

SIXTH MEETING.

JAN. 1, 1890.

SIX MEMBERS PRESENT.

PRAYER BY ELD. UNDERWOOD.

MINUTES APPROVED.

THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:--

'WE RECOMMEND THAT THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS, CONSULT TOGETHER WITH THE BRETHERN OF THOSE DISTRICTS, AND MAKE SUCH ARRANGMENTS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS, OR INSTITUTES, AS MAY BE THOUGHT BEST.'

THE REPORT WAS ~~UNANIMOUSLY~~ ADOPTED.

THE COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:--

**RESOLVED**, THAT WE RECOMMEND EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO KEEP, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, A COPY OF ALL IMPORTANT LETTERS WRITTEN, AND TRANSFER THE SAME, WITH A FILE OF ALL IMPORTANT LETTERS RECEIVED, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM OF OFFICE.

(2) THAT THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE KEEP THEIR RECORDS IN PERMANENT FORM. ALSO, THAT EACH SECRETARY KEEP COPIES OF LETTERS WRITTEN AND A PERMANENT FILE OF HIS GENERAL CONFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE, WHICH SHALL BE DELIVERED AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS OFFICE TO THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

(3) 'WE RECOMMEND, THAT THE OLD RECORDS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEW BOOK, IN WRITING; AND THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE OF PAST YEARS BE GATHERED UP, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AND PUT ON FILE IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICES.'

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE SANITARIUM BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO ESTABLISHING A BRANCH SANITARIUM IN COLORADO, APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE STATED THAT THE SANITARIUM BOARD HAD BEEN CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A BRANCH INSTITUTION AT SOME POINT IN COLORADO. THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO SPRINGS HAVE OFFERED A SITE THAT WILL SUPPLY ALL THE GROUNDS THE INSTITUTION NEEDS, AND WILL ALSO LOAN THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MONEY NECESSARY TO ERECT THE BUILDINGS, FOR A REASONABLE RATE OF INTEREST.

**MOVED**, BY ELD. WHITE, THAT THE CHAIR BE AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO SUGGEST SOME PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SUPERANUATED DESTITUTE.

THE CHAIR NAMED R. A. UNDERWOOD, E. W. FARNSWORTH AND R. M. KILGORE, BY REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE, W. C. WHITE AND H. LINDSAY WERE ADDED TO THE NUMBER.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO CALL OF CHAIR.

SEVENTH MEETING.

JAN. 2, 1890.

9:00 A.M.

ELD. UNDERWOOD ABSENT.

PRAYER BY ELD. FARNSWORTH.

MINUTES APPROVED.

THE CHAIR STATED THAT THE EDUCATION OF MEN FOR INSTRUCTORS IN INSTITUTE WORK, AND FOR EDITORS OF OUR FOREIGN PERIODICALS, IS A MATTER THAT SHOULD RECEIVE THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED, BY W. C. WHITE, AND SUPPORTED BY R. M. KILGORE, THAT R. C. PORTER, J. B. WASHBURN, M. LARSON, H. E. ROBINSON, AND J. H. DURLAND, BE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE MINISTERS' SCHOOL THIS WINTER, WITH THE VIEW OF PREPARING THEMSELVES TO TEACH IN BIBLE SCHOOLS AND MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES; AND THAT WE GUARANTEE THEM TRAVELING EXPENSES AND ONE-HALF WAGES. CARRIED.

MOVED, BY ELD. E. W. FARNSWORTH, AND SUPPORTED BY R. A. UNDERWOOD, THAT WE REQUEST W. A. COLCORD, L. A. SMITH, THEODORE VALENTINER, J. HOLVOORD, EMIL JOHNSON, A. SWEDBERG, M. J. VAN DER SCHUUR, TO ATTEND THE CLASS IN BIBLE STUDY IN THE MINISTERS' BIBLE-SCHOOL, WITH A VIEW OF BETTER PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR EDITORIAL WORK.

CARRIED.

ON MOTION, ELDS. KILGORE, FARNSWORTH AND UNDERWOOD WERE APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO INFORM THESE BROTHERS OF THIS ACTION OF THE COMMITTEE, AND TO CONSULT WITH THE REVIEW & HERALD BOARD IN REFERENCE TO THEIR TIME AND EXPENSES WHILE ATTENDING THE SCHOOL.

ON MOTION, THE CHAIR WAS AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A PLAN TO SECURE THE EDUCATION OF NATIVE COOKS AND MEDICAL NURSES.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, W. C. WHITE, AND D. T. JONES WERE APPOINTED AS SAID COMMITTEE.

MOVED, THAT A COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE APPEAL PRESENTED FOR AN INCREASED CIRCULATION OF THE REVIEW AND OTHER PERIODICALS. CARRIED.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, R. A. UNDERWOOD AND R. M. KILGORE WERE NAMED BY THE CHAIR AS THE COMMITTEE.

A SERIES OF RESOLUTIONS ON THE RAISING OF SPECIAL FUNDS, WERE READ BY ELD. WHITE, AS FOLLOWS:--

\*RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE RAISING OF SPECIAL FUNDS.\*

\*WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE ANY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO RAISE MONEY FOR ANY SPECIAL WORK, BY A GENERAL CALL FOR MEANS; AND--

\*WHEREAS, THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE DONATIONS TOWARD THE CARRYING FORWARD OF BOTH HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES, IF THE WANTS OF THE CAUSE, AND THE PLANS FOR THE WORK

WERE CLEARLY LAID BEFORE THEM; THEREFORE,--

**RESOLVED,** THAT WE INSTRUCT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THIS COMMITTEE TO MAKE A PUBLIC CALL, THROUGH THE ADVENT REVIEW, THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, AND THE HOME MISSIONARY, FOR SUMS, NOT LESS THAN FOUR, OR MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, EACH, FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ENTERPRISES; ~~THE~~ ~~MISSIONARY~~ AND--

**RESOLVED,** THAT WE SUGGEST THAT CALLS BE MADE IN FOLLOWING MANNER,!--

1. A FUND FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE ON QUESTIONS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

\$5,000.00 WANTED, IN SUMS OF \$50.00 EACH.

**IN** THE PRESENT CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY, AND THE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE, LARGE DEMANDS ARE BEING MADE ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY FOR PUBLICATIONS TO BE CIRCULATED IN THE SOUTHERN STATES, AND NEW YORK, AND OUR LARGE CITIES, WHERE THERE ARE NOT STRONG STATE SOCIETIES TO CARRY ON THE WORK UNAIDED. IT IS EVIDENT, THAT A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF PUBLICATIONS, WISELY DISTRIBUTED AT THIS TIME, WILL ACCOMPLISH MORE GOOD THAN EVER BEFORE. WE, THEREFORE, ASK FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, IN SUMS OF FIFTY DOLLARS EACH, BE TO USED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY, IN PLACING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LITERATURE IN THE HANDS OF STATESMEN, LAWYERS, TEACHERS, AND LEADING BUSINESS MEN, IN THE PLACES ABOVE MENTIONED!

**THE PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS TO THIS FUND RECEIVED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, ARE AS FOLLOWS:--**

2. A FUND FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF COLPORTERS IN DIST. NO. 2.

PERSONS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE PROMULGATION OF THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE IN GENERAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT NO. 2, ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF STATE COLPORTERS TO WORK IN THIS DISTRICT, DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY QUESTIONS, AND QUESTIONS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, AND PLACING BLANK PETITIONS AGAINST RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION IN THE HANDS OF RELIABLE PERSONS WHO WILL CIRCULATE THEM. FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THIS WORK, WE ASK FOR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, IN DONATIONS OF TEN DOLLARS AND ~~UPWARD~~ UPWARD.

FOR THE MISSIONARY SUPT.

ON MOTION OF ELD. WHITE, THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR.

W. C. WHITE, E. W. FARNSWORTH, AND R. A. UNDERWOOD WERE NAMED AS THE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO 3:00 P.M. JAN. 2,

EIGHTH MEETING.

JAN. 2, 3:00 P.M.

PRAYER BY ELD. WHITE.

MINUTES APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE READ BY BRO. WHITE FROM T. A. KILGORE, AND G. B. STARR, IN REFERENCE TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE HEADS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DISTRICTS, WAS THEN READ, AS FOLLOWS:--

DUTIES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEEMEN IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

- (1) THE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE HAVING CHARGE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT, SHALL BE CALLED GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.
- (2) IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCES HELD IN HIS DISTRICT.
- (3) THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL HAVE THE OVERSIGHT OF ALL MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES, AND ANNUAL CONVENTIONS HELD IN HIS DISTRICT. HE SHALL ATTEND THESE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AND PROVIDE FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF COMPETENT TEACHERS, LEADERS, AND COUNCILLORS, FOR ALL THESE MEETINGS.
- (4) IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE STATE CONFERENCES, TRACT SOCIETIES, SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS, AND HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES, IN HIS DISTRICT, AND, WITH THEIR EFFICIENCY, AND METHODS OF LABOR, AND COUNSEL, TO COUNSEL, CAUTION, AND INSTRUCT THEM, AS THE STATE OF THEIR WORK MAY DEMAND. IT IS ALSO HIS DUTY TO REPORT TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, ANY IRREGULARITY, OR INEFFICIENCY, THAT ENDANGERS THE PROSPERITY OF THE SOCIETIES WHICH THEY REPRESENT.
- (5) IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, TO HAVE A SPECIAL CARE FOR WEAK CONFERENCES, AND MISSION FIELDS, AND FOR SUCH PARTS OF CONFERENCE TERRITORY AS ARE BEING NEGLECTED; AND TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, THE CONDITION AND WANTS OF SUCH FIELDS.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO NOTIFY THOSE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE BIBLE-SCHOOL TO PREPARE FOR EDITORIAL WORK, AND <sup>to consult</sup> WITH THE REVIEW & HERALD BOARD, MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:--

YOUR COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH MEMBERS OF REVIEW & HERALD BOARD, AND WITH THE EDITORS OF THE REVIEW & HERALD AND OTHER PAPERS, IN REGARD TO EDITORS ATTENDING THE BIBLE INSTRUCTION OF ELD. WAGGONER, WOULD REPORT--

(1) THAT WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH ELDRIDGE, BELDEN, AND LINDSAY, AND FIND THEM VERY WILLING TO ACQUIESCE IN THE ACTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, ON THIS POINT.

(2) THAT WE HAVE HAD A CONFERENCE WITH THE EDITORS, AND FIND THEM WILLING TO ACCEPT OF THE PROPOSED PLAN, AND ENTER THE SCHOOL AT ONCE."

COMMITTEE.

R. M. KILGORE,  
R. A. UNDERWOOD,  
E. W. FARNSWORTH."

MOVED, THAT THE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, AND GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENT, BE REQUESTED TO PRESENT A STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL STANDING AND WANTS OF THE SCHOOLS, AND OF THE MANAGERS IN CHARGE OF THE SAME.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO 2:00 P.M. JAN. 5.

NINTH MEETING.

JAN. 3, 3:00 P.M.

SIX MEMBERS PRESENT.

PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY ELD. FARNSWORTH.

THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING WERE APPROVED.

THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND MANAGERS OF SCHOOLS PRESENTED A PARTIAL REPORT, WHICH WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEE FOR MORE COMPLETE ESTIMATES.

THE DRAWINGS FOR A BOAT FOR NEW YORK HARBOR, WITH PRICES, ETC., WERE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

ELD. KILGORE WAS APPOINTED TO PRESENT THE SAME TO CAPTAIN ELDRIDGE, AND GET HIS OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE OFFER SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO JAN. 4TH, 5:00 P.M.

TENTH MEETING.

JAN. 4, 5:00 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT LAID BEFORE THE COMMITTEE THE WANTS OF THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH. HE SAID THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RELEASE ITS CLAIMS ON THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH, AND THAT IT BE PLACED UNDER THE CARE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THERE ARE MANY PERPLEXITIES CONNECTED WITH THE MANAGMENT OF THIS LARGE CHURCH. MANY COME HERE AND DO NOT PUT IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CHURCH, AND THEN FAIL TO REPORT TO THEIR HOME CHURCHES; THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT, IN SOME RESPECTS, TO KEEP UP DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH. SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE;--PERHAPS THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHOULD SPEAK ON THIS MATTER.

ON MOTION, THE CHAIR WAS AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT TWO TO ACT WITH HIMSELF AS A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION AND WANTS OF THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THOSE WHO MOVE HERE FROM OTHER PLACES TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE CHAIR NAMED

MOVED, BY ELD. WHITE, THAT WE RECOMMEND THAT ELD. WEBBER, AND TWO OR THREE OTHERS, IF THEY CAN BE OBTAINED WITH OUT TOO MUCH INJURY TO THE FIELDS WHICH THEY REPRESENT, TO LABOR FOR A FEW MONTHS FOR THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE BIBLE-SCHOOL. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO 10:30 A.M., SUNDAY, JAN. 5.

ELEVENTH MEETING.

JAN. 8. 10:30 A.M.

PRAYER BY ELD. KILGORE.

MINUTES APPROVED.

A COMMITTEE FROM THE BATTLE CREEK CHURCH APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND PRESENTED PLANS FOR THE CIRCULATION OF RELIGIOUS-LIBERTY LITERATURE AND CANVASS FOR THE PETITIONS.

BRO. W. C. SISLEY STATED THAT THE COLLEGE SOCIETY WOULD SUPPLY THE EDUCATORS OF THE STATE WITH LITERATURE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TEACHERS. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THESE CAN BE BEST MANAGED BY PERSONAL VISITS.

