of five persons to act as said Trustees for the coming year.

J. B. Goodrich, J. O. Corliss, and H. W. Miller were appointed as this committee, who, after a brief consultation submitted their report, nominating G. I. Butler, A. R. Henry, R. A. Underwood, U. Smith, and R. M. Kilgore, to constitute the said Board of Trustees.

The report was adopted.

A. R. Henry then introduced the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, now existing under the provisions of "Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight of Howell's Annotated Statutes of the State of Michigan," be instructed and required to re-incorporate said Association under the provisions of "Act Number Three Hundred and Ten, of the Public Acts of 1887."

This resolution was adopted; and the Conference then adjourned sine die.

GEO. I. BUTLER, Pres.

U. SMITH, Sec.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

At the close of the late General Conference, as the reader will see by the foregoing report, it was voted to avail ourselves of the benefits to be obtained by reorganizing the "General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists." We will explain this statement briefly, by saying that at the time this Association was first organized, a year ago, the then existing
REORGANIZATION OF GEN. CONF. ASSOCIATION.

Law of Michigan under which such an association had to be made, was not nearly as favorable as one passed by the last Legislature, which went into effect last summer. The present law is very explicit in its statements and generous in its provisions, and as favorable as one could reasonably ask. Many questions which were before left in doubt and uncertainty, are by this law made clear. The present law was passed to provide specially for such charitable associations as ours, which were designed to be used to forward religious and missionary work for the good of mankind. The law is an honor to the State of Michigan.

The "General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists" has now been fully reorganized under this new law, and its Trustees duly elected. These are Uriah Smith, A. R. Henry, R. A. Underwood, R. M. Kilgore, and Geo. I. Butler. These were elected with special reference to their being accessible, or within reach of one another, so that they could be called together in case of any unexpected emergency arising which might demand it. The officers elected by this Board were as follows: President, Geo. I. Butler; Secretary, Uriah Smith; Assistant Secretary, W. H. Edwards; Treasurer, A. R. Henry.

In the reorganization of this Association, the previous one is simply merged into the present one, carrying with it all property possessed by the former, and all rights and privileges possessed by it; its name also, and its indebtedness. The new law fully provides for this transition. All these are now covered by the provisions of the new law.

Great care has been taken under the advise of good legal counsel, to have everything done strictly according to the provisions of the law. This "General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists" we consider now to stand on fully as reliable a basis as any of our legal institutions. It is prepared to do business, hold property, and extend its work in every part of the world where the local laws will permit of it.

The importance of this Association and its work in connection with the progress of this cause, will be very great. It will be legally equipped to guard properly the financial interests of the General Conference. It will furnish a safe receptacle for all the many property deeds, wills, and bequests which our people desire to bestow for the use of the General Conference. The General Conference is that representative body which takes in the whole of this cause. Its supervision embraces all its interests in every part of the world. There is not an institution among us, not a periodical issued, not a Conference or society, not a mission field connected with our work, that it has not a right to advise and counsel and investigate. It is the highest authority of an earthly character among Seventh-day Adventists. It has a special superintendency over all missionary fields outside of organized conferences.
The General Conference Association is really the financial department of the General Conference incorporated. It was at first proposed to incorporate the General Conference itself. But this was considered hardly best, even if practicable. So this plan of incorporating this Association was substituted, possessing, as it does, all the practical benefits of the former, and avoiding some objections. Our people, therefore, should consider this as virtually forming a part of the General Conference, and as being the representative of the great cause of present truth itself. Hence all their gifts, loans, bequests, donations, deeds of property, etc., which they wish to go to the general interests of the cause, should be intrusted to the "General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists."

We feel sure that our people will everywhere see that this arrangement is far more consistent than it is to do as we have been doing in the past,—making our publishing associations, and other institutions which were incorporated for a more limited or local purpose, the custodian of our funds for the general interests of the cause. Take, for instance, our Publishing Association at Battle Creek. It was organized, of course; for the purpose of printing books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals in the interests of this cause. Its legal authority was given it for this express purpose. Any one, therefore, can see that it would be hardly consistent to extend its province over various other matters of a wholly different character in all parts of the world. It might well be questioned whether it had the legal authority to do this. So of other institutions.

In the past we have been almost forced, because of the lack of some general corporation, to use these merely local organizations in a too general way. But there is a necessity for this no longer. Steps are now being taken to put this General Conference Association into full operation.

At the adjourned meeting in Battle Creek, held since the session at Oakland, some very important moves were made in this direction. A committee was appointed to consider the whole question, and make proper recommendations. The following report was brought in and adopted by the General Conference Committee, five of the members of which were present:

Your Committee appointed to devise an improved financial system in connection with the workings of the General Conference and the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, would respectfully recommend,—

1. That the following plan be adopted:

   (1.) That the position of corresponding secretary of the General Conference be conferred upon some person who can devote his entire time to General Conference work, and can also act as assistant secretary of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

   (2.) That said assistant secretary occupy apartments adjacent to the office of the President of the General Conference, and also that a proper safe be furnished him for the keeping of all books, records, and important documents pertaining to the office.
DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

(1.) To send the necessary blanks to those whose accounts are to be audited by the General Conference, and secure from such laborers full and complete reports, each quarter, of their labor, receipts, and expenses, and an annual report at the close of the Conference year, containing a summary of the same.

(2.) To keep an individual account with the persons above specified.

(3.) To secure from all home, city, and foreign missions, under the control of the General Conference, itemized monthly statements of all receipts and expenditures, and, at the close of the Conference year, an annual summary of the same, and such other items as will show the financial standing of the mission, together with the amount of work done and results accomplished.

(4.) To ascertain, as experience may suggest, what blanks may be necessary to facilitate the proper performance of his duties, and to prepare the same.

(5.) To ascertain the amount of tithes collected by each State Conference quarterly, and secure a tithe of the same for the General Conference treasury, within six weeks after the close of each quarter.

(6.) To present to the General Conference, at each annual meeting, a summary of the workings and growth of the cause in connection with the different missions.

(7.) To keep the President of the General Conference informed of any remissness of duty in making reports and remittances on the part of those specified in items 1, 3, and 5 of the foregoing, and any other information he may be able to impart which will assist the said President in his duties.

(8.) To countersign all orders upon the treasurer, in order that an accurate account may be kept of all the funds expended.

(9.) To perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the President of the General Conference.

(10.) To keep all the books and accounts, and to be the custodian of all deeds and legal papers belonging to the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, and to see that they are legally recorded.

We recommend:

2. That A. R. Henry and C. Eldridge assist said assistant secretary in arranging a general plan upon which the accounts of this Association shall be kept, and in securing books for the same.

3. That the fiscal year of the General Conference, and the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, close on the 30th day of June of each year.

4. That W. H. Edwards be appointed as said assistant secretary.

It was also recommended that each one of our Mission Boards appoint a treasurer for their mission, whose duty it shall be to make the monthly and annual reports above referred to, to whom money shall be sent from the General Conference Association, when sent at all, and with whom the assistant secretary, as already given, shall communicate in his official duties. Mary Heileson was appointed treasurer of the Scandinavian Mission; Henry Holser, of the Central European Mission; and Eld. Haskell was requested to appoint one for the British Mission. The Australian and South African missions, also, will be expected to make such appointments. Thus it will be seen that we shall soon have the necessary machinery in operation to make this Association efficient.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST STATISTICS. — 1887.

In the columns for Ministers and Licentiates is given the actual number expected to labor in each conference during the coming year, according to the recommendations of the General Conference, and not the number receiving credentials or licenses, as heretofore.

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INTERNATIONAL T. AND M. SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The first meeting of the twelfth annual session of the International T. and M. Society convened November 18, at 9:30 A. M., the Vice-President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. E. W. Farnsworth. Twenty-seven societies were represented by forty-four delegates. The societies not represented were Canada, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, New Zealand, and South America.

On motion, the reading of the report of the last annual session was omitted. The annual summary of missionary labor and statistics was then presented in printed form. A report was read, calling attention to some points in the summary, and giving a brief statement of the work performed by the Society during the year, outside of conference limits, together with the financial report. Among the places of interest to which publications have been sent, are the following: South and West Africa, British and Dutch Guiana, Brazil, West Indies, British Honduras, several localities in Russia, some of the islands of the Pacific Ocean, and different points in the Southern States; also to the several city missions under the control of the General Conference. This distribution of reading matter, if reduced to pages, would equal over 9,000,000.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts during the year,                      $10,180.86
Expenditures,                                  3,118.89
Balance on hand,                               $7,061.97

This report was followed by remarks by Eld. Butler and others relative to employing means for increasing the missionary work in our State societies, and for securing more accurate reports. It was stated that only a small proportion of the labor actually performed is reported.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five to prepare a pass-book for the use of members, to contain, in the first part, necessary directions with respect to its use, and the basis upon which reports should be made. R. M. Kilgore, A. T. Robinson, A. W. Bagby, F. E. Belden, and L. T. Nicola were named as this committee.

On motion, the Chair was also empowered to appoint the usual committees, and the following were announced:—


A report was then called for from the standing Committee on Bookkeeping. The Committee not being prepared to report, and some of the members being absent, the Chair was empowered to appoint a new committee of five to take the matter into consideration and report at the next meeting, if possible. L. C. Chadwick, M. L. Huntley, C. Eldridge, H. P. Holser, and L. H. Farnsworth were named as this committee.

R. Henry then presented for the consideration of the meeting, with respect to its sale, a book entitled "The Transatlantic Guide and Hand-Book for Tourists," this book having been published partly by the request of the officers of the International Society.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to consider the matter and make recommendations. W. C. Sisley, S. H. Lane, and J. F. Hanson were named as this committee.

The meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Nov. 21, 3 p.m.—Prayer was offered by F. E. Belden. Minutes approved. The Committee on Bookkeeping made the following report:

Whereas, There is a pressing demand in nearly all our State societies for a better system of doing the periodical business which of necessity passes through their hands; and also for a simpler method of keeping the librarian's accounts, and more uniformity in keeping the books of the State secretaries, your Committee appointed for the purpose of submitting some plans to meet those wants, would respectfully present the following recommendations:

1. That as soon as they deem it practicable, the officers of our various State societies appoint in each church and company of Sabbath-keepers in their different conferences, a person who shall act as the business agent of the State society, and shall receive from the members their orders for papers and books for personal use, and deal directly with the State secretary.

Whereas, The State societies receive and forward the orders for the different periodicals issued by the Review and Herald Office, and become responsible for the payment of the same, with little or no commission; therefore,—

2. That this Society ask the Review and Herald Office to prepare a simple form of order and record book for the use of these church agents, which they shall furnish free to the State societies for that purpose.

3. That one or both of our publishing houses prepare and furnish to the State societies, at the lowest price possible, a book for the use of librarians, simply arranged, with the headings of pages printed, showing the entries to be made covering the following points; and with one page of printed instructions in the first part of the book, similar to those given in the books now used by our Sabbath-school secretaries and church clerks; in order to secure greater accuracy, efficiency, and uniformity in our State Tract society accounts: (1.) List of members; (2.) Record of meetings; (3.) Account with the district; (4.) Cash account; (5.) Memoranda of tracts drawn.

4. The adoption of double-entry book-keeping, after the most improved and simple methods, as soon as our State secretaries can properly inform themselves in regard to the system; and further,—

After a motion to adopt, considering each recommendation separately, the advantages to be secured by making the proposed changes were set forth, and questions respecting the methods introduced were answered. Three State societies had already availed themselves of the provision made in the constitution for business agents in local societies, and were well pleased with the plan. The report was adopted.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following persons for officers the coming year:

Vice-President: W. C. White, Pacific Press, Oakland, California.
Secretary and Treasurer: Maria L. Huntley, Healdsburg, California.


This report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Members' Pass-book presented the following report:

Your Committee to prepare an individual pass-book for the members of our local Tract and Missionary societies, would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That this Society should have prepared a small, cheap pass-book, with blank items for each day's labor; the items of labor to be such as are required of our members, which may be entered with a lead pencil; also, four blanks (double page) providing a summary for each three months in the year, which will furnish a quarterly report of labor to the librarian; also, blanks for subscriptions to periodicals, and memoranda for record of missionary labor, with full printed instructions to aid members in reporting.

2. That this Society secure stereotype plates for about fifty pages, and have the book printed on good paper, and in such editions that it can be furnished at the least possible expense to the local societies, whose property it shall be; and that each member be furnished with a copy every year, on condition that each one keep a record of all work performed, and return it quarterly to the librarian.

On motion, this report was amended, first, to request the Review and Herald Office to furnish this book; secondly, to provide for its being prepared in foreign languages; and thirdly, to provide for its containing duplicate leaves for quarterly reports, to be taken from the book and sent to the librarian, in case the book cannot be sent to him without expense, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on the "Transatlantic Guide" recommended that the Society should not take upon itself the responsibility of publishing and circulating a work which so indirectly bears upon
the objects for which the Society was organized. On motion, the whole matter was referred to the Executive Board.

The Committee on Resolutions presented a partial report, as follows:

Resolved, That we urge the importance of carrying into effect more thoroughly resolutions twenty-three and twenty-four, adopted at our last annual session, said resolutions being found on page 61 of the last Year Book, and reading as follows:

Whereas, The Signs of the Times is a valuable pioneer missionary journal, finding favor with the people, while it conveys to them the principles of the Third Angel's Message; therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge the State societies to increase their clubs of Signs, and to use every reasonable effort to get it into the hands of the people.

Whereas, The churches are largely indorsing the principles of the National Reform party, and the most popular institutions of education are favorably receiving these principles, whereby the influence of that party is fast increasing; therefore,—

Resolved, That all our Tract and Missionary societies take a sufficient number of the American Sentinel to furnish three numbers, as sample copies, to the principal leading men in their several conferences; that these periodicals be accompanied with suitable correspondence; and that the number afterward taken be sufficient to meet any demands that may exist.

The resolutions respecting the Signs, together with a tabulated report which showed the number of Signs taken in the different societies at the present time to be much less than the number taken two years ago, elicited remarks from different persons present. While the resolution was under consideration, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

Third Meeting, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.—By request of the Vice-President, Eld. O. A. Olsen presided. "Resting By and By" was sung, followed by prayer by Eld. J. O. Corliss. Minutes of last meeting approved.

On motion, a resolution respecting the Signs of the Times, offered by C. H. Jones, and one offered by the Committee on Resolutions respecting the American Sentinel, were substituted for the two presented at the previous meeting. The resolutions substituted read as follows:

Whereas, The Signs of the Times is our pioneer missionary journal, and finds favor with the people, while it conveys to them the principles of the Third Angel's Message; therefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend our State Tract and Missionary societies to take as large clubs as they can use to advantage, and that we urge all ministers, colporters, and the members of local Missionary societies, to make constant and strenuous efforts to place the paper in the hands of the people.

Whereas, The rapid growth of the National Reform Association, and its wide-spread evil influences, show how dangerously near it is to assured success; and,—

Whereas, We know the destructive consequences that will surely attend the success of that movement; and,—


Whereas, The American Sentinel is devoted to the work of exposing the evil that lurks in that movement; therefore,—

Resolved, That we deem it to be the duty of our State and local societies, ministers, missionary workers, and our people generally, to bring the Sentinel to the attention of all classes of people, but particularly to lawyers, legislators, and other men of public affairs.

In the discussion which followed, revised price-lists of the Signs and Sentinel for the year to come, were presented. The question also involved the advisability of having State societies take large clubs of these periodicals, and remail the same to local societies and individual subscribers. Some societies had found it to their advantage to do so; others preferred to have all periodicals sent direct to subscribers from the office of publication. W. C. Whete remarked that there were important considerations on both sides of this question. There is a work that every society should do in reaching influential men through its State depository; still it would be unwise to require State societies to take periodicals which they were not prepared to use to advantage. C. H. Jones stated that the office would give the same terms on the Sentinel to State societies, on clubs of twenty-five or more, as on a larger club to one address, provided the number of copies taken equal the number of church members in the conference. During this second year the Sentinel has nearly doubled its subscription list, and its publishers anticipate a much larger increase in its circulation during the year to come. Not unfrequently strangers, after seeing one copy, send for others to distribute among their friends. Both resolutions were adopted.

H. P. Holser then moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to prepare copy for the books for the use of church agents, and also for the new form of librarian’s book, and for a small manual of instruction to State secretaries and others in regard to the best system of double entry book-keeping for Tract societies, said copy to be furnished to the Review and Herald at the earliest possible moment, that the preparation of these books may not be delayed.

The motion was amended so as to include the pass-book for members, and was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following additional report:

Resolved, That we recommend the recognition of each State canvassing agent as a member of the Board of Directors in his respective State society.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the good resulting from the plan of furnishing readings for the fourth Sabbath in each month, and recommend that the Chair appoint a committee of five to prepare or secure matter for readings for the year 1888.

Resolved, That whenever a member of any local Tract society may desire to transfer his membership to some other society in the same State, he shall make
his request known to the librarian of the society of which he is a member, and receive a written statement of the fact that he is a member of said society, and that he desires to unite with some other stated society.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the wisdom of the plans that were adopted at our last annual session, pertaining to the canvassing work, and that we will try to carry this important branch of our work forward, in harmony with these plans, with even more determination in the future than we have in the past.

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty, not only of ministers and officers of Tract societies, but of all the members, to read carefully all the tracts and reading matter which, as missionary workers, they circulate to the world.

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of our State societies and missionary workers everywhere to work more diligently to place the Signs, Sentinel, and Good Health on the tables of all reading-rooms within their reach.

Resolved, That we recommend our State secretaries to have a more extended correspondence with one another on points of interest pertaining to their work, and the difficulties that arise from time to time in securing the best results from their work.

An amendment was offered to the resolution relative to State agents, recommending the State societies to so amend their constitutions as to constitute the State agent a member of the Board of Directors.

The recommendation respecting the transfer of members was quite fully discussed, and it was suggested that the certificate of transfer, when given, should recognize the member's financial standing with the society.

Moved (by F. E. Belden), That the resolution relating to the canvassing interests be laid on the table.

The recommendation to place the Signs, Sentinel, and Good Health in reading-rooms, elicited interesting remarks. It was stated that while the reading-rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association are not as favorable as others, they should not be passed by. It was also recommended that if reading matter is placed upon these tables, means should be taken to ascertain whether it continues to be acceptable to those in charge.

Meeting adjourned.

FOURTH MEETING, NOV. 27, 9:30 A. M.—O. A. Olsen, in the chair. Prayer by Eld. Butler. Minutes approved. The report presented at the last meeting, by the Committee on Resolutions, was adopted, after which this Committee submitted the following additional report:—

Resolved, That we recommend the plan of placing our foreign periodicals in such reading-rooms as are frequented to any great extent by people who read the languages in which our papers are issued.

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of the officers of our State societies to work through their church agents, and to see that every family of Seventh-day Adventists takes our excellent church paper, the Review and Herald.

Resolved, That each city mission should report quarterly and annually all labor performed, to the State Tract society of the Conference in which it is located.
Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to secure the publication of suitable record books for city missions and Bible workers, and report blanks for city missions.

Whereas, It is desirable to carry forward missionary work systematically, and obtain reports of the same in mission fields where no conference organization exists; therefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend that a Tract society organization be effected in each of these fields, as soon as deemed advisable, by the General Conference Committee and those in charge of the field.

On motion, the recommendation requiring city missions to report quarterly and yearly to State societies, was so amended as to include canvassers, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee to prepare copy for books to be used by local agents, manual for State secretaries, etc., was announced as follows: H. P. Holser, L. C. Chadwick, C. Eldridge.

Moved (by H. P. Holser), That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to secure the publication of suitable record books for city missions and Bible workers, and report blanks for city missions—Carried. H. P. Holser, L. C. Chadwick, and C. Eldridge were named as that committee.

Moved (by W. C. White), That the Chair be authorized to appoint a committee of five to examine books issued during the past year, and bring in a written report. G. C. Tenney, E. J. Waggoner, F. E. Belden, C. Eldridge, and E. M. Morrison were named as this committee.

Several books were then presented, including "Life of Christ," "Sacred Chronology," "Sunbeams of Health and Temperance," and "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" in Norwegian.

The Chair announced the following persons as a committee of five to prepare and secure matter for fourth-Sabbath readings the coming year: W. C. White, M. L. Huntley, W. C. Sisley, E. J. Waggoner, J. G. Matteson.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FIFTH MEETING, AFTER THE SABBATH, DEC. 3.—Eld. G. I. Butler in the chair. Prayer by Eld. O. A. Olsen. On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, on account of the lateness of the hour, was omitted.

The Committee appointed to examine new books made the following partial report:—

Whereas, At the last session of the International Society it was resolved that we request the Health Publishing Company to issue an edition of 10,000 copies of "Sunbeams of Health and Temperance," to be used by the State societies, provided that such work should prove satisfactory; and,—

Whereas, Your Committee, after a brief examination of the book, find it to be a suitable one, worthy of circulation; therefore,—

Resolved, That this Society accept Dr. Kellogg's new book, "Sunbeams of
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Health and Temperance," according to the resolution of last year, and that we recommend its judicious use by our State societies.

Resolved, That we recommend the publication of a series of pamphlets, of sixty-four pages each, on health and temperance topics, uniform in size, whose retail price shall be fifteen cents, this series to include an improved edition of the Social Purity pamphlet; and that these pamphlets be furnished to canvassers at the lowest possible price, to assist them in defraying expenses.

On motion, the resolution pertaining to the canvassing work was taken from the table and adopted. The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That we acknowledge the wisdom of the plans that were adopted at our last annual session, pertaining to the canvassing work, and that we will try to carry this important branch of our work forward, in harmony with these plans, with even more determination in the future than we have in the past.

On motion, the new books not examined by the committee appointed to that work by this Society, were referred to the Book Committee appointed by the General Conference. The meeting then adjourned sine die.

GEo. I. BUTLER, Vice-Pres.

M. L. HUNTLEY, Sec.

INTERNATIONAL SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS.

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The first meeting of this session was held at Oakland, Cal., November 14, 1887, at 9 A. M. The President, C. H. Jones, in the chair. The Secretary being absent, H. P. Holser was elected Secretary pro tem. By vote, a portion only of the minutes of the last session were read. The Chair was empowered to appoint the usual standing committees, which were subsequently announced as follows: On Nominations, R. A. Underwood, M. H. Brown, A. T. Jones; on Resolutions, E. J. Waggoner, G. C. Tenney, H. P. Holser; on Lessons, W. C. White, E. W. Farnsworth, A. T. Robinson; on Auditing, A. R. Henry, W. C. Sisley, C. Eldridge.

The President then gave an address on the rise, history, and growth of this work, giving comparative statistics of the membership and donations. Following these statements, were presented for consideration the subjects of a State fund for furnishing new schools with supplies, a series of lessons for tent-meeting schools, and the Sabbath-school Manual. The first report from New Zealand was also given.

At the close of this address, reports were heard from various fields. W. C. White spoke encouragingly of the Sabbath-school work in Central Europe. The idea of holding Sabbath-schools
is a comparatively new one on the Continent. Generally, none but children attend. The people have to be educated in the work, and, to this end, there is published a Sabbath-school and missionary quarterly, of such a character that several volumes bound together will constitute a manual of instruction in these branches. There are many difficulties to be overcome, but the work is making progress. J. O. Corliss, in speaking for the Australian field, said that it was difficult to bring the work there up to the American standard. One of the leading difficulties met is in obtaining proper lessons. S. H. Lane said that the manner of teaching the lessons, and the use of illustrations, was in such contrast to the English methods, that it had done much to make the schools successful by its very novelty. One feature from which our American schools can learn a lesson, is the reverence manifested in the English Sunday-schools. Interesting remarks were made by other delegates, representing in all sixteen State associations. Eld. Butler suggested that greater care should be exercised in the selection of teachers and officers. Devotion, rather than fine looks and brilliancy, should be made the standard.

The President then spoke concerning reverence in the Sabbath-school, the duties of parents to the school, the importance of ministers taking a part in its exercises, the holding of conventions, teachers' meetings, and the securing of proper lessons.

An expression was then taken regarding the amount of donations given to the African Mission. As a difference exists in the proportion given, it was suggested that the Committee on Resolutions take the matter into consideration.

The following subjects were announced for discussion at future sessions: "Teachers' Meetings, and How to Conduct Them," by W. C. White; "S. S. Music," by L. T. Nicola; "Teachers and Teaching," by Jessie F. Waggoner; "The Study of the Bible, and How to Teach It," by E. J. Waggoner; "Illustrations and the Blackboard in the Sabbath-school," by H. P. Holser.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Nov. 20, 3 P. M.—After the usual devotional exercises, and the reading of the Secretary's report, the Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was accepted without change:

It was then moved and supported that the constitution be so amended as to provide for a Corresponding Secretary. By vote, this matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Following this, Mrs. Jessie F. Waggoner gave an interesting and instructive address on "Teaching and Teachers." The topic was briefly discussed by several, and a vote passed that the thoughts presented be written out for the Worker.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

Whereas, The existence of many of our small churches depends largely upon the interest created by the Sabbath-school; and,—

Whereas, Experience has shown that where earnest personal labor has been devoted to the schools, by some judicious, practical Sabbath-school worker, the interest has greatly increased; therefore,—

Resolved, That this Association request each State conference to employ some one of the officers of the Sabbath-school association within its bounds to devote the greater part or the whole of his time to building up the interests of the Sabbath-school.

Whereas, There has been a difference of custom in the different State associations in the matter of tithing their contributions, some tithing the whole, and others tithing only one fourth, and it is desirable that there should be uniformity in this matter; therefore,—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that, beginning with January, 1888, every Sabbath-school should pay a tithe of all its contributions to the treasurer of the State association with which it is connected, and that after paying the necessary running expenses of the school, it should donate the remainder to whatever mission may be recommended. But this resolution shall not be construed as shutting off the members of any school from paying a part or the whole of the running expenses of their school out of their own pockets, leaving all the contributions, less the tithe, to be donated to missions.

Resolved, That we recommend that all the Sabbath-schools in the Association make the London City Mission the recipient of their contributions for the year 1888.

Resolved, That we recommend to our Executive Committee such a reconstruction of the system of primary lessons as will naturally lead the young mind to a knowledge of God, to our need of a Saviour, and to the compassionate love of God as manifested in the life and mission of Jesus Christ. This to be followed by lessons upon those portions of the Old Testament history which illustrate these all-important themes.

