

TENTH MEETING

The tenth meeting was called at 9:30 A.M., May 17, O.A.Olsen in the chair.

F.W.Field, of Japan, offered prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read.

On call for delegates newly arrived, D.C.Babcock, L.H.Christian, and V.H.Cook responded.

The Chairman called for the reports