THE QUESTION OF WHAT LINE OF WORK SHOULD BE TAKEN UP THIS EVENING AT THE TABERNACLE, WAS DISCUSSED, AND THE FOLLOWING ADOPTED:-

- (1) THE FIELD AND ITS WANTS. R. M. KILGORE.
- (2) THE POWER OF LITERATURE. E. W. FARNSWORTH.
- (3) WHAT WILL IT COST? W. C. WHITE.
- (4) HOW SHALL WE PROVIDE THIS AND THE HOME MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTION? W. C. SISLEY.
- (5) NEED OF PERSONAL LABOR:
  - (A) IN THE CITY.
  - (B) IN THE COUNTY.
  - (C) IN THE CITIES OF THE STATE.

O. A. OLSEN.

- (6) WHO WILL GIVE TIME? *R. M. Kilgore*

EACH OF THE ABOVE SUBJECTS TO BE PRESENTED IN TEN-MINUTE TALKS.

VOTED, THAT THE SPECIAL CHURCH COMMITTEE PRESENT PLANS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION BY THE CONGREGATION.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO CALL OF CHAIR.

TWELVTH MEETING.

JAN. 6TH, 1890. 10:00 A.M.

PRAYER BY ELD. KILGORE,

MINUTES APPROVED:

ELD. MC COY WAS PRESENT WITH THE COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTH AMERICA MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS--

*We recommend that* ~~IT IS THOUGHT ADVISABLE TO HAVE~~ *be selected to*  
*of S. America* COUNTRIES AND ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE HABITS, CUSTOMS, AND MANNERS, OF THESE PEOPLE, THAT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MAY MORE SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOY AND DISTRIBUTE LABORERS THERE, AND TO AVOID THE TOO COMMON ERROR AND VEXATION ATTENDING THE INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARY LABOR IN NEW FIELDS.

THE FOLLOWING PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:--

"WHEREAS, WE FIND IN SOUTH AMERICA A LARGE AND PROMISING FIELD IN WHICH TO SOW THE SEEDS OF TRUTH; AND,--

"WHEREAS, THIS FIELD HAS NEVER BEEN ENTERED BY OUR MISSIONARIES; THEREFORE,

"WE RECOMMEND, THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE LAY PLANS FOR ENTERING THAT FIELD AT AN EARLY DAY; AND THAT MISSION WORK IN THAT COUNTRY BE MADE AS NEARLY SELF-SUSTAINING AS POSSIBLE; TO THIS END, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN BE SELECTED WHO HAVE GOOD TRADES, OR PROFESSIONS, AND ENCOURAGED TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THAT FIELD; ALSO THAT BUSINESS MEN OF SOME CAPITAL, BE SELECTED AND ENCOURAGED TO GO THERE AND ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN BUSINESS, AND FORM AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE PEOPLE, AND A NUCLUES, OR CENTER, FROM WHICH MISSIONARY WORK CAN BE DONE.

" WE WOULD FURTHER RECOMMEND, THAT A MAN BE SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOUTH AMERICA AND STUDY THE FIELD AND MISSION WORK THERE, AND BRING BACK INFORMATION THAT MAY ASSIST IN ARRANGING PLANS FOR OPENING UP THE WORK IN THAT COUNTRY, AND IN DIRECTING THE STUDIES OF THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING FOR MISSIONARY WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA."

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE WAS ADOPTED.

THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A PLAN TO SECURE THE EDUCATION OF MATRONS, COOKS, NURSES, AND PHYSICIANS, MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:--

"RESOLVED, THAT WE INDORSE THE COURSE TAKEN BY DR. KELLOGG, AND OTHER MANAGERS OF THE SANITARIUM, TO EDUCATE NURSES FOR MISSIONARY WORK, AND COOKS, AND HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE WORKERS, FOR THE DIFFERENT CONFERENCES; AND, FURTHER,--

RESOLVED, THAT WE RECOMMEND THE MANAGERS OF SCHOOLS, MISSIONS, CAMP-MEETINGS, ETC., TO EMPLOY, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, MATRONS, COOKS, NURSES, AND OTHER MEDICAL HELP, FROM AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED A SPECIAL TRAINING FOR THIS WORK AT THE SANITARIUM.



OR OUR OTHER MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, AND HOLD DIPLOMAS, OR OTHER RECOMMENDATION, FROM SUCH INSTITUTIONS.

"WE WOULD FURTHER RECOMMEND, THAT THE PRESIDENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF ~~THE~~ DIFFERENT CONFERENCES, BE INSTRUCTED TO SELECT ACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO COME TO THE SANITARIUM AND TAKE A COURSE, TO PREPARE FOR MATRONS, COOKS, MEDICAL NURSES, AND PHYSICIANS."

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

THE COMMITTEE ON DUTIES OF DISTRICT CANVASSING AGENTS, PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING:--

"YOUR COMMITTEE ON THE DUTIES OF DISTRICT CANVASSING AGENTS WOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:--

"THE DISTRICT AGENTS SHOULD LABOR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT, AND REPORT TO HIM, MONTHLY, THE CONDITION AND PROGRESS OF THEIR WORK.

"DUTIES OF DISTRICT CANVASSING AGENTS."

"THEY SHOULD ASSUME THE SAME RELATION TO THE STATES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS THAT THE GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT DOES TO THE ENTIRE FIELD. THEY SHOULD VISIT ALL GENERAL AND LOCAL CAMP-MEETINGS, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, AND RENDER SUCH HELP AS WOULD BE FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CANVASSING WORK, BY COUNSELLING WITH THE STATE AGENTS AND GIVING INSTRUCTION TO CANVASSERS.

"THEY SHOULD KEEP A FAITHFUL ACCOUNT OF THEIR TIME, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENSES, AND REPORT THE SAME, QUARTERLY, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE."

COMMITTEE.

C. ELDRIDGE,  
R. M. KILGORE,  
DAN. T. JONES."

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RAISING OF FUNDS WAS PRESENTED. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REPORT:--

"REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RAISING OF SPECIAL FUNDS."

"YOUR COMMITTEE FINDS THAT THERE IS URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS:--

- (1) FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE ON QUESTIONS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.
- (2) FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF COLPORTERS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES COMPOSING GENERAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT NO. 2.
- (3) FOR THE BUILDING OF THE MISSIONARY SHIP.
- (4) FOR THE EDUCATION OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

AS YOUR COMMITTEE BELIEVES:--

(1) THAT IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE ANY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO RAISE ANY SPECIAL FUNDS BY A GENERAL CALL FOR DONATIONS, THAT THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD RESPOND TO SUCH CALLS, IF THE WANTS OF THE CAUSE, AND THE PLANS FOR THE WORK WERE CLEARLY SET BEFORE

THEM,

(18) THAT IT IS A GOOD PLAN TO HAVE ONE OR TWO OBJECTS, CALLING FOR DONATION, KEPT CONSTANTLY BEFORE THE ATTENTION OF OUR PEOPLE, IN THE "REVIEW AND HERALD," "SIGNS OF THE TIMES," AND THE "HOME MISSIONARY," THAT THOSE HAVING MEANS TO SPARE, MAY ALWAYS BE REMINDED THAT "THE MASTER HATH NEED OF THEM," AND BE LED TO GIVE BEFORE THE MEANS ARE DIVERTED TO OTHER USES.

THEREFORE, YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:--

(19) THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THIS COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PUBLIC CALL FOR DONATIONS TO SUCH SPECIAL FUNDS AS THE PROSPERITY OF THE WORK REQUIRES, AND ARE DEEMED ADVISABLE BY THEM AND THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARD OF EITHER ONE OF OUR GENERAL DENOMINATIONAL SOCIETIES.

(20) THAT FOR THE PRESENT SEASON, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:--

THAT CALLS BE MADE IMMEDIATELY, FOR \$5000.00 TO FURNISH LITERATURE ON RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION, AND \$2000.00 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF COLPORTERS IN DISTRICT NO. 2.

THAT PLEDGE-PAPERS AND A CIRCULAR LETTER, ON THESE FUNDS, BE SENT AT ONCE TO MEN OF MEANS, ASKING THEM TO MAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH WHICH WE MAY HEAD THE LIST.

THAT WE PREPARE TO MAKE CALLS THROUGH OUR JOURNALS, FOR THE MISSIONARY SHIP, AND A FUND THE EDUCATION OF SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES, ABOUT THREE MONTHS LATER, AND THAT PLEDGE-PAPERS, AND CIRCULAR-LETTERS ON THESE MATTERS BE PREPARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND SENT TO THOSE LIKELY TO TAKE A DEEP INTEREST IN THESE ENTERPRISES, THAT WE MAY HAVE A NUMBER OF GOOD LIBERAL SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH WHICH TO HEAD THE LIST.

THAT PERSONS BE CHOSEN AT THIS MEETING, TO WRITE ARTICLES ON THE VARIOUS LINES OF WORK DEMANDING MEANS, SO THAT THESE MAY BE PRINTED IN THE JOURNALS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALLS FOR MEANS.

COMMITTEE,  
W. C. WHITE,  
E. W. EARNSWORTH,  
R. A. UNDERWOOD.

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

THE COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION OF REVIEW & HERALD PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING:--

"YOUR COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE MATTER OF INCREASING THE CIRCULATION OF THE "REVIEW & HERALD," AND FOREIGN PERIODICALS RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND:--

(1) THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO ENLARGE THE CIRCULATION OF OUR CHURCH PAPER AMONG OUR OWN PEOPLE, AND TO MAKE THE REVIEW & HERALD'S POWER TO BE FELT BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE DENOMINATION.

(2) IN ORDER TO EFFECT THIS RESULT, WE SUGGEST THAT THE REVIEW & HERALD BOARD EMPLOY AN ENERGETIC, DEVOTED MAN WHO SHALL EMPLOY HIS TIME IN THIS IMPORTANT BRANCH OF THE WORK.

(3) THAT ONE OR MORE PERSONS BE EMPLOYED IN LIKE MANNER TO

**INCREASE THE CIRCULATION OF THE FOREIGN PAPERS PUBLISHED AT THIS OFFICE.**

**COMMITTEE.**

E. W. FARNSWORTH,  
R. A. UNDERWOOD,  
R. M. KILGORE.

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED.

ELD. UNDERWOOD, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE BIBLE-READINGS ON CHURCH GOVERNMENT, MADE A VERBAL REPORT, IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SCATTERED SINCE GENERAL CONFERENCE, AND NONE OF THEM EXCEPT HIMSELF HAD WRITTEN ANY READINGS. HE HAD PREPARED TEN READINGS, AND ELD. A. T. JONES HAD PRESENTED NOTES, WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD DO WELL TO GO WITH THE READINGS; BUT THEY WOULD NEED ARRANGING AND EDITING.

ELD. UNDERWOOD THEN MOVED THAT THE READINGS BE REFERRED TO ELD. U. SMITH AND D. T. JONES TO PREPARE THEM FOR PUBLICATION, AND PUBLISH THE SAME. CARRIED.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT, WHICH WAS ADOPTED:--

YOUR COMMITTEE ON FINANCES WOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:--

IN VIEW OF THE PRESSING CALLS OF LOCAL ENTERPRISES IN THE UNITED STATES, IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO SUPPORT THAT THERE WILL BE A FALLING OFF OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS THE PRESENT YEAR.

AND, WHEREAS, THE DEMANDS FOR THE OUTLAY OF MEANS TO EXTEND THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE AT HOME AND ABROAD, ARE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE;--

THEREFORE, WE WOULD URGE THAT AT ALL THE CAMP-MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETINGS IN THE VARIOUS CONFERENCES, THAT THERE BE HELD AT THESE GENERAL GATHERINGS SEVERAL COUNSEL AND INSTRUCTION MEETINGS WITH THE MINISTERS, DIRECTORS, AND CHURCH ELDERS, TO DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE CAUSE, TO AWAKEN A MORE GENERAL INTEREST IN THE PAYMENT OF TITHES AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS BY FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.

**COMMITTEE.**

R. A. UNDERWOOD,  
R. M. KILGORE,  
E. W. FARNSWORTH.

ON MOTION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE AUDITING BE DONE IN TWO PARTS THE ACCOUNTS OF THE HOME LABORERS AT THE TIME OF THE SUMMER COUNCIL, AND THE ACCOUNT OF FOREIGN LABORERS AT THE TIME OF THE FALL COUNCIL.

MOVED, BY ELD. UNDERWOOD, THAT ALL REPORTS OF LABOR--HOME AND FOREIGN--END JUNE 30. CARRIED.

ON MOTION, D. T. JONES, W. W. WHITE, ELDRIDGE, EDWARDS, AND

HENRY WERE APPOINTED TO ARRANGE A TELEGRAPHIC CIPHER AND TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES.

~~MOVED,~~ TO GRANT CREDENTIALS TO P. T. MAGAN, AND J. W. SCOLES.

~~MOVED,~~ THAT THE SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE MISSIONARY LICENSE TO SUCH PERSONS AS ARE CALLED INTO THE FIELD BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TO 3:00 P.M.

THIRTEENTH MEETING.

JAN. 9TH, 10100 A.M.

PRESENT, O. A. OLSEN, W. C. WHITE, R. M. KILGORE, D. J. JONES.  
PRAYER BY ELD. OLSEN.

THE COMMITTEE VOTED THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHOULD PAY THE EXPENSES OF ELD. J. W. SCOLES AND WIFE FROM OAKLAND TO TENNESSEE. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO GIVE SISTER SCOLES MISSIONARY LICENSE. THE QUESTION OF STARTING A MONTHLY JOURNAL ON EDUCATION, WAS DISCUSSED.

IT WAS MOVED, THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE INDORSE THE PUBLICATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL WHEN <sup>EVER</sup> THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY THINKS IT ADVISABLE TO START SUCH A PAPER.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITHOUT A DISSENT.