These resolutions were discussed by A. T. Robinson, E. J. Waggoner, Wm. Covert, A. G. Miller, L. C. Chadwick, and the Chairman. Resolutions one, two, and three were passed; pending action on the fourth, meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, NOV. 21, 10 A. M.—After the reading of the minutes, the President spoke briefly of the importance of the business to come before the meeting, and expressed the hope that all present would take an interest in it commensurate with its importance, and that each one would feel free to express his views upon the various questions considered, so that the results attained might meet the minds of all. He also said that as Sabbath-school workers we had great cause for encouragement.
During the past year God's blessing has attended our schools in a marked manner; and this has been especially true in the matter of class contributions. By keeping a worthy missionary object before our schools, the donations have been largely increased, and God has signally blessed the means thus contributed. This has been especially true of the South African Mission, which was established, and is still being supported, by the Sabbath-schools. On invitation of the President, A. T. Jones read a very interesting report from C. L. Boyd, who, in company with D. A. Robinson and others, is now in South Africa. This report is of a most encouraging character, and shows that God's hand is in the work in that distant field. Some precious souls have already accepted the truth, and there are most encouraging tokens of an abundant harvest. The workers are all of the best courage; for they feel that they have not only the financial support of the members of our Sabbath-schools, but that they have their prayers as well, and in answer to these prayers, the blessing of the Lord of the harvest.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which had been interrupted on the previous day by an adjournment, was then resumed. Resolution four was again read, and after being quite fully discussed by G. C. Tenney, John Burden, E. J. Waggoner, J. P. Henderson, L. T. Nicola, S. H. Lane, Prof. G. W. Rine, and R. S. Owen, was adopted.

The Committee then made the following additional report:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that when ministers begin tent-meetings in any locality, they should at once, whenever it is practicable, begin a Sunday-school, which shall be continued until it can be converted into a Sabbath-school, and that a short series of lessons on the life of Christ should be prepared for use in such Sunday-schools.

Resolved, That we recommend that our State associations hold Sabbath-school Normal's in connection with general meetings and camp-meetings, especially local camp-meetings, for the instruction of officers and teachers in the various branches of the Sabbath-school work; and further,—

Resolved, That we request our Conference officers to provide opportunity and procure the necessary help for such conventions.

Whereas, In the providence of God we have in the past year seen a good work opened in South Africa, our workers have enjoyed the divine blessing and favor, and souls are already rejoicing in the truth, and a good prospect seems open for labor there; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to God, under whose blessing and guidance all true success is attained.

Resolved, That it is a satisfaction to us, as an Association, that we have been permitted to be instrumental in forwarding this work during the past year, and that we would hereby assure the dear brethren in that far-off land of our continued prayers and interest.

It was moved that this report be adopted by considering each resolution separately, which was done, the discussion being participated in by A. T. Robinson, A. J. Breed, W. C. White,
R. S. Owen, H. P. Holser, L. C. Chadwick, Henry Hayen, J. D. Pegg, and the President.

The Committee on Resolutions also submitted the following:

Your Committee to whom the matter of amendments to the constitution was referred, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That Section 1 of Article III. be amended by striking out the words, "a Publishing Committee of five," and inserting the words, "a Corresponding Secretary," so as to read: "The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, and an Executive Board of seven, of which the President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be members," etc.

2. That Article V. be amended by striking out clause 3, which reads, "To execute all the correspondence ordered by the Association and by the Executive Board," and changing the numbering of the other clauses to correspond.

3. That Article V. be further amended by inserting a second section, to read as follows:

"The duties of Corresponding Secretary shall be, to advance, by correspondence, the interests of the Sabbath-school Association in all parts of the world, and to give isolated schools and associations such instruction as shall enable them to act in harmony with the body."

4. That Article VI. be amended by adding to the third clause the following words: "and to provide suitable lessons for all divisions of the Sabbath-school."

On motion of C. P. Bollman, supported by M. H. Brown, these recommendations were adopted as read, after being considered separately. The discussion of the motion for their adoption was participated in by W. C. White, E. J. Waggoner, and A. T. Jones.

As one of the amendments thus made in the constitution created the office of Corresponding Secretary, the Committee on Nominations completed their work by recommending Mrs. Jessie F. Waggoner for that office. Their recommendation was adopted, and Mrs. Waggoner was elected.

W. C. White, Chairman of the Committee on Lessons, then submitted the following:

Your Committee appointed to consider plans for future lessons, recommend for the senior division of our schools,—

1. That we have a series of lessons on Old Testament history, and that about six months, beginning with January, 1888, be devoted to the study of lessons from Genesis.

2. That the remainder of 1888 be devoted to the study of doctrinal lessons, including the following subjects: "The United States in Prophecy," and "The Third Angel's Message."

3. That the first six months of 1889 be devoted to a continuation of the study of Old Testament history.

4. That the last six months of 1889 be devoted to the study of doctrinal subjects, selected by the Executive Committee. We also recommend—

5. That the lessons for 1888 be written immediately, and, after approval by the Executive Committee, that they be published in two pamphlets, of twenty-six lessons each, for the use of Sabbath-school officers and teachers.
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6. That the lessons for 1889 be written in time to be presented for examination at the next annual meeting of this Association.

7. That there be published a series of fifty-two lessons, on the leading doctrines of the Bible, for the use of those newly come to the faith.

8. That a series of lessons for little children be prepared on the life of Christ.

9. That the Executive Committee employ the best talent within their reach for the preparation of these lessons, at as early a date as possible.

On motion of M. H. Brown these recommendations were considered separately, and adopted after being discussed by Brethren Robinson, White, Tenney, Eldridge, Fulton, Hayen, A. T. Jones, and the President.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, Nov. 27, 4 p.m.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read, after which the Secretary presented the following statement of the Association for the past year:

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The President spoke of the matter of Sabbath-school supplies, and also of the map of Africa, which has been prepared especially for the Sabbath-schools. He asked how the map should be paid for; and inasmuch as it was designed to stimulate giving to the African Mission, it was voted that the expenses be paid out of the funds donated for that mission.
The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following:

Resolved, That we urge that greater importance than heretofore be attached to the holding of children's meetings at our camp-meetings, and that the President be authorized to name two persons to act with himself as a committee to prepare, as soon as possible, recommendations and suggestions on children's meetings and how to conduct them; which shall be sent to the officers of each State conference and Sabbath-school association; and further,—

Resolved, That the Conference Committee of each State be requested to appoint, at least two months before the State camp-meeting, one or more persons, in whose hands these prepared suggestions shall be placed, and whose duty it shall be to prepare a plan of exercises to be followed in the children's meetings, and to have charge of such meetings at the camp-meeting.

Resolved, That we recommend that lessons on the subject of God's love to man be prepared for the Senior, Intermediate, and Primary divisions of the camp-meeting Sabbath-schools, and that their lessons for the two lower grades be so prepared as to cover two Sabbaths.

These resolutions were spoken to by J. N. Loughborough, R. S. Owen, J. B. Goodrich, and the Chair, and adopted.

In harmony with the first of these resolutions, the President appointed R. S. Owen and Jessie F. Waggoner to act with himself in the matter of preparing and circulating suggestions relative to children's meetings.

Upon invitation of the President, H. P. Holser presented some thoughts about "Illustrations, and How to Use Them in the Sabbath-school." As the time of the Association was limited, the remarks had to be made quite brief; and the President no doubt voiced the sentiment of all, when he expressed regret that more time could not be devoted to the consideration of so important a subject.

Following Eld. Holser's remarks, the President made a few excellent suggestions relative to practical Sabbath-school work. This was followed by several questions and answers upon the same subject, after which the meeting adjourned sine die.

H. P. Holser, Sec. pro tem.

CENTRAL S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Stockholders in the Central Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, met in their twenty-eighth annual session, at Oakland, Cal., Nov. 22, 1887, at 3 P. M., the President, Geo. I. Butler, in the chair. Prayer by Eld. S. H. Lane.

It was ascertained that there were forty-two stockholders present. The Treasurer, A. R. Henry, made a statement of the
workings of the Association the present year, the additions that have been made to the publishing facilities, the condition of our periodicals, and the prospects opening before us. Remarks were also made by J. N. Loughborough and C. Eldridge. The latter showed, by comparing the figures, a large increase of book sales during the past year.

The Chair, being empowered to appoint committees on nominations and resolutions, named the following: On Nominations, J. Fargo, R. M. Kilgore, O. A. Olsen; on Resolutions, W. C. White, F. E. Belden, C. Eldridge.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Nov. 15, 9:30 A. M.—Prayer by Eld. O. A. Olsen. Minutes approved. The Treasurer presented the following report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, NOV. 1, 1887.

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A. R. Henry, Treasurer.

The Treasurer also made an itemized report to the meeting, of financial matters, accompanied with full explanatory remarks concerning the same, after which the report was accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

1. Resolved, That we express our gratitude to God for the prosperity that has attended the sale of our publications during the past year.

2. Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Trustees in so increasing the facilities of the Association as to meet the present demands for our publications.

3. Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the efforts of our Tract societies and canvassers during the year, to carry out the plans adopted at the last General Conference, and that we extend to them our hearty sympathy and support for their encouragement in the good work during the year to come.
Whereas, There is a great demand for men who understand the various branches of the publishing work, to act as clerks, foremen, and department managers in our Mission printing-offices; therefore,—

4. Resolved, That we request the Trustees of this Association and the managers of the Pacific Press publishing house, to unite in calling into the employ of their associations, young men of talent and Christian character, and that they be given an opportunity to gain a theoretical knowledge of all departments of the publishing work, while learning thoroughly one of the branches.

This report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:


The report was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Adjourned to call of Chair.


On motion to adopt, remarks were made upon the advantage of having some one on the Board who should be more or less out in the field, that the Association might be the better able to learn how to adapt its management to the conditions which the workers might find to exist in their various fields of labor. It was therefore moved to amend the report by bringing back the nominations to the names first presented. The amendment was carried, and the report was then adopted as a nomination.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, DEC. 12, 10 A. M.—The closing meeting of this session was held at Battle Creek, Mich. The President in the Chair. Prayer by Eld. R. M. Kilgore. The roll being called, it was found that 927 shares were represented in person and by proxies.

The Chair being empowered to appoint committees on nominations and resolutions, named as the first of these committees, R. M. Kilgore, R. A. Underwood, and F. D. Starr; and as the second, C. Eldridge, H. W. Miller, and G. W. Morse.

The Treasurer's report, as already presented, was read and accepted.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that the following persons act as Trustees of the Association for the coming year:

The large majority of the ballots cast were in favor of the nomination presented; and these persons were accordingly declared elected.

The Committee on Resolutions reported by submitting the resolutions presented at Oakland. The report was accepted.

Adjourned sine die.

Geo. I. Butler, Pres.

U. Smith, Sec.

PACIFIC S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
PROCEEDINGS.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The twelfth annual meeting of this corporation convened at its place of business in Oakland, Cal., Monday, April 25, 1887, at 9:30 A. M. In the absence of the President, Vice-President C. H. Jones presided. Prayer by Eld. J. N. Loughborough. The Chair then appointed the following committees; On Nominations, A. T. Jones, J. O. Corliss, and R. A. Underwood; on Resolutions, E. J. Waggoner, J. N. Loughborough, and E. W. Farnsworth. The meeting then adjourned to Hamilton Hall, Cor. Thirteenth and Clay Sts., for further deliberations.

On reassembling, it was found that enough shares were represented by the stockholders present to enable the meeting to proceed at once to business.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, the revenue account and balance sheet for the year ending March 31, 1887, were then read by the Secretary. This showed the net profit of the concern from March 31, 1886, to March 31, 1887, to be $12,944.14, against $7,302.67 last year.

Interesting remarks in regard to the nature and extent of our work were made by the Vice-President, J. N. Loughborough, R. A. Underwood, and others, after which the financial report was accepted. J. N. Loughborough then read a few extracts from a communication lately received from Mrs. E. G. White, relating to matters connected with the institution.

Following this, quite a lengthy address from S. N. Haskell, President of the Association, was read by A. T. Jones. This address traced the history of our work from its small beginning down to the present time, and urged upon the stockholders the necessity of laying broad plans, and getting ready to do a large work in the near future. This address had been printed, and after the reading, copies were furnished to all stockholders.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 2:30 P. M.
Second Meeting was called to order by the Vice-President. Prayer by Eld. E. W. Farnsworth. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Nominations was then called upon to report, and presented the following names for directors for the coming year: S. N. Haskell, C. H. Jones, W. C. White, Wm. Saunders, J. N. Loughborough, M. J. Church, and Joseph Leininger. These persons were balloted for, and unanimously elected.

Moved and carried, That C. H. Jones, W. C. White, and E. J. Waggoner act as publishing committee for the coming year.

Moved and carried, That the election of editors for the different periodicals published by the Association be left with the Board of Directors.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following, which were taken up separately and unanimously adopted:—

1. Resolved, That the prosperity which has attended the work during the past year, and especially the increase in our denominational publishing, calls for deep gratitude on our part; and that, recognizing that this prosperity has been brought about, not by our might or power, but by the blessing of the Spirit of God, we pray for a continuance of God’s care and blessing.

2. Resolved, That while we deeply regret the absence of our President, S. N. Haskell, whose labor and counsel have contributed so much to the efficiency of the work in the past, we hereby express thankfulness for the advice and encouragement contained in the address which he has sent us, and we hope that his interest in the publishing work on this coast may never diminish.
Whereas, Many of our people desire a safe place for the deposition of their means; and,—

Whereas, The banks and other places of deposit are often unsafe; therefore,—

3. Resolved, That we invite our brethren and sisters in the Pacific States and Territories to make the Pacific Press Publishing House a bank of deposit, without interest.

Whereas, The work of the Third Angel's Message must be carried on largely by individual effort; therefore,—

4. Resolved, That our ministers and leading brethren cannot do better service for the cause than by encouraging young men and women to engage in the canvassing work; and that they should, so far as is consistent, encourage men who have made a success of business for themselves, to so arrange their affairs that they can devote their time to this work.

Whereas, The work of publishing our denominational books has greatly increased, and is rapidly increasing, and the growth of the canvassing work calls for the prompt furnishing of large editions; and,—

Whereas, All the departments of the office are laboring under great disadvantage, and the bindery and press-room especially are so crowded that it is impossible to meet the increasing demand; therefore,—

5. Resolved, That we recommend the immediate erection of such a building as will enable the office to meet the pressing wants of the cause.

Whereas, The Lord has greatly blessed our work during the past year; and,—

Whereas, The work of God is one in all parts of the world, and the prosperity or adversity of one branch of the cause must and should be the prosperity or adversity of every other branch; therefore,—

6. Resolved, That the Pacific Press Publishing House donate books, tracts, or papers to the amount of $1,000 to the International Tract and Missionary Society, and the same amount to the Central European Mission.

Whereas, All the signs betoken a rapid and early fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 13, relating to the formation of an image to the beast, or the union of Church and State in this Government, under the guise of National Reform; and,—

Whereas, The formation of this union is the one thing above all others that is to lift the Third Angel's Message to the highest and most important place in this world; and,—

Whereas, The American Sentinel is wholly devoted to the discussion of this question, and to the exposure of the evils that lurk in the National Reform movement; therefore,—

7. Resolved, That the circulation of the American Sentinel is directly in the line of the Third Angel's Message, in its most important phase.

Whereas, There is now being issued from the Pacific Press a series of Sentinel tracts, made up from the principal articles written for the Sentinel; therefore,—

8. Resolved, That in harmony with the recommendation of the International Tract and Missionary Society, we urge our Tract societies and our people generally throughout the country, to give the Sentinel and the Sentinel tracts the largest circulation possible.

Moved (by E. J. Waggoner), That this Association send A. T. Jones, as a representative of the Sentinel, to attend the National Reform Convention, soon to meet in Pittsburg.—Carried.
9. Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the General Conference for the efficient help which they have furnished us in the persons of Elds. Underwood and Farnsworth.

Interesting and encouraging remarks were made by different ones, as these resolutions came up for action.

J. N. Loughborough and C. H. Jones spoke in regard to resolution three, stating that not one cent of money placed in any of our institutions was ever lost; while several instances were cited where money drawn out and invested in other enterprises had passed beyond the reach of the owner. Our people are beginning to realize this, and as a consequence, money is flowing into the office.

Elds. Underwood and Farnsworth spoke to resolution four, stating what is being done in some of the Eastern conferences in regard to the canvassing work, and what our people are trying to do to get our publications before the people. They thought that a great work would be accomplished through this agency, and exhorted all who could to engage in the work, and to encourage others to do so.

The Vice-President spoke to resolution five, calling attention to the rapid increase of the publishing work, and the demand for more room, and increasing facilities, in order to turn out the work promptly, and not curtail the business. Plans were presented for a new building on the corner of Twelfth and Castro Sts., three stories high besides the basement, connecting the same with our present buildings. The plans seemed to be heartily approved by all. J. N. Loughborough, R. A. Underwood, and E. W. Farnsworth spoke of the necessity of having more room at once. At first, they said, they were rather opposed to it; but after going through the buildings and seeing the crowded condition of things in every department, they were thoroughly convinced that more room was needed.

No further business coming before the meeting, it was voted to adjourn.

C. H. Jones, Vice-Pres.

S. C. Stickney, Sec.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held Thursday morning, April 28, the Board was organized as follows:—

President, S. N. Haskell; Vice-President, C. H. Jones; Secretary, S. C. Stickney; Treasurer, E. A. Chapman; Auditor, B. R. Nordyke.

E. J. Waggoner and A. T. Jones were elected editors of the Signs of the Times, and S. N. Haskell and Geo. I. Butler, corresponding editors.

E. J. Waggoner and A. T. Jones were elected editors of the American Sentinel, and J. H. Waggoner, corresponding editor.

S. C. Stickney, Sec.
The fifth annual session of the European Council of Seventh-day Adventist Missions was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Moss, Norway, June 14–21.


The Chair appointed committees as follows: On Nominations, W. C. White, J. G. Matteson, S. H. Lane; on Resolutions, S. N. Haskell, J. H. Waggoner, O. A. Olsen, W. C. White, L. R. Conradi.

On motion, the Chairman and Secretary were chosen a committee to recommend an amendment to the constitution, which will provide for secretaries for the mission boards.

Interesting remarks were made by the delegates on the progress and wants of the cause in the different fields. From these it appears that in many countries of Europe the laws are much less favorable for the spread of the truth than they are at present in Great Britain and America, but this does not prevent the inhabitants of these countries from taking a deep interest in the truth of God for our time. In Russia the principal difference between the Greek and the Roman Catholic churches is, that the former believe in the Bible, and allow it to be circulated, but only their special edition containing the Apocrypha. The agents of the British and Foreign Bible Society who go to this country, are obliged to distribute their Bibles in parts. There are sixteen or seventeen million people who have broken off from the State church, and are desirous of obtaining more Bible knowledge. One hundred and fifty of these in the southern part of this vast empire have already commenced the observance of the Bible Sabbath. We have also one colporter in Siberia. It is well known that in the southern portion of this empire there is a class of people called Molkania (milk-eaters), on account of their vegetarian ideas. These were formerly banished because of their religious faith, but in their territory they have since become a wealthy and prosperous people. A portion of these also observe the seventh-day Sabbath.

Citizens of those countries having stringent laws are much better adapted for the colportage work in their fields than persons coming from other countries who are not familiar with the peculiarities of such administration.
The result of the two training-schools held the past winter in Scandinavia, shows the importance and utility of thus instructing workers. There were twenty in attendance at the school held in Stockholm by J. G. Matteson. Many of these were very illiterate, requiring instruction in penmanship and grammar, as well as in the principles and methods of colportage work; but at the present time eighteen of them are actively engaged as colporters, having the confidence and esteem of the people, and meeting with good success, especially in the sale of health publications.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were adopted:

Whereas, Observation and experience have shown that colportage is a very important branch of our work in Europe, and that schools for the training of colporters have proved of great service to the cause, and especially has the success of the schools in Stockholm and Christiana shown the benefit of courses of teaching of sufficient length of time to give fundamental instruction in a thorough and systematic manner, combining theory and practice; therefore,—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that there should be a colporter's training-school in each of our missions, each school continuing not less than three months of every year.

Whereas, It is an accepted fact that the circulation of books is one of the most efficient means of extending the knowledge of the truth, and it being well known that not only the drift of thought varies greatly in different countries, but that the versions of the Scriptures vary considerably in different languages, so that an argument based upon certain texts in one language may have no force to people who read another; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our deep sense of the importance of having, not only correct translations of our books into other tongues, but also of having our English publications so revised as to meet the circumstances and wants of European readers.

Whereas, The work of preparing publications for circulation in the many countries of the Old World is becoming each year more important and more difficult; therefore,—

Resolved, That we appoint a publishing committee of three for each of our mission fields, whose duty it shall be to decide what books shall be translated or revised, and what manuscripts of new works shall be accepted for publication, and to carefully examine each book in the manuscript, before it is printed; and further,—

Resolved, That the committees for the coming year shall be,—
1. For Central Europe, B. L. Whitney, J. H. Waggoner, and L. R. Conradi.
3. For Great Britain, S. N. Haskell, J. H. Durland, and S. H. Lane. And further,—

Resolved, That we recommend that Elds. Haskell, Waggoner, Matteson, Whitney, and Conradi be an International Committee, to recommend the books which are needed first, to advise as to the conduct of our mission journals, and to take into consideration the work necessary to put our good book, "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," in such a form that it may be acceptable to the many thousands of readers in these countries.

Whereas, The present truth is fast going to all nations of the earth, and the work is growing so as to call to it the attention of all classes; and, as we shall
need to be prepared to defend the truth if the learning and wisdom of this world shall array itself against it; therefore,—

Resolved, That we consider it highly expedient to encourage individuals to go to the best institutions of learning, that they may become acquainted with the theories of those who may oppose the truth, and to act as missionaries.

Resolved, That we express it as the sense of this Council that E. G. Olsen should attend the best school within his reach, in Copenhagen, chiefly for the study of language.

Resolved, That in view of the great importance of extensively placing our publications before the reading public, and of the numerous favorable openings in Europe, both in England and on the continent, for putting them in libraries, reading-rooms, and hotels, we cordially approve of the effort that has been made in this direction in Switzerland, to place files of our journals, in various languages, in the best hotels visited by tourists, and that we recommend the extension of this work.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the Pacific Press for its donation of $1,000 in publications to the Central European Mission, and of $1,000 to the International Tract Society. And considering that the field is so large, the work so great, and that this is but a small part of what is needed; be it further—

Resolved, That we invite the Review and Herald to make a donation to the same objects, according to the great demands of the cause, the extent of their means, and the largeness of their hearts to meet the pressing wants of the precious cause of God.

Whereas, Hamburg is the most important sea-port on the continent, and a point at which access can be had to people of nearly all nationalities; therefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend the establishment of a city and ship mission there as soon as experienced laborers can be secured to conduct the work.

Whereas, There is a demand for publications in the Russian language, and some of this nationality are already obeying the truth; therefore,—

Resolved, That we publish some tract especially adapted to that field.

Resolved, That the constitution of the Council be so changed as to authorize the election of secretaries to the mission boards at the annual meetings of the Council.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:—

British Mission, S. N. Haskell, J. H. Durland, and Wm. Ings; Secretary, W. A. Spicer.

Central European Mission, B. L. Whitney, L. R. Conradi, and E. W. Whitney; Secretary, John Vuilleumier.

Scandinavian Mission, O. A. Olsen, J. G. Matteson, and N. Clausen; Secretary, N. Clausen.

Council Executive Committee, B. L. Whitney, Chairman, S. N. Haskell, and O. A. Olsen; Secretary, J. H. Durland.

Resolved, That we recommend as delegates from this Council to the General Conference, O. A. Olsen from Scandinavia, S. H. Lane from England, A. C. Bourdeau from the Central European Mission, and W. C. White as delegate at large for the cause in Europe.

The following recommendations and requests were adopted:—
1. That we recommend O. A. Olsen to visit Germany and Switzerland before going to America.

2. That J. G. Matteson be invited to spend some time with Eld. Waggoner in Basel next fall, for the improvement of Scandinavian books.

3. That N. Clausen be recommended to remain in Norway as long as the circumstances of the cause seem to demand.

4. That A. Kunz be requested to arrange his matters which call him to America, as soon as possible, and return to Europe to continue in the German work.

5. That we invite Jean Schönenmann from Perm, Russia, to come to Central Europe, and work in connection with the German laborers.

6. That we recommend Addie S. Bowen to join the Bible workers in England, and, after gaining experience in Bible-reading work, to prepare to do missionary work among the French, by correspondence and otherwise.

7. In view of the necessities of the cause in the German work, there being so many millions of German-speaking people in several nations of Europe, and the great scarcity of laborers in that language, that F. D. Starr be earnestly requested to act upon the vote of the last General Conference, and come to labor in Central Europe as soon as possible.

8. That E. P. Auger be invited to go to Switzerland to engage in the French work, as recommended by the General Conference Committee.

Eld. Olsen having introduced the subject of schools, it was moved, by W. C. White, That a committee of five, namely, O. A. Olsen, J. G. Matteson, N. Clausen, Knud Borsen, and H. Steen, be appointed a school committee for Christiana, to determine what shall be done, and to take steps to establish a school for the children of Sabbath-keepers.

Moved, That the next Council be held in Basel.—Carried.

Moved, That the Council express hearty thanks to the brethren in Norway for their kind care and entertainment of the delegates during this meeting.—Carried.

Whereas, Our good book, "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," is of great importance to our work, and the present German edition is not, in its present shape, fitted to be circulated, both as to translations and extracts; therefore,—

Resolved, That we request the Review and Herald to secure a new revision before publishing another edition.

During the session, Mrs. E. G. White gave stirring addresses, which showed the duty of those engaged in the work of spreading the Third Angel's Message, and the importance of making greater efforts to reach the people in Europe.

On motion, the Council adjourned sine die.

J. H. Durland, Secretary.
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

This meeting convened at Oakland, Cal., Nov. 17, 1887. The President, Geo. I. Butler, in the chair. Meeting opened with prayer by Eld. A. T. Jones. U. Smith was requested to act as secretary pro tem. Minutes of the last year's session read and approved.