MOVED, THAT WE HEREBY INSTRUCT ELD. CORLISS TO LABOR IN WASHINGTON, D.C., UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE N.R.L. ASSOCIATION AS LONG AS THEY MAY THINK IT BEST FOR HIM TO REMAIN. CARRIED.

VOTED, THAT WE RECOMMEND A. R. HENRY TO ACCOMPANY PROF. PRESCOTT TO NEW ENGLAND TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT SOUTH LANCASTER.  
COMMITTEE ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

O. A. OLSEN,  
PRESIDENT.

DAN. T. JONES,  
SECRETARY.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL.

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For Southern Field.

February 7th, 1890, 10:30 A.M.

Present, O.A.Olsen, R.M.Kilgore, W.C.White, D.T.Jones,  
Prayer by Eld. White.

The Chairman stated that a request had been made that  
Bro. Chas. Giles be appointed State Agent in Georgia.

Eld. Kilgore said that he had understood that Bro. Curtis  
was to be largely a field man, and he could hardly see the  
necessity of appointing another man for the field, and confine  
Bro. Curtis in the office all the time.

The matter was deferred until further consultation  
could be had with Capt. Eldridge and Bro. Curtis.

The appointing of Committees of Management for the  
Southern Field was taken up.

On motion, Committees of Management for the different  
Southern fields, were appointed as follows:---

North Carolina:	R.M.Kilgore, J.W.Bagby, C.D.Wolf.
South Atlantic: (Fla., Ga., Ala., and S.C.)	R.M.Kilgore, L.H.Crisler, G.T.Wilson, C.F.Curtis, Daniel Graber.
La. and Miss.	R.M.Kilgore, B.F.Purdham, A.F.Harrison.
Cumberland Mission.	R.M.Kilgore, J.W.Scoles, E.R.Gillett.

After discussing other matters, the council adjourned  
to call of chair.

Second Meeting.

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Feb. 9th, 2:30 P.M.

Present: O.A.Olsen, R.M.Kilgore, W.C.White, D.T.Jones, C.Eldridge, E.E.Miles, W.R.Smith, S.N.Curtis, C.F.Kurtis, F.L. Mead.

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

The chair stated that the General Conference Committee would be glad to know the plans of the District Agents,---how much time they would put in for the General Conference, and what they would do.

Capt. Eldridge replied by saying that the field was so large and the work so great that one man could not do all the work that needs to be done in the entire field. The district agents should attend all the general meetings in his district, and work up the fields where there are no state agents, and assist such states agents as need help.

Each District Agent then laid out before the Committee his plan for the remainder of the winter and spring. Those plans seemed to have been well matured, and were such as the Committee could indorse.

After hearing the plans of the District Agents, the Committee adjourned.

Third Meeting.  
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Feb. 9th, 4:30 P.M.

Present: O.A.Olsen, R.M.Kilgore, W.C.White, D.T.Jones.

Prayer by Eld. Olsen.

Eld. Kilgore asked for counsel in reference to the work in Dist. No. 2.

The question of employing Sr. Lysle Reynolds as T. & M. Sec. in the South Atlantic Mission field, was discussed.

Moved, That Bro. Kilgore be a committee to confer with Sr Reynolds about connecting with the work in Chicago for a time, and if he thinks best, carry out such an arrangement. Carried.

The question of appointing an additional general agent for Dist. No. 2, was discussed, Bro. Eldridge being present.

It was voted, that we request the Review and Herald to put the second man in the field in Dist. No. 2.

Eld. Kilgore asked the advice of the Committee about visiting Bro. Butler and consulting with him about writing the book for the Southern field. The advice given was that he should do to Florida as soon as practicable, and have a consultation with Eld. Butler about the book and other matters.

Adjourned.

COUNCIL OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

February 20th, 1890. 6:00 P.M.

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Present, O.A.Olsen, W.C.White. D.T.Jones.

It was decided to close up the mission in Brooklyn, give up the house, and donate the furniture and other house furnishings to the Atlantic Conference.

Voted, also, to support a Bible-worker in Brooklyn, and one in Washington, provided the Atlantic Conference will also support a worker in each place, they to be wholly under the direction of the Atlantic Conference.

*Dau. T. Jones*  
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## FIRST MEETING.

The General Conference Committee met at the call of the President, in Battle Creek, July 8th, 1890. at 7:00 P.M.

Present, Elders O. A. Olsen, R. A. Underwood, E. M. Kilgore, W. C. White, E. H. Gates, and D. T. Jones,

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

The President called attention to the fact that two of the members of the Committee, who are expected, have not yet arrived, and suggested that this be a preliminary meeting, to prepare for business. He further stated that he had some things to lay before the Committee; but should prefer to have all present before doing so.

The matter of naming the missionary ship was taken up.

Eld. White moved that it be called "The Joseph Bates."

The motion was spoken to by Elds. White and Underwood.

A motion was made to amend by substituting the name of "Glad Tidings."

After some discussion, Elds. Underwood and Kilgore were appointed to ascertain whether any other ship had taken either of the names proposed.

The chairman raised the question as to whether we should hold the session in the General Conference rooms, or go to the lake

On motion, Elds. E. H. Gates and D. T. Jones were appointed to ascertain the cost of board at the Sanitarium Lakehouse, and make other arrangements for camping out.

The chairman stated that the Christiania Office is in need of a new press, as the one they are now using is nearly worn out. A good press will cost 5000 kroner, or about \$1300.00.

On motion, the chairman and secretary were requested to make out a program to be followed during the meeting.

The chairman made a request that each member of the Committee make out a memoranda of such items of business as they wish to have considered, and present them as early as practicable.

Adjourned to 10:00 A.M., July 9th.

SECOND MEETING.

July 9th, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Underwood.

Eld. Farnsworth had arrived since the last meeting, and took his place in the Committee.

The Committee on name for the Missionary ship, reported that they had examined the list of names of missionary ships, and that no ship bears the name of "Joseph Bates," or "Glad Tidings." They recommended the name of "Glad Tidings." The report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to investigate the matter of tenting at the lake, reported, recommending a site of the north-west side of the lake.

On motion, It was voted to accept the site recommended, and to hold the first meeting of the Committee at the lake tomorrow afternoon.

Bro. Wm. C. Dalbey offered himself to go to the Southern field to labor; and it was---

Moved, That Bro. Dalbey be recommended to go to Dist. No. 2, and join Eld. J. W. Scoles in tent work in the Cumberland Mission field, for the present. Carried.

Voted, That Eld. L. H. Crisler be recommended to join Eld. G. T. Wilson in tent work in Georgia.

Matters relating to the SOUTHERN SENTINEL, were presented to the Committee by Eld. Kilgore.

Eld. White presented the following:---In view of the fact that the Review and Herald and the Pacific Press have taken no action relative to the SOUTHERN SENTINEL; and in view of the fact that a misunderstanding has arisen as to the relation our people sustain to that paper;---

I move that the chair appoint a Committee of three, to take into consideration the relation which that paper sustains to the general cause, and the responsibility that our Tract Societies should take in its circulation; and report to the Committee.

The motion prevailed, and R. M. Kilgore, W. C. White and E. H. Gates were appointed as the Committee.

The chair addressed the Committee, giving a general view of the work throughout the field, and pointing out some of its greatest wants at the present time.

In the course of his remarks, the chairman said:---

"There was never a time where there were so many openings for labor, and so many calls for laborers, as at present. We are in ~~need~~ the greatest need of efficient and experienced laborers. Many of our laborers are failing at their posts, or failing in health, so that they have to give up the work. But few new hands are coming in to fill up the ranks and supply the increasing demands in new fields. It is a distressing condition of things. It is a perplexing question to know why so many of our laborers are failing. Probably we do not make enough of this. Perhaps we should make these things a subject of earnest prayer that God may

work for us. During our counsel we should have a great deal of praying. Time must be devoted to this each day. We need clear minds and spiritual discernment that we may make right decisions on the important questions that will come before us.

"We have had good camp-meetings in the East; but everywhere our churches are languishing for food. Our ministry is not only few in number, but is lacking in power. Our ministry needs the power of God to move the people. When our brethren see that something is being done, they will come up liberally to the support of the work.

"Reports from the field are encouraging. The camp-meetings in Norway and Denmark were very good. Great spiritual blessings were received. The Conferences in these countries had money to settle with all their laborers. In Copenhagen there is a good interest. The Office in Christiania closed the year with a profit of 1600 kroner.

"In Central Europe and in New Zealand and Australia the work is in an encouraging condition.

"During our counsel we should study to be careful and exact, and at the same time brief, so as to dispatch business. In connection with our work in planning, we must also have a spiritual and physical blessing."

On motion, it was voted, that Eld. O. A. Johnson be encouraged to go to Chautauqua.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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THIRD MEETING.

July 9th, 4:00 P.M.

Prayer by Eld. Gates.

The question of the time for holding the West-Virginia camp-meeting, was presented by the chairman, and reasons given why the meeting should not be held the last of August.

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint a Committee to take the matter into consideration, and report.

R.M. Kilgore, E.H. Gates, and A.T. Robinson were named as the Committee.

The question of where the Missionary Ship is to go, and what kind of work it will be expected to do, was presented to the Committee for its consideration.

It was moved, and carried, that the chair appoint a Committee of three to bring in a proposition about the sailing of the Missionary Ship, and the number and kind of laborers that should go on it.

The chair named R.M. Kilgore, W.C. White and R.A. Underwood as the Committee.

The question of releasing Bro. J.M. Cole from the recommendation that he go to the Nebraska Conference to labor, was considered by the Committee.

Eld. Underwood presented some reasons why he thought Bro. Cole should remain in the Upper Columbia Conference.

It was voted, That, in consideration of the changes that have taken place on the North Pacific Conference, and the relation of Bro. Cole to the work there, and the need of laborers in that field, the carrying out of the recommendation of the General Conference that he go to Nebraska, be deferred until after the next session of the General Conference.

Bro. Manzer, who was sent to England to canvass for health works, and has just returned, came before the Committee and gave his reasons for leaving the work in England.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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FOURTH MEETING.

July 10th, 9:00 AMM.

Prayer by Eld. Farnsworth.

Minutes corrected and approved.

Eld. A.T. Robinson had arrived since the last meeting, and took his place in the Committee.

The case of Bro. Manzer was further considered. Eld. White had talked with Bro. Manzer, and thought that a portion of the blame for his failure in England and consequent return to this country, rested upon those who sent him for filing to give the necessary instruction to enable him to succeed.

The Committee on the SOUTHERN SENTINEL, presented the following report:---

"Whereas, Bro. Roberson and Huguley have asked the counsel of the General Conference relative to the establishment of a printing house in Texas, and have begun to publish the SOUTHERN SENTINEL before receiving the counsel desired; and,---

"Whereas, The present managers of the SOUTHERN SENTINEL ask the officers of the Texas Conference and the Tract Society to share the burden of securing for the journal an extended circulation, and thus insure its financial success;---

"We therefore deem it advisable to call the attention of our brethren everywhere to the following principles which appear to be applicable to this and similar cases:---

1. Any enterprise started without the sanction of an organization can not hold such organization responsible in any degree for its success or failure.

2. No Conference or Tract Society has the right to use its funds, or the time of its employes, in the financial interests of any private enterprise.

3. Our denominational institutions owned and controlled by and for our people, the profits of which are held for the advancement of the work of the denomination, may properly receive aid from the Conferences and Tract Societies, because it is the denomination as a whole that receives the financial benefits.

4. We believe it is the privilege and the duty of our brethren in Texas and elsewhere, to subscribe for the SOUTHERN SENTINEL, and to labor for its circulation just so far as they believe it to be the best and most successful medium for the promulgation of the truth in their respective fields.

R.M. Kilgore,

E.H. Gates,

Committee.

The report was adopted "W.C. White."

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It was voted to defer going to the lake until Sunday. The chair announced that the Book Committee will hold a meeting at 3:00 P.M., and that a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held to-morrow, July 11th, at 3:00 A.M.

Adjourned to 10:00 A.M. July 11th.

FIFTH MEETING.

July 11th, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Gates.

Minutes approved.

All the members present.

The chairman raised the question of having Bro. Shireman and wife go to North Carolina to labor.

After some consideration of the matter, it was ---  
Noted, That Bro. D.T. Shireman and wife be recommended to locate in North Carolina. Carried.

The chairman called for a report from the General Superintendent of District No. 1.

Eld. Robinson reported as follows:---

"I have but a brief report to make, as I have spent but a small portion of my time in District work. This has been partly owing to the fact that my work in New England has demanded my time largely, and partly from the fact that in each of the several Conferences in my District, the canvassing work has called the loudest for help, and we have responded by arranging for Eld. Miles to attend nearly all the general meetings.

I have attended general meetings and camp-meetings at the following places, outside of New England, since the General Conference: Blockville, N.Y., Penn. State meeting, in December; May 15 to June 15, general meetings in Washington, D.C., New Market, Va., and camp-meetings in LockHaven, Penn., and Fulton, N.Y.

In all these places there have been many ~~interesting~~ encouraging features in connection with the work. This was especially true of the meeting in the Atlantic Conference, where the work has nearly doubled since the organization of the Conference in the spring of 1889/

I have devoted considerable attention, by means of correspondence, to becoming familiar with the work in different Conferences in the District. Eighteen tents are in the field at the present time.

Considerable attention has been given to strengthening the work of the South Lancaster Academy, and that institution has been relieved of its financial embarrassment by the sale of some of its surplus real estate. The attendance at the Academy was considerably increased ~~xxxx~~ last year over preceding years, and there is a good prospect for the attendance for the year to come."

Eld. Kilgore, General Superintendent of District No. 2, read a report, setting forth very fully the condition and wants of the work in his District. Following are a few of the principal points:---

"I have ~~xxxx~~ lately made a trip through the South, which has given me a better view of the condition of the work there than I had before entertained. To say that it is a destitute field, does not express the whole truth; and the means now employed there for the propagation of the third angel's message, are far from being sufficient to accomplish the ends which we have in view.

"The laborers there are consecrated, devoted, and zealous. The territory included in Dist. No. 2, is almost entirely a mission field, there being but one organized Conference in the District, which includes the western portions of Kentucky and Tennessee, under the name of the Tennessee River Conference. They are meeting with bitter opposition, but are making as much advancement as could be expected under the circumstances.

At Louisville, Bro. Kinney is doing well in establishing the work among the colored people. Bro. Scoles and wife are laboring in the Cumberland Mission field, but have not hitherto had sufficient help; and were sadly disappointed because Bro. and Sr. Atkins failed to come to their aid. There are three organized churches in the Cumberland Mission field, that are doing something toward the support of the work there. And Bro. Scoles is ambitious to put the work on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible.

Bro. and Sr. Wilson are working hard in Georgia. The work they have done since their arrival gives evidence that there was no mistake made in sending them to that field. They are a fit; and their devotion to the cause in that field, can not fail to produce good results.

Bro. Crisler has again entered the work in Florida. But the field there is too large for one man who has had but limited experience. There are now four organized churches in Florida, but they are scattered, and very weak. Their tithe has decreased during the past year. Two churches of scattered brethren, were organized while I was in the state. Many live in Florida who are members of Northern churches, and are sending their tithe North. We see no good reason why this should be so, when there is so much need of means to carry forward the work in that field.

Eld. Butler is deeply interested in the advancement of the cause in Florida, and asks for a tent to use next fall and winter. He is now busy on the book which he was requested to write for the common people. He seems contented and happy when engaged in this work.

Bro. Purdham, of Louisiana, seems well adapted to that field, and the people there are well pleased with him. The tithe of the churches in Louisiana during the last year is ample for his support. The number of Sabbath-keepers has also considerably increased during the year.

In Mississippi there is nothing being done, and there is no one in that field on whom we can rely.

The work in Alabama, with the exception of Birmingham, is at a stand-still. The church at Eden Springs still maintains a mere existence, and is the only organized church in the state. They have erected a new meeting house; but their membership is divided, and their love for each other waxes cold. Eld. Elliott, who brought out the church, and who still resides there, has gone back to the use of tea, coffee, and tobacco, and is opposing other points of truth.

"In North Carolina the work is in a depressed condition. Bro. Bagby is having no success in gaining new converts to the truth. His health is failing, and the health of some of the members of his family, is also failing. I would recommend that his field of labor be changed, or that an efficient laborer be sent to his assistance. Eld. L.P. Hodges is not satisfied to engage in the canvassing work; and I am in doubt as to his qualifications for a minister. The canvassers are meeting with some success, and with the same encouragement that they have in other states, I believe the canvassing work will be as successful here as in any other field."

In speaking of the wants of the Southern field, Eld. Kilgore said:---

"There is great need of a school for the development of those who are strictly Southern by birth and education. The native talent now employed as canvassers, demonstrates the fact that there is good material here, if it is only developed. If they go North for their education, they become just as obnoxious in the eyes of those for whom they labor, as though they were Northern born. I think we ought to have a school at some point in the South, where workers can be trained for that field. Already the subject has agitated the minds of some of the people in the South. At Alpharetta, where there is a small church of our people, an appeal is made for such a school. \$300.00 in money and an acre of land near the court house, is offered to start the enterprise. A church building, 40 x 60 feet, owned by a gentleman who is a friend to our people, is offered for \$500.00. With a little expense a basement could be put in, which would make a good store room for Conference property.

The plans which have been carried out in the past for the spread of the truth in this field, have been too expensive in time and money, for the returns we have had. The work which is now being done is not in harmony with the principles of good financing. In no one of these states is there a corps of laborers sufficient to man and run a tent meeting with much hopes of success. It is my decided conviction, that, if we hope to accomplishing anything, we must increase our forces by sending to this field suitable persons to assist in the work. If this can not be done, the General Conference will show better management by withdrawing the ministers entirely. On the other hand, if proper help is furnished for this field, I am certain that it will not be long until the work will be self-sustaining in most of the states. This ~~is~~ is the only solution of this Southern problem which will relieve the General Conference from carrying the burden indefinitely in this mission field. Those whom we send to this field should be persons who will not shrink from hardships, but are willing to bear burdens, and who will identify themselves fully with the people in that field, and remain there until something is accomplished."

The Committee appointed on arranging camp-meeting for West Virginia, was called off for report, but had no report prepared.



The following appointments for District No. 1, were adopted:--

- # West Virginia, - - - - - August 5--12.
- # Vermont, - - - - - Aug. 26, to Sept. 2.
- # Maine, - - - - - September 9--16.

Committee adjourned to Sunday, July 13th, 9:00 AM

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SIXTH MEETING.

July 13th, 9:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

Minutes approved.

On motion, It was voted to reconsider the name of the missionary ship.

On motion, it was voted to ask the Foreign Mission Committee to meet with the General Conference Committee to consider a name for the ship.

Bro. J. E. White came before the Committee and made an explanation in reference to some reports that have been in circulation concerning his action when visiting some camp-meetings and general meetings several years ago. Bro. White said: "I took no pay for my services while attending these meetings, and did not even take a sample of my book with me, and refused to talk with our brethren about my business while on the camp ground. I do not now take men into my employ who are canvassing for our denominational work. When men of our own people, who have not been engaged in the canvassing work, come to me and want work, I employ them. I have only about three out of 100 canvassers who are Adventists."

Eld. Olsen reported for District No. 5.

"I have attended two state meetings in Ohio and two in Indiana, and some meetings in Michigan. In Michigan there are some encouraging features. The meeting held at Flint early in April was real good.

"There were some movements at the last State Conference, that have been followed by good results. Among these was the placing of Eld. Durland at the head of the Sabbath-school work. A Corresponding Secretary was appointed for the Tract Society, which has also resulted well. Bro. Braat was given the privilege of visiting all the churches in the state, to gather up canvassers. Provision was made for an Institute, the expenses of which were borne by the state. About 100 were in attendance. The first month's work of the canvassers gave a profit to the Society more than sufficient to cover all the expenses of the Institute. From 75 to 100 canvassers are now working in Michigan. The ministry in Michigan is very weak.

"In Ohio the work is going hard. Bro. Irwin is doing all he can, and in some respects is doing better than I hoped. The death of Eld. Swift was a great loss to the Conference. Eld. Miller is no great help to them. He is now located at Columbus."

"In Indiana things are some better. At the Indianapolis meeting last spring, good confessions were made."

Here Eld. Olsen suspended his report.

The Foreign Mission Committee came in, and the chairman stated that the question of naming the missionary ship was the one for consideration.

Moved, That the question of naming the missionary ship be referred to the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

Adjourned to call of chair.

SEVENTH MEETING.

Held at the Lake.

July 14th, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. White.

The chair stated that arrangements should be made for the camp-meetings.

Voted, That ~~the~~ the chair appoint a committee of three to consider the camp-meetings, and recommend who shall attend, etc.

The chair named R.A. Woodward, A.T. Robinson and E.H. Gates as the Committee.

Eld. Farnsworth reported for District No. 4.

He has attended six state meetings, five camp-meetings, and thirty-two local meetings since the last General Conference. Union College has occupied a prominent place in the work in District No. 4. There is nothing of striking importance to report. In Minnesota Eld. Porter was put in as President of the Conference, in place of Bro. Moon. There was a good deal of dissatisfaction with Bro. Moon, and a strong demand for the change which was made. Eld. Porter seems to be working into the confidence of the brethren and is doing well. In Minnesota the work is in as good condition as in any Conference in Dist. No. 4. Bro. Moad is doing well as Superintendent of the canvassing work. They are selling about \$2000.00 worth of books per week. Six canvassers have been sent to Manitoba, and are doing well. They are in great need of ministerial help.

In Wisconsin they have also changed Presidents. Eld. Breed's health is poor, and all seemed to desire and expect a change. They also changed the Secretary of their Tract Society. It was not so certain that this was for the best, but a large number of the brethren seemed quite decided in the opinion that the change should be made. Bro. Breed has done a good work in Wisconsin; but if another place could be found for him, I think it would be well to make a change in his field of labor.

Bro. Brock has not been accomplishing anything in the German work in Wisconsin. His financial affairs are in an embarrassing condition.

The canvassing work has not prospered much in Wisconsin. Eld. W.W. Shary has gone to the Upper Columbia Conference. About 150 were brought into the truth last year.

In Nebraska matters were in a very peculiar condition. When I attended their State meeting last spring, they had only one minister who was in condition to labor. Several of the ministers were in great trial. Some of the younger ministers have given up the truth. They are running but one tent this summer, and there is no particular interest. They have had but little real success in Nebraska for several years.

In South Dakota the work is in a prosperous condition. Bro. I.S. Lloyd, of Indiana, was put in as Secretary of the Tract Society. Sr. Beaumont is Corresponding Secretary, and will edit their canvassers' journal. Bro. W.B. Whitney and L.R. Ellis were given credentials again.

In Iowa the work is going about as usual. They had a large number of additions to the truth last year. They are running seven tents this summer. Bro. Judson Washburn has gone to Washington. Several young men are developing in the Iowa Conference.

The canvassing work has not progressed much in Iowa, but is coming up some now. All the leading officers of the Conference and the Tract Society were re-elected.

The College is not going to embarrass District No. 4 much; they will raise their quota of funds without difficulty.

The greatest need is an improvement in the ministry. There has not been a single ordination in the District this year, and but few licentiates are coming in. Some ministers are doing well, and gaining strength.

Eld. Gates reported for District No. 5, as follows:--

"Have visited each state in the District except Missouri. In Colorado we have but two ministers in the field, except myself. Two churches will be organized before the next State Conference. Several small companies have been brought out. The Bible-workers are having more success than the ministers. We have just entered Wyoming. Something has been done in the N.E.L. work. Our Press Agent did good work till he was taken sick. We have done a little for Union College, and would like to have some one attend our camp-meeting, in the interest of educational work.

In Kansas their ministry is weak, and I am of the opinion that some changes should be made there.

"I attended the State meeting in Arkansas in March. They turned out quite generally to hear Sister White, and appreciated her efforts for them. The brethren are poor. Bro. Nettleton is in the state, and he and Bro. Willie Martin are running a tent. The canvassing work is gradually rising.

"I attended one meeting in Texas, held at Plano. They appreciated Sister White's efforts for them. They have had one successful series of meetings this summer. They own their own depository, which is located at Dallas. The canvassing work is doing quite well.

"Amount of books sold in District No. 5 during the three months including March, April, and May, as follows:--

In March, - - - - -	\$2229.79.
In April, - - - - -	5568.57.
In May, - - - - -	20953.71.
Total, - - - - -	\$19,242.07!

Eld. Underwood reported for District No. 6.

"I first visited Montana. They need instruction. Bro. Stanton is a good man, but has some strong views on health reform. Did not see Bro. Reynolds. Think he is a little soured.

"Next went to Idaho. The work was in a very bad condition. Eld. Rogers had worked them up till they had lost confidence in the President of the Conference and other leading brethren, and at the same time they had lost confidence in Rogers. I spent

nearly a month in Idaho. An investigation was held, and confidence in Eld. Decker and other leading brethren, was restored. We have a camp-meeting appointed for Idaho the 1st of September.

"I next visited Utah. The canvassers have been doing well in that State. They have found about thirty Sabbath-keepers, and want to organize a church in August as I return to the Pacific Coast.

"The next point was California. Here we found many very perplexing questions. Large meetings, houses were built during the boom a few years ago, and heavy debts contracted. The canvassing work has not prospered as it should. Times are quite close.

"I visited St. Helena for a few days, and then went to Fresno. Here the brethren are in serious difficulty resulting from mining and other speculations. The course of Eld. Daniels has added to the complications. The camp-meeting at Fresno was larger than was expected. We worked hard from the first, and later in the meeting Sr. White and Eld. Gates came and took hold with us. The meeting ended well.

We went to Healdsburg and spent Sabbath and Sunday. The School Board held a legal meeting, and adjourned to Oakland. The general meeting at Oakland was good. Sr. White spoke several times.

At St. Helena some important matters were considered, relating to the Health Retreat. Eld. Loughborough was left off of the Managing Board, and Dr. Burke was put on and made President of the Board. They need a new building, and talk of erecting one soon.

"The report at the annual meeting of the Pacific Press, showed a financial loss of \$5000.00 for the year. Bro. Jones, Dr. Waggoner, and Eld. A.T. Jones have all been away more or less during the year.

"In the Upper Columbia Conference we had a very large meeting. The interest was good, and altogether it was an excellent meeting.

In the North Pacific Conference we also had a large meeting. There were more camped on the grounds than are Sabbath-keepers in the State. Several families who were camped on the ground commenced to keep the Sabbath during the meeting, and were baptized.

The school at Milton, Oregon, was almost a failure, last year. The North Pacific Conference donated \$2500.00 to the General Conference, to be used in the general work.

"The ministry in District No. 6 is greatly in need of help. The brethren have arranged for a ministers' institute, but are opposed to having one or two occupy all the time. The Institute is to be held at Healdsburg after the camp-meetings close up."

Adjourned till to-morrow, July 15th, at 10:00 A.M.

July 15th, 10:00 A.M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes corrected and approved.

The chairman stated that the Committee should make provision for the ministers' school next winter, and named several other items of business that should be considered.

The consideration of District institutes and councils, was referred to the Committee on Camp-meetings.

A communication was read from Eld. J. G. Matteson.

It was voted, That arrangements for the Week of Prayer be referred to a committee of three.