A. R. Henry, the Treasurer, gave a detailed statement of the workings of Battle Creek College the past year. He spoke of the different divisions of the Manual Training Department; the millinery and dress-making room, the carpenter shop, the printing-office, and the tent-making loft are in successful operation. The school is considered in as promising a condition now as at any previous time.

W. C. Sisley spoke of the additional buildings which have been furnished, of the erection of which he has had the superintendence. The new boarding-hall will room 150 students, and the dining-room, 36 x 96 ft., will seat 300 students. The old boarding-house and cottages belonging to the College will room about 150 more; so that the College is prepared, both as to boarding and lodging, to care for 300 students.

The work of the boarding-hall is performed by the students themselves. They spend one hour each day in this work, and one hour and a half each day in the Manual Training Department. The students enter cheerfully into the work, and the outlook was never more encouraging than it is at the present time. The faculty are all earnest Christians, with hearts in the work, not only to advance the intellectual, but also the spiritual interests of the students. The Biblical Department is in a flourishing condition. One instructor gives his whole time to this work, and all the students are expected to have some exercises in Bible study.

The Chairman gave a brief and interesting review of the history of the institution, referring to its former trials and difficulties, and how they had been surmounted, and rejoiced in the evidences that the College was approaching the position which, in the providence of God, it was designed to fill. Influences calculated to lead away from God have been restrained, and many souls have been turned from darkness to light.

D. H. Lamson spoke of objections which arise at the homes of the students, upon the part of parents, to the Manual Training Department, and to their children being put to work; and requested that some light might be given concerning how to obviate this difficulty.

A. R. Henry referred to the same objection, also to the disadvantage of having a constant repetition of the objections and
difficulties presented by students, consequent upon a continual change of students as new-comers enter the school. Referring to the new building, he stated that it had involved an outlay of some $20,000. This money has been furnished by the Review and Herald Office, and, in connection with previous indebtedness, has raised the amount which the Educational Society owes to the publishing Office, to the sum of $40,000.

J. H. Kellogg spoke with interest upon the subject under consideration. The main reason, he said, why objections are raised against the Manual Training Department, is that people do not understand its object. It is not to get work out of the students, but it is to secure for them physical culture, and the development of mechanical knowledge and experience. The new building is necessary to the carrying on of this department. He regarded the knowledge obtained here of more practical value than that of Greek and Latin.

E. W. Farnsworth stated that he thought that objections to the labor department upon the part of students were diminishing. The religious influences of the school are good. Devotional exercises and instruction in the Bible form a necessary part of the daily program in the education of the students. The speaker gave a brief account of the method of carrying out the domestic labor.

Sr. White said that in comparing the profit and loss of the Manual Training Department, we should not estimate it upon a mere money basis, but in the light of the Judgment. Then this enterprise will appear on the side of gain, not of loss. The importance of a symmetrical education was set forth in an impressive manner. The constant exertion of the mental faculties, to the neglect of physical exercise, results in nervous difficulties which terminate in evil. The Manual Training Department is second in importance and value to no other part of the College education. Parents should not be permitted to have their children excused from physical labor. To neglect education in the practical duties of life, is to wholly unfit the individual for the responsibilities of home-making. The speaker exhorted the Society to retain their hold upon manual labor; and parents would come to realize the value of physical training. The physical must be taxed, as well as the mental. The dealings of God with the children of Israel were used to illustrate the importance of the subject of careful training in the practical duties of life. Exalt the Bible in our schools as the oracle of God. The great work before us is to educate. There should be a school in Oakland. We may not be able to see the profits now, but the future will surely reveal them. Persons thus educated will not be brought up to commit crime, but to build upright and Christian characters, and finally to obtain the perfect robe of Christ's righteousness.
It was moved and carried that the Chair appoint the usual committees. The appointments were made as follows:


Adjourned to call of Chair.

**SECOND MEETING, Nov. 24, 9 A. M.—Prayer by Eld. G. C. Tenney. Minutes approved.**

A. R. Henry presented the Treasurer's report, as follows:

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The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:


A motion to amend the report by substituting the name of Geo. I. Butler for that of W. S. Nelson was made and carried, and, as amended, the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions being called for, the following was presented:—
1. **Resolved**, That we are grateful for the increased facilities afforded by our College, and that the action of the managers in providing these facilities deserves our hearty approval.

2. **Resolved**, That we appreciate the efforts of the managers of the College to place it in a condition to better fulfill the object of its establishment, and pledge ourselves to sustain our Trustees in their laudable efforts thus far made, and ask our people everywhere to do the same.

*Whereas,* Efforts have been made by the managers of Battle Creek College, and of our other educational institutions, to organize a system of manual training in connection with these schools; and,—

*Whereas,* We regard this effort as being in harmony with the will of God in relation to these institutions, as well as in harmony with the conclusions reached by the most advanced scientific educators of the age; therefore,—

3. **Resolved**, That we express our approval of the efforts which have been made, and of the results which have already been attained, and urge that these efforts be continued in the same direction, and that advance steps be made as rapidly as experience and development of this line of educational work may indicate as necessary.

*Whereas,* There is general ignorance, and, on the part of many, an entire misconception of the aims and purposes of manual training in the education of the youth; therefore,—

4. **Resolved**, That the Trustees be requested to prepare for general circulation, a pamphlet on this subject.

5. **Resolved**, That when this pamphlet is prepared, the Trustees of the Society shall make an effort to place a copy in the hands of every Sabbath-keeping family.

*Whereas,* In some cases, students, parents, and guardians feel a little inimical to the plan of working a portion of the time, either in domestic affairs or at some trade; and,—

*Whereas,* The object of this work is to better fit all students for the ordinary duties of life, as well as for the highest Christian culture; and,—

*Whereas,* This object can be attained in no better way; therefore,—

6. **Resolved**, That we entreat all our people and the students that may come to the institution, to try to realize the great benefit to be derived from the Manual Training Department, and to encourage the good work by every proper means.

*Whereas,* A change of the methods of keeping the accounts of the Tract societies so as to conform to the most approved manner of commercial book-keeping, is contemplated; and,—

*Whereas,* A Mission Training Department is a requisite in the College, that proper persons may receive education in that line of work; and,—

*Whereas,* It is expedient that it be done in connection with the College; therefore,—

7. **Resolved**, That the Missionary Department be adapted to this object by having the missionary book-keeping taught in the Commercial Department, and that instruction in the missionary classes be devoted largely to the work of Bible readings, missionary correspondence, and other branches of general missionary work.

*Whereas,* We recognize a healthy condition of the body as essential to the best mental and moral development; and,—

*Whereas,* It is a recognized fact that a large share of the causes which occasion disease and premature decay of the physical powers in adults, originate in childhood and youth; therefore,—
8. Resolved, That we urge upon the managers of all our educational institutions the importance of giving special attention to the physical training of students under their charge, and that it be considered the duty of managers and teachers to secure, as far as possible, an improvement in the health and physical condition of the students, as well as in their mental and moral conditions.

9. Resolved, That the study of health and temperance principles, and of hygiene as held among us, should be introduced into all our schools, and made compulsory upon all students pursuing a regular course of study, and who are not already proficient in these branches.

Whereas, Many of our people are located at long distances from any of our denominational schools, involving large expense in sending children to enjoy the advantages of these schools; and,—

Whereas, It is evidently unwise for parents to send young children away from their care, even though it be to our own educational institutions; therefore,—

10. Resolved, That we favor the establishment of local or church schools for the purpose of teaching the common branches, and that we recommend the managers of our colleges and academies to give special attention to the training of teachers for such schools.

W. C. SISLEY,
D. H. LAMSON,
S. H. LANE,
Committee.

It was moved to amend the report by expunging resolution six, with its preamble. This motion was carried.

Resolution nine was discussed by G. I. Butler, J. H. Kellogg, and others, and the report was then adopted.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

U. SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

Third Meeting, Dec. 12, 8 A. M.—The closing meeting of the thirteenth annual session of the Educational Society was held in Battle Creek, Mich., and opened with the usual exercises.

The roll being called, it was ascertained that 528 shares of stock were represented either in person or by proxy. Committees on nominations and resolutions were provided in the customary manner, who returned their report before the close of the meeting.

The Committee on Nominations presented the names of Geo. I. Butler, W. W. Prescott, U. Smith, W. C. Sisley, A. R. Henry, J. H. Kellogg, and C. Eldridge as nominees for the Board of Trustees for the coming year; and they were accordingly elected.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the resolutions which had been discussed and adopted at the Oakland meeting, and they were adopted at this meeting also.

Adjourned sine die.

W. W. PRESCOTT, Sec.

GEO. I. BUTLER, P. es.
HEALDSBURG COLLEGE PROCEEDINGS.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

FIRST MEETING, APRIL 18, 1887, 10 A. M.—Pursuant to the call of the Trustees, the fifth annual session of the stockholders of Healdsburg College Corporation convened at South College Hall, to elect trustees for the ensuing year, and to transact other College business.

The President, W. C. White, being absent, J. N. Loughborough was called to the chair. A. T. Jones was chosen Secretary pro tem. On calling the roll, it was found that 540 shares were represented in person and 859 by proxy, making 1,402 out of a total of 2,222 shares issued. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. After a few remarks in regard to the prosperity of the College, the Chairman appointed the following committees: On Resolutions, E. J. Waggoner, A. T. Jones, and W. C. Grainger; on Nominations, N. C. McClure, E. P. Daniels, and W. S. Swayze.

Meeting adjourned to 3 P. M.

SECOND MEETING, APRIL 18, 3 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. N. C. McClure. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Additional stock was represented, amounting to 133 shares, making a total of 1,532 shares represented. Reports of committees being called for, the Committee on Nominations recommended the following persons for Trustees for the ensuing year: S. N. Haskell, J. N. Loughborough, W. C. White, S. Brownsberger, Joseph Leininger, John Morrison, and N. C. McClure. These all receiving 1,414 votes, and upwards, were declared elected.

The Treasurer's report was then read as follows:

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The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

1. **Resolved,** That our heart-felt gratitude is due to God for the year of uninterrupted prosperity that this institution has enjoyed; for the spirit of harmony and obedience that has characterized the conduct of the students; and for the hearty co-operation of teachers and managers, upon which the success of the school has in a great measure depended.

2. **Resolved,** That we are much pleased that by the completion of the new meeting-house of the Seventh-day Adventists of Healdsburg, we shall have an abundance of room for our philosophical apparatus, by which the work in the College may be made much more efficient in many ways than it has been heretofore.

3. **Resolved,** That we very much regret that the health of Mrs. Sisley, of Battle Creek, who came to give instruction in missionary work, would not suffer her to remain, and that we renew our request to the General Conference to send us a missionary teacher for our school next winter.

The resolutions were fully discussed and unanimously adopted.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die.*

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH, Acting President.

A. T. JONES, Sec. pro tern.

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**AMERICAN HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS.**

**NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.**

The ninth annual session of the Health and Temperance Association was called at 9 A.M., Nov. 15, 1887, at Oakland, Cal., the President, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. N. Loughborough, and the song entitled "Sleeping on Guard" was sung.

As the Secretary was absent, Mrs. Clara Butler was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Chairman stated that in consequence of the action of the General Conference last year, (recommending that each State conference select one or more persons to give special attention to the work of preparing themselves for labor in the health and temperance field,) quite a number of States had engaged in the work, and, as a result, ten times as much had been accomplished in this direction in 1887 as in any other year during the last ten.

Interesting statements were made by S. H. Lane relative to the health and temperance work in England, and also by O. A. Olsen respecting the Scandinavian field. In both cases, special reference was made to the success which is attending the introduction of *Good Health,* and other health and temperance publications in English, Swedish, and Danish. By this means, intelligent people are being reached, and prejudice removed, so that our other denominational literature is favorably received.
Mrs. E. G. White also made forcible remarks, urging upon ministers and people the duty of bringing prominently before the world the true principles of temperance, and recommending that doctrinal sermons be shortened about one third, so that health and temperance questions may receive the attention they deserve. Those who profess to be the most earnest temperance people in the world should make it known.

Elds. Corliss and Loughborough also spoke of the influence for good which has accompanied efforts put forth in this direction in Australia and on the Pacific coast.

It was voted that the Chair appoint the usual committees, which were afterward announced as follows: On Nominations, A. J. Breed, R. M. Kilgore, and L. C. Chadwick; on Resolutions, A. T. Jones, S. H. Lane, and D. H. Lamson.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, NOV. 22, 9:30 A.M.—Prayer by Eld. J. B. Goodrich; minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:

Resolved, That our heart-felt gratitude is due to God for the abundant success that has attended the cause of health and temperance, as connected with the Third Angel’s Message, the past year.

Resolved, That we appreciate and commend the earnest efforts of our canvassers and ministers, especially in foreign fields, in making our health publications the entering wedge for the introduction of the body of the present truth.

Resolved, That it is an honorable thing for those who take the teetotal, or any other pledge, to keep it faithfully.

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren in the ministry, our mission workers, and all our people generally, to live according to the principles of health and temperance in the matter of not eating between meals, and in refraining from such injurious articles as tea and coffee.

Resolved, That we consider it entirely consistent with the work of the ministry that our ministers should recommend our health journals to the public, and receive subscriptions for the same, and especially to recommend to invalids everywhere the benefits to be derived from their patronage of our health institutions.

The resolutions were spoken to by Elds. Loughborough, Healey, Cudney, Morrison, Lindsey, Mrs. Dr. Young, and others.

Pending the consideration of resolution three, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, at 7 o’clock.

THIRD MEETING, NOV. 23, 7 P.M.—Meeting was opened by singing, after which prayer was offered by Eld. A. T. Jones.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was then read, as follows:

The year ending Nov. 1, 1887, has been characterized by a great increase of interest in the health and temperance work. In a majority of the States where but little had previously been done, the work has been revived, and the prospects for the year to come are most promising.
As far as received, the reports of State work are as follows:

MINNESOTA.—Nine Health and Temperance clubs organized during the year. Three hundred and fifty new members have taken the teetotal pledge and become full members, while eighty-four others have signed the pledge. Three have signed the anti-rum and tobacco pledge, making an increase in membership of four hundred and thirty-seven. Of this number, twenty-six gave up the use of tea and coffee, and six discarded the use of tobacco. Since June 1, about one hundred health and temperance meetings have been held in the State and 30,000 pages of literature distributed. The interest in the work is excellent.

MICHIGAN.—Three new clubs have been organized, numerous meetings in the interest of health and temperance have been held, and many signatures obtained for the teetotal pledge. One hundred and fifty have signed the anti-rum and tobacco pledge, and more than one thousand have signed the social purity pledge. About two thousand subscriptions have been obtained for Good Health during the year, and two thousand each of the Social Purity Lecture and packages of Health Science Leaflets have been sold, principally by agents while canvassing for denominational literature.

NEW YORK.—Eleven Health and Temperance clubs are in active operation. During the year three hundred new subscriptions and fifty renewals have been taken for Good Health, and one hundred and thirty-five packages of Health Science Leaflets sold. The membership has been somewhat increased during the year. Among the reformed are nine tea and coffee drinkers, two tobacco users, and one moderate drinker.

MISSOURI.—Several health and temperance meetings were held in connection with the camp-meeting; a lively interest in the subject was manifested, and the State organization was revived. A large number of signers to the various pledges were secured.

ILLINOIS.—A large amount of health and temperance work has been done in this State in the way of getting subscriptions for Good Health and circulating health literature. Quite a large number of health lectures have been given in connection with the city mission work. At the camp-meeting at Springfield, one entire day was devoted to the study of health and temperance subjects, and the State society was reorganized.

INDIANA.—Early in April a special effort was made at the State quarterly meeting to revive the temperance work in Indiana, some time each day being given to instructions in this important branch of the cause. At the recent camp-meeting, further efforts were made in the same direction, and it is hoped that much will be accomplished during the coming year.

KANSAS.—At the annual meeting of the State conference, the Health and Temperance societies were reorganized, and resolutions were adopted recommending that the president and secretary of the society devote their time and attention largely to this work. As the result of a series of health and temperance lectures delivered by Eld. G. H. Rogers, early in the year, a flourishing Health and Temperance club was organized at Emporia.

COLORADO.—Seven lectures and a number of health talks have been given throughout the State by the President of the Colorado Health and Temperance society, who reports a marked increase of interest on this subject; and numerous persons, both in our own ranks and outside, have adopted and put in practice the true principles of health reform as the result of his labors. Over sixty signed the teetotal pledge at the camp-meeting. Three Health and Temperance clubs have been organized since September, and the outlook for the future work is most encouraging.

WISCONSIN.—Earnest efforts were put forth at the last camp-meeting to advance the cause of health and temperance. The teetotal pledge was circulated, and twenty-eight signatures were secured. The State society was reorganized, and resolutions favoring a more thorough and aggressive work adopted.
Canada.—Twenty-five meetings have been held during the year, and 3,600 pages of literature distributed. Five tea and coffee drinkers and four tobacco users have been reformed. The President of the society intends to devote much of his time during the coming winter to the interest of this work.

At the last annual meeting of the Association, two purity pledges, one for men, the other for women, were incorporated into our platform. These pledges, of which some twenty-five thousand have been printed and sent out during the year, have been widely circulated. Purity meetings have been held in several of the States in connection with the camp-meetings, and earnest efforts have been made in various ways to promulgate the principles of Christian purity. During the spring session of the College year at Battle Creek, a series of talks on purity were given weekly to the young ladies, with much interest and profit. A series of ten Mothers' Meetings for consultation, prayer, and study respecting the training of children in the ways of purity and virtue, was held at Battle Creek during the summer, resulting in much good to those in attendance. Similar efforts have been made in other places. Some thirty-three thousand of the printed address on Social Purity, delivered by the President of the Association at its previous annual meeting, have been put in circulation during the past year.

It is impossible to give in a brief report an adequate idea of all that has been accomplished in the health and temperance work. Many earnest individual efforts have been put forth, of which no record has been made, and doubtless much has been accomplished by other State societies that have failed to report. Viewing the work from all standpoints, we have great reason for encouragement, and trust that the record of the work for the coming year may show a great advancement everywhere in the cause of health and temperance.

MRS. E. E. Kellogg, Sec.

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The consideration of the resolutions read at the preceding meeting was then resumed, and resolutions three and four were read and discussed.

On motion, the discussion was suspended for the purpose of listening to an address from Mrs. E. G. White, on the subject of health reform. This exceedingly interesting and practical dis-
course was reported *verbatim*, and will be published elsewhere for lack of space allowed here. At the conclusion of this address, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

**FOURTH MEETING, Nov. 27, 3 P. M.—** Meeting called to order by the President; prayer by Eld. D. E. Lindsey.

The resolutions presented at the second meeting were, after some discussion, adopted as presented, except the fourth, which was amended so as to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That we recommend to all our people that they live according to the principles of health and temperance in the matter of eating between meals, and in refraining from such injurious articles as tea and coffee.

The following resolutions were also submitted by the Committee, and discussed and adopted by the Association:

*Whereas,* It is important that all possible safeguards should be placed about the young to protect them from the prevailing evils of society; and,—

*Whereas,* Much good has resulted from the holding of Mothers' Meetings in various communities, in calling attention to the dangers surrounding their children; therefore,—

*Resolved,* That we recommend the establishment of such meetings in our large churches, and wherever they may be organized with propriety and a fair prospect of success.

*Resolved,* That this Association request Sr. White to prepare a pamphlet embodying her views on health and temperance subjects, for general distribution among our people.

*Resolved,* That we recommend that each church or company of Seventh-day Adventists be made, as far as possible, a health and temperance club as well, and that an earnest and continued effort be made to get every Seventh-day Adventist to become a consistent and faithful teetotal pledge member. And further,—

*Resolved,* That we recommend the organization of Health and Temperance reading circles wherever practicable.

The speakers who participated in the discussion of the above resolutions were the President, D. E. Lindsey, A. J. Breed, J. N. Loughborough, S. Fulton, and J. M. Rees.

In reply to the question how club meetings can be sustained in our small and scattered churches, the President remarked that where weekly or monthly meetings cannot be maintained on account of the members of the club being so widely scattered, it may still be possible to hold quarterly meetings, especially if they are held in connection with the district quarterly meetings, which are now regularly appointed in nearly all our conferences.

In the discussion of the resolution respecting the holding of Mothers' Meetings, the Chairman remarked, that in meetings of this kind some features of temperance work, particularly the subject of social purity, can be considered more satisfactorily and profitably than in promiscuous assemblies. He referred to the extensive work carried on in this line by the W. C. T. U., and urged that meetings of this kind might profitably be held in
some of the larger churches. A Mothers' Meeting has been in existence for some months at Battle Creek, and it is believed that much good has been accomplished by it. These meetings should not be converted into an inquisition for ferreting out evil, but should be devoted to the consideration of the best means to be employed for its prevention.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:—


The report of the Committee was adopted, and the persons named were elected.

Adjourned sine die.

J. H. Kellogg, Pres.

CLARA K. BUTLER, Sec. pro term.

RURAL HEALTH RETREAT ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rural Health Retreat Association convened, as per advertised call, April 12, 1887. After calling the roll, the meeting was adjourned to April 29, that we might have a larger representation.

April 29, at 9 A. M., the adjourned meeting convened, the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. E. W. Farnsworth. On calling the roll, it was ascertained that of the 1,315 shares of stock issued, 1,075 shares were represented, 699 in person, and 376 by proxy. Our brethren present were invited to take part in the deliberations. After reading the minutes of the last annual session, the Treasurer's report was read.

From this it appeared that the net value of the concern May 1, 1885, was $5,322.76, or $2,547.24 less than the amount of stock issued to that date. The net value April 1, 1887, was $21,372.64, a gain in twenty-three months of $16,049.88, divided as follows: Receipts for stock issued, $5,280; donations, $2,497.60; on workings of the institution, $8,272.28. In addition to this there has been allowed for charity and bad accounts, $3,280.78.

In answer to inquiry, it was stated that about $14,000 has been expended the past year in building and improvements.

Opportunity being given for remarks, R. A. Underwood, E. W. Farnsworth, J. O. Corliss, and C. H. Jones responded, speaking in commendation of the care shown in building only
what seemed to be necessary, and would bring in immediate returns. They were surprised to find so large and flourishing an institution, and expressed great satisfaction in reference to its financial standing. They also spoke in highest praise of the natural advancement of our location, the beautiful scenery, etc., and of our Health Journal, and hoped soon to see it a monthly. They exhorted to courage and faithfulness, and a living connection with Heaven, that God's prospering hand may continue with us, that Satan's purposes may be defeated, and that God's will in regard to this institution may be fully carried out.

The President read encouraging extracts from late testimonies from Mrs. White in regard to the Retreat, its work and workers, approving what has been done.

By vote, Article IV., Section 1, of our present code of by-laws was amended by substituting the words, “first Friday after the fourth Monday,” for, “second Tuesday,” so as to read, “the annual meeting of this Association shall be held on the first Friday after the fourth Monday of April,” etc.

The Chair having appointed the usual committees, and a special committee to confer on the matter of the Health Journal, the meeting adjourned to 2:30 p.m.

SECOND MEETING.—Prayer by Eld. R. A. Underwood. Minutes of morning meeting read and approved. The Committee on Nominations then reported for Directors, J. N. Loughborough, W. C. White, J. D. Rice, W. A. Pratt, A. B. Atwood. These nominees were unanimously elected.

The Committee on Health Journal reported, recommending,—

1. That the Journal be continued.
3. That the Journal be a 32-page monthly, with cover, from Jan. 1, 1888. The report was adopted.

The following resolutions were also adopted:—

Whereas, We have seen the directing hand of God in the workings of this institution the past year, in giving marked prosperity under many perplexities; therefore,—

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our obligations to our heavenly Father, and in return will strive more earnestly to co-operate with him in making it live and prosper.

Resolved, That we, as stockholders, most heartily indorse the action of the Board of Directors in all the improvements made the past year in connection with the Rural Health Retreat.

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH, Pres.

J. S. GIBBS, Sec.
GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Home Mission Secretary, a Foreign Mission Secretary, and an Educational Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven, 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.

Sec. 3. 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.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

This Conference shall be composed of delegates from the State conferences, of the officers of the Conference, and of such ministers as shall have been in the employ of the General Conference during any part of the year. And the Executive Committee are authorized to issue credentials to such ministers as are delegates to the Conference.

ARTICLE IV.—PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES.

The duties of the President and Secretaries shall be such as usually pertain to those offices.

ARTICLE V.—TREASURER.

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

ARTICLE VI.—COMMITTEE.

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.

Sec. 2. When any State conference desires ministerial labor from a minister not a resident within the bounds of such conference, its 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 ineffectual, 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.
STATE CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 3. 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.

ARTICLE VII.—FUNDS.

SEC. 1. For means to carry on its work, the General Conference shall receive the tithes of the State conferences.

SEC. 2. In addition to the tithes, the Executive Committee is authorized to call for donations from State conferences, churches, or individuals, as the wants of the cause may, in their judgment, demand.

ARTICLE VIII.—MINISTERS' REPORTS.

SEC. 1. 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 week's occupation during the Conference year, or such portion of the year as they may have been in the employ of the Conference.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Conference to select a committee of six delegates who have not been in the employ of the Conference the preceding year, who, with the Executive Committee, shall audit and settle all accounts with ministers and others who have been in the employ of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX.—DELEGATES.

Each State conference shall be entitled to one delegate in the General Conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church-members in the conference. Such delegates may be elected by the conference, or appointed by its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X.—MEETINGS.

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.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths' vote of the members present at any meeting.
STATE CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 2. The duties of the President and Secretary shall be such as usually pertain to these offices.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of the Conference funds, to pay out the same as may be provided by the Conference, to report to the Conference Secretary each quarter the amount of money received and paid during the quarter, and the amount on hand at the close of the quarter, and to make an annual report thereof at the meetings of the Conference.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint through one of our weekly papers the time and place to hold the annual Conferences, and to call special Conferences whenever, in their judgment, it may be needful to do so; to take the general supervision of all labor performed within and for this Conference; to take charge of and care for all the property belonging to the Conference; and to exercise a general watch-care over all matters pertaining to the interests of the cause within the bounds of this Conference.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Conference to elect or appoint a committee of six, who shall not have been in the employ of the Conference during any part of the preceding year, who with the Executive Committee shall constitute an Auditing Committee, to examine and settle all accounts which are presented to the Conference at which they are elected or appointed.