The chair named E. W. Farnsworth, W. C. White and E. E. Gates.

On motion, It was voted to appoint a committee of three to consider and make recommendations concerning the World's Fair to be held in Chicago, in 1893.

The chair named R. M. Kilgore, A. T. Robinson, and R. A. Underwood as the Committee.

A communication was read from Eld. A. O. Tait, in reference to going to Chicago to engage in religious liberty work, and setting forth the wants of the Illinois Conference, and the way their plans will be broken up by such an arrangement.

Eld. Kilgore said the brethren of this Committee will have to arrange this matter as they think best; but the work at Du Quoin and at Springfield greatly needs Bro. Tait's presence. If he leaves Springfield and goes to Chicago with his family, the work will suffer greatly in Springfield. We need men to take responsibilities and bear burdens. Bro. Tait is a promising man, but needs some help yet. He refuses to divide up his time between too many things, and thus fail to do justice to any. If Eld. Kilgore is to remain in charge of Dist. No. 2, he thinks Eld. Tait should be left free to labor in the Illinois Conference.

Bro. White said it seemed to him that the time had not come for Eld. Kilgore to sever his connection with the Illinois Conference. At the same time he can see that the work in Dist. No. 2 is in such a condition as to demand the time of one general laborer. In view of this, he suggested that we look about us and see if we can not find a layman to do the work in Chicago.

The communication of Eld. Tait, and the providing of some one to engage in the Religious Liberty work in Chicago, was referred to the Committee on the World's Fair.

Sister White came before the Committee and spoke at some length about developing laborers for different lines of work, and the management of camp-meetings, etc.

It will take considerable means to develop laborers, and some mistakes will be made; but this work should not be delayed for these considerations. She has felt a burden that men in charge of the work in Michigan should be men of liberal views, that will use every effort to develop men to bear burdens.

There ought to be men left to bind off the work after camp-meetings and other general meetings. There has been a sad neglect in this respect in the past. Something is wrong; we are either having too many of these meetings, or we are failing to develop the proper laborers to follow them up.

Our camp-meetings are a power. People are favorably impressed; and if advantage is taken of this and the work followed up, many may be brought into the truth. We have too much preaching at our camp-meetings; and other smaller matters that lead to things of greater importance, are neglected. Ministers should have more time to meditate and plan for the success of the meeting. The ministers are wearing themselves out, and the people become so tired that they do not appropriate one-third that is said. More time should be devoted to earnestly seeking God; by this means much would be done to break down the prejudice that exists in the minds of the people.

In the education of our young men, we should take pains to show them that it is not so much sermonizing that does the work; it is the spirit of God; and if the people are not reached in this way they are not reached at all. When young men are found that give promise of making good laborers, they should not be advised to work a year and then go to College. They should be encouraged to go at once, and their cases should be presented to the churches, and means raised to assist them.

We not only preach too often, but we preach too long.

In answer to a question as to whether we should take Sister White's course in bearing burdens, etc., as an example, she said: "No; my case is an exception." And then cited a number of instances where God had sustained her and given her special help, to show that her case is not an ordinary one. In her late experience in California, she had positive evidence that Christ would be her restorer. She does not believe it is the duty of others to risk as much as she does in getting her message before the people.

Our ministers ~~are~~ many of them injuring themselves by their manner of speaking. Christ spoke in a slow, melodious voice, giving the people time to take in what he said.

The value of our camp-meetings might be increased many fold if more time was devoted to teaching the Scriptures, and answering questions that arise in the minds of the people. The ministers should have time each day to get together and talk out the real sentiments of their hearts, and pray together.

The time that is taken in our camp-meetings for the drilling of canvassers, should be devoted to other work. The same is true of the drilling of missionary workers. The camp meetings are not spiritual work and the spiritual upbuilding of our people, and are not for the detail work of drilling persons in how to do their work.

It is the day of God's preparation,---the time to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord; and our camp-meetings should

not be diverted from their real object, by devoting so much time to drilling workers. Many meetings have been just about spoiled in this way. We should not make an abrupt change, and rule out all of these at once; but the principle should be kept in view, and the change brought about gradually.

In meetings held to answer questions, all controversy should be avoided, and the time devoted to answering questions, and explaining points that the people do not understand in the discourses that have been given. Our camp-meetings are appointed in different places to get the truth before the people, and we should be careful to give them an opportunity to hear and understand it.

In reference to church trials, she said:--

"We are carrying a message to the world, and we must not be called off from our real ~~work~~ by a church trial here and a church trial there. Our churches must be taught to settle their difficulties among themselves."

Adjourned to 10:00 A.M., July 16th.



July 16th, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Underwood.

Minutes approved.

Committee on Camp-meetings, District councils, and Ministers' Institutes, reported as follows:---

CAMP-MEETINGS.

West Virginia, - - - - - August 5--12.

The help in the District assisted by R.M.Kilgore.

Vermont, - - - - - August 26, to Sept. 2.

Help in the District assisted by A.T.Jones.

Tennessee River Conference, - - - - - September 16--25.

Help in the District assisted by J.H.Durland/

Michigan, (Southern,) - - - - - August 5--12.

District help assisted by W.C.White.

Ohio, - - - - - August 5--19.

District help assisted by A.T.Jones.

Indiana, - - - - - September 19--26.

District help assisted by R.M.Kilgore.

Michigan, - (Eastern,) - - - - - August 26th, to September 2

Illinois, - - - - -x- - - - -September 2--9.

We recommend, That Eld.D.T.Jones attend the Missouri and Arkansas meetings.

That Eld.O.A.Olsen attend the Kansas meetings, and any other meetings he may think necessary.

That Prof.C.C.Lewis attend such meetings in Districts No. 4 and 5, as Elds. Farnsworth and Gates may arrange; and that the meetings in District No. 6 be referred to those in charge of that field.

That we invite Sister White to attend such meetings as in her judgment the interests of the cause may demand and the state of her health permit.

We also recommend, That a District Council or Ministerial Institute be held in each of the General Conference Districts the coming fall or winter.

The following suggestions are offered with reference to these meetings:---

That they be made seasons---

1st, For earnestly seeking the Lord for spiritual blessings and refreshing;

2nd, For a careful study and interchange of thought on Bible subjects;

3rd, To consider the responsibility and sacredness of

the work of the ministry;

4th, To consider the wants of the field, the demands upon us for trained laborers, and our duty to encourage more thorough preparation for effective work; and---

5th, That the arrangements for these meetings be left with those in charge of the several fields, in connection with the President of the General Conference; and we further recommend, That the President of the General Conference attend as many of these District meetings as he may be able, and assist the District Superintendent in providing whatever assistance may be needed."

Committed:

R. A. Underwood,

A. T. Robinson,

E. H. Gates."

The report was adopted.

Sister White came before the Committee and said she had a burden to get the matter contained in Vol. IV before the people. She could not see why the leading brethren should be so reticent in this matter. She has spoken to Capt. Eldridge and F. E. Belden about it; but nothing has been done. She read a letter written to C. Eldridge.

She spoke about Vol. IV at the General Conference; but did not have a copy of what she said, and it had never been reported. She also spoke before the Canvassers' Convention, and Capt. Eldridge promised that something should be done to get Vol. IV before the people; but nothing has been done as yet.

She has been in an agony of mind in reference to the circulation of Vol. IV. Some advise her not to attempt to do anything herself toward getting canvassers into the field. If something is not done by those in authority, she will be compelled herself to get her book before the people. An article was read which was written while she was in California, relative to the circulation of Vol. IV; a copy of which will be furnished soon.

She has thought of having Edson White train a company of canvassers for Vol. IV; but the plan has met with opposition, and nothing has been done.

Eld. Robinson said he believed if the things which have been presented before us here, could go before the Presidents of Conferences and State Canvassing agents, it would bring about a better state of things in relation to Vol. IV.

He moved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider matters in relation to the circulation of Vol. IV, and draw up recommendations for circulation among the Presidents of State Conferences and State canvassing agents; and submit to this Committee for approval.

The chair subsequently named R. M. Kilgore, A. T. Robinson and E. H. Gates as the Committee.

Sister White said: "There is another matter which I wish to bring before the Committee. It is in reference to our ministers who are sick and dying, and their families. What can be done for them? They have labored hard, and have given of their scanty earnings for the advancement of the cause. Should not some provision be made for their support and the support of their families?"

Eld. Olsen said: "The providing of a fund for the support of invalid ministers, is on the list of subjects for consideration at this meeting."

Sister White said that she had been shown in the past that ministers would die because they do not have the support they need. When Bro. Sperry was sick and had constant hemorrhage of the lungs, she was shown that our ministers should guard against straining their lungs by loud speaking or speaking too long. It was shown her also that a sermon one-half an hour long would frequently be all the people could retain. Our ministers should be careful of their health, that their minds may be clear; and if they do fail, we should step in and hold them up and support them.

She feels that a fund should be raised for the support of invalid ministers, and is sure that God will bless in raising it

Eld. Olsen asked Sister White if she had any plan in mind for raising such a fund. She replied that she had no special plan in mind.

Eld. White suggested that the two funds open in the REVIEW, might, with a little effort, be filled up very soon, and a fund for the support of invalid ministers take their place.

The time having come, the Committee adjourned to call of chair.

The chair announced the next meeting at 2:00 P.M.

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At 2:00 P.M. Sister White continued, by reading matter in reference to the work in Europe, written ten years ago, and in reference to the educational interests now so prominent on the Pacific Coast, which she is just preparing.

She asks what can be done to educate young men and prepare them for places of responsibility. If a few more of the older ones drop off, what will be done? Too rigid economy often discourages the laborers, and injures the work.

Eld. White said there are two points which he wished to introduce. We have come to the dearth of laborers from two causes: First, by failing to give the proper encouragement to laborers who are already in the field, who are trying to prepare themselves for positions of usefulness; and second, from a lack in taking a proper course to educate laborers. The General Conference has been trying the last year or two, to

make up for their lack in the past. Several thousand dollars have been spent in educating workers the past year. What course should we take? Should we continue to do as much as in the past to assist persons to get an education, or should we retrench? Some feel like taking the latter course.

Sister White said she did not wonder that some feel like retrenching when they see the class of people that attend ministers' schools and institutes. But if there are a very few who are benefitted and develop into good, faithful laborers, their labors would more than justify all the outlay of means for the institutes. She would not like to see another ministers' ~~insti-~~ school held at Battle Creek. There are too many influences at work there.

Bro. White asked further, if more should not be done to induce men to enter the ministry, instead of going into other lines of work. He said the time had been when every one who had any desire to enter the work at all, aimed at the ministry; but lately there have been so many other lines of work, such as canvassing, teaching, medical work, etc., that many of the most talented are drawn off into one or another of these channels.

Sister White said that men should not always be required to go through one line of work to prepare them for another. The resolution passed at Minneapolis, requiring young men to canvass before they were granted a license to preach, was wrong.

Eld. White said there was another point which he had in mind. Would it be well to encourage local elders, Sabbath-school Superintendents, and others, to prepare themselves to preach in their own churches and in neighboring churches, and thus build up a class of local preachers who can do good pastoral work? Would it be well to hold institutes for the benefit of this class of workers? Then have them go with the ministers and Tract Society directors while visiting the churches near them, and thus get an experience and learn how to work.

Sister White said the same policy that has been followed in the canvassing work, has been followed in reference to fitting-up for other lines of work. Young men have been encouraged to go into that line of work that will pay best, and are discouraged from going into the ministry.

Eld. Underwood asked if we should use what she had said as an argument to get young men into the ministry, and use our influence with Auditing Committees and men in responsible positions in Conferences, to pay young men better wages, that they may be able to support themselves and get books and other helps which they need, to prepare them to become efficient workers.

Sister White said men should be paid enough to support them liberally. Ministers must be encouraged, and kindness shown to the ministers will do more to encourage them than anything else that can be done.

Eld. Olsen asked Sister White if she had any light in reference to the Chicago School.

In reply, she said she did not know as she had. She feels a deep interest in the work in Chicago. She has been shown

that it is wrong to lay down arbitrary rules and bring everything right to them. The fewer arbitrary rules that are laid down, the better. There must be regulations; but it is wrong to govern in an arbitrary way.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

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July 17th, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. White.

Minutes corrected and approved.

All members present.

The resignation of Capt. Eldridge as General Canvassing Agent, was presented to the Committee.

On motion to accept the resignation, the question was discussed quite fully, and referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair, with instructions to take the matter into consideration and draft recommendations to be presented to the Committee.

Elds. Kilgore, Robinson, and Underwood were named as the Committee.

Eld. Robinson read a letter from Eld. Haskell.

The Secretary also read a ~~letter~~ communication from Eld. Haskell, addressed to the Committee, on the subject of missionary correspondence.

On motion, It was voted to refer it to the President of the International Tract Society.

The chair called for the financial report of the three General Conference Schools held last winter, which was read as follows:---

STATEMENT OF THE THREE SCHOOLS OF LAST WINTER,

BROUGHT TO DATE OF JULY 16th, 1890.

BIBLIE SCHOOL.

Cost of supplies, book, blackboards, etc.,	- - -	\$394.07.
Wages of W. A. Colcord,	- - - - -	125.00.
" E. J. Waggoner, 14 weeks, approximate,	- -	252.00.
Pacific Press for E. J. W. to teach,	- - - - -	69.69.
Wages A. T. Jones, 74/7 weeks, approximate,	- - - -	136.29.
R. C. Porter,	- - - - -	111.73.
Paying expenses of M. Larson,	- - - - -	65.12.
Total,	- - - - -	\$1053.90.

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Received on tuition and the sale of books,	- - -	\$751.79.
Deficit,	- - - - -	\$302.11.

SCANDINAVIAN SCHOOL.

Cost of books, supplies, provisions, furniture,		
and laundry,	- - - - -	\$1683.01.
Wages, M. M. Olsen, and wife,	- - - - -	240.37.
" N. P. Nelson,	- - - - -	80.00.
" J. C. Ottosen,	- - - - -	260.00.
" Emil Johnson,	- - - - -	93.00.
Total,	- - - - -	\$2356.38.

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CR.

Received on tuition and the sale of books, -----	\$2143.02.
Deficit, - - - - -	-\$213.36.

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FRENCH AND GERMAN SCHOOL.

Cost of rent, supplies, provisions, furniture, Books etc., - - - - -	\$1181.87.
Wages, J. Vuilleumier, - - - - -	298.16.
" D.H.Cress and wife, - - - - -	180.00.
" H.F.Schuberth, - - - - -	31.50.
" C. Gosebruch, - - - - -	187.37.
Total, - - - - -	\$1879.02.

CR.

Received on tuition and the sale of books, - - - -	\$557.80.
Deficit, - - - - -	\$1321.12.

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Furniture and bedding on hand, - - - - - \$766.57.

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Deducting the value of the library, \$175.00, the total cost of the ministers' Bible School is reduced to \$878.90.

The total deficit of the three schools, as given above, is \$1836.59. Deducting the value of the library and the furniture on hand, reduces the total deficit or approximate cost of the three schools, to \$895.02."

In reference to future schools, the President said:-- "There is no question but that we should have a ministers' school next winter." But he has concluded that it will not be best to have a Scandinavian school next winter. One reason for this is, That the proper teaching-help can not be secured; another is, that a number of Scandinavian church schools are just starting up, and these would be interfered with if a general school should be held; and the third reason is, that a General Scandinavian canvassing Agent has just been appointed, and we want the canvassing work among the Scandinavians to succeed.

There are ten Scandinavians now in Europe, who went there from this country at the close of the school last spring, to continue their studies. Such a course was necessary in order to have teachers for the Scandinavian school when it is opened at Lincoln, in the fall of 1891.

The French and German Schools should be continued next winter. Better arrangements can be made for teachers in these languages, this year than last.

On motion, the matter of a ministers' school and foreign schools, was referred to a Committee to be appointed by the chair.

E.W.Farnsworth, W.C.White, and E.H.Gates were appointed as the Committee.

The Committee on the World's Fair reported as follows:--

"Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of suggesting plans for the world's Fair in Chicago, submit the following:--

We recommend, first, That Eld. A.O. Tait, continue in his regular line of work in the Illinois Conference.

Second, That Dan. T. Jones, J.H. Kellogg, W.C. White, C. Eldridge, R.M. Kilgore, L.C. Chadiwck, and A. Meon be a standing committee to make and execute plans for our Representation at the World's Fair.

Third, That these plans, so far as they shall have been matured, be presented for criticism, at the next session of the General Conference."

Committee:

R.M. Kilgore,  
R. A. Underwood,  
A. T. Robinson."

After some discussion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to suggest plans for the support of invalid ministers.

R. A. Underwood, W.C. White, and R.M. Kilgore were named as the Committee.

Eld. Kilgore said that something should be done in reference to the railroad agency in Chicago. Bro. Craig's time is badly broken up by this line of work. Eld. Kilgore suggested that a railroad <sup>agency</sup> be established in Chicago, and a competent man employed to assist Bro. Craig.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee to look into the matter, and make such recommendations as they may think proper.

A.R. Henry, R.M. Kilgore, and J.M. Craig were appointed as the Committee.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.



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Committee adjourned to call of chair.

## ELEVENTH MEETING.

July 18th, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Gates.

Minutes approved.

All the members present.

A request for missionary license, from Brn. D. A. Corkham and H. I. Walters, of the Maritime Provinces, was read before the Committee.

Eld. Robinson did not think it best to grant missionary credentials to Brn. Corkham and Walters. He thinks it would spoil them for the canvassing work, and they can do more in that line of work than in any other.

Eld. Underwood thinks it would be well to encourage these brethren, and thought it would be well to give them credentials to assist them in their canvassing work.

Eld. Kilgore said they gave all their canvassing leaders credentials, in Illinois.

Voted, That the chair appoint a committee of two to consult with Capt. Edridge about these requests; and report.

R. A. Underwood and A. T. Robinson were appointed as the Committee.

The question of consolidation of publishing interests was taken up. D. T. Jones gave a report of the management of other denominational publishing houses.

A draft for Constitution was submitted, as follows:---

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CONSOLIDATED PUBLICATION BOARD.

#### ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be:---

First, To publish such periodicals, books, pamphlets, and tracts as are now owned by the General Conference, or as may become the property of said Conference.

Second, To secure, as far as possible, by purchase or otherwise, the control of all denominational periodicals, books, and other literature.

Third, To secure the preparation of such books, and other literature, and to establish such periodicals, as may from time to time be needed in the work of the denomination.

Fourth, To secure the translation and publication, in different languages, of such books, periodicals, and other literature as the work of the general Conference may demand, or as the General Conference may direct.

Fifth, To secure uniformity in the circulation of all denominational literature.

ARTICLE III.

The Board shall be composed of twenty-one members, who shall be divided into three equal divisions, one-third of whom shall be elected at each regular session of the General Conference; and no one shall be eligible to a position on the Board, who is not a member in good standing of a Seventh-day Adventist church.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Consolidated Publication Board, shall be, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, an Executive Committee of five, and a Publishing Committee of five; who shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting following each regular election of the members of the Board.

ARTICLE V.

Such working committees may be appointed from time to time as the Board may deem necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

No one who is receiving a salary from the Consolidated Publication Board, or from any of the publishing houses of the denomination of Seventh-day Adventists, shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Board.

ARTICLE VII.

All vacancies on the Board, occurring from whatever cause, shall be filled by the General Conference, or, in the intervals between its sessions, be the general Conference Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

Meetings may be called at any time by the chairman or by the Executive Committee; and seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

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Eld. White said there were two points not mentioned in the Constitution, which he would like to see treated.

First, There should be provision made for representation from the different General Conference Districts; and second, Provision should be made for the disposition of the profits, a large per cent. of which should go into the general work.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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July 18th, 3:00 P.M.

Prayer by Eld. Olsen.

Minutes approved/

The consideration of the consolidation of the publishing work was continued; and it was---

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to criticise ~~the~~ Constitution as presented, and make suggestions relative to the organization of the publishing work.

W.C.White, R.A.Underwood and A.T.Robinson were appointed as the Committee.

The Committee appointed to consider the resignation of Capt. Eldridge as general Canvassing agent, presented the following report:---

"Your committee to consider the resignation of E. Eldridge as General Canvassing agent, would recommend:--

First, That Bro. Eldridge be requested to withdraw his resignation.

Second, Inasmuch as his work presses him, we suggest that he invite L.U.Chadwick to assist him in his work as General Canvassing agent."

Committee:

R.M.Kilgore,  
A.T.Robinson,  
R.A.Underwood."

After being freely discussed, the report was adopted. The Committee on the circulation of Vol. IV, presented a report, which, after a lengthy discussion, was referred back to the Committee.

The Committee appointed to suggest a plan for raising a fund to assist aged and infirm ministers, reported, making the following recommendations:---

"Your Committee to suggest plans for raising a fund for the support of aged and infirm ministers among us, would recommend:

First, That a fund be opened by the Treasurer of the general Conference, and a call made through the REVIEW AND HERALD, for donations to assist our faithful ministers who have failed in health while laboring in the cause of the third angel's message.

Second, That O.A.Olsen, D.T.Jones and C. Eldridge be a standing Committee till the next General Conference, or until their successors are elected, to receive and disburse funds to such as are worthy of help.

Third, That this Committee make a full report at each General Conference, and also to the general Conference Committee at its semi-annual sessions, of all money received for this purpose, and to whom disbursed."

Committee:

R.A.Underwood,  
W.C.White,  
R.M.Kilgore."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Week of Prayer and Christmas Offerings, presented the report which follows:---

"Your Committee on Christmas Offerings, would submit the following:---

That the Week of Prayer be held December 20th to the 27th, inclusive.

That December 25th be Foreign Mission day, and that appropriate exercises be held in the afternoon or evening, and the offerings for Foreign Missions collected.

We recommend, That the Following-named persons be a Committee to furnish the addresses to be read in connection with the Week of Prayer: O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, D.T.Jones, U.Smith and A.T.Jones.

We suggest, That the following subjects be treated in the addresses:---

- 1st, The purpose of God in the establishment of the church.
- 2nd, The relation of the church to God, and its duty to the people of the world.
- 3rd, The relation of the church members one to another.
- 4th, The source of the church's power.

We recommend, That Elds. D.T.Jones and U. Smith act as editors, to see that the matter for the addresses be prepared and put in the hands of the printers the 1st of November. They are also instructed, in case of the failure of any member of the Committee to furnish his matter in time, to supply the lack from the best material within their reach.

The Committee also recommend, That the addresses be published as extras of the HOME MISSIONARY. That Brn. Chadwick and Jones be a Committee to send out the addresses, and whatever may be necessary to furnish to the churches pertaining to Christmas exercises.

That L.C.Chadwick, E.B.Miller, J.H.Durland, B.B.Starr, and F.E.Belden act as a Committee to prepare program for Christmas exercises.

That the President of the general Conference and District Superintendent lay before the Conference Committees the necessity of encouraging our ministers everywhere to labor for our churches, in harmony with these plans, before and during the Week of Prayer."

Committee:

E.W.Farnsworth,  
W.C.White,  
E.N.Gates."

The report was adopted.

The Committee adjourned to call of chair.

The chair announced that the next meeting of the Com. would be held Sunday, July 20th, at 9:00 A.M.

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THIRTEENTH MEETING.

July 20th, - 9:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

Minutes approved.

All present except Eld. White.

A communication was read from Eld. Durland, relative to Religious Liberty work in Canada. Extracts were also read from the Lord's Day Alliance, of Canada, which show that they are working assiduously for strict Sunday laws in the British Provinces.

On motion, the communication of Eld. Durland was referred to the National Religious ~~Association~~ Liberty Association.

It was voted, To make a donation of \$125.00 to the brethren in the Cumberland Mission Field, toward the building of a meeting house at Graysville, Tenn.

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to take into consideration the setting apart of a season of prayer that God may raise up workers for his cause.

R. A. Underwood, E. W. Farnsworth, and A. T. Robinson were named as the Committee.

The question as to whether Eld. Webber should remain in Battle Creek and labor in connection with the battle Creek church, was presented to the Committee. There being no voice to the contrary, it was declared to be the unanimous opinion of the Committee that he should continue to labor in connection with the battle Creek church.

The question of sending help to Virginia was considered.

It was agreed that if arrangements can be made at the time of the Indiana camp-meeting, for Eld. Reese to go to Virginia, at the time of the State meeting there in November, it would meet the mind of all the members of the General Conference Committee.

It was also thought advisable to encourage bro. Hottel, of Virginia, to attend the ministers' school next winter; and then labor for a time in some other field.

The matter of providing an Assistant District Superintendent for District No. 3, was discussed; and it was agreed to leave it with Eld. Olsen to suggest a man to be appointed to that position.

A communication was read from Eld. Butler, in reference to conducting the case of bro. King, in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Secretary was instructed to extend the thanks of the Committee to Eld. Butler for this communication, and request him to be free to communicate to the Committee at any time, such matters as he may wish to bring before us.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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FOURTEENTH MEETING.

July 22nd, 9:30 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

All members of the Committee present.

Minutes approved.

It was ruled, That all committees appointed by regarded as standing committees during the session of the Committee.

The chairman stated that he has in his possession a number of requests from different parties, and asked what disposition should be made of them.

It was voted, That the chair appoint a committee of three on appeals, to whom such matters should be referred.

W.C.White, R.M.Kilgore, and R.A.Underwood were named as the Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the question of granting missionary licenses to D.A.Corkham and W.I. Walters, reported as follows:---

"Your committee to whom was referred the question of granting licenses to D.A.Corkham and W.I.Walters, recommend:---

"That missionary licenses be granted them, and that the Secretary of the General Conference instruct them that the licenses are granted for the purpose of assisting them in their canvassing work, and that they are to be considered as in the employ of the General Conference."

R. A. Underwood,

Committee:

A.T.Robinson."

"With advice from the general Canvassing Agent."

The Committee to make suggestions relative to a season of prayer for the raising up of laborers, presented a report, as follows:---

"Your committee appointed to make suggestions relative to a season of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Lord will raise up laborers to enter the harvest-field, submit the following:---

"Recognizing the fact that the Providence of God has gone before us in opening up fields for labor which we are unable to fill, on account of the dearth of efficient laborers among us; and in harmony with the admonition of our Saviour, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers unto his harvest;" we deem it fitting to recommend:---

First, That October 3rd, 4th, and 5th be set apart as days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, to be observed by our people in every part of the world, to implore the Lord of the harvest to raise up faithful men who will consecrate their talents to the proclamation of the third angel's message. And we would further recommend, That in the supplications of our people, during this season, special mention be made in behalf of those of our ministers who have failed in health.

"Second, That several articles be prepared for the REVIEW and the HOME MISSIONARY, by Eld. O:A.Olsen, one of which shall appear at an early date, calling the attention of our people to this season of fasting and prayer.

"Third, That one or more articles be prepared by the Foreign Mission Secretary, presenting the demands upon us for laborers in foreign fields.

"Fourth, That each member of the General Conference Committee in charge of a District, write an article to appear in the REVIEW AND HERALD, calling the special attention of those in his District to this important occasion.

"Fifth, That the District Superintendent seek, through the Presidents of the Conferences, the co-operation of all the ministers and church officers in their respective Districts, to secure a general observance of this important season of humiliation and prayer."