ARTICLE III.—FUNDS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the churches belonging to this Conference to adopt the tithing system of the Bible, and the funds so raised shall be paid quarterly to the Treasurer of the Conference, to be used for the work for which the Conference is formed.

SEC. 2. In addition to the tithes, the Executive Committee is authorized to call for donations as the wants of the cause may, in their judgment, demand.

SEC. 3. All money shall be paid out by the Treasurer as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—CHURCH REPORTS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each church to make a written report every quarter to the Conference Secretary, of its standing, its additions and losses, the amount of its tithes, and the number of members of its Sabbath-school and its missionary society; and to make a like report for the year to the regular annual meetings of the Conference.

SEC. 2. When any church, or scattered brethren, wish ministerial labor in their vicinity, their call shall be made to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—LICENSES.

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; and to grant licenses to those whom it shall consider suitable to labor in the cause. And in the interval between the regular meetings, the Executive Committee is authorized to perform such duties.

SEC. 2. Those who may feel it their duty to exercise their gift as preachers or colporters, shall lay their exercises of mind before the Con-
INTERNATIONAL T. AND M. CONSTITUTION.

Article VI. — Ministers' Reports.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the ministers of this Conference to make a written report to each annual meeting, of their labors each week during the Conference year, or of so much of the year as they have been in the employ of the Conference.

Sec. 2. It shall also be the duty of the ministers of this Conference to report to the annual meeting thereof, all donations which they have received during the year from churches and individuals, and such donations shall be considered by the Auditing Committee in settling the accounts of said ministers.

Article VII. — Delegates.

Sec. 1. The delegates to this Conference shall be elected according to the following ratio: Each organized church shall be entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members.

Sec. 2. The members of the Executive Committee shall be members of the Conference ex officio, and all ministers holding credentials from this Conference shall be considered delegates at large.

Sec. 3. In case any of the delegates to which a church is entitled do not attend the Conference, the delegates attending may cast the full number of votes to which said church is entitled.

Sec. 4. Unorganized companies of believers shall be represented in the Conference by the delegates at large.

Article VIII. — Amendments.

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

INTERNATIONAL T. AND M. SOCIETY CONSTITUTION.

Article I. — Name.

This Society shall be known as the International Tract and Missionary Society.

Article II. — Object.

The objects of this Society are, (1.) To take an oversight of the various State Tract societies, and to suggest such plans as will secure uniformity of action; (2.) To assist State societies in the management of city missions; (3.) To secure an extensive and systematic distribution of our publications in foreign countries and in those portions of our own land not included in State organizations; (4.) To place upon steamers and vessels sailing to different portions of the world, such reading matter as is thought to be best adapted to promote the interests of present truth; (5.) To send packages of our publications to the different ports visited by ships. In short, the object of this Society is to seek out
and make use of every possible means by which the light of present truth can be carried to all portions of the world.

ARTICLE III. — OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary (who shall also act as Treasurer), three Assistant Secretaries, or more, and an Executive Board of seven, of which the President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be members.

ARTICLE IV. — EXECUTIVE BOARD.

It is the duty of the Executive Board to carry out the decisions of the Society; to furnish publications and employ agents as they may see fit; to audit all accounts, and to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number by death, resignation, or otherwise.

ARTICLE V. — MEMBERSHIP.

All persons paying the sum of ten dollars, shall become life-members of this Society, and shall receive certificates of life-membership.* They shall also be entitled to all the privileges of members of State societies.

ARTICLE VI. — REPRESENTATION.

Sec. 1. This Society shall be represented by delegates and life-members.

Sec. 2. The State officers of any Tract and Missionary society present shall be considered delegates. In the absence of State officers, the deficiency may be supplied by persons from the same society who may be present.

Sec. 3. Any company of Seventh-day Adventists organized according to the plan adopted by our State societies, not included in any Conference Tract organization, shall be entitled to one or more delegates, according to the number of districts in the organization.

ARTICLE VII. — FUNDS.

The funds of this Society shall consist of receipts for life-membership, and donations from societies and individuals.

ARTICLE VIII. — MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. This Society shall convene annually for the election of officers and the transaction of necessary business, at such time and place as the President may appoint.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Executive Board at such times and places as they shall deem necessary for the interests of the organization.

ARTICLE IX. — AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote at any annual meeting.

* Resolved, That Art. V. of the Constitution, gives the members of this Society no privileges in any local society above those of the local members. They may draw publications at the discretion of the local officers, to be used while in that locality, and are expected to make donations toward meeting the expenses of the local society, according to their ability, the same as other members.
STATE T. AND M. SOCIETY CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be called the Tract and Missionary Society of the Seventh-day Adventists of the Conference of ——.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be, a President; Vice-President; State Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer; and a Board of Directors, of which the President, Vice-President, State Secretary, and State Canvassing Agent shall, by virtue of their offices, be considered members. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society; with the exception of the Canvassing Agent, who shall be appointed by the State conference committee and the President and Secretary of the T. and M. Society. Each Director shall appoint a Secretary in his district, and in each church he shall appoint a Librarian. He may also appoint a Business Agent in large churches where such an officer is needed.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be, (1.) The proper distribution of our tracts, pamphlets, and periodicals, and the placing of them and our bound books on board ships and in public libraries; (2.) To obtain subscriptions for our periodicals, to collect dues and secure the renewal of subscriptions, and to pay subscriptions for the worthy poor; (3.) To visit and labor, by correspondence or otherwise, for the encouragement and help of the isolated ones of like precious faith, and for those who are falling back because of discouragements, and to interest all within our reach in the great truths connected with the last message of mercy to the world; (4.) To find homes for those who may be destitute and needy for the truth's sake; (5.) To bring about among our people uniform liberality in the payment of tithes, as indicated in the Bible plan; to secure a liberal support for the Tract and Missionary work; also to encourage equality in the taking of stock in our several denominational institutions, and in donations to other benevolent enterprises which may arise for the advancement of the work.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person of good standing in a Seventh-day Adventist church, or who is recommended by such a church, may become a member by the payment of one dollar.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. President.—The duties of the President shall be, (1.) To preside over all State or district meetings whenever he may be present; (2.) To see that there is a full supply of tracts, books, and papers for the entire State; (3.) In fine, to keep his eye on the workings of the Society throughout the State, and to see that uniformity of action is maintained, and that directors and officers are doing their duty; (4.) To see that the funds of the Society are sufficient to meet its wants.

*It is expected that in small churches the Librarian will perform the duties herein allotted to both the Librarian and the Business Agent.
SEC. 2. Vice-President.—It is the duty of the Vice-President to act in the place of the President in his absence, and to work in connection with the President at his request.

SEC. 3. State Secretary.—The State Secretary shall have the oversight of all publications, periodicals, etc., and shall notify the President when more are needed, and supply the different districts as their wants may require. All the credit business of the State with the offices of publication shall be done through the State Secretary, who shall keep an account of all such transactions. As Treasurer, he shall receive all moneys from the districts, and forward the same, monthly or quarterly, to the offices of publication, as the indebtedness of the Society may demand.

SEC. 4. Directors.—The duties of the Director in his district shall be similar to the duties of the President in the State. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Director shall preside at all district Tract and Missionary meetings, and at all church missionary meetings at which he may be present. He should become acquainted with each family in his district, and, as far as practicable, visit the churches each quarter.

SEC. 5. District Secretary.—The duties of this officer in the district shall be similar to those of the State Secretary in the State Society.

SEC. 6. Librarian.—The Librarian shall perform in the church duties similar to those of the District Secretary in the district. He should preside at all church missionary meetings when the Director is not present, or he may request the Business Agent or some active member to preside, when the interest of the Society requires it.

SEC. 7. Business Agent.—The Business agent shall take charge of any special canvass for our periodicals.

ARTICLE VI.—QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

General quarterly meetings shall be held under the direction of the Board of Directors, at which time all business of importance that relates to the Tract and Missionary Society shall be considered.

ARTICLE VII.—FUNDS.

The funds to be employed by this Society shall consist of money received on memberships and book sales, and also of free-will offerings.

ARTICLE VIII.—MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Directors shall have the general management and oversight of the work of this Society, both in disbursing funds and in counseling in regard to labor.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present.
INTERNATIONAL S. S. ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be known as the International Sabbath-school Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall be composed of all the Sabbath-school associations and Sabbath-schools outside of these associations that shall report quarterly to this body.

ARTICLE II.—REPRESENTATION.

This Association shall be represented by all accredited ministers and licentiates, and by all members and workers from any Sabbath-school association present at any regular meeting of this Association.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, and an Executive Board of seven, of which the President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be members. These officers shall be elected annually.

Sec. 2. The secretaries of all associations outside of the United States shall be considered Corresponding Secretaries of this Association.

Sec. 3. The presidents of all associations outside of the United States shall be considered as honorary Vice-Presidents of this Association, and entitled to take part in the deliberations of the Executive Board, whenever present at its meetings.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

The duties of the President shall be, to take the general oversight of the work of the Association, to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and to call special meetings thereof. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of that office.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The duties of the Secretary shall be, (1.) To record the proceedings of the Association, and to present a yearly summary of the same at the annual meeting; (2.) To present such other summary reports as may from time to time be ordered; (3.) To make reports at such other times as may be ordered; (4.) To act as Treasurer of the Association, and to receive and hold all moneys belonging to the Association, giving receipts therefor, and paying out the same as the Association or the Executive Board may direct, through the written order of the President.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be, to advance by correspondence the interests of the Sabbath-school Association in all parts of the world, and to give isolated schools and associations such instruction as shall enable them to act in harmony with the body.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The functions of the Executive Board shall be, (1.) To represent this Association when not in session assembled, to execute all its rec-
commendations and orders and to fill all vacancies which may occur from death or otherwise; (2.) To assist, either personally or by authorized agents, in organizing and conducting Sabbath-schools. Sabbath-school associations, and Sabbath-school conventions; (3.) To induce those possessing the requisite ability, and having a heart in the work, to write in the interest of Bible study and proper Sabbath-school instruction, and to secure the publication and distribution of needed Sabbath-school literature, and to provide suitable lessons for all divisions of the Sabbath-school; (4.) To make all necessary provisions for rendering the sessions of this Association interesting and profitable, and, in general, to labor to make our Sabbath-schools efficient in preparing their members to be fruitful workers in the grand mission of the Third Angel's Message.

ARTICLE VII.—FUNDS.

The funds for defraying the expenses of this Association shall be obtained by the tithes from the State associations, and by contributions and donations.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

STATE S. S. ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION,

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

SESSION OF 1886.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be known as the Sabbath-school Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Association shall be composed of all the members of such Sabbath-schools as shall report quarterly to the Secretary, and also of all accredited ministers and licentiates within its bounds.

ARTICLE III.—REPRESENTATION.

This Association shall be represented by all members of the Association who may be present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and an Executive Board of five, of which the President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be members. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

The duties of the President shall be to take the general oversight of the work of the Association, to preside at all the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and to call special meetings thereof.
ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Section 1. As Secretary, (1.) He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association, and present a yearly summary of its workings at the annual session; (2.) He shall execute all correspondence ordered by the Association and the Executive Board.

Sec. 2. As Treasurer, He shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the Association, giving receipts therefor, and paying out the same as the Association or the Executive Board may direct.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The functions of the Executive Board shall be, (1.) To represent this Association when not in session assembled, and to execute all its recommendations and orders; (2.) To co-operate with all accredited ministers laboring in the limits of the Association, in furthering the interests of the Sabbath-school work; (3.) To assist, either personally or by authorized agents, in organizing and conducting Sabbath-school conventions and Sabbath-schools and Sunday-schools in those places where an attendance can be secured and where the truths of the Bible can be plainly taught; (4.) To make all necessary provisions for rendering the sessions of the Association interesting and profitable; and in general, to labor to make our Sabbath-schools efficient in preparing their members to be fruitful workers in the grand mission of the Third Angel's Message.

ARTICLE VIII.—FUNDS.

The funds for defraying the expenses of the Association shall be obtained by tithes from the Sabbath-schools in the State, and by donations.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK DURING 1887,
WITH BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCHES.


The entire publishing work of the Seventh-day Adventists was in the hands of the late Eld. James White from 1849 to 1861. In 1855 the printing-office was moved from Rochester, N. Y., to Battle Creek, Mich., and the publication of the Advent Review and the Youth's Instructor was begun. By the year 1861, the work had so prospered in his hands that he became unwilling to have it longer under individual control; and accordingly, the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, in May of that year; and to this Association all the property pertaining to the publishing work was then made over.

Of the new Association, Elia White was made President, and so continued, except when disabled by ill-health, till his death in
1881. The Association, as soon as organized in 1861, moved the wooden building to an adjoining lot on Kalamazoo St., and in its place erected a new two-story brick building, in the form of a Greek cross, the main portion being 26 x 66 ft., and the transverse section 26 x 44, as will appear from the cut herewith presented.

In 1871 a second building of the same size and form as here illustrated, was erected, to meet the wants of the increasing business.

In 1873 a third building of the same plan and dimensions was erected for the same reason.

In 1878 the first and third buildings, which stood near together on Main St., were united by a three-story central structure, with mansard roof, filling the entire space between them, and making it practically a large four-story building, with the two offices previously named as wings. Subsequently the roofs of these were changed to mansards, making them three stories each.

In 1881 a large press-room was added in the rear on Washington St. When it was decided to erect the Tabernacle, the meeting-house 40 x 65 ft., which stood upon the spot, was moved, and located in the rear of the press-room, with a passage-way between, and devoted largely to Office use.

In 1887 the press-room received two additional stories, with a mansard roof, and the building was extended across the passage-way, and over the old church, which also received two additional stories and a mansard roof; and the whole was brick veneered, giving the building shown in the illustration on next page. The building erected in 1871 stands on the west side of Washington St., and is known as “the West Office building,” not shown in the engraving. This building is devoted to the business and shipping departments. The addition of a room 25 x 54 ft. has recently been made to it, with two floors, capable of storing $60,000 worth of publications. In all the buildings, we now have about 50,000 square feet of floor space devoted to the various branches of editing, type-setting, proof-reading, printing, folding, book-binding, electrotyping, stereotyping, mailing, shipping, account-keeping, etc. Each of the mechanical departments is furnished with the most approved modern machinery in the line of elevators, presses, smashers, embossers, rulers, pagers, folders, twine and wire stitchers, etc., etc. The present worth of the Office property, unincumbered, as shown by the
treauser's report at the meeting of the Association, Dec. 12, 1887, is $174,624.08. As now equipped, the Office gives employment to about one hundred and fifty hands.

The work done for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1887, is as follows:

Total number of pages of books, pamphlets, and tracts on denominational, health, temperance, and gospel topics, printed and made ready for the market during the year, is 65,611,008. The number of periodicals issued, with the pages of the same, is shown in the following table:

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<td>Review and Herald</td>
<td>456,255</td>
<td>7,300,080</td>
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<td>Youth's Instructor</td>
<td>863,512</td>
<td>4,317,560</td>
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<td>Gospel Sickle</td>
<td>244,500</td>
<td>1,956,000</td>
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<td>Good Health</td>
<td>165,536</td>
<td>5,297,152</td>
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<td>Tidende (Danish)</td>
<td>80,568</td>
<td>1,289,085</td>
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<td>Harolden (Swedish)</td>
<td>91,200</td>
<td>1,459,200</td>
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<td>Harold der Wahrheit (German)</td>
<td>62,400</td>
<td>998,400</td>
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<td>Bibel Lezer (Holland)</td>
<td>9,600</td>
<td>153,600</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>1,973,571</td>
<td>22,771,080</td>
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Adding the periodicals to the book list, we have an aggregate of 88,382,088 pages. The amount issued in 1886 was 46,231,961 pages. The present year's work doubles the last with an excess of 7,918,166 pages. The total number of pages issued since its beginning, up to Nov. 1, 1887, is 481,718,747.

The manufacturing department has turned out much other work the past year besides this, the aggregate amounting to $125,579.85. The total book sales (wholesale prices) for each year since 1882 have been as follows: 1883, $49,454.27; 1884, $63,105.58; 1885, $61,785.78; 1886, $74,406.80; 1887, $89,175.96.

Pacific S. D. A. Publishing Association:

The Pacific Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association was incorporated April 1, 1875, with a capital stock of $28,000. Soon after this, land was purchased on the corner of Central Ave. and Castro St., forty feet on Castro St., by one hundred feet on Central Ave. In 1876 the first building, facing Castro St., was completed. This building is two stories high, with basement and attic, built in the form of a Greek cross, the main portion 26 x 66 ft., the transverse section 26 x 44 ft. The first engraving on the next page gives a very good idea of the building as it then stood. A brick engine-house in the rear was erected the same year.
This office was established primarily for the purpose of publishing the *Signs of the Times*. The first number of this paper was issued June 4, 1874, and up to September 1876, had been edited and printed in a hired office; but on the 16th of that month, the paper was printed on the new steam power press imported from the East by the Association. At this time there were added two new job presses, a paper-cutter, a standing press, and a supply of type and other necessary material, amounting in all to about $6,500.

The same year the work of publishing books, pamphlets, and tracts began, and the work rapidly increased so that in 1878 the facilities were found to be entirely inadequate to meet the demand.

Accordingly, the lot adjoining, on Central Ave., 50 x 100 ft., was purchased, and another building 40 x 60 ft., two stories and attic, was erected. These two buildings were joined in the rear, as shown by the accompanying engraving.

A book bindery, electrotype and stereotype foundry, and new presses were then added, making a very complete office.

In 1884 two additional lots adjoining those already belonging to the Association were purchased, one on Eleventh St., 50 x 100 ft., and one on Central Ave., the same size. A two-story addition to the stereotype foundry, 26 x 28 ft., and a stable and tank-house, 24 x 34 ft., three stories high, were built. Besides these, considerable new machinery was added to the several departments.

But it was left to the year 1887 to witness the most important move of all. For some time previous to this, the office had been laboring under great disadvantage on account of lack of room and the crowded condition of all the departments. The canvassing work, which had been taken hold of with considerable energy, called for
large editions of our books; and the managers saw that unless something was done immediately to increase the facilities of the office, the work would necessarily be hindered. Accordingly the matter was brought before the stockholders at the annual meeting held in Oakland, Monday, April 25, 1887, and the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The work of publishing our denominational books has greatly increased, and is rapidly increasing, and the growth of the canvassing work calls for the prompt furnishing of large editions; and,—

Whereas, All the departments of the office are laboring under great disadvantage, and the bindery and press-room especially are so crowded that it is impossible to meet the increasing demands; therefore,—

Resolved, That we recommend the immediate erection of such a building as will enable the office to meet the pressing wants of the cause.

In accordance with the above resolution, the boarding-house (a two-story building which stood at the corner of Central Ave. and Castro St., in the delta of the two buildings) was moved to the lot on Eleventh St., belonging to the Association, and in its place, a large four-story building 68 x 70 ft. was erected. The old building facing Central Ave. was raised up and moved forward into position, and the new building joined to it, adding one story above and one below, so that now the main building, corner Central Ave. and Castro St., is 68 x 100 ft., four stories high, including the basement, as shown on the next page.

The contract for putting up this building was signed on Thursday, July 9, 1887, and in just seventy days the building was completed.

In connection with these improvements, the Association has put in a new Root's Safety Steam Boiler of fifty horse-power; a Westinghouse Automatic Steam Engine of forty-five horse-power, three new cylinder presses of the latest pattern, and additional machinery and facilities in every department. Nine cylinder and three job presses are kept in constant operation, and about one hundred and twenty-five hands are employed in the various departments. The entire investment in real estate and stock amounts to nearly $200,000.

The manufacturing departments are located in the new building, and occupy spacious rooms, not cut up with partitions. In the basement are six large cylinder presses, folding machine, and engine, with the main stock-room in the rear. This basement is connected by an underground passage with the basement of the first building erected on Castro St., in which is located the two boilers, steam pump, etc.

The second story is occupied by the job printing department, job stock-room, with counting-room and business offices in front. Above this, on the second floor, is located the main composing-room, with editorial rooms in front, while the bindery occupies the entire third floor. The book and stationery department oc-
PACIFIC PUBLISHING HOUSE.

occupies the larger portion of the building first erected, facing Castro St., as shown at the left of the engraving; and the electrotype and stereotype foundry is located in the building just in the rear of this, but not shown in the engraving.

There are two steam elevators, one in the new building and one in the old, with street entrances, and landings on each floor. The new building is heated entirely by steam, and has fire hydrants with hose on each floor, connected with the city waterworks. All the departments are connected by a system of speaking tubes, thus saving much time in communicating from one room to another. This establishment, as it now stands, is the largest and most complete printing and publishing house west of the Rocky Mountains.

At a special meeting of the stockholders, held Aug. 8, 1887, the capital stock was increased to $200,000.

The following statement shows the number of pages of periodicals, books, pamphlets, and tracts printed at this office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1887:

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<td>Signs of the Times</td>
<td>723,850</td>
<td>11,591,600</td>
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<td>American Sentinel</td>
<td>175,000</td>
<td>1,400,000</td>
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<td>Pacific Health Journal</td>
<td>18,000</td>
<td>576,000</td>
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<td>Books, pamphlets, and tracts</td>
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<td>13,889,500</td>
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<td>Grand total</td>
<td>916,850</td>
<td>26,957,100</td>
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The following shows the amount of business done during the year ending March 31, 1887:

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<td>Job Printing, book binding, etc.</td>
<td>$93,863 39</td>
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<td>Book sales</td>
<td>34,107 27</td>
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<tr>
<td>Signs and Sentinel subscriptions</td>
<td>21,990 00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$149,960 66</strong></td>
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When the plans for the new building were submitted, some seemed to think that they were too large, but already every department is crowded to its utmost capacity, and not a foot of spare room remains. The buildings now occupied by the Association furnish an aggregate floor space of over 50,000 square feet.
Battle Creek College.

OBJECT.

It has now been thirteen years since this institution was first opened to students. It was founded for a special purpose,—that there might be a place where the sons and daughters of Seventh-day Adventists could receive an education without being exposed to the peculiarly severe temptations which assail the young at most of the educational institutions of the country, and that many might prepare to engage in the work of God. Its managers aim to make moral and religious influences prominent; and thoroughness of instruction, solidity of character, and usefulness in life, the principal objects of attainment. They believe that a college training should give to students the fullest use of their best powers; that it should not only make scholars of them, but, in the very best sense, and after the noblest ideals, make men and women of them. With this purpose in view, they design to provide such a course of instruction and training as will tend toward the development of the students morally, mentally, and physically.

THE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Are similar to those usually found in institutions of this grade, except that the systematic study of the Bible is made a part of each course. A series of Bible lessons has been arranged to cover a period of two years, and every student who receives a diploma will be required to pursue this work. There is a constant effort made to inculcate in the minds of all, the practical lesson of seeking first the kingdom of God as the best means of gaining true wisdom and ultimate success. The needs of those who can spend but a short time in study, and who desire to secure a preparation for religious work, are provided for by special instruction during the winter in the peculiar doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists, in the essentials of English language, in methods of missionary labor, and in such other branches as the case may seem to require.

Other students who do not wish to complete a regular course, are permitted to make such a choice of studies as they are fitted to pursue with profit to themselves and without hindrance to their fellow-students.

MANUAL TRAINING

Is recognized as an essential part in a symmetrical education, and instruction is regularly given in printing, sewing, carpentry, and tent-making. The classes in these different departments meet each day, and continue an hour and a half.
THE NEW HOME.

During the past season, nearly $25,000 have been expended in improvements, the most important of which is the erection of another boarding hall. The new hall is a substantial brick building, four stories in height, located upon the southwest corner of the College grounds, with sufficient capacity to accommodate one hundred and fifty students, besides the necessary public rooms, and a suite of rooms for the president. This addition to the facilities of the school has proved of great value in carrying out the plans of the school.

An earnest effort is made to connect with the home life of the students such influences as will develop in them habits of industry, promptness, and Christian courtesy. All are required to aid without remuneration in the work connected with the boarding hall and the laundry, and in the care of the buildings and grounds. Much valuable information and discipline are thus secured. Sharing daily duties and bearing mutual responsibilities for the common good, have proved of great educational value in establishing health and developing character.

THE YEAR 1887

Has been one of interest at the College. At the close of the last winter's term, a special course of instruction in methods of labor specially connected with the denominational work was held, in connection with which earnest efforts were put forth for a revival of personal religion among the students. Elds. G. I. Butler, E. W. Farnsworth, G. B. Starr, and A. T. Robinson, together with other faithful laborers, gave this special instruction, and carried on the revival work. The effort seemed to meet with the favor of God, and his blessing was enjoyed in large measure. At its close, many went out into the various missions, or took up the canvassing work, or in other ways engaged directly in labor for the advancement of the cause of God. Others remained during the spring term, and then spent the summer in canvassing. Subsequent experience has tended to strengthen the feeling that there was at that time an awakening and quickening of the religious life of the school, which has been in a large degree permanent.

THE YEAR 1888.

The average attendance at the College this year will be larger than heretofore, although there are not so many in attendance as during a few weeks of last winter. Quite a number are taking a thorough course of training, that they may be fitted for some useful place in the cause of God; and there is a feeling on the part of the managers that the College was never more fully meeting the object for which, in the providence of God, it
The first step toward the establishment of Healdsburg College was taken at the annual conference of Seventh-day Adventists of the State of California, held at Sacramento, Cal., October, 1881. The need of a denominational school had been felt by many of the leading members of the church, and the propriety of entering upon the work of establishing one had been privately discussed among a few of them. It was resolved at this conference to establish a school on the Pacific Coast as soon as practicable.

A committee of seven was appointed, with instructions to select a location, to purchase property, and to effect a legal corporation. While engaged in visiting different places for the purpose of finding the most desirable location for the school, the committee found, for sale, at Healdsburg, a very desirable property on unusually favorable terms. Healdsburg being fully as desirable a location as any other town visited, the committee at its meeting, January 29, 1882, resolved to purchase this property, then known as the Healdsburg Institute, and as soon as teachers could be engaged, to open the school.

The school opened April 11, 1882, with two instructors and eleven students. October 2, 1882, it was incorporated under its present name.