Committee:

R. A. Underwood,  
A. T. Robinson,  
E. W. Farnsworth."

After remarks from the chairman, Elds. Underwood, White, Robinson, and others, bearing on the importance of the movement, and the necessity that careful instruction be published in reference to the carrying out of the plan, the report was adopted.

Eld. Olsen said in reference to the matter referred to him of selecting an Assistant Superintendent for District No. 3, That, with all the camp-meeting work, writing, etc., which he had to do it would be necessary for some provision to be made for an Assistant in District No. 3. He does not think he can attend all the camp-meetings. Eld. Durland will be expected to attend all the camp-meetings in the District, in the interests of the Sabbath-school work.

Eld. Kilgore requested to be released from attending the West-Virginia camp-meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to release Eld. Kilgore from attending that meeting. The matter of supplying other help was referred to the Committee on Camp-meetings and the Superintendent of the District.

Eld. Kilgore was requested to make such statements as he thought proper, in reference to establishing a school in District No. 2. Eld. Kilgore said his idea was to start a school on a small scale, perhaps one man and his wife go there and start a school with such accommodations as they could arrange for, and let it grow up.

The matter of the Southern School was referred to the Committee on Ministers' school.

It was voted, That Eld. J. W. Bagby, of North Carolina, be requested to locate in Southern Illinois, and make that his field of labor.



It was moved, That the recommendation that Eld. Olsen be requested to select an Assistant Superintendent for District No. 3, be rescinded. Carried.

Voted, To request Eld. I. D. Van Horn to attend the camp-meetings in District No. 3.

The chair raised the question whether anything should be said by this Committee in reference to State Conferences and Tract Societies incorporating and building depositories, etc. He suggested that perhaps when the organization of the publishing work is more fully completed, depositories would be established in different parts of the country, and the necessity for State depositories dispensed with.

Eld. White thought it would require about two-fifths as much stock in one depository to supply five States, as it would to stock a depository in each state, and the economy in buildings would be still greater.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. White:--

"Resolved, That we will use our influence to discourage the incorporation of State Conferences and Tract Societies, and the building of State depositories, till the general plans for our publishing work are more fully developed."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Eld. White spoke of the Foreign Book business. The hymn book business came before the Conference some years ago, and it was decided that the hymn book should be published by the General Conference Association. There has been about \$1900.00 profits on the hymn book turned over to the general Conference. This, Eld. White thinks, should be set apart for the benefit of the foreign book business. A Committee on the publication of foreign books has been appointed; but it has been crippled for lack of funds to carry on its work. An effort has been made to secure from the Review and Herald the plates of such foreign books as the general Conference has a moral claim on, but the effort has failed. The Review and Herald Board put an extravagant price on the plates, and then passed a resolution requesting the General Conference to present their bills to the Review and Herald for any claims they may have on foreign books.

Moved, That the Secretary be instructed to request of the Review and Herald a statement of the hymn book business up to date, with a view of settling up to date. Carried.

Moved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the chair, to consider the perplexing questions relative to the publishing work, and to recommend some plan upon which the Committee on publication of foreign books can act till the Committee of 21 is incorporated. Carried.

W. C. White, R. A. Underwood, and R. M. Kilgore were appointed.

Voted, That the chair be requested to appoint a committee on blanks.

E. W. Farnsworth, E. H. Gates, and A. T. Robinson were appointed

Eld. White said he thought a committee ought to be appointed to see that we are properly represented in Encyclopaedias. We are frequently very unfairly and unfavorably represented in such works. He presented a motion for a committee of three to take this matter into consideration, and recommend a plan for securing proper representation of our people and work in the Encyclopaedias. Carried.

D.T.Jones, W.C.White and A.T.Robinson were named as the Committee.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

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July 23rd, 9:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

All the members present.

Minutes approved.

Eld. White was invited to give a report of the work in Foreign countries.

Beginning with Russia, Eld. White said:---

Bro. Klein is perhaps still in prison in Russia.

Bro. Conradi has felt to censure those who are with Bro. Klein in Russia, for not giving more full particulars, but in all probability they fear to write too plainly for fear their letters might be intercepted.

There are four Russian Sabbath-keepers who have expressed a desire to attend the Training School at Hamburg, next Winter. The best plan for supplying these countries with laborers is to educate the native talent as far as possible. They should have at least a six-months' course of training in Hamburg.

Eld. Conradi's visit to Hungary, has resulted in three or four persons accepting the truth, and Eld. C. is planning for further efforts in that country.

Bro. Beettcher is having some success in Germany. For some time it seemed to be hard for him to get hold of the work. The canvassers are doing well in Germany.

Holland is a perplexity to Eld. Conradi and to us. The work of the Seventh-day Baptists has done much to hedge up our way there. It is doubtful if we can do much good till we can enter an entirely new field. Gro. Grul, who is a young man of some ability, has been in the Hamburg mission for some time, but is now about to return to Holland alone. Eld. Conradi has some fears that he will not make a success in the work there alone.

There has been but little done in France. Bro. Vuilleumier and Sister Robert have been working in Geneva. Bro. Compt has spent about half of his time in Morocco the past year. If he could come to this country and get some instruction and a better knowledge of the work, it would be of great benefit to him.

Eld. Holser has been writing in reference to a ship mission in Havre. He proposes Bro. and Sister Berle as suitable persons to open up the ship work there.

In Spain we are doing nothing. We have found a translator who proposes to translate "Prophetic Lights" for thirty cents a page.

In Italy there has been but little done during the past year. Eld. Holser went to Milan and made friends with the book-dealers, and made arrangements with them to advertise our books, and fill such orders as they receive.

In Greece we have done nothing as yet. One old brother from California, is working among the Greeks in Constantinople, and has some who are about ready to keep the Sabbath.

In Switzerland there are twelve churches. They pay \$1700.00 tithes. A few years ago they were well supplied with workers, but now they have only two laborers in that field.

outside of those who are connected with the Office. The work there has been managed on close business principles, and the result is that a feeling of dissatisfaction is setting in. When Eld. White was in Switzerland he encouraged a liberal policy in the Office. Some of the workers had time allowed them each day for study, and the result was that they studied hard, and are now in the field as laborers. As matters now stand, he thinks it is the best plan to train workers for France, Italy and other countries, in Basel.

The plan of self-supporting work ought to be encouraged in the European countries outside of Switzerland; and still it is hard to do so, while they are branching out into new fields all the time. Conradi seems to have a faculty for reaching the educated classes and enlisting them in the work.

They have been anxious to do health work in Basel, and wanted to print a health journal; but the plan was discouraged for the present. There are two young men at the Sanitarium, and I would advise that one of them encouraged to take a medical course here, and that the other go back to Europe and take a medical course. When they have completed their medical courses, we will be ready to take up the health work.

The work is in a critical condition in South Africa. The work there has been largely among the Dutch. But our hope for South Africa is in the English. If Eld. Tenney could go there and conduct an institute while Bro. Morrison is there, it would do much to help them out. If Eld. Tenney can not go some one should be sent from here.

In South America we have done nothing as yet. We ought to have young people studying the Spanish language, preparatory to going to that country.

You are well acquainted with the work in Australia and New Zealand. Eld. Israel is now President of the Conference in New Zealand, greatly to the relief of Bro. Daniels. They are having rather a blue time in the office in Australia. This is partially owing to the difficulty they have had with the Trade Unions. One question which should be decided at once, is, whether we should encourage Eld. Daniels and some of the young licentiates in New Zealand, to go to Australia to attend the institute to be held there.

The most perplexing mission we have is that of Great Britain. This mission has cost almost as much as all the countries of Continental Europe. Eld. Robinson's efforts are confined principally to London. The two other ministers now in that field, are holding a tent meeting in Ireland. There are many perplexing things connected with the work of establishing the Pacific Press in London. Unless something is done for the work in Great Britain, by sending them some good workers, there is danger that they will all become discouraged. The workers sent to London should have additional training to fit them for the work in that field. Eld. Olsen read a letter from Eld. D. A. Robinson, relative to the work in London.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

## SIXTEENTH MEETING.

July 24th, 9:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Underwood.

All members present.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

A communication was read from Capt. Eldridge, in reference to his resignation as General Canvassing Agent. He asks that the action of the Committee in appointing him an assistant, be reconsidered, and his resignation accepted, to take effect at some definite time.

On motion, It was voted to reconsider the action of the Committee in reference to the resignation of the General Canvassing Agent.

On motion, The Resignation of the General Canvassing Agent was accepted, to take effect January 1st, 1891.

The President of the International Tract Society was appointed as General Canvassing Agent, the appointment to take effect January 1st, 1891.

On motion, The chair was authorized to appoint a committee to suggest plans in reference to the time and place of the next General Conference and the necessary preparation for it.

The chair named R. A. Underwood, D. T. Jones, and W. C. White as the Committee.

The Committee on the circulation of Vol. IV, presented the following report:---

"Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the circulation of Vol. IV, recommend the following appeal for circulation among the Presidents of State Conferences, Tract Societies, and State Canvassing Agents.

"Dear Fellow-laborers:---

"We wish to call your attention to a few points in connection with our canvassing work. We have great reason for gratitude to God for the success that has been attained in this branch of our work, which has been due to your hearty co-operation with our publishing houses in their efforts to circulate our denominational literature.

"We need not call your attention to the fact that a few years ago we had neither canvassers nor books suitable for circulation by means of canvassers. "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" was the first subscription book placed in the field. A goodly number made a success, notwithstanding the imperfection of its mechanical execution and the unorganized condition of the canvassing work. The great need of a variety of subscription books adapted to the different fields, has been met from time to time by such works as "Vol. IV, Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," and other books being placed in the field as subscription books.

A large number of successful canvassers were developed in the sale of Vol. IV in its various editions. At the time when "Bible Readings" was published, about sixty thousand copies of Vol. IV had been circulated. "Bible Readings" had been the means

of developing a large corps of canvassers, who would probably not have made a success in handling any other book that we have had on the market. But as the efforts of nearly our entire canvassing force have been concentrated on the sale of this book the past two years, the circulation of "Vol. IV" and "Thoughts" has almost entirely ceased in this country. This is greatly to be regretted. These results we regard as not due to the fact that efforts have been made to direct the attention of our canvassers toward any one book; but the question presents itself to us, Have we done our duty in trying to secure the uniform circulation of our denominational literature? Vol. IV contains special light from Heaven, which the people need for this time. If God has given ~~XXX~~ special messages of warning for the people of this generation, and in his providence this light has been prepared in this form for circulation, shall we, as "stewards of the manifold grace of God," be clear unless we do all within our power to see that these books are placed in the hands of the people?

Recognizing the fact, as we do, and as we believe you do, that this very important book contains special light from Heaven for us as a people and for the world, relative to events that are now transpiring in these last days, we appeal to you as God-fearing men, standing in a position to exert an influence, to make this a matter of conscience, and that you urge upon those under you to do all in their power to place this book in the hands of the people everywhere. We have every reason to expect that the special blessing of God will rest upon efforts put forth in this direction."

Committee: R.M.Kilgore,  
A.T.Robinson,  
E.H.Gates."

The report was adopted.

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee to take into consideration the necessary changes in the program of camp-meetings.

The chair named R.M.Kilgore, E.W.Farnsworth, and A.T.Robinson as the Committee.

Adjourned to call of chair.

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SEVENTEENTH MEETING.

July 25th, - 10:00 A.M.

Praer by Eld. Robinson.

Minutes approved.

All members present.

Eld. Farnsworth presented the following report for the Committee on Ministers' School and foreign schools:---

"Report of the Committee on Ministers' School and foreign schools, for 1890 and 1891.

"We recommend:---

1. That these schools begin Monday, October 13th, 1890.
2. That the schools be conducted on the same general plan as last year, with such modifications as circumstances may demand.
3. That the following-named brethren act as a Committee of Management: O.A.Olsen, W.W.Prescott, D.T.Jones, W.C.White, and L.C.Chadwick.
4. That the employment of teachers, and the modification of the course of study, if necessary, be referred to the Board of Management; and we would suggest for the consideration of the Committee the following:---
  - (a) That practical pastoral and Bible work be made a part of the regular course of study.
  - (b) That Prof.W.W.Prescott act as principal of the Ministers' School, and devote as much time to its supervision and teaching as his other duties will permit.
  - (c) That Elds.V.Smith, A.T.Jones, and E.J.Waggoner be secured as teachers, if possible.
  - (d) That the teacher of Greek and Hebrew be a man thoroughly competent and enthusiastic in those lines; and that, if no one can be secured from among our own people, a teacher from some other institution be employed, for at least six weeks."

E.W.Farnsworth,

W.C.White,

E.H.Gates."

Committee:

The report was adopted.

The Committee on blanks made the following report:---

"Your Committee on blanks respectfully submit the following report:---

We deem it desirable that our present system of reporting be thoroughly remodeled; but in view of the fact that the present blanks are made to harmonize with the members' pass-books, we recommend, That all changes in blanks be deferred until the next annual session of the General Conference and the International Tract Society.

We further recommend, That a Committee of five be appointed at this session of the general Conference Committee, to present a plan for reporting, at the annual session of the Conference and the International Society."

E.W.Farnsworth, E.H.Gates,

Committee:

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A.T.Robinson."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on time and place for holding the next General Conference, made the following recommendations:---

"Your Committee (P) to suggest time and place for the next General Conference and the necessary preparations for the same, would recommend:---

1. That the General Conference be held March 5--25, 1891.
2. That the General Conference Committee meet for counsel, February 18th.
3. That the Presidents of Conferences and Tract Societies, meet for General Counsel, February 25th; also that a meeting of the Committee on consolidation of publishing interests and the Foreign Mission Board, be held at the same time.
4. That a Canvassers' Convention be held February 22 to March 4th.