The providence of God has attended the school in a remarkable manner. The first year the enrollment of students was 152, and six teachers were employed. The second year, the enrollment of students reached 189, and ten teachers were employed. The last year the enrollment was 223. There are now thirteen teachers employed, and the prospects are that there will be a larger enrollment this year than during any previous year. The future of the College looks very bright.

The property which was formerly Healdsburg Institute, and now known as South College, consists of two acres of ground, and a large wooden building containing one assembly room, six recitation rooms, library, office, sales-room, cloak-rooms, and a
large hall. It is in this building that most of the class-work is done. In 1886, on a lot adjoining the South College lot, was erected at an expense of $19,000 a meeting-house, with a rear extension divided into five rooms, to be used for College museum, music-room, artist studio, and recitation-rooms. Before the erection of this building, the college was very much pressed for room, which caused the teachers to labor under great disadvantages. But now accommodations are ample.

In March, 1882, the Board of Trustees purchased a beautiful lot of five acres, two blocks north of South College, with a view to establishing a boarding-house for the accommodation and protection of students from abroad. Work was begun on this building in August, 1882, and it was completed and furnished before the opening of the school in July of the next year.

This building is 100 ft. long and 38 ft. wide, with an L 20 x 20 ft. It is three stories high, with a 10 ft. basement and a roomy attic. The basement is divided into kitchens, store-rooms, laundry, etc. The first floor above is divided into dining-room, serving-room, cloak-rooms, office, reception-room, music-room and two parlors. The second and third floors are divided into chambers, sewing-room, and bath-rooms. One half of the attic is also divided into bed-rooms, and the other half is used for a tent shop. The building has a capacity for 100 students.

Other improvements have also been made as follows: a commodious barn, a large wood-house, a tank-house, a tool-house, an engine-house, and a blacksmith shop. The tank-house is three stories high, and is used for a shoe shop and the College printing-office.

There is now in course of erection a cottage of eight rooms for the use of the College president and family. This building is situated on the corner of the lot occupied by the "Students' Home," the name given to the large building above described.

The lot on which these buildings are situated is planted to choice fruit. A more recent purchase of four acres has also been planted to fruit. Altogether, the College owns eleven acres of land, and will hereafter have all the fruit the student family can take care of. The total valuation of all College property is something over $50,000.

Believing that a sound body is necessary for a sound mind, and that physical as well as mental development is necessary to the highest type of manhood, the founders of Healdsburg College have combined with study a system of manual labor. The workings of this plan have been in the highest degree satisfactory. This labor is largely in connection with the useful trades, as carpentering, painting, blacksmithing, tent-making, and shoe-making for the gentlemen; and plain sewing, dress cutting and fitting, printing, laundering, cooking, and general
housework for the ladies. The willingness with which the students engage in this labor, and the faithfulness with which they perform their work, are very commendable.

The work of the College is adapted to the wants of a very large majority of those who desire to attend school. Five courses of study have been arranged; viz., Primary, Grammar, Normal, Biblical, and Academic (Scientific and Classical), so that all can find work suited to their mental ability and their purpose in life.

The teachers of the College are men and women who have been selected for their respective work because of their special fitness for it. The majority of them are full course graduates of some of the best State universities and Normal schools of the country, representing the States of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and California, and have had from ten to twenty-five years of experience in the practice of their profession.

Instruction in the Bible is one of the most important features of our work, and receives particular attention. Other special features are methods in canvassing and doing missionary work. Those who desire a special fitting up for usefulness, cannot do better than to place themselves under the instruction and discipline of Healdsburg College. For further information, send for catalogue. Address the President,

W. C. Grainger, Healdsburg, Cal.

South Lancaster Academy.

This school was opened April 19, 1882, and has completed its fifth year. It began under very humble circumstances, improvising such buildings as it could secure for its accommodation. Notwithstanding its lack of proper facilities for successfully prosecuting its work, the prosperity attending the first year was such as to warrant the purchase of twenty-six acres of land for cultivation by the students, and the taking of steps towards the erection of buildings specially designed for school purposes.

At a meeting of its friends, held in December, 1883, a vote was passed recommending that $25,000 be raised for this enterprise, one-half of which was immediately subscribed. Work on the buildings was commenced in June, 1884, and they were ready for use in October following. The institution was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, December 12, 1883.

During the first two years of its history, Prof. G. H. Bell was its principal; in 1884-5, Eld. D. A. Robinson acted in that capacity. In the autumn of 1885, Chas. C. Ramsey, A. M., came from Healdsburg College, Cal., to assume the duties of principal, and has filled the position until the present time. He also edits the
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

True Educator, a well-known educational monthly printed at the Academy by the students connected with the "Printing Department." The enrollment for the academic year 1886-7 was one hundred and seventy. A constantly increasing attendance from year to year can reasonably be expected, and no pains will be spared by the Trustees and Faculty to insure the highest good of those who come.

LOCATION.

The Academy is situated in South Lancaster, Worcester Co., Massachusetts, a quiet and pretty country village of less than five hundred inhabitants, about fifteen miles from the cities of Worcester and Fitchburg, and thirty-five miles from Boston, with the flourishing village of Clinton, of about eleven thousand inhabitants, less than two miles away. It is a regular station on the Worcester, Nashua, and Portland division of the Boston and Maine Railway. For healthfulness, beauty of scenery, and freedom from many of the temptations incident to larger places, South Lancaster cannot be excelled.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The north hall, or Academy building, in which most of the recitations are conducted, is a two-story frame building, 45 x 65 feet, with full basement, and a spacious attic. The south hall, or Students' Home, is located about five hundred feet from the first described. This building is a frame structure, three stories high above the basement. It is 68 x 36 feet, with an L 20 x 22 feet. The East Home is a two-story building, which the Academy purchased, and by the addition of a wing 25 feet long, the building will now accommodate about forty students. No pains have been spared in providing facilities for maintaining favorable sanitary conditions.

There are four other buildings belonging to the school; three of them are used for shops, in which are conducted the various forms of manual training; the fourth is a commodious residence, occupied by the family of the principal.

The grounds consist of twenty-six acres of tillable land. This is cultivated, in part, by the students; and while it thus furnishes them opportunity for agricultural employment, it also produces much that the institution would otherwise have to purchase for cash.

DESIGN.

The object of the Academy is to provide instruction under the most favorable influences, and by such methods as will secure the most careful intellectual, moral, and physical training in the elementary branches, sciences, languages, and in the precepts of morality and religion. While the Faculty hope to secure as good results in the direction of mental culture as do other schools, they
aim at something else also, of essential importance in connection with it. It is their purpose to strengthen and develop moral character, and to inculcate the spirit of obedience to physical laws. They believe that correct habits of action should be taught as carefully as correct habits of thought. They aim to train youth to habits of promptness and thoroughness in study, in labor, in the duties of life, and in the service of God, without interfering with their individuality in development. While they do not design to perform the special work of the home and the church, they do feel bound that the wholesome influences of a Christian home and of an active, working church, shall not be neutralized by attendance at the school.

In harmony with the views above set forth, regular instruction is given in Bible history in all departments of the school, and daily practice in several different manual arts. While the instructors recognize the great value of indirect moral instruction, teaching by example, they find nothing equal to the Book of books, the great text-book on ethics, as a means of moral culture. Students of both sexes are required to spend a little more than two hours each day in manual labor. This consists of sewing, cutting, fitting, cooking, and general housework for ladies; shoe repairing, broom-making, gardening, and fruit culture for gentlemen; printing for both sexes.

DEPARTMENTS OF INSTRUCTION.

1. Academic Department.—In this department are taught, by the best methods, the usual branches of the high-school and academy. There are three courses of study: Classical, Scientific, and English.

2. Biblical Department.—In this are three courses of study, one in Bible history, which students of all departments of the school are expected to pursue, and the other two (an elementary and an advanced) in Bible doctrines and ministerial and missionary work.

The instruction in the latter courses is given by means of lectures and class drills, and in such a manner as to train the student for practical work in the field as a preacher, colporter, or canvasser.

Besides the usual branches of such a course, this will include Greek, Ancient History, Evidences of Christianity, Logic, Physiology, Book-keeping, etc.

3. Normal Department.—In this are two courses of study, the elementary and advanced, affording students who are preparing to teach, instruction in the branches, and also in both the theory and art of teaching. Normal students, when properly advanced, are required to practice the theory which they have learned. This Academy was the first among S. D. A. educa-
tional institutions to establish and thoroughly organize such a department. It was opened in the winter of 1885-6, and affords first-class preparation for the vocation of teaching in church and other schools.

4. Grammar and Primary Departments.—In these are regular courses of study in the common branches, and in the simplest elements of knowledge. These are preparatory to the Academic Department.

5. Industrial Department.—This is one of the distinguishing features of the institution. In this department, students are taught to do by doing; to work by working. Under competent instructors, they learn the more useful trades and occupations of practical life by daily pursuing them for a few hours, as printing, shoe-making, harness-making, tent-making, farming, gardening, cooking, washing, sewing, and general house and job work. All are required to enter this department. The object of this department is twofold: first, to furnish that relaxation from intellectual employment, by means of physical exercise, which is so necessary to the proper maintenance of physical health and vigor; secondly, to render the individual practically useful, by giving him correct views of life, and some knowledge and skill in manual labor.

DISCIPLINE.

One of the most prominent features of South Lancaster Academy, is the effort to impress upon its students the claims and benefits of an exalted morality and a vital religion. Any one of known evil habits, who is exerting a pernicious influence upon his fellow-students, is not tolerated in the school.

EXPENSES.

The whole cost to the student living at the Students' Home is sixteen dollars per month of twenty-eight days, which includes tuition, board, lodging, washing, and all necessary expenses except for books and clothing.

CALENDAR.

The Academic Year begins in September and ends in May. The usual holiday vacation is given in December. For descriptive catalogue and further information, address the Principal,

Chas. C. Ramsey, A. M.,
South Lancaster, Mass.
Central European Mission.

Between the years 1864 and 1869 a small company of believers in the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists, was raised up in Central Europe, principally in Switzerland, through the efforts of a Polish Catholic who had been converted to Protestantism, and who, on visiting America, had also received the truths of the Third Angel’s Message. Though nominally laboring for the first-day Adventists, he zealously advocated the seventh-day Sabbath and the Scriptural view of Christ’s second coming.

In 1869 this company of believers sent James Ertzenberger as a representative to the General Conference held in Battle Creek. At the end of sixteen months he returned to Europe, and in June, 1870, Adémair Vuilleumier came to America to prepare himself for greater usefulness in the cause. In 1874 he returned, accompanied by Eld. J. N. Andrews, who was sent there by the General Conference to establish and extend the work already begun.

The first general meeting of Sabbath-keepers was held Nov. 1, 1874, at Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and was attended by representatives from several different companies of believers. At this time it was voted to raise 2,000 francs with which to begin the publishing work early the next year.

The next general meeting was held at Chaux-de-Fonds, in January, 1875, when it was decided to send Elds. Andrews and Ertzenberger to visit the Sabbath-keepers in Germany. They found a company of forty-six adult believers at Elberfeld, who had come to a knowledge of the Sabbath and kindred truths in a remarkable manner, and who, until a short time previous to the visit of Eld. Andrews, believed themselves to be the only observers of the seventh day in the world. They were greatly encouraged by this visit, and their numbers increased. Eld. Ertzenberger continued to labor with them for some time.

The work of publishing tracts in the French language was soon begun at Neuchâtel, but was subsequently removed to Basel, where it has since been carried on and greatly enlarged.

December 12, 1875, a general meeting was held at Bienne, Switzerland. The Sabbath-keepers in that country then numbered seventy-five adults. At this meeting, $460 were pledged to continue the work, and a Tract and Missionary society was organized.

January 7, 1876, Eld. D. T. Bourdeau and family joined Eld. Andrews, having been sent from America by the General Conference. In July, 1876, the first number of the French paper, Les Signes des Temps, was published at Basel, which resulted in giving a fresh impetus to the work in Central Europe. In
October, 1876, Eld. Bourdeau and family removed to Southern France, to establish the work in that country, and in the same year, Eld. Andrews visited Italy, where some had already embraced the truth.

At the annual meeting held at Bienne, Sept. 30, 1877, *Les Signes des Temps* had nearly four hundred subscribers, and nineteen different tracts had been printed. Early the next year the publication of tracts in the German and Italian languages was commenced.

In May, 1881, Eld. J. N. Loughborough visited Basel to give aid to the work. In 1882, Eld. S. N. Haskell went to Europe by direction of the General Conference, and attended the Swiss Conference held at Tramelan, Sept. 8–11. At this meeting the European Council of S. D. Adventists, was organized, which has accomplished much in furthering the interests of the cause.

In 1883, Eld. B. L. Whitney and family went to Europe, to assist Eld. Andrews, whose health was fast failing.

At the annual Conference held at Basel, Oct. 19, 1883, representatives were present from Germany, Italy, and Roumania, besides a full representation from Switzerland. At this time the European Mission suffered the loss of its founder and most efficient laborer. The death of Eld. Andrews occurred Oct. 21, 1883, and caused the deepest sorrow among all the friends of the cause, both in Europe and America.

In 1884, the publication of three new journals was begun at the office at Basel, the *Herold der Wahrheit*, a 16-page German monthly; *L'Ultimo Messaggio*, a 16-page quarterly in the Italian language; and *Adversaluri Present*, a 16-page quarterly in the Roumanian language. This same year, Eld. G. I. Butler, accompanied by Elds. M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Durland, and A. C. Bourdeau, went to Europe, the first-named to visit the different localities, and counsel as to the general management of the cause, Elds. Wilcox and Durland to establish the work in England, and Eld. Bourdeau to engage in the French work.

In May, 1884, the Swiss Conference was organized, and about $2,500 were pledged to equip an office of publication at Basel. The second meeting of the European Council was held immediately thereafter, attended by representatives from nine different nationalities; and the discourses delivered were translated into four languages.

Soon after, a corner lot, 100 x 140 ft., was purchased in Basel for the erection of an office of publication. The building is of stone, 64 x 76 ft. in size, four stories high, with basement and sub-basement, and is well equipped with type, presses, engine, binder's machinery, printing material, etc. The arrangement of the building not only affords accommodations for the various departments of the publishing work, but also contains a fine hall capable of seating three hundred, in which meetings of the Basel
church, and conferences are held. The upper stories furnish commodious apartments, which are rented to families at profitable rates.

Sept. 3, 1885, W. C. White and family, and Mrs. E. G. White, arrived at Basel, and labored in Europe until their return to America in the fall of 1887. Public efforts have been extended in many directions, with encouraging results, and—

**THE PUBLISHING WORK**

At Basel has steadily increased. From the very first, it was evident that our publications must act a leading part in the Central European field. The denominational books, tracts, and periodicals issued in various languages are having a powerful influence for good wherever they are circulated. B. L. Whitney has been chosen editor of *Les Signes des Temps* for the year 1888, with U. Smith, Geo. I. Butler, and J. H. Waggoner as corresponding editors.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BASEL PUBLISHING HOUSE, SEPT. 30, 1887.**

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To collect together and train up to usefulness and efficiency a complete corps of workers for each of the languages in which we desire to issue our publications, is a work attended with innumerable difficulties and much expense. The pressmen, binders, and stereotypers can handle the work in any language, but there must be translators, compositors, proof-readers, and business clerks for each language in which we are publishing. For the present it would be less care and expense to hire experienced workmen not of our faith; but their influence is bad, and their work often unreliable, and as our own young people need the employment, every effort has been made to train up from their number a company of workers who would be trustworthy and reliable.

Many of the young people have done remarkably well in learning the trades, and they are so ambitious to become famil-
jar with the Bible, and the English language, in which we have so many printed works, that they have set apart an hour every morning during the week for the study of Bible history, Bible doctrines, and English grammar. This study hour is from 6:30 to 7:30 A.M. The ten working hours begin at 7:30 A.M. and close at 6:30 P.M. We expect much good will come from the holding of this morning class. Some of those studying the English will become qualified to act as interpreters for our ministers who may be sent to visit this mission; and in the Bible-class there are those now acting as translators and writers, and others who may sometime be called upon to engage in this work, who are gaining the Bible knowledge necessary to intelligent, successful work.

Great difficulties have stood in the way of the publishing work in this mission, but they are being overcome, slowly but surely. At times it has seemed impossible to secure correct translations of our English books. And it has cost much anxiety, labor, and money to educate and bring together persons competent for the work in each language. Until lately, the principal time of translators and printers has been occupied on the publication of the French and German journals, *Les Signes des Temps* and *Herold der Wahrheit*; and these journals, while absolutely necessary to the steady progress of our work, came far short of paying their cost, because there were so few subscribers. Another difficulty has been that our tracts and pamphlets, after being translated and printed at large expense, had a very limited sale, thus bringing back very slowly the money invested in them.

Very earnestly have our brethren in this mission studied to surmount these difficulties, and secure a wide circulation of our publications. Our mission could not afford to pay their agents ten to twenty dollars a month in addition to a commission on their sales, as other religious societies employing colporters in these countries usually do, and the agents said they could not live on the profits made by the sale of tracts and subscriptions to the journals.

We felt that something must be done to get the canvassing work on a self-supporting basis, and although everybody told us that this could not be done, and publishers and book-sellers were united in condemning our plans, we pushed forward as fast as possible the publication of "The Life of Christ" in German and French. They were printed and bound in good style, and when done they were received with favor, all predictions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Very diligently did Eld. Conradi teach the agents, for we felt that everything depended upon a right beginning. If the canvass for this work was not made a success, there was little hope of keeping agents in the field without paying salaries, and
this the mission could not afford. Imagine, then, our joy to find that our agents, after two weeks’ study and thorough training, could go out with the books and meet with fair success.

Brother Perk, who was in prison with Eld. Conradi, has sold as many as seventeen books in one day. A poor brother thrown out of employment as a weaver, found that he could support his family by this work. Two sisters from Basel, visiting central Switzerland, sold fifty copies of the German book in one week, and since the French edition was finished, they have done equally well with that. Over five hundred copies have been ordered in Basel alone.

Were we misinformed as to the difficulties? or is the Lord especially blessing this enterprise, to give us courage to go forward in faith with the publication of other much-needed works? We believe the latter to be the truth.

A city mission training-school of three months’ duration should be held this winter in Chaux-de-Fonds, for the training of canvassers and Bible workers to labor in France and Switzerland. A good house is offered for this work, and there are a score or more who would enter the school. Some have been waiting a year for this instruction, before entering the field as laborers.

GERMANY.

A similar school should be held as soon as possible in Germany, for the training of those who are waiting to begin the work there. This is a nation of forty-six million people, with more Protestants than there are in Great Britain, and nearly as many as in the United States, and yet we have not a minister or an efficient colporter in the empire! Germany is the birthplace of reforms from Romanism, and there are thousands of honest souls there who would accept and live the reforms included in the message, if properly presented to them.

Eld. Conradi has had an earnest desire to begin the work in Germany, but has been detained for lack of help, and additional help cannot be had without additional means to send and support it.

A city mission should be established in Hamburg, which, with its suburbs, has a population of 471,000 people. It is the greatest seaport on the Eastern Continent. From Hamburg, ships sail to all parts of the world. Here, hundreds of people, each week, take ship for North and South America, not only Germans, but Russians, Scandinavians, Hollanders, Poles, Finns, Austrians, and Swiss. A ship missionary could do good work here, and we believe the city to be a good field for other branches of our work.
While it is true that those who have accepted the present truth in Russia are nearly all Germans, yet the work does not stop with them. There are many of those speaking the Russian language who are inquiring after the truth. Publications are a necessity to its progress among the sixty million people speaking that language. We are sure that tracts, some of them printed in the form of Bible readings, would do a great work for this people, for they are hungry for truth, and are ready to bear suffering and hardships to carry out their convictions as to duty.

The translation and publication of these Russian works will be quite an expensive enterprise, and it will be hastened or delayed in accordance with the assistance rendered by our people generally.

We might mention other enterprises, such as the opening up of the work in Holland, where more than half the people are Protestants, and which promises to be a good field for labor; the sending of several laborers, with a tent, to some of the large cities of Germany; the extension of the work in other countries; and the provision for the more thorough teaching, at Basel, of men to become translators, writers, Bible workers, and ministers.

The work is moving forward in Central Europe. Faithful men have shown that earnest, untiring efforts, made with humility and a firm faith in God, will bring fruit as surely as it does in America.

Eld. Andrews and several of his co-laborers in the publishing work have fallen at their post of duty, and three of the most experienced workers have left the field on account of feeble health and overwork, so that the working force at present in this mission, besides those wholly engaged in editing, translating, and publishing our books and periodicals, are Elds. Conradi and Ertzenberger and three colporters in the German work, and Elds. Vuilleumier and Comte and four colporters in the French work. These men are doing earnest, faithful work, and there is a steady growth in the numbers and efficiency of our churches. Especially during the last year has there been a marked advancement in the work. There are now in Central Europe nineteen organized churches, and nearly, if not quite, four hundred Sabbath-keepers, being an increase for the year of about two hundred. There are ten companies of believers in France, thirteen in Switzerland, three in Italy, three in Prussia, one in Roumania, one each on the islands of Corsica and Sardinia, and ten in Russia. Four of these ten are organized churches. The Sabbath-keepers in Russia number over two hundred.

Already the special truths for our time have made an entry
into Germany, France, Italy, Russia, Roumania, Holland, and Switzerland, and we trust they will soon find their way to Austria, Spain, and Belgium. The population of these countries is about as follows:

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**Countries Not Yet Entered.**

- Austria: 39,200,000 Protestant
- Spain and Portugal: 21,268,000 Protestant
- Belgium: 1,800,000 Protestant

Besides this, there are in—

- Russia: 103,900,000 Protestant

Grand total: 296,668,000 Protestant

These figures show the great work yet to be accomplished in those countries, presenting a broad, ripe field, to which the attention of our people is earnestly invited. Our brethren in Europe, though poor, are doing what they can to carry forward the work. The brethren in Germany and Switzerland pay a larger tithe *per capita* than our people in America, though their wages and income is less than half as much. They are also doing a good amount of missionary work with our publications, and in some localities there are frequent accessions to the faith, as the result of the reading matter distributed, and the personal labor bestowed.

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**Scandinavian Mission.**

In May, 1877, Eld. J. G. Matteson and wife sailed for their native country, Denmark. At this time there were being sent monthly to Denmark, about two hundred and sixty copies, and to Norway, about sixty copies monthly, of the Danish paper, *Advent Tidende*. Up to that time the Danish-Norwegian believers had raised a fund of $200 with which to start a mission in Scandinavia, our doctrines having been previously introduced there by reading matter sent from America.

Eld. Matteson labored for a year in Denmark, with varying success. Small companies of believers were raised up at several different places. In 1878 he went to Norway, and engaged in public labors at Christiana, which were successful to such an extent that June 7, 1879, an S. D. Adventist church of thirty-
eight members was organized there. That same year an association was formed at Christiana, and a building and lot purchased for $14,580. The office was partially equipped with a printing outfit, and the publication of a weekly paper, Tidernes Tegn, was begun. About this time a Tract society was organized there, and during the first six weeks of its existence 67,000 pages of tracts and 600 papers were sold.

In 1880, Eld. Matteson revisited America to attend the General Conference. Receiving help from the General Conference, he purchased for the office, on his return to Norway, a small cylinder press, and shortly thereafter commenced the publication of a health journal in the Danish language, entitled Sundhedsbladet. In 1883 a similar journal was started in the Swedish language, and in 1884 a Swedish religious journal was begun, entitled Sanningens Häröld. The Publishing Association that was formed in 1882 became the owner of all the publishing interests at Christiana, which amounted in 1884 to $2,563. That year 115,000 papers, besides many thousand tracts and some books, were issued.

In 1880, J. P. Rosqvist, who had been laboring in Norway, went to Sweden, and engaged in public labors, in which he was quite successful. At Grytbyttheed a church of upwards of forty members was soon organized.

The work in Scandinavia received valuable aid by a visit in 1882 from S. N. Haskell, in 1884 from G. I. Butler, B. L. Whitney, A. B. Oyen, and E. G. Olsen, in 1885 from W. C. White and Mrs. E. G. White, and in 1886 from O. A. Olsen and N. Clausen. O. A. and E. G. Olsen and N. Clausen are still laboring in that country. The work has been extended in various localities of Denmark and Scandinavia, until there are now quite a large number of companies of Sabbath-keepers. Twenty-three of these companies are organized churches.

In May, 1885, the work of erecting a new office of publication was begun at Christiana, which was completed the following spring. The new office is 46 x 69 ft. in size, with two stories and basement. In the second story is a fine meeting hall 41 x 55 ft. in size, and 22 ft. from floor to ceiling. The remainder of the building is well arranged and equipped for carrying on the editing, proof-reading, type-setting, stereotyping, and printing business. The entire cost of the building, fixtures, and machinery exceeds $18,000.

During 1886 the sales of books, tracts, and pamphlets amounted to $5,386.68, representing 2,722,000 pages; pages of periodicals, 2,984,040. The amount received on subscriptions to periodicals was $3,146.02.

During the year ending Sept. 1, 1887, the work has made some advancement in the Scandinavian kingdoms. Tent-meetings have been put in successful operation in Norway, Sweden,
and Denmark. At the first camp-meeting in Europe, held at Moss, Norway, June 8–22, 1887, ten tents were erected, and one hundred and fifty persons were either camped on the ground or located in the city near by. The European Council held a meeting at the same time, and delegates were present from America, England, Switzerland, Germany, Russia, and the Scandinavian countries.

Special efforts have been made to organize the canvassing work on a firmer basis. Training-schools have been held in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

Twenty persons attended the mission school in Stockholm for four months. Twelve of these canvassed all the time, and four, part of the time during the school months, using six hours in the middle of each day for this work.

During this time they obtained 1,215 subscriptions for the health journal, and some for the Härold. They sold mostly "Life of Christ," "Sunshine," "Visions of Daniel and John" (a small work), and many pamphlets and tracts. Their receipts for book sales and subscriptions amounted in all to $1,230.

The expenses of the school, besides Eld. Matteson's labor, were $130.36. This amount was met by donations. Lodging for most of the canvassers was furnished by Eld. Matteson, who also helped them some on their board.