Committee: R. A. Underwood,  
D. T. Jones,  
W. C. White."

The report was adopted.

Eld. Underwood offered the following resolution, which was adopted:---

"Resolved, That the General Conference Treasurer be instructed to open a fund to equip and man the missionary ship; and that a call be made through the REVIEW and the SIGNS, for donations to this fund, of \$100.00 and upwards."

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

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EIGHTEENTH MEETING.

July 26th, 8:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

Minutes approved.

The subject of foreign mission work was taken up.

Eld. White said he felt anxious that something should be done for South Africa. If Eld. Boyd is taken away, some one should be sent at once to take his place. In the emergency, he suggested having Eld. Tenney go there and conduct a school for workers while Bro. Morrison is there in the interests of the canvassing work.

After discussing the matter at some length, the name of W.B. White, of South Dakota, was suggested, and it seemed to meet the minds of all; but no action was taken.

The question of a laborer for England, was discussed, but no definite suggestions were made.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

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July 27th, 9:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Farnsworth.

Minutes approved.

The Committee on foreign publishing work presented the following report:---

"Your Committee appointed to consider the work of the Foreign Publishing Committee, and to make suggestions relative to the same, submit the following:---

1. Let the translation of important works recommended by the Book Committee, go forward without delay.

2. Let the amount received from the profits on our Hymn Book, be set apart for the support of this work.

3. Request our printing houses, to whom the work of making the plates is given, to give six months' time on their bills for this work.

4. Ask our printing houses to print such editions as the Committee may order, and sell the same according to the plan adopted by the Committee, as follows: Allow the printing houses ten per cent. on what money was invested in these books, and pay them one cent per copy for boxing and shipping, and have the actual amount of freight prepaid charged to the Committee.

5. Let all Danish and Swedish church papers recommended by the Book Committee, be published in Battle Creek, by the Foreign Publishing Committee; the new volumes to commence with November.

6. That the Danish and Swedish journals, to be published monthly for pioneer work, be published by the International Tract Society, in Chicago, and that they be edited on the impersonal plan."

Committee:

W.C. White,  
R.M. Kilgore,  
R.A. Underwood."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution for the Consolidated Publication Board, made the following recommendations:---

"Your Committee appointed to criticize the draft of Constitution for the Consolidated Publishing Committee, presented by D.T. Jones, recommend the following as meeting our approval, and suggest that additional sections be prepared on the following points: 1. To provide for annual and special meetings; 2. The first election of the Board; 3. The location of members.

#### CONSTITUTION.

##### ARTICLE I.

This Corporation shall be known as THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

##### ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be:---

First, To publish such books, tracts, and periodicals as are owned by, or may become the property of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Second, To secure, as far as possible, by purchase or otherwise, the control of all the literature of the denomination.

Third, To secure the preparation of such books and other literature, and to establish such periodicals, as may from time to time be needed in the work of the denomination.

Fourth, To secure the translation and publication in different languages, of such books, periodicals, and other literature, ~~and~~ as the work of the General Conference may demand.

Fifth, To secure a wide and uniform circulation of the literature of the denomination.

ARTICLE III.

The Association shall be composed of twenty-one members, elected by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, seven of whom shall be elected at each regular session of the General Conference; and no one shall be eligible to membership in the Association who is not a member in good standing of a ~~Seventh-day Adventist church.~~ Seventh-day Adventist church.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, an Executive Committee of five, and a Publishing Committee of five; who shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting following each regular election of members.

ARTICLE V.

Such working Committees may be appointed from time to time, as the Board may deem necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

No one who is receiving a salary from the International Publishing Association, or from any of the publishing houses of the denomination of Seventh-day Adventists, shall be members of the Executive Committee:

ARTICLE VII.

All vacancies in the Association, occurring from whatever cause, shall be filled by the General Conference, or, in the intervals between its sessions, by the General Conference Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

Meetings may be called at any time by the chairman or by the Executive Committee; and seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX.

One-half the net profits of the International Publishing Association shall be placed at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Board, and such apportionment of funds shall be made annually."

Committee:

W.C. White, R.A. Underwood,  
A.T. Robinson."

The report was adopted.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

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TWENTIETH MEETING.

July 27th, - 4:00 P.M.

Prayer by Eld. Underwood.

Minutes approved.

The Committee on representation in Encyclopaedias, presented the following recommendation:--

"Whereas, The history and standing of our work are poorly represented in most of the leading Encyclopaedias, both religious and general; and,---

"Whereas, We believe this comes largely from lack of effort on our part to place the proper information in the hands of the publishers of such works; we, therefore,---

"Recommend, That Dan.T.Jones, U.Smith, W.W.Prescott, A.T.Jones, and E.J.Waggoner be a standing committee to furnish information to publishers and secure correct representation of our people and work."

Committee:

D.T.Jones,  
W.C.White,  
A.T.Robinson."

The report was adopted.

The chair stated that the Committee appointed to select persons to go with the missionary ship, will recommend E.H.Gates and wife, and asked who would be selected to take charge of the work in Colorado and in District No. 5.

Eld. Underwood suggested the name of Eld. Wm. Healy, of California. Eld. White suggested Eld.H.A.St. John. Eld.J.N.Loughborough was also suggested.

There was quite a lengthy discussion, but no action was taken.

The Committee adjourned to call of chair.

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TWENTY-FIRST MEETING.

July 28th, 7:00 P.M.

Prayer by Eld. Kilgore.

Minutes approved.

It was decided to have Eld. H. E. Robinson attend the camp-meeting in West Virginia, in the place of Eld. Lane, who gave notice by telegram that he could not attend.

The chairman read a communication from W. C. Wales, requesting to be transferred from Illinois to Michigan, on account of his wife's health.

On motion, the case referred to a committee composed of the chairman, the Secretary, and Eld. Kilgore.

A communication was read from Bro. Chadwick, in which he declined to act as General Canvassing Agent. The consideration of the resignation was deferred till the next meeting.

Letters were read from Eld. M. H. Brown, in reference to building a church in Milwaukee.

It was voted to approve the plan in general, and appoint D. T. Jones, R. M. Kilgore, and E. W. Farnsworth a committee to consider the matter further, and give more particular advice.

It was voted to grant the request of the Executive Board of the International Tract Society, to turn over the funds that have accumulated or may accumulate on the \$5000.00-fund, for which a standing call has been published in the REVIEW.

On motion, E. H. Gates, and D. T. Jones were made a committee to confer with Dr. Kellogg about supplying a nurse for the missionary ship.

Eld. Underwood moved, That Eld. Loughborough take charge of District No. 5 as District Superintendent.

After some discussion, the motion carried.

Adjourned to 9:00 A.M., July 29th.

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TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

July 29th, 9:00 A.M.

Prayer by Eld. Robinson.

Minutes approved.

All present except Eld. Farnsworth, who was excused to attend a camp-meeting in Nebraska.

A communication was read from Eld. C.P. Haskell, of Kansas, in which he asks the permission of the General Conference to remove to Ohio.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President, the Secretary, and the Presidents of the two Conferences, to make such arrangements as may, after due consideration, be thought best.

The Committee on program for camp-meetings submitted the following report:

"Your Committee appointed to recommend modifications in the general program of camp-meetings, would suggest the following.

"The volume of work to be done at our camp-meetings is constantly increasing; and as new lines of work are introduced and old ones extended, every department of the work is becoming more and more crowded, and much valuable instruction is lost for lack of time; and, as much time may be saved by thorough organization, we suggest:--

1st, That a program be prepared some time before the meeting, specifying the time and nature of each Public service, and the time when each society is to hold its meeting, that all may know what is coming, and that those who are to take the lead in the meetings may be prepared.

2nd, That much of the detail work of the different societies, such as canvassers' drills, cooking schools, drills in book-keeping and reporting for the tract and missionary work, etc., which has usually been done at the camp-meetings, be done, in the future, either in a workers' meeting, of one or two weeks preceding the camp-meeting, or at conventions separate from the camp-meetings, called especially for such purpose; and we would recommend that such drills and courses of instruction be so arranged that they may be continued in the individual churches.

3rd, We recommend, That Eld. Olsen enlarge upon his "Hints on the organization of Workers' Meetings," and couple with it suggestions for conducting camp-meetings, and publish the matter in the REVIEW, or in some other convenient form."

E.W. Farnsworth,

R.M. Kilgore,

A.T. Robinson."

Committee:

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Southern School presented the following report:--

1st, We are favorable to, and would encourage the opening of, a school in District No. 2, as soon as there is sufficient encouragement that the patronage will sustain it.

2nd, We recommend, That, when the school is started, it begin in a small way; that one teacher be employed; and that no considerable outlay of means be made,---more than what the friends who are personally interested in the school are able to bear.

3rd, We recommend, That Elders R.M.Kilgore, G.I.Butler, and W.W.Prescott be a committee to take this matter into consideration, to look for the most favorable location, and to lay and execute plans necessary to the success of the enterprise, when it shall be started."

Committee:

E.W.Farnsworth,  
W.C.White,  
E.H.Gates."

The report was adopted.

The chair spoke of the necessity of having the plans for the Ministers' school next winter, and the special season of prayer, worked up at once. All the members of the Committee are going away from the office soon; and some arrangement must be made for carrying out the plans which we have laid.

The matter was left with Eld. Olsen and those who remain here, to make the best arrangement possible.

The Committee appointed to confer with Dr. Kellogg about supplying a nurse for the missionary ship, and also in reference to Eld. Gates' physical ability for such a position, reported that Dr. Kellogg gave a favorable decision as to Eld. Gates' physical ability for going on a voyage with the missionary ship.

The matter of Bro. Chadwick's resignation as General Canvassing Agent was taken up, and Bro. Chadwick was invited to come before the Committee to make such statements as he thought proper.

Pending action, the Committee adjourned to 2:00 P.M.

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TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

July 29th, 2:00 P.M.

Prayer by Eld. Gates.

Minutes approved.

The Committee on appeals presented the following:--

"Your Committee on appeals respectfully

submit the following:--

First: In reference to the appeal of T.A. Kilgore, relative to the circulation of the AMERICAN SENTINEL, and in view of the recent changes made in the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, we suggest:--

1. That we express our appreciation of the value of these journals, and approve their present general management.
2. That they be furnished at the same price in single subscriptions and in clubs.
3. That we will encourage Tract Society officers and others to secure for these journals a uniform and permanent patronage in all sections of the country.

Second, In regard to the appeal of Eld. A.O. Tait, relative to the labors of Eld. Kilgore, we will suggest:--

1. That the larger part of Eld. Kilgore's time and attention be given to Dist. No. 2.
2. That we believe his counsels may be of value to the Illinois Conference, although he is not able to devote a large part of his time to the work in that Conference.

Third, With reference to the matter of difference between Rachael Smith and the superintendent of the London Mission: We suggest that it be referred to the Foreign Mission Secretary, with instructions to advise justice and liberality in the settlement of any real claims which exist.

Committee:

W.C. White,  
R.M. Kilgore,  
R.A. Underwood."

The report was adopted.

The chair asked what action the Committee wished to take in reference to a Year Book.

It was suggested that all the matter for the Year Book ought to be in by the middle of November, and the book issued by the first of December, so as to be in the hands of the people before the week of prayer.

Voted, That this Committee instruct the Committee on Year Book appointed by the Book Committee, to issue the Year Book in December.

Voted, That Elds. Olsen, White, and Jones be a committee to prepare an program for the next General Conference, to be submitted to the General Conference Committee as soon as they assemble.

Adjourned to call of chair.



TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

July 30th, 1:00 P.M.

Present, Elds. Olsen, White, Kilgore, Jones.

Reading of minutes waived.

It was voted to recommend that Eld. A.J. Breed attend the Kansas camp-meetings.

Voted, That Eld. Kilgore be recommended to attend the Arkansas and Texas camp-meetings.

Voted, That Eld. Breed be requested to come to Dist. No. 3 and assist in the camp-meetings.

Voted, That Eld. Kilgore be instructed to employ a stenographer to assist him in his work.

On motion, The President and the Secretary were made a Committee to confer with the officers of the Nebraska Conference, and answer the question of the brethren at Lincoln, about where they should pay their tithes, to the best of their judgment.

Committee adjourned to call of chair.

O. A. Olsen,  
Pres.

Dan. T. Jones,  
Sec'y.

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MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Dec. 11th, 1890.

Present: O.A.Olsen, R.M.Kilgore, W.C.White, D.T.Jones.

Prayer by Eld. Olsen.

Eld.W.C.White spoke for Virginia. They need a laborer and have asked for Bro.D.E.Lindsey; but the Atlantic Conference is not willing to let him go. Eld. White proposed that Bro. Taylor, now in Washington, be recommended to go to Virginia.

On motion, the matter was referred to Eld. White to arrange with Elders Hottel and Neff, with the understanding that the members of the Committee present favor his going, and that Virginia is to settle with him for the time and expenses.

Dan.T.Jones,

Sec.

MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

December 16th, 1890.

Present: Elders Olsen, White, Kilgore, D.T.Jones.

Eld. Kilgore gave the following statistics for Dist.

No. 2:---

Tithe paid, - - - - -	\$4,500.49.
(Tithe paid in Gen.Con.territory	2,921.16.)
Increase over preceding year,	1,475.39.
Paid Gen.Con. workers, - - - -	2,574.63.
Balance in treasury, - - - - -	\$346.53.

Eld. Kilgore submitted the question of removing the T. & M. depository from Atlanta to Chattanooga. Also the propriety of appointing a Canvassing Agent for the Cumberland Mission Field.

Shall J.M.Craig be appointed State Canvassing Agent for the Cumberland Mission Field?

Also wants Elds. Wilson and Crisler to receive credentials to General Conference.

Dan.T.Jones,

Sec.