During the five months between the close of the school and Oct. 1, seventeen canvassers have been engaged in active work, 1,120 subscriptions having been obtained, and $2,270 received. This makes a total for the nine months since the beginning of the year, of 2,335 subscriptions, and $3,500.

In several places where colporters have labored, persons have embraced the truth. In Carlskrona, five new converts were thus brought out, and many have expressed a desire that a tent be pitched there next summer.

During Eld. Matteson's latest absence from Sweden, one new church was organized in Dalarne, with sixteen members. In Stockholm, eight members have been added, and the brethren and friends donated sufficient means to pay the rent for the new hall for three months, and also to furnish seats, the cost of which amounts to $108. The workers and members are all of good courage. The attendance at the tent meetings in Stockholm exceeded a thousand on several occasions, and the best of interest was manifested.

At Gefle, an important city in the northern part of Sweden, where tent-meetings were also held the past season, about twenty persons have embraced the truth, and there is reason to hope that quite a number more will accept it.

Eld. O. A. Olsen, speaking of the work in Scandinavia at the present time, says:—
The establishment of a publishing house has been a great expense, and has called for an outlay of thousands of dollars. But what could we do without it? Until recently we have not been able to supply with books the small corps of canvassers that we have in the field. It is out of the question to furnish that field with missionaries and ministers. We have not the men, neither have we the funds for their support if we had them. Therefore much of our work must be done by canvassers bringing the truth before the people by means of our books and publications. Our brethren in America cannot appreciate our thankfulness for the fact that we have proved the success of canvassing in Scandinavia.

The great hinderance, the greatest obstacle we find in our way is the poverty of the people in the Scandinavian countries. The common laboring man earns about two kroner (fifty-three cents) per day, with which he pays his house rent, his taxes, and supports his family, and you can imagine how much he has left with which to help the cause.

This poverty affects us in many ways. It gives but a small amount in our treasuries with which to encourage labor, and makes it much more difficult for our canvassers to sell books. But even with all these things in the way, the truth is going, and God's blessing attends the efforts. Our publishing house is our greatest source of strength in the work. A few items will illustrate this. For instance, we have the Norwegian-Danish and Swedish health papers. These have proved a real success, and they stand at the head of journals of this class in Northern Europe. The Norwegian-Danish journal has a subscription list of 5,000, and the Swedish, 4,500. Yet this is small in comparison with what it might be if we had means and canvassers to push it. Our publishing work is greatly crippled, because we have not had means with which to purchase the needed paper and machinery. Last winter, when our canvassers began to have success in selling books, we were in the utmost perplexity to know how to supply them.

We are managing as closely as we possibly can. Urgent calls are coming in from all parts of Scandinavia. Hundreds are praying for light and truth. There are many large cities that must be entered. We are in most desperate need of laborers; but we never can expect that the work will be self-supporting in these countries. They will do what they can, and the Lord will bless them in doing this, but help must come from America. The privileges and blessings that are enjoyed there, place them under great responsibility to their less favored neighbors.

The Conference in Denmark consists of nine churches, with a membership of two hundred and twenty. There are about one hundred and thirty Sabbath-keepers who have not yet united themselves with any church.
The Swedish Conference is composed of ten churches; membership two hundred and eighty-eight. About one hundred and twenty others are keeping the Sabbath.

In Norway a Conference was organized at the time of the first camp-meeting ever held in Europe, June 8-21, 1887. There are four churches, with a membership of two hundred and five.

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British Mission.

The first Seventh-day Adventist missionary to visit England was Eld. Ings, who commenced to labor at Southampton in the month of May, 1878. Several embraced the truth as the result of his earnest labors.

In 1878 the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists sent Eld. J. N. Loughborough to England, who labored with Eld. Ings to extend the work at and near Southampton. As the result of their labors, a church of thirty members was organized, and the good work was started at other places. In 1880 Eld. Loughborough commenced tent work. During the same year a Tract and Missionary society was organized, which has since aided greatly in scattering the seeds of truth throughout the kingdom. At the General Conference of the same year, it was decided to send more laborers to the British Isles. Accordingly, in the early part of 1882 several were sent, among whom were A. A. John and Geo. R. Drew. Soon after their arrival, Elds. Loughborough and Ings, in obedience to a request of the General Conference, returned to America to labor. In the summer of 1886, Eld. Ings and his wife again went to England, where they are at the present time, laboring in connection with the workers in London.

Principally through the labors of Eld. John, the work was started and established in the northeastern part of England. Two churches have been raised up there, and have been a source of strength to the cause.

Among the visitors to the British Mission from 1879 to 1884 were J. N. Andrews, B. L. Whitney, S. N. Haskell, G. I. Butler, and J. H. Kellogg, from America. All these visitors rendered valuable services in counsel in reference to the establishment and prosecution of the work.

In the winter of 1884, M. C. Wilcox and J. H. Durland were sent there by the General Conference. The latter located at Southampton, and through his labors the church at that place was strengthened. He extended his labors to several places in the southwestern part of England, where several embraced the truth.

In the spring of 1885, S. H. Lane and R. F. Andrews were
sent to labor in the British Isles. Through the labors of Eld. Lane, the tent work was revived, and the canvassing work set on foot and established. Two tents were purchased, and tent-meetings have been held at several places, with good success. Three companies have been raised up, and one church organized as the result of these tent efforts. The canvassing work has proved a success, and thousands of papers and pages of our books and tracts have been sold, and thus scattered to all parts of the United Kingdom. The selling of our publications on ship board at the large seaport towns, has met with excellent success. Geo. R. Drew, our ship missionary at Liverpool, during the past four years has sold several thousand dollars' worth of books. Ship missionaries have labored at London, Liverpool, Hull, Southampton, and Cardiff.

Through the labors of Eld. R. F. Andrews the truth has gained a foothold in Ireland, and some precious souls have embraced the truth there. He returned to America in the latter part of 1886. Eld. Lane returned, at the request of the General Conference, in the autumn of 1887, to labor in America.

Eld. W. C. White and Mrs. E. G. White visited the mission in 1885. Their labors and counsel were invaluable. The earnest efforts of Mrs. White were well received and highly appreciated. After visiting the various mission fields of Europe, they returned in the autumn of 1887.

During the first five years of labor in the mission, the circulation of the Signs of the Times was made a prominent feature of the work. This paper was used with good success until the establishment and publication of the Present Truth, a sixteen-page semi-monthly, in the spring of 1884. It was edited by M. C. Wilcox from the first of its publication until July, 1887, when he returned to America, and S. N. Haskell was elected editor. The office of publication was for two years located at Great Grimsby; but last September, in accordance with the vote of the European Council and the advice of the General Conference, it was removed to London, from whence the paper is now being issued. The editors for the year 1888 are S. N. Haskell and D. A. Robinson, with U. Smith, Geo. I. Butler and M. C. Wilcox as corresponding editors.

The publication of the Present Truth was a move in the right direction. Some ten thousand were printed monthly, the most of which were sent out by mail to addresses obtained from various sources. These accomplished good, and obtained some permanent subscribers; but as it was an expensive method, it was decided to employ canvassers to go from door to door in cities, villages, and hamlets, and sell them. Several engaged in the work. By this method many were sold each month. The plan adopted is to have two or more go to a city and visit the inhabitants street by street, and sell papers. As each number is re-
ceived, the same houses are visited again and many are induced
to purchase. This is tried several times, when each patron is
solicited to subscribe and take the paper from three months to
one year, after which the canvasser sees that the papers are de-
ivered. An active lady who makes a success of the work, can
get up a club of subscribers of from three to seven hundred.
She soon makes friends, and when delivering papers has an op-
portunity to hold Bible-readings and sell tracts and books. At
the present time, hundreds of each issue of the paper are being
sold.

The papers thus sold are creating an interest in the minds of
many readers, and the interest is being followed up. Publica-
tions have been sent to all parts of the kingdom, and faithful
souls are being aroused to embrace the truth, and scores are
candidly investigating it. Every plan has been productive of
some good results, plainly indicating that the Lord's hand is in
the work. It has never taken a single step backward. It never
will.

In the spring of 1887 Eld. Haskell returned to England by
recommendation of the General Conference, with three Bible
workers, to labor in that country. They established their head-
quartners in London. Eld. Haskell rented three buildings in
which to carry on the work,—one for the office of publication,
and one for a mission house where a training-school will be con-
ducted, and in which public meetings and Bible readings are
now being held. A third building has been secured on Pater-
noster Row, in the heart of the city, as a sales-room and business
office, from which the truth is being sent by means of publica-
tions to all parts of the world. The Bible workers are introduc-
ing the truth into many good families in London, and are en-
couraged by seeing some fruits of their labors put forth. A
church has been organized in London.

This city has a population of nearly 5,000,000. One hundred
laborers could find employment as canvassers and Bible workers
there until the Master comes. England's colonial possessions
are to be found in all parts of the world. The sun never sets on
her territory. Young men and women, speaking different lan-
guages, from all parts of Europe, should be trained and educated
there, and then return to their native lands to teach the truth.

London is a great commercial center. Her shipping is im-
mense. From it publications can be sent to earth's remotest
bounds. It is the great book market of the world, and the cen-
ter of that market is Paternoster Row. Every important pub-
lishing house in the British Isles has its agents and an office on
the Row, and hundreds and thousands every day visit these
agents and offices to purchase books. Having an office here, we
can thus introduce our works to the thousands of educated men
and women who are constantly thronging the Row.
Good Health and other health publications have served as an entering wedge for the work in England from the first, and their value has been appreciated more and more as our work has advanced. Eld. Haskell recognized this fact immediately, and through the generosity of the Health Publishing Company and the Sanitarium Missionary Society, he is receiving 1,000 copies of Good Health each month, to use in the news-room on Paternoster Row. These are being sold by agents and placed in temperance restaurants and reading-rooms. Through them an excellent impression is being made in favor of the truth, and our denominational works are being advertised, and orders for them are frequently received. Through the efforts of ministers and missionaries, attended by the blessing of the Lord, there are now in England five organized churches, having a membership of one hundred and fifteen. There are also two unorganized companies where regular meetings are sustained, besides believers scattered throughout the British Isles. These have paid, during the past year, some $600 tithes.

The Tract society is doing a good work. Some of its members are using from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty copies of each number of the paper. These are taken over the parish, and sold to interested parties.

There are four ministers, three ship missionaries, three Bible workers, and three canvassers now at work in the British field, besides several who are connected with the office of publication, and work is so abundant that others will soon have to be sent from this country to aid them. The general outlook for future success is encouraging.

AUSTRALIAN MISSION.

At the annual session of the General Conference, held at Battle Creek, November, 1884, it was decided to take steps toward opening a mission in Australia. Accordingly, in May, 1885, S. N. Haskell, J. O. Corliss, and M. C. Israel, (the two last named with their families,) Henry Scott, and Wm. Arnold set sail for that continent, reaching their destination after a voyage of twenty-nine days. They located at Melbourne, and commenced work, finding many exceedingly discouraging features to contend with. The following October a tent was procured, and a series of lectures given at North Fitzroy. This effort was successful, and resulted in raising up a goodly company of believers. Other tent-meetings were held in different localities in the suburbs of Melbourne, and the results were of an encouraging nature, notwithstanding bitter opposition.
In January, 1886, the publication of a 16-page monthly journal was begun at Melbourne, entitled, *Bible Echo and Signs of the Times*. This gave influence and strength to the work that could not otherwise have been obtained, and influential and wealthy people contributed to its support. During the first three months of the publication of the paper, about four hundred paying subscribers were obtained. In addition to this, many thousand copies of the paper were sold.

January 10, 1886, the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia was organized at North Fitzroy, consisting of thirty-five persons. The membership was shortly afterward increased to about one hundred. At Ballarat, which, next to Melbourne, is the most important city in that colony (Victoria), meetings were held, and a flourishing church was organized. In Adelaide, South Australia, a church of forty-five members has been organized; and one in Trentham, Victoria, of ten members. Another company of seventeen has also been formed in Castlemaine.

A portion of the time the work was being started in Australia, Eld. Haskell spent in New Zealand, where he was successful in organizing a small church of influential members. After his return to America, the General Conference sent A. G. Daniells to the New Zealand field. He commenced labor in Auckland, and with the blessing of God raised up a company of about seventy members. These have since built a commodious house of worship, and the good work begun promises well for the future.

The office in which the *Bible Echo* is printed is a rented building, equipped with the necessary fixtures and material for carrying on the printing and publishing work, which is now proving quite successful. The editorial staff for 1888 consists of Geo. C. Tenney, with E. J. Burnham as assistant, and S. N. Haskell and J. O. Corliss as corresponding editors.

In the latter part of 1884, L. A. Scott and A. La Rue were sent to the Hawaiian Islands on a missionary tour. They located in Honolulu, and commenced operations almost immediately. By the following spring they had worked up an interest to that point that it was decided to send a minister there with a tent. Accordingly, Wm. Healey was sent to Honolulu, and remained about three months. As a result of these combined efforts, a church of twenty members or more has been established in the city of Honolulu, and others in various parts of the islands have become deeply interested in the truth. Mission work is still carried on in the islands, with head-quarters at Honolulu. The mission building now used there is owned by the society.

In 1886 J. I. Tay, of Oakland, Cal., called at a number of islands in the South Pacific, leaving books and periodicals with all who would read. Among others, he visited Pitcairn Island, and remained five weeks, holding Bible readings daily with the
people. As the result, every person on the island (one hundred and ten in number) accepted the message, and commenced the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath. Since returning to America, he has received a number of letters from the people of the island, in which they state that the entire company are growing stronger in the truth. They also tell of missionary work performed on board of passing vessels, with the best results.

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South African Mission.

In the year 1871, William Hunt, then residing in Nevada, became convinced that “the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord,” and as such is binding in the Christian dispensation. Taking with him a supply of the publications issued by Seventh-day Adventists, he shortly afterward left America, landing in Africa the latter part of the same year.

By personal effort, and through the influence of reading matter which he circulated, an interest in the Third Angel’s Message was awakened in the “Dark Continent,” and several embraced the Sabbath truth.

The interest of these believers caused them to procure, from time to time, additional books and reading matter issued by S. D. Adventists, and circulate the same. These efforts bore fruit, and in the summer of 1886, letters were received by the Review and Herald Office, from the brethren in South Africa, stating that about twenty believers were waiting for some one to baptize them. They made an earnest plea for help, and emphasized their call by sending a draft of $250 to help pay the passage of a minister to that field.

At the 1886 session of the General Conference, held at Battle Creek, it was voted that Eld. C. L. Boyd and wife, and Eld. D. A. Robinson and wife go to South Africa to extend the work in that field. As worthy of mention in this connection, it should be stated that at the annual meeting of the International Sabbath-school Association, held at Battle Creek at the same time, it was recommended that the Sabbath-schools of the denomination support the South African Mission during the year 1887. The recommendation has been carried out quite unanimously, and all surplus contributions from the Sabbath-schools have been thus applied, amounting for the first nine months of the year to fully $8,500. The amount contributed for the last quarter of the year will undoubtedly swell the figures to upwards of $10,000. This general movement on the part of the Sabbath-schools to support a foreign mission is a new departure, and one that has resulted in increased prosperity to the schools.
The company of missionaries, consisting of those previously named and several additional helpers, sailed from New York in May, 1887, and after spending some time in Europe, embarked at Liverpool, July 6, for South Africa. The voyage was a prosperous one, and Cape Town was reached on the 28th of the same month. They were met by some of the brethren, and as soon as practicable began labor, forming the acquaintance of the believers, and preparing them for church organization. In a short time a church of twenty-one members was organized, besides a Tract and Missionary society of twenty-five members, and three Sabbath-schools.

The canvassing and Bible reading work was at once entered upon at Cape Town, also in various parts of the adjacent country, and has proved successful to a satisfactory degree. Eld. Boyd visited localities some two hundred miles north of Cape Town, where he found interested believers and friends. Already, many encouraging features have developed in the work there, and the blessing of the Lord has attended the efforts put forth to a marked extent. A goodly number have embraced the truth, and others are interested.

When our missionaries landed at Cape Town, they found that much prejudice had already been created against them; but by judicious management, this prejudice has been largely removed, and the latest reports indicate that the way is opening in a remarkable manner for the presentation of the truth in South Africa.

A tent has been sent there, and ere this, active public labors have no doubt been entered upon. Cape Town has a population of about 38,000, consisting of various nationalities, and both white and colored races. There are many thousands of English-speaking people in South Africa; also a large Dutch population, among whom is a very promising field for the spread of the truth. About three hundred subscriptions have already been taken for "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," and the success attending the sale of other denominational literature has thus far been very encouraging.

Central and South American Missions.

The introduction of the truth into Central America came about through the missionary work of Sr. E. Gauterau, of California, whose native land was British Honduras. She made a visit to relatives in that country in December, 1885, taking with her a large amount of our reading matter, the principal part of which was distributed in Balize, the capital. She also visited the town of Corozal, and the islands of Rúatan and Utila, hold-
ing Bible readings and distributing reading matter. She found her mother and several brothers and sisters at Ruatan keeping the Sabbath, and reported four Sabbath-keepers on the island of Bonacca. This sister sold $217 worth of our publications, and at the time of her return in August, reported thirteen persons in Central America keeping the Sabbath.

As there seemed to be a favorable opening here for the truth, the General Conference voted that Eld. T. H. Gibbs, then in charge of the New Orleans Mission, should visit that country and continue the work, which he did in February, 1887. Owing to other duties, Eld. Gibbs's visit was a brief one, yet he sold books and took subscriptions to our periodicals to the amount of $425. He found the people very willing to talk and read upon present truth, but too unstable to warrant the organization of a church at that time. The prevailing religion is Roman Catholic, and the stage of morality, with some few exceptions, is very low. One favorable feature, however, is the great reverence of the masses for the Bible, which both in Spanish and British Honduras is made a text-book in the public schools. Free transportation of our publications was secured between Balize and New Orleans.

The present truth first found its way to South America through Joseph Brathwaite, who had attended a course of lectures in Ohio about ten years ago, where he was strongly impressed with our views, and commenced to observe the Sabbath. He went south, and soon ceased to care for the truth; but one day a sea captain placed in his hands a copy of the *Advent Review*, which re-awakened his interest, and led him again to embrace the Sabbath. He went to British Guiana; and commenced to circulate our reading matter, which awakened an interest and led several to embrace the truth.

At the earnest solicitation of these brethren, the General Conference, in November, 1886, voted that Eld. G. G. Rupert should visit South America, and ascertain the prospects for introducing the truth in that and neighboring fields. The latter left New York Jan. 18, 1887, in company with G. A. King, and arrived at Georgetown, B. G., on the 31st. Through their labors about $500 worth of books and periodicals were sold, and a church and Sabbath-school were organized by April, the latter numbering forty members. Soon after this the British Guiana Tract and Missionary society was organized, and a local Missionary society in Georgetown. In June this society numbered twenty-two members, and the church thirty members.

The people in this and neighboring sections of South America are a very mixed class, representing nearly every nation on the earth, the black race predominating. The promiscuous character of the inhabitants, and the intense heat which prevails there nearly the year round, render successful missionary labor a mat-
ter of great difficulty. Some work was reported from this field previous to the visit of Eld. Rupert; but this was found to be largely of an unsatisfactory character. While the people as a class are very unreliable, there are some, both among the negroes and the white residents, who do honor to the truth which they profess. The country offers a good canvassing field, and in the judgment of our brethren who have labored there, will in time, with the many islands of the neighboring seas, be thoroughly traversed by our canvassers and colporters, and a goodly number brought thereby into the truth.

On the whole, the outlook in these fields leads us to expect that a good work will yet be done there by the Third Angel's Message. But the nature both of the country and its inhabitants points to the conclusion that this work will be done mainly through the dissemination of the truth in our publications.

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General Southern Field.

Under this heading, for convenience, we consider the interests of the cause in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and North Carolina. In February, 1887; a mission was established in Birmingham, Ala., by S. S. Smith and C. W. Olds. The effort was attended with some success, especially in the canvassing work, and some evidences exist that the seed sown is bearing fruit.

In May, D. C. Hunter, with two assistants, engaged in mission work at Little Rock, Ark., and was quite successful. Later in the season, R. S. Donald pitched the tent there, and held a series of meetings, with favorable results. Tent-meetings were also held at Harrison, with seventeen converts as the result, and at Hill Top. The membership of the church at Springdale has been increased to one hundred. There are also churches at Elm Springs, Robinson, and Sileam Springs, with scattered believers at various other places. Since the repeal of the obnoxious Sunday law in Arkansas, which was accomplished last winter, the promulgation of the truth in that State has been attended with less difficulty.

Elds. Samuel Fulton, L. H. Chrisler, and others, have been laboring in Florida for a portion of the past year. At Terracea, twelve embraced the truth; a church was raised up and organized at Palmetto, and also companies of believers at Gainesville-Waldo, Earlton, Orange Hights, Sorrento, Apopka, Orlando, Tampa, and Pine Hill. At each of these places courses of lectures were given.

In March, a mission was established at Atlanta, Ga., by G. W. Anglebarger and wife. C. F. Curtis is now in charge. In
addition to the mission work, tent-meetings have been held at that city and at Fort Valley, in which C. H. Bliss assisted. The results of these labors have been favorable, there being a company of upwards of twenty believers at Atlanta, and scattered brethren at other points. Book sales have been quite large, and the demand for denominational literature is still good.

Eld. T. H. Gibbs and E. Hilliard have labored in Louisiana at New Orleans, Robeline, Marthaville, and elsewhere. The New Orleans mission work continues to be successful, and a goodly number of accessions have been made to the company of believers the past year. Considerable interest has been awakened among the colored people, and Bro. Wright, of Washington, paid the rent on a hall in which meetings were held. There is a strong church at Marthaville, and a growing company of believers at Robeline. The Sunday law in Louisiana is a serious obstacle to the progress of the cause there.

In Mississippi, R. B. Hewitt held a series of meetings at Beauregard, resulting in a company of sixteen believers, and the organization of a Sabbath-school.

Tent-meetings were held the past season at Ellenboro, N. C., resulting in thirteen converts. Eld. J. M. Rees organized a small church at McBride’s Mills.

The labors thus far put forth in the Southern States, have been accompanied by many encouraging features, notwithstanding the many difficulties of a peculiar nature. There are many honest souls in the South who are eager for the truths of the Third Angel’s Message.

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**CITY MISSIONS.**

**CALIFORNIA.**

**San Francisco.**—The mission was established in this city as a training-school for Bible workers, under the direction of the California Conference. Eld. N. C. McClure and wife were placed in charge. The school was opened with eight persons in attendance, and continued in San Francisco until May, 1887. At this time the training-school was removed to Oakland, Cal., and the San Francisco mission was removed to another part of the city. The number of workers was reduced by sending one to assist in opening the London mission, and by the opening of three other city missions in California.

This mission proper, the “San Francisco Mission,” has been open only five months, with four workers. Seven had embraced the truth at the time of making our report, September 1. A good degree of interest is manifested among the readers. The mission is located at 1926 Jessie St.; F. R. Shaffer, director.

**Sacramento.**—In July, 1886, under the direction of Eld. N. C. McClure, two workers were sent to open a mission in Sacramento City.
They labored there until the State camp-meeting in the fall, after which two others were sent to join them; also Erastus Banta and wife were sent to do colportage work. Soon after, it was thought best to remove two of the workers to another part of the State, to begin the same work there. During the summer a tent-meeting was held in the city, and the work was very much helped by this means. As the result of the Bible readings held, fourteen have taken their stand for the truth up to Sept. 14. The present location of the mission is 1818 G St.; Erastus Banta, director.

OAKLAND.—The California training-school for Bible workers was removed from San Francisco to Oakland in the latter part of April, 1887. The work was opened in Oakland under the direction of Eld. McClure and wife, with four or five young ladies, nearly all of whom were beginners. Since its establishment, several others have entered the mission for instruction, but the average number of experienced workers has not exceeded two during the time it has been in Oakland. As a result of the work from May to September, about twenty have accepted the truth. The training-school is situated at 1591 Telegraph Ave., under the direction of Eld. N. C. McClure, who has general supervision of all the missions in California.

LOS ANGELES.—At the Southern California camp-meeting, held in November, 1886, Eld. J. N. Loughborough presented to the meeting the thought of raising a fund to establish a city mission in Los Angeles. Pledges were soon taken for over $2,000 for this purpose. Eld. McClure and wife opened the mission about the first of March, 1887. It was found very difficult to obtain a house, but the way was opened, and the work began. Two young ladies were brought from the Oakland training-school, three others were soon added, to receive training, and W. S. Swayze was placed in charge. During the past summer the subject of rents became a serious one, and it was decided to purchase a lot and build a house. Pledges were made, a location selected, and the building has been erected at a cost of about $5,000. This was all done without expense to the California Conference. Seven have embraced the truth. The mission is located at 35 Carr St.; W. S. Swayze, director.

COLORADO.

DENVER.—This mission was established two years ago, with four inexperienced workers. During 1886 the work was performed entirely from instruction gained by the use of the printed recommendations on mission work, furnished by the General Conference Committee. The expenses for that year were $469.30; donations, $27.35. About forty public meetings were held, nearly five hundred Bible readings given, and $250 worth of books sold. Thirteen signed the covenant.

During the year 1887, from one to four workers have been connected with the mission, and others are expected to begin work soon. The entire expense, including rent, fuel, and board, for the year ending Jan. 1, 1888, is $589.17, $63.24 of this being for furniture. Eight persons have signed the covenant as the result of the past year's work.

The mission is located in the same place as last year, but the name of the street and the number have been changed. The address is now 812 19th Ave.; G. W. Anglebarger, director.
ATLANTA.—According to the recommendation of the General Conference of 1886, G. W. Anglebarger and wife, in company with Chas. F. Curtis and wife, went to Atlanta the first of March, 1887, to open a mission in the South. After considerable search for a suitable location, they succeeded in finding a large dwelling-house on the corner of Jones and Pryor Sts., in a pleasant and quiet part of the city, yet within six blocks of its center. The building is two stories in height at the front, and three at the rear. The rooms are conveniently arranged, and capable of accommodating about twenty workers. Two rooms, connected by folding doors, are used for Sabbath-school and meeting purposes.

In April, on account of ill health, Eld. Anglebarger and wife went to the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., leaving the work in charge of Chas. F. Curtis; but the same month, four workers were sent from Michigan to join them. After laboring together three months, two of these returned to their homes. Those who remained labored untiringly, though surrounded by many difficulties, until now a little company has commenced to keep the Sabbath. A Sabbath-school of twenty-two members has been organized; also a Vigilant Missionary society. These efforts have not been confined alone to the city, but have been extended among the scattered brethren in the State, resulting in the organization of two other Sabbath-schools. The workers have sold about $2.50 worth of books and tracts. The interest to learn more about the truth is increasing. Three new canvassers have been drilled in canvassing, and are meeting with marked success.

The present address of the mission is 229 South Pryor St.; Chas. F. Curtis, director.

IOWA.

DES MOINES.—This mission was established in October, 1886, with Eld. A. G. Daniells and wife as managers. From twenty to twenty-five accepted the truth as the result of the first six months' labor. Several courses of lectures have also been held in connection with the Bible work.

In November, 1886, the mission and Tract and Missionary State office and depository were moved into a dwelling house near the new S. D. A. church, Cor. East 12th and Des Moines Sts. The property had recently been purchased by the Iowa Conference committee, on the most favorable terms. The location has proved to be one of the best in the city of Des Moines, being in the vicinity of nearly a dozen church edifices, only a short distance from the State House, on a horse-car line, and in close proximity to others which lead to all parts of the city, and is situated on a site overlooking most of Des Moines.

Several needed improvements have been made during the past year, so that at present the mission home is quite commodious, and well adapted for its purpose. Embarrassing debts do not exist.

A fair degree of progress has marked the work from the beginning. It has been decided to devote at least one term during 1888 to normal Bible training work, to begin Jan. 15, and continue four months. The instruction will cover the main principles of present truth, and important facts in history and Bible geography. Considerable attention will also be given to English grammar. Each student will pay his own board. The expense of rent and tuition will be met by the Iowa Conference.

Only such as after the drill required by the conference shall be
found to possess the necessary qualifications for the work, will be employed as Bible workers.

The address of the mission is 603 East 12th St.; L. T. Nicola, director.

MINNESOTA.

DULUTH.—This mission has been in operation only three months, and employs but four workers, under the direction of M. A. Winchell. Seven have already embraced the truth, and the interest is good.

FARGO.—Although located in Dakota, this mission is under the watchcare of the Minnesota Conference. Several workers have labored here effectively, under the direction of W. B. White, and a company of about ten have decided to keep all of God's commandments.

MINNEAPOLIS.—With three workers this mission was established in 1886, and has since moved steadily forward, the selling of our publications having been made a prominent feature from the first. The meetings held in connection with the Bible work helped much in developing the interest and holding those who embraced the truth. Previous to 1887, twenty new converts signed the covenant, a new and commodious house of worship was erected, and new mission rooms were built in connection with the State depository, on a lot adjoining the church property, located in one of the best parts of the city.

During the past year H. P. Holser has directed the efforts of a small force of workers here, with good evidences of its fruitfulness as a missionary field. The address of the mission is 336 Lake St. E. As Eld. Holser expects to make Switzerland his field of labor in the future, A. D. Olsen will probably conduct the mission the coming year.

ST. PAUL.—In November, 1885, W. B. White and wife opened mission rooms here. Being called to take charge of the work in North Dakota, the following summer E. A. Merrell and wife were sent to take their places; and during the four months they remained, with a few workers, through God's blessing, they succeeded in bringing eight or ten to a knowledge of the truth. It being necessary for them to leave, Eld. Wm. Schram and wife continued the work.

During 1887 the workers have numbered about ten, and the cause has received valuable accessions through the aid of tent-meetings held in connection with the Bible work. Address of the mission, 760 E. 6th St.; Wm. Schram, director.

WINONA.—The work here is being carried forward in English by Allen Moon, and in German by W. B. Hill, assisted by six workers. About twenty-five persons have thus far accepted the truth as a result of their efforts.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS.—A mission was established here in May, 1884, with Prof. N. W. Allen in charge. In April, 1885, on account of failing health, Prof. Allen was compelled to give up the work, and Joseph Clarke and wife took his place, and continued the work, with a few helpers, till January, 1886, when Wm. Evans and wife entered the mission. Up to this time, the work had been carried on largely by colportage and by visiting from house to house. At this time several young ladies educated in the modern system of Bible work, entered the mission, and a training-school was established for the education of mission workers. During the past
year there has been an average of seven workers in the mission, and through their labors, quite a number have accepted the truth. A church numbering about forty members has also been organized. Upwards of sixty attend Sabbath meetings regularly.

The mission has recently been removed to better quarters at 3625 Finney Ave. The State depository and the office of the Tract and Missionary society secretary are connected with the mission. Wm. Evans, director.

NEBRASKA.

LINCOLN.—January 5, 1886, this mission was opened with but a few students, some of whom, however, have already proved themselves able workers. The mission was at first principally sustained by donations, and afterwards taken under the supervision of the conference committee. The students devoted about one fifth of their time to canvassing, with good success. As a result of the work done, both in public and private, a goodly number are keeping the commandments of God.

On account of high rent, and the difficulties encountered in trying to obtain a suitable building for a mission in Lincoln, the Nebraska Conference committee deemed it advisable to erect a building for that purpose. Accordingly, subscriptions were taken late in the autumn of 1886, and a lot was purchased in the central part of the city, three blocks south of Capitol Square, where work was at once commenced on a building 32 x 42 ft., with a basement the full size of the building, two full stories above, and a third story of about two thirds the size of the others. The building is very conveniently arranged, with a hall for church purposes, and will accommodate thirty persons. The mission has been conducted, since the building was completed, as a training-school, with fair results. Thirty persons have received instruction at the institution, more than twenty of whom are now actively engaged in the work. About half this number labor as canvassers, one of whom is canvassing with good success in South Africa. The mission is located at 1505 E St.; A. J. Cudney, director.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO.—In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Committee, in the year 1883, Illinois furnished $1,500; Michigan, $1,000; and Wisconsin, $500, to raise a fund of $3,000 with which to establish this mission. The International Tract and Missionary Society volunteered to take charge of it for a year, and in December Eld. James Sawyer and D. T. Shireman opened mission rooms on Madison St. In May, 1884, Eld. Geo. B. Starr and wife were called from Nebraska to take charge of the work, Eld. James Sawyer remaining faithfully at the mission until his death, Feb. 17, 1886.

Though the mission has always been a training-school, yet previous to 1886 about eighty persons accepted the truth as a result of the efforts put forth, principally by the mission workers, while over seventy-five workers from different States received instruction and gained practical experience in Bible work. During the summer of 1886, Elds. Kilgore and Starr held a tent-meeting in Chicago, assisted by the mission workers, which resulted in the conversion of thirteen persons to the truth.

The average number of experienced workers employed during the greater part of the year 1887, has been nine. Twelve persons have come for instruction, and five have left for other fields. Twenty-five have
COMMENCED THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH, AND OVER HALF OF THEM HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH, THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF WHICH IS SEVENTY-EIGHT. THE TITHE FOR THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO $1,343.79. THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSION, FOR 1887, HAVE BEEN $2,200, LESS $666 RECEIVED ON BOARD, MAKING THE ACTUAL EXPENSES $1,534. THIS INCLUDES, OF COURSE, RENT, FUEL, WATER-TAX, GAS, ETC., BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE AMOUNT PAID TO THE WORKERS, WHICH, HOWEVER, IS MORE THAN MET IN THE TITHE PAID BY THE CHURCH.

DURING A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE YEAR, THE NEW WORKERS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED ONE HALF OF EACH DAY IN THE CANVASSING WORK, PRINCIPALLY FOR GOOD HEALTH. OVER ONE THOUSAND SUBSCRIPTIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR THAT MAGAZINE IN THE CITY. THE PROFITS RECEIVED ARE ALLOWED THE WORKERS IN FULL ON THEIR EXPENSES, AND PROVE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE ENERGETIC PERSONS TO PAY NEARLY ALL THEIR EXPENSES, WHILE RECEIVING THEIR SCHOOLING. THE AFTERNOON OF EACH DAY IS EMPLOYED IN PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT. THE PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

2:30-3:15, Reading the Bible by course.
3:15-4:00, Bible study by subjects.
4:00-5:00, Reading select books.
5:00-6:00, Lecture in the parlor.

THESE LECTURES TREAT OF THE PROPHECIES AND ALL POINTS OF PRESENT TRUTH, INCLUDING HEALTH, ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND HYGIENE. ONE HOUR EACH MORNING, FROM 5:35 TO 6:30, IS DEVOTED TO WORSHIP, AND TALKS ON PRACTICAL RELIGION, QUALIFICATIONS OF WORKERS, PERSONAL MANNERS, ECONOMY, ETC. FROM 6:10 TO 6:30, EACH EVENING EXCEPT THE SABBATH, IS DEVOTED TO CALISTHENIC EXERCISES, AS A MEANS OF PRESERVING THE HEALTH, AND FURNISHING A PLEASANT RELIEF TO THE DAY'S ROUTINE. IN THE EVENINGS, NEW WORKERS GENERALLY ATTEND OR HOLD BIBLE READINGS. A FEW OF THE MOST EXPERIENCED WORKERS DEVOTE THEIR ENTIRE TIME TO BIBLE WORK AND VISITING.

THREE SABBATH-SCHOOLS ARE HELD IN AS MANY PARTS OF THE CITY, WITH AN AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE OF ONE HUNDRED. THREE TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETIES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED. REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SABBATH AFTERNOON IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, AT 2:30 O'CLOCK, IN THE METHODIST CHURCH BLOCK LECTURE-ROOM, COR. CLARK AND WASHINGTON STS., SECOND FLOOR FRONT. THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE VARIES FROM FIFTY TO EIGHTY. THE MISSION IS NOW LOCATED AT 2 AND 4 COLLEGE PLACE; GEO. B. STARR, DIRECTOR; F. T. POOLE, TREASURER.

MICHIGAN.

GRAND RAPIDS.—IN MAY, 1886, THIS MISSION WAS OPENED, OCCUPIING A DwELLING HOUSE LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF SHELDON AND GOODRICH STS., LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS. DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE, ONLY TWO OR THREE EXPERIENCED WORKERS WERE CONNECTED WITH IT. THOSE WHO BECAME EFFICIENT WERE SOON REMOVED TO OTHER FIELDS, AND THEIR PLACES FILLED BY THOSE NOT SO WELL QUALIFIED. SEVERAL HUNDRED BOOKS WERE SOLD, AND ABOUT TWELVE PERSONS ACCEPTED THE TRUTH. A GOOD WORK WAS ALSO DONE AMONG THE HOLLAND AND THE SCANDINAVIAN PEOPLE.

DURING THE YEAR 1887, THE MISSION FAMILY HAS NUMBERED FROM TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS. IN THIS TIME, FIFTEEN HAVE GONE OUT TO LABOR IN OTHER FIELDS, THEIR PLACES BEING QUICKLY FILLED BY THOSE DESIRING TO GAIN AN EXPERIENCE. THE WORKERS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED TO MANY HOMES IN THE CITY. NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE LISTENED TO THE BIBLE READINGS.
held and twenty-seven have decided to keep all of God's commandments. Many others have manifested a deep interest in our work, and have supplied themselves with books and tracts for further investigation, and seven hundred and nineteen subscriptions for our different periodicals have been taken.

The book sales during 1887 have reached $1,080; the Sabbath-school membership is one hundred; attendance at Sabbath meetings, about one hundred and forty. The address of the mission is 194 Sheldon St.; H. W. Miller, director.

East Saginaw.—A missionary and canvassing effort was begun in this city about a year ago by E. P. Thurgood and wife, through whose efforts, with the blessing of God, about ten persons are now endeavoring to keep all of His commandments. A few canvassers have been sent to assist them, and it is hoped a greater work may still be accomplished here.

NEW YORK.

Albany.—The mission rooms at Albany were opened in April, 1885, with N. S. Washbond as director. About eight months previous to this some canvassing had been done by J. T. Crockett, W. H. Wild, and J. F. Stureman. Since establishing the mission, there have been, on an average, four workers employed. As yet there has been but little public preaching. M. C. Wilcox labored there during a portion of the winter of 1886 and 1887, and part of the spring. Through the faithful efforts of W. A. Hicks, much reading matter has been placed and sold on boats plying the Hudson River between Albany and New York City, and at intervening cities and towns.

Sixteen are now keeping the Sabbath as the result of the work done there, six of these embracing the truth during the year 1887. By canvassing, visiting, and Bible work the ground is prepared for the preacher. The mission is now located at 329 Washington Ave.

Brooklyn.—This mission was opened, under the direction of the General Conference, in January, 1886. Five workers have been connected with the mission most of the time, and several others have spent a few weeks in gaining an experience in the work. A very deep interest has been awakened in the portion of the city where the mission is located. As the result of the efforts thus far, a church of twenty-eight members has been organized.

The mission rooms have been removed to a more influential part of the city, where, as a preparatory step toward engaging in the Bible reading work, about $3,000 worth of our publications have been sold. J. F. Hanson has labored some among the Scandinavians, and quite an extensive ship work has been carried on during the past two years.

In March, 1887, Daniel Thomson, who had labored among the immigrants as they passed through Chicago, came to this city, hoping to be able to reach more of them than in Chicago. A large proportion of all that arrive in this country enter New York City, as many as 9,500 having passed through Castle Garden in one day. Bro. Thomson was disappointed in not being able to obtain the privilege of working as a missionary in Castle Garden, but immediately laid plans to reach the immigrants as they landed from the steamers or left on the railroads. There are about fifty different steamers that bring immigrant passengers to this city, carrying from one hundred to one thousand each trip.
Nearly all these continue their journey over six or eight railroads. The method now adopted is to place in the hand of the steerage steward on each steamer, a package of reading matter in foreign languages, which is carried back to foreign countries, and then distributed among the immigrants on the voyage to America. By this means these foreigners receive some of the light of present truth before they reach our shores. The mission being located some distance from the river, Bro. Thomson has rooms by himself, so as to be nearer his work.

In connection with the mission work, an interesting Sabbath-school and Sabbath meetings are held in Armory Hall, on Calyer St. The present location of the mission is 264 President St.; A. T. Robinson, director.

BUFFALO.—The Buffalo mission has been in operation for four years. At first, public reading and lecture rooms were fitted up at considerable expense in the central part of the city, at 13 West Huron St., and for a little more than two years the work was carried on from this place under the management of Alex. Gleason. But it was found that the expense was too great to be longer borne, and the reading-room did not receive sufficient patronage to make its further continuance advisable. In June, 1886, a house for the mission family and workers was obtained at 548 Fargo Ave., which was occupied till May 1, 1887.

A series of tent-meetings, conducted by A. E. Place and H. E. Robinson, was held in the summer of 1886 in connection with the mission, and a few worthy persons were added to the number of Sabbath-keepers. A very comfortable, furnished church building, situated on the corner of Rhode Island St. and Prospect Ave., was then purchased for $4,000, so that a permanent place of worship is secured. Probably about thirty-five adult persons have received the truth through the mission work. The mission is now located at 128 Rhode Island St.

SYRACUSE.—In the summer of 1884, the New York Conference established mission rooms in a fine large new block, placing N. J. Walsworth in charge. Soon after this a company of canvassers was sent to the city by the conference, to take short term subscriptions for the Signs before the camp-meeting, which was to be held in the city in August. The camp-meeting was largely attended by the people of the city, and a very favorable impression was made upon them generally in regard to the work of Seventh-day Adventists. After the close of the camp-meeting, preaching services were established in the mission lecture room, and a minister and canvasser were retained in the city. The work grew in interest during the year, and a number accepted the truth. The camp-meeting was held the next year in the same city, with increased interest, but developed some opposition among those who did not wish to be disturbed.

The work has continued to progress, through the blessing of God, by means of canvassing, visiting, Bible readings, and preaching services, until the present; and we find that there is now a church of sixty-eight members, and that about twenty-five more Sabbath-keepers have been brought into the truth. The mission is located at 134 Warren St.; A. E. Place, director.

OHIO.

CLEVELAND.—The mission work began in this city in 1885, with only two workers. In 1886 others were added, and the German work began to receive attention. By the close of 1886, fourteen persons had
accepted the truth, and a training-school was established, conducted by E. H. Gates, which is now in successful operation.

During the last six months of 1887, fifty or more have embraced the truth as a result of the mission work and the State camp-meeting, held in Cleveland, in August. There are three congregations holding regular services each Sabbath; one in English and one in German at the corner of Woodland and Perry Sts., East Side, and one in English on the West Side. Quite a good supply of books has been sold, and many subscriptions taken for our periodicals. Something has also been done this year for the German population, and quite a number of them have embraced the truth. The interest in the city at the present time is the best it has been at any time since the mission was established.

At the last General Conference, Eld. Gates was recommended to make Colorado his field of labor, and J. E. Swift, of New York, was recommended to take his place in this mission, which is now located at 1103 Case Ave.

In Lima, Toledo, Columbus, and Mt. Vernon, mission work has also been done the past year, with good results, and although the city mission work in Ohio has been quite expensive, yet the results have been such as to encourage continued efforts to reach the thousands in the many large cities and towns in the State, and give them the glad tidings of the soon-coming King.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia.—The Philadelphia mission was opened in July 1884. Its present location is 1617 Swain St., with J. M. Kutz as director. Bro. Kutz has labored faithfully in this mission ever since its opening, sometimes alone, and sometimes with some help, as the conference has been able to provide. The church which has been organized as the result of mission work, is in a prosperous condition, and has been steadily growing. It is composed principally of earnest missionary workers. There has been but very little ministerial work done in the city, and the success of the work there is due almost entirely to the efforts of the mission workers, accompanied by the blessing of God.

Pittsburg.—The Pittsburg mission was established in the winter of 1885, and since the first few months has been located at 41 Frankstown Avenue, East End. Geo. W. Peabody has been in charge of this mission for some time, and besides his wife, has been almost the only laborer there for over a year. It is hoped that more help may be provided soon for this field. A church of over twenty members was organized in October, 1886, and several more have been added during 1887.

Williamsport.—The work in this mission was begun about the first of July, 1887, at which time G. W. Knapp was appointed director, and three Bible worker commenced work in the city. Two series of tent-meetings were held in different parts of the city during the summer, and about twenty have accepted the truth. Many more are interested. A lot has been purchased on which to build a church and a building for the State Tract society depository, which will be removed from Wells-ville, N. Y., to this city as soon as this building can be completed. Inasmuch as Williamsport is centrally located in the Pennsylvania Conference, and is to be made the head-quarters for the conference and the Tract society, it is an important field; and it is to be hoped that the mission may have the earnest support of our people throughout the State.
BURLINGTON.—This mission was opened in a rented building, in July, 1885, with two workers besides H. Peebles and wife. Eld. Peebles was placed in charge of the mission, but much of his time was necessarily occupied with other Conference duties. John Clayton and wife soon after arrived, she taking charge of the housework so that sister Peebles could devote her time entirely to the mission work. These, with E. P. Auger and his sister, composed the corps of workers during the greater part of that year.

A good class of people was reached, and about twenty began to observe the Sabbath, most of whom were organized into a church, a Sabbath-school, and a Tract and Missionary society. Many others were interested, some of whom have since taken a firm stand for the truth. From the first those interested have manifested a liberal spirit, donating freely of their means. Those thoroughly converted have paid their tithes faithfully. An active missionary spirit is also shown, and four of those who accepted the truth have given their entire time to the work, either there or in other parts of the State. One sister sold over one hundred copies of “Sunshine” while preparing herself for usefulness in the cause, afterward canvassing for “Marvel of Nations.”

In the autumn of 1886 the home was closed until the new building could be completed which was being erected for the use of the mission. Eld. Peebles and wife were then called by the General Conference to take charge of the work in Indianapolis, Ind., where they both labored faithfully until near the time of his death, Sept. 17, 1887. The mission in Burlington was reopened in the spring of 1887, and a good interest is reported at the present time. Several have been added to the number of workers and believers, and the future is encouraging.

The address of the mission is 409 South Union St.; F. S. Porter, director.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

This mission was opened in January, 1886. At that time there were only three or four Sabbath-keepers in the city. Reuben Wright, who resides there, has rendered liberal and substantial aid in the establishment and maintenance of the mission. It has been under the management of Eld. W. H. Saxby, who has been assisted by his wife, and by other workers, from time to time. The field is a favorable one in many respects. The District of Columbia has a population of about 215,000; 10,000 clerks are employed in the different Government departments, and thus all sections of the country are represented.

From the first, the work has consisted largely of Bible readings, canvassing, visiting from house to house, etc., and has been attended with many encouraging evidences. From Dec. 15, 1886, to Nov. 1, 1887, Eld. Saxby reports having given forty-six sermons. Up to April, 1887, upwards of one hundred subscriptions had been obtained for Good Health, also a goodly number for other periodicals. More than $1,000 worth of books and other publications have been sold, and about two thousand Bible readings given. A Sabbath-school and regular Sabbath services were established at the time the mission was opened, which have ever since been maintained, with increasing interest. Constant accessions have been made to the company of believers, of persons of moral worth and ability. Several Government clerks have accepted the truth, and are zealous for its spread among their fellow-laborers.
In the payment of tithes and in free-will offerings for the advancement of the cause, those who have accepted the truth manifest a very commendable spirit. There is now a sufficient number of believers in Washington for the organization of a strong church. The prospects are favorable for continued accessions, and thus the Third Angel's Message is being proclaimed in the capital of our country.

The address of the mission is 1831 Vermont Ave., N. W.; W. H. Saxby, director.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to the instruction of the General Conference, as recorded on page 49 of this Year Book, the Board of Trustees of the General Conference Association met and re-incorporated under "Act number Three Hundred and Ten, of the Public Acts of 1887" (State of Michigan). Said act is herewith presented in full, followed by the "Articles of Association" (Constitution) and the "By-Laws" of said "General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists." On page 49 will also be found an article which further declares the object of this Association and the reasons for its reorganization. Persons desiring more explicit information should address the General Conference Association, Battle Creek, Mich. Legal counsel has been employed to examine titles and furnish advice to parties wishing to do business with the Association, and all documents pertaining to the transfer of property should be submitted to one or more of its officers for examination, in order that the same may comply with the requirements of the law in every particular.

PUBLIC ACTS, 1887.—NO. 310.

An Act to provide for corporations to diffuse moral and religious knowledge and instruction, and to receive and apply such loans, and advance and accept and execute such trusts, as shall be made for such purposes, and to enable individuals, and also associations existing under act number one hundred and ninety-two of the session laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporations of associations, conventions, conferences, or religious bodies, for literary, religious, or other benevolent purposes," approved March twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, being chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of Howell's Annotated Statutes, as amended, to effect incorporations [incorporation] for such purposes.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That any number of persons, not less than nine [9], being members of some religious body of this State, whether such body be incorporated or not, may cause the trustees hereinafter described, and their successors, to be a body corporate, with the powers and franchises, and subject to the regulations hereinafter specified.

Sec. 2. The said persons agreeing to establish such corporation shall unite in signing articles of association, either singly or in duplicate, and acknowledge the same before some officer of this State authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, and shall cause such articles to be recorded at the expense of the corporation in the office of the Secretary of State. Either set of said original articles, or any set of the articles as amended as hereinafter provided, or a copy thereof certified by the Secretary or deputy Secretary of State, with the time, liber, and page of record, shall be receivable in all courts of this State as prima facie evidence of the due formation, existence, and capacity of such corporation in any suit or proceeding brought by or against the same.

Sec. 3. The articles shall specify:—

First. The name of the corporation;
Second. The place where its principal office is located;
Third. The object of the corporation;
Fourth. The amount of real estate it may own;
Fifth. The amount of personal property it may own;
Sixth. The number of trustees and their names and residences;
Seventh. The name and denomination of the religious body to which the promoters who sign the articles belong, or in case of an existing association coming in under this act, pursuant to the provisions of section twelve, the name and denomination of the re-
ligious body with which the trustees who sign such new articles are connected, and in either case, whether such body is incorporated or not;

Eighthly, The duration of the corporation under this act;

Ninthly, And such other things as are deemed expedient by those who execute the articles, and are not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States, or of any provision of this act.

Sec. 4. Said corporation may own real estate not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars, and personal property not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars, which real estate and personal property shall be used exclusively for the diffusion of moral and religious knowledge and instruction by the best methods known to the trustees and available to them. Said corporation may also, for the uses and purposes contemplated by this act, acquire, possess, hold, and convey real and personal property in any foreign state or country to an amount not forbidden by the constitution or laws of such foreign state or country.

Sec. 5. All property of any such corporation actually within this State (except houses of public worship, used and occupied as such) shall be subject to taxation the same as other property of the same kind.

Sec. 6. That said corporation may be able to effectuate the objects for which they are allowed to be established, it is hereby expressly provided that they may receive and apply thereto all such loans, gifts, and advances, and accept and execute such trusts in aid thereof as may be offered for such purpose: Provided, That the value of the property at any time owned by any such corporation shall not exceed the limit hereinafter specified.

Sec. 7. In the case of an original corporation under the provisions of this act, the first trustees shall be designated in the articles, and they shall hold until the first regular meeting of the religious body to which the signers of the articles belong, and until the successors of such trustees are chosen and appear to take their places. Thereafter the whole number of trustees shall be elected at each annual meeting of such religious body by the legal voters thereof, and in accordance with the usage of said body; and the trustees so elected shall succeed and enter upon their duties at such time after their election as shall be fixed by by-law, or if not so fixed, then at such time as shall be prescribed by said religious body.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of every such corporation to keep and preserve full and correct records of all its proceedings relating to trusts confided to it, and to the state, management, and disposition of its property interests; and it shall also be the duty of the religious body with which the corporation is connected, to keep and preserve a correct account of all its doings relative to the corporation. Such records shall at all times be subject to inspection by each house of the legislature, by the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney-General.

Sec. 9. Every corporation under this act shall have capacity to sue and be sued in its corporate name, to have a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to appoint such officers, ministers, missionaries, delegates, agents, and servants as shall be thought proper, and prescribe their powers, duties, and obligations, and fix their compensation, and make regulations for their change or removal; to ordain all such reasonable by-laws as shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States, and with the provisions of this act, for the ordering and conduct of its affairs, and the management and disposal of its property, and the performance of all its duties, and the execution of all the trusts confided to it, as may be best; and to have and exercise all the powers and rights set forth as may be necessary to effect the objects for which it was formed. In case it shall be considered expedient, the by-laws may provide that trustees may be allowed to vote or act by proxy, when necessary, on occasions of urgency, but any such by-laws shall precisely define the occasion for such vote or action, and the manner of proceeding. A copy of the by-laws in operation at any time, or of any particular by-law or by-laws, whether still in operation or otherwise, certified under the seal of the corporation and verified by the oath of one or more of the trustees, shall be receivable as prima facie evidence in all cases or proceedings in which the original would be receivable. A copy of the by-laws in force shall always be kept in the principal office of the corporation, and shall be open to public inspection.

Sec. 10. If for any cause there shall be a failure to elect trustees by the time specified therefor, the corporation shall not by reason thereof be in any manner impaired, but the trustees then in office shall hold until successors are elected and appear to assume office; and in case of vacancy occurring in any year, the remaining trustees shall immediately fill it by appointment under their hands, and such appointee shall hold during the unexpired term, and until the election of a successor and his appearance to assume office.

Sec. 11. If the religious body having authority to elect trustees for a corporation hereunder shall desire to continue the objects of such corporation, it may within two years next before the end of such corporation, whether it be by lapse of time or otherwise, under the authority and regulations of this act, elect such persons as it may prefer to form another corporation for the same object, to be successor thereof; and in the formation of such new corporation, it shall, on the expiration of its predecessor, be absolutely vested with all the property and property interests thereof and under the like conditions, and be subject to all the debts, trusts, liabilities, and obligations of such old corporation. And in order to have convenient evidence of owner-
ship, and facilitate the tracing of titles, the trustees of the old corporation, or a majority thereof, shall immediately give proper instruments to the new corporation, declaring the transfer, and as far as practicable describing the property or property interests in question. Any such religious body may have at the same time one acting corporation herender, and one corporation instituted to be its successor, but no more. In case no succeeding corporation shall be provided, the property interests shall escheat to the State, subject to all the debts, duties, liabilities, and obligations of the expired corporation.

Sec. 12. Any corporation, in fact, going on under chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of Howell's Annotated Statutes of Michigan, as amended, whether regularly constituted or otherwise, may be a corporation under this act, and have the powers and franchises, and be subject to the restrictions, conditions, and regulations prescribed hereby, and cease to be a corporation under said chapter, and cease to be subject to the provisions thereof. Such transition shall be effected as follows: The trustees, or at least two thirds thereof, shall declare by resolution in favor of such change, and shall thereupon execute and acknowledge articles as directed herein, and shall append thereto a statement of the amount of property owned by the corporation according to the knowledge and belief of said trustees, which statement they shall verify by their oaths; and said resolution, articles, and statement shall be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, and thereupon the transition shall be complete, and said corporation shall be a corporation under this act. No right, no trust, debt, duty, liability, or obligation shall be impaired by such change, neither shall the term of existence previously fixed for the corporation be enlarged, nor the object be extended. Said articles, resolution, and statement, or a copy thereof duly certified by the Secretary or deputy Secretary of State, with the time, liber, and page of record, shall be receivable in all the courts of this State as prima facie evidence of the due transition of such corporation from its former organic act to this act, and of its due formation, existence, and capacity hereunder.

Sec. 13. Any corporation under this act may amend its articles by filing in the office of the Secretary of State the whole articles at length as amended, executed under the corporate seal by at least two thirds of the trustees, and supported by the affidavit of such trustees, stating that according to their belief such amendment is for the interests of the corporation, and not prejudicial to the just rights of any one, and is in accordance with the desire of a majority of the voters of the religious body having the appointment of the trustees. No such amendment shall alter the object of the corporation or enlarge the time previously fixed for its continuance.

Sec. 14. Any corporation existing under this act, shall, whenever required by either house of the legislature, or by the Governor, Secretary of State, or Attorney-General, report a full statement to the house or officer requiring it of such of its affairs as shall be specified in the request.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 28, 1887.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

Know All Men by these Presents, That the GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, a corporation heretofore organized under Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight of Howell's Annotated Statutes of the State of Michigan, Articles thereof having been duly filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Michigan, January 18, 1886, is desirous of availing itself of all the privileges and benefits conferred by Act Number Three Hundred and Ten of the Public Acts of 1887, and of being a corporation thereunder, and of having the powers and franchises, and being subject to the restrictions, conditions, and regulations prescribed thereby, and ceasing to be a corporation under said Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight, and ceasing to be subject to the provisions thereof.

In furtherance of said desire and to effect its transition from under the provisions of said Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight, to a corporate existence under said Act Number Three Hundred and Ten, said Corporation, by its Trustees, in pursuance of Section 12 of said Act, does hereby declare, state, and specify as follows, that is to say:—
GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST.

The name of this corporation is "GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS."

SECOND.

The place where its principal office is located is the city of Battle Creek, County of Calhoun, and State of Michigan.

THIRD.

The object of this Corporation is to diffuse moral and religious knowledge and instruction, by means of publishing houses for such purpose, publications therefrom, and the further means of missionaries, missionary agencies, and all other instrumentalities and methods appropriate and available for and tending to the advancement of the ends and aims above specified.

FOURTH.

This Corporation may own real estate not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00).

FIFTH.

This Corporation may own personal property not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00).

This Corporation may receive and apply to the ends, aims, and objects hereinbefore specified, all such loans, gifts, and advances, and accept and execute all such trusts in aid thereof, as may be offered for that purpose: Provided, that the value of the property at any time owned by the corporation shall not exceed the limits in real and personal property hereinbefore specified.

This Corporation expressly takes to itself the power under said Act conferred by Section 4; to wit, that it, said Corporation, for the uses and purposes contemplated by said Act and specified in these Articles, may acquire, possess, hold, and convey, real and personal property in any foreign state or country to an amount not forbidden by the constitution or laws of such foreign state or country.

SIXTH.

The number of trustees of this corporation is five (5).

The names and residences of the Trustees for the current year, 1887-1888, are—

George I. Butler, of Battle Creek, Michigan.
Archibald R. Henry, " " "
Robert M. Kilgore, " " "
Uriah Smith, " " "
Rufus A. Underwood, of Mesopotamia, Ohio.

Who hold their offices until the next annual meeting of the religious body named in the next section, and until their successors are duly elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

SEVENTH.

The name and denomination of the religious body with which the Trustees who sign these Articles are connected, are as follows:—
The duration of this corporation is until the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1916.

(a.) The Trustees of this Corporation shall have full and exclusive power and authority to enact all of the By-laws of the Corporation.

(b.) The Trustees shall have full power to appoint such officers, ministers, missionaries, delegates, agents, and servants as they shall think proper, and prescribe their powers, duties, and obligations, and fix their compensation, and make regulations for their change and removal.

(c.) The Trustees shall have the ordering and conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the management and disposal of its property, and the execution of all trusts confided to it.

(d.) In the case of a vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees for any year, the remaining Trustees shall immediately fill it by appointment under their hands, and such appointee shall hold during the remainder of the term, and until the election of a successor and his appearance to assume office.

(e.) The purposes and essence of this Corporation being purely benevolent, charitable, and philanthropic, it is hereby expressly declared that this is a corporation not for gain, and that no dividends shall be paid on any funds, but that all of its property, real and personal, may be used and expended in carrying into effect the legitimate ends and aims of its being.

In witness whereof, There is hereto subscribed the corporate name of said Association, and the signatures of two thirds of the present Trustees of said Association, and there is affixed hereto the corporate seal of said Association and the several seals of said Trustees, this Fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1887.

General Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists.

By —

George I. Butler, President.
Uriah Smith, Secretary.
Archibald R. Henry, Treasurer.

Trustees,

Robert M. Kilgore. [L. S.]
Uriah Smith. [L. S.]
George I. Butler. [L. S.]
Archibald R. Henry. [L. S.]
STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
COUNTY OF CALHOUN.  

On this 15th day of December, 1887, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally came George I. Butler, Uriah Smith, and Archibald R. Henry, to me known to be the same persons named in the foregoing Articles of Association, and known to me to be respectively the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, who being by me duly sworn said that they signed the name of said Association by due authority of the Board of Trustees thereof, and that the seal affixed is the seal of said Association, and that it was affixed by like authority; and said persons duly acknowledged said corporate signature and their own official signatures as the free act and deed of said Association, and themselves for the uses and purposes therein named; and said George I. Butler, Uriah Smith, Archibald R. Henry, and Robert M. Kilgore, being personally known to me to be the persons named in and who signed said Articles, each duly acknowledged his signature to the foregoing Articles to be his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein named.

Witness my official signature and seal, at Battle Creek, Michigan, the date first named.

STEPHEN S. HULBERT,
Notary Public.

Statement of Property owned by the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
COUNTY OF CALHOUN.  

George I. Butler, Archibald R. Henry, Robert M. Kilgore, and Uriah Smith, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the said George I Butler, Archibald R. Henry, Uriah Smith, and Robert M. Kilgore compose two thirds of the present Trustees of the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, and that the statement below is a true statement of the amount of property owned by said Association on the 15th day of December, 1887, according to their several knowledge and belief; to wit,—

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, December 15, 1887.

STEPHEN S. HULBERT,
Notary Public.

At a duly convened meeting of the Trustees of the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, held at the Office of
the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, at the City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, December 14, A.D. 1887, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present, all of the Trustees, to wit,—


The following preamble and resolution were duly moved, seconded, and unanimously carried:

Whereas, This Corporation, to wit, the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, is a Corporation existing under the provisions of Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight of Howell's Annotated Statutes of the State of Michigan; and,—

Whereas, Act Number Three Hundred and Ten of the Public Acts of 1887 provides a way by which corporations going on under said Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight may cease to be subject to the provisions thereof, and may be and become a Corporation under said Act Number Three Hundred and Ten, and have the powers and franchises and be subject to the conditions, restrictions, and regulations in said Act prescribed, by complying with the provisions of Section 12 of said Act;—

Now Therefore, It is hereby resolved that this Corporation, to wit, The General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, and we, George I. Butler, Archibald R. Henry, Robert M. Kilgore, Rufus A. Underwood, and Uriah Smith, comprising all the Trustees thereof, is and are in favor of such change of corporate existence, and further,—

Resolved, That the present Board of Trustees of said Corporation, or at least two thirds of said Trustees, shall forthwith execute and acknowledge Articles of Association under said Act, append thereto a statement of the amount of property owned by said Corporation, duly verified as required by said Act, and cause said Articles and statement with this resolution to be recorded in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, Michigan, in order that such transition may be duly effected and said Corporation cease to be a Corporation under said Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-eight, and become a Corporation under said Act Number Three Hundred and Ten of the Public Acts of 1887.

Witness our signatures this 14th day of December, A.D. 1887, at Battle Creek, Michigan.

GEORGE I. BUTLER.
URIAH SMITH.
ARCHIBALD R. HENRY.
RUFUS A. UNDERWOOD.
ROBERT M. KILGORE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, Francis B. Egan, Deputy-Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Articles of Association were received for record in this Office on the 17th day of December, A.D. 1887, and are recorded in Record of Articles of Association, No. 15, on page 238.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the great seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, Michigan, this 19th day of December, 1887.

[Signature]
FRANCIS B. EGAN,
Deputy-Secretary of State.

Meeting of the Trustees of the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, held at the Office of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association in the City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, December 15, 1887, at 10 o'clock A.M.


Absent, Rufus A. Underwood, who had been duly notified of said meeting.
The following By-laws were duly moved, supported, and unanimously carried:

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

ARTICLE I.—TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. The Trustees shall elect annually from their numbers, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall hold their respective offices one year and until others are chosen in their stead and appear to enter upon their duties.

SEC. 2. The duties of said officers shall be such as usually pertain to said offices.

SEC. 3. The President and Treasurer (or the Secretary in lieu of either absentee), shall sign all instruments and obligations of the Corporation: Provided, however, that the majority of all the Trustees, duly convened, may authorize a named agent to sign the name of the Corporation, and bind it to a named obligation or class of obligations.

SEC. 4. The compensation of all officers shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees, by the vote of any three of said Trustees duly convened.

SEC. 5. At each annual meeting of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, the Board of Trustees shall make to said Conference or a duly appointed Committee thereof, a complete statement of the affairs and business of this Corporation.

Whereas, The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are such that matters requiring the attention of the Board of Trustees will arise with frequency, and call for prompt action;

Therefore the following By-law is made to stand as—

SECTION 6. The Board of Trustees shall meet on Thursday, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association in the City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, and said Board shall always be in session, and any business of this Corporation may be done in case three of said Trustees are actually convened: Provided, however, that the concurrence of Three Trustees shall be necessary to pass any measure coming before said Board.

ARTICLE II.—SEAL.

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees shall provide a seal of the ordinary size, inscribed as follows:

"General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists." (The same to form an outer circle, inclosing the word "seal.")

ARTICLE III.—BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. These By-laws may be added to, amended, or repealed by the vote of any Three Trustees actually convened.

Resolved, That the action of George I. Butler, Robert M. Kilgore, Archibald R. Henry and Uriah Smith, in passing By-laws for the General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists on December 15, 1887, after compliance with the requirements of Section 12 of Act Number Three Hundred and Ten of the Public Acts of 1887, but before the recording of the papers therein referred to, be and the same is in all respects ratified and confirmed.
DOMESTIC POSTAGE.

FIRST CLASS.—Letters and all written matter, whether sealed or unsealed, and all other matter sealed, nailed, sewed, tied, or fastened in any manner so that it cannot be easily examined, two cents per ounce or fraction thereof. A special ten-cent stamp, when attached to a letter, in addition to the lawful postage, entitles the letter to immediate delivery in any place containing 4,000 population or over, or within one mile of the post-office.

SECOND CLASS.—This class includes all regular newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals issued at intervals not exceeding three months; the postage is one cent per each four ounces, or fraction thereof, payable by postage stamps. [Publishers and news agents whose periodicals are entitled to transmission through the mails at one cent per pound, are the only exceptions to the foregoing regulations. Missionary societies wishing to obtain the benefits of pound rates of postage when re-mailing periodicals, must first secure government recognition as news agents. This may be done by applying to your post master.]

THIRD CLASS.—Embraces printed books, pamphlets, circulars, engravings, lithographs, proof-sheets and manuscript accompanying the same, and all matter of the same general character, the printing on which is designed to impart general information, and not having the nature of personal correspondence. Circulars produced by hektograph or similar process, or by electric pen, are rated as third class. The limit of weight for mail matter of the third class is 4 lbs., except in the case of single books exceeding that weight. The rate of postage on mail matter of this class is one cent per each two ounces, or fraction thereof.

FOURTH CLASS.—Embraces all mailable matter not included in the three preceding classes, which is so prepared for mailing as to be easily taken from the wrapper and examined. Postage, one cent per ounce or fraction thereof. Limit of weight, 4 lbs. Full prepayment compulsory. Liquids, ointments, explosives, and other like injurious matter, not admitted.

[The law does not permit a business advertisement of any kind to appear on the outside of any envelope or package containing third or fourth class matter. The name and return address of the sender may appear, whether it be an individual, a firm, or a society; but no further information may be given as to the occupation than might be inferred from the name itself. A violation of this requirement subjects the package to letter postage.]

REGISTRY FEE for letters and packages, 10 cts., which, with the postage, must be fully prepaid. The name and address of sender must be given on the outside of the envelope or wrapper.

POSTAGE RATES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Matter mailed in the United States, addressed to Mexico, is subject to the same postage rates and conditions as it would be if it were addressed for delivery in the United States; except that the following articles are absolutely excluded from the mails, without regard to the amount of postage prepaid, or the manner in which they are wrapped, viz:—

All sealed packages other than letters in their usual and ordinary form; all packages, including packages of second class matter, which weigh more than 4 lbs. 6 oz.; liquids, pastes, confections, and fatty substances; publications which violate any copyright law of Mexico.
Matter mailed in the United States, addressed to Canada, is subject to the same postage rates and conditions as it would be if it were addressed for delivery in the United States, except that articles of general merchandise are absolutely prohibited transmission by mail to Canada, unless sent as bona fide trade samples, in which case they are required to be put up in packages not exceeding eight (8) ounces in weight, so wrapped as to permit of being easily examined, and prepaid in full, ten (10) cents per package.

To the following countries and colonies, which, with the United States, Canada, and Mexico, comprise the Universal Postal Union, the rates of postage are as follows:

- Letters, per 15 grams (1/2 ounce), prepayment optional: 5 cents
- Postal cards: 2 cents
- Newspapers and other printed matter, per 2 ounces: 1 cent
- Commercial papers:
  - Packets not in excess of 10 ounces: 5 cents
  - Packets in excess of 10 ounces, for each 2 ounces, or fraction thereof: 1 cent
- Samples of merchandise:
  - Packets not in excess of 4 ounces: 2 cents
  - Packets in excess of 4 ounces, for each 2 ounces, or fraction thereof: 1 cent
- Registration fee on letters or other articles: 10 cents

Ordinary letters must be forwarded, whether any postage is prepaid on them or not.

All correspondence other than letters must be prepaid at least partially.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, including eastern parts of Patagonia and Terra del Fuego and Staten Island.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, including the principality of Lichtenstein.

BAHAMAS.

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BELGIUM.

BERMUDAS.

BOLIVIA.

BRAZIL.

BRITISH COLONIES on west coast of Africa (Gold Coast, Lagos, Senegambia, and Sierra Leone).

BRITISH COLONIES in WEST INDIES; viz., Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher, and the Virgin Isles.

BRITISH COLONIES in West Indies; viz., Grenada, St. Lucia, Tobago, and Turks Islands.

BRITISH GUIANA.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

BRITISH INDIA: Hindostan and British Burmah (Aracan, Pegu, and Tenasserim), and the Indian postal establishments of Aden, Muezcat, Persian Gulf, Guadar, and Mandalay.

BULGARIA, Principality of.

CEYLON.

CHILI, including western parts of Patagonia and Terra del Fuego.

COLOMBIA, U. S. OF.

CONGO, Independent State of.

COSTA RICA.

DANISH COLONIES of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John.

DENMARK, including Iceland and the Faeroe Islands.

DOMINICA, Republic of.

ECUADOR.

EGYPT, including Nubia and Soudan.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FRANCE, including Algeria, the principality of Monaco, and French post-office establishments at Tunis, Tangier (Morocco), and at Shanghai (China), Cambodia, and Tonquin.

FRENCH COLONIES:

1. In Asia: French establishments in India (Chandernagore, Karikal, Mahé, Pondicherry, and Yanam), and in Cochín China (Saigon, Myko, Bien-Hoa, Ponoï-Condr, Vinh-Long, Hatien, Tschan-dok).

2. In Africa: Senegal and dependencies (Gorie, St. Louis, Bakel, Dagana), Mayotte and Nosil-be, Gaboon (including Grand Bassam and Assinite), Reunion (Bourbon), St. Marie and Tamatave, Madagascar, and Obock, east coast.


4. In Oceania: New Caledonia, Tahiti, Marquesas Islands, Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands, the Archipelago of Gambier, Toubouâi, and Tanamout (Low Islands).

GERMANY, including the Island of Heligoland and the Territory of Cameroon (or Cameroun), west coast of Africa.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, including Gibraltar, Malta, the dependencies of Malta (Gozo, Comino, and Cominotto), and the Island of Cyprus.

Greece, including the Ionian Isles.

GREENLAND.

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HONDURAS, Republic of, including Bay Islands.
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HONG-KONG and the post-offices maintained by Hong-Kong at Kiung-Chow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foo-Chow, Ning-Po, Shanghai, and Han-kow (China).

ITALY, including the Republic of San Marino, the Italian offices of Tunis and Tripoli in Barbary, and Assab, Abyssinia.

JAMAICA.

JAPAN and Japanese post-offices at Shanghai (China), and at Fusam-Po, Geijan-shin, and Jinsen (Corea).

LABUAN.

LIBERIA.

LUXEMBURG.

MAURITIUS and dependencies (the Amirate Islands, the Seychelles and Rodrigues).

MONTENEGRO.

NETHERLANDS.

NETHERLAND COLONIES:—

1. In Asia: Borneo, Sumatra, Java (Batavia), Billiton, Celebes (Macasar), Madura, the archipelagoes of Banca and Rio (Riouw), Bali Lombok, Sumbawa, Flores, the S. W. portion of Timor and the Moluccas.

2. In Oceanica: The N. W. portion of New Guinea (Papua).

3. In America: Netherland Guiana (Surinam), Curacoa, Aruba, Bonair: part of St. Martin, St. Eustatius, and Saba.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

NICARAGUA.

NORWAY.

PANAMA.

PERU.

PORTUGAL, including the Island of Madeira and the Azores.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES:—

1. In Asia: Goa, Damao, Diu, Macao, and part of Timor.

2. In Africa: Cape Verde, Bissau, Cachoe, islands of St. Thome and Prince's, Ajuda, Mozambique, and the province of Angola.

ROUMANIA (Moldavia and Wallachia).

RUSSIA, including the Grand Duchy of Finland.

SALVADOR.

SERBIA.

SIAM.

SPAIN, including the Balearic Isles, the Canary Islands, the Spanish possessions on the north coast of Africa; Ceuta, Penyon de la Gomera, Alhucemas, Melilla, and the Chafarina Islands, the Republic of Andorra, and the postal establishments of Spain on the west coast of Morocco (Tangier, Tetuan, Larache, Rabat, Mazagan, Cassablanca, Saffi, and Mogadores).

SPANISH COLONIES:—

1. In Africa: Islands of Fernando Po, Annobon, and Corisco.


3. In Oceanica: The archipelagoes of the Mariana (Ladrone), and the Caroline Islands.

4. In Asia: The Philippine Archipelago (Luzon with Manila, Mindanao, Palawan, Panay, Aman, etc.).

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (Singapore, Penang, and Malacca).

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VENEZUELA.

To the following countries and colonies, not embraced in the Universal Postal Union, the rates of postage are as follows:—

Letters, per ½ ounce, 15 cents; newspapers, per each paper, 4 cents; limit of weight for each paper, 4 ounces.

AFRICA. (Except Egypt, Liberia, Congo, the Transvaal, British, French, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies, and European post-offices in Morocco, Tunis, Abyssinia, and Madagascar, British mail.)

ASCENSION, British mail.

CAPE COLONY, South Africa, British mail.

NATAL, British mail.

ORANGE, Free State.

SAINT HELENA, British mail.

Letters per ½ ounce, 12 cents; papers, weight not limited, each 2 cents: Australia, British mail, via Brindisi; Chatham Islands, via San Francisco; New South Wales; New Zealand; Norfolk Island; Queensland; Tasmania; Victoria.

Letters, per ½ ounce, 5 cents; papers, weight not limited, each 2 cents: Australia, via San Francisco (except New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria), Fiji Islands, via San Francisco and Sydney, New South Wales; Navassa, direct mail; Navigators, or Samoan Islands; Pitcairn's Island; Shanghai, U.S. Postal Agency at, via San Francisco.

Notice that there are two rates of postage to Australia, one of 12 cents per ½ ounce, and one of 5 cents, according to which part of Australia mail is sent. If the 5 cent rate is mistaken for the 12, there is no certainty that letters will
reach their destination; or in case they do, the receiver is obliged to pay the full rate,—the amount paid by the sender counting for nothing. Ascertain with certainty to which of the colonies letters should be sent, and pay postage accordingly. All letters weighing \( \frac{1}{4} \) ounce or less, sent to the Bible Echo, North Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia, require 12 cents postage. Each paper requires 2 cents postage.

Letters, per \( \frac{1}{4} \) ounce, 13 cents; papers, weight limited to 4 ounces, each 5 cents; China, British mail, via Brindisi.

Letters, per \( \frac{1}{4} \) ounce, 21 cents; papers, weight limited to 4 ounces, each 6 cents; Madagascar (except St. Mary's and Tamatave), British mail.

Letters, per \( \frac{1}{4} \) ounce, 15 cents; papers, weight limited to 3 ounces, each 2 cents; Morocco (except Spanish Possessions on West Coast).

Letters, per \( \frac{1}{4} \) ounce, 21 cents; papers, weight limited to 4 ounces, each 5 cents; Transvaal.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION.**

There are a few general instructions that all should follow who have occasion to correspond with publishers regarding periodicals, or who wish to send money to publishers. In many particulars these instructions apply with equal force to all who have business to transact with Tract societies or with individuals at a distance.

**HOW TO SEND MONEY.**

There are four ways by which money can be sent without risk, generally, to the one who sends it; viz., by a post-office money order, by a registered letter, by a bank draft, or by an express money order.

Express Money Orders can be obtained at any office of the American Express Company, the United States Express Company, or the Wells, Fargo Express Company. An office of one of these companies can be found in nearly every town. The price for an order amounting to less than $5.00, is five cents. Receipts are given by the Express Company, and if an order is lost, publishers will give credit for the amount when the receipt is sent to them by the individual who holds it. This is a safe and convenient way for forwarding money.

Post-Office Money Orders can be obtained at the post-offices of most of the large towns. The fees on money orders are very reasonable, and the method is a safe and convenient one.

Registered Letters.—If an express or money order post-office is not within your reach, ask the postmaster of your town to register the letter you wish to send. Then if the letter is lost or stolen, it can be traced.

Bank Drafts can be purchased at any bank, and should be made payable to the order of the individual to whom the money is sent. Drafts on New York, Chicago, or Boston banks are preferred. Large amounts are generally sent in this way, at a trifling cost.

Persons sending money by any other than one of the foregoing methods, do so at their own risk. There is no redress in case of loss.

Postal notes, being payable to "bearer," and duplicates not being allowed, publishers have no security against their loss in the mail; hence cannot be responsible for money sent in that way.

Silver should never be sent through the mail, as it is liable to be lost or stolen.

Postage stamps should not be sent in payment for books, subscriptions to periodicals, or for any other debt or obligation.

When a person wishes his paper stopped, he should first pay up all arrearages, and then duly notify the publisher. In all correspondence regarding your paper, be sure to give name of post-office to which it is being sent. Unless this is done, your name cannot with certainty be identified on the list of subscribers. Always give post-office, county, and State, and sign your name, being careful to write it all so plainly that no mistake will be possible.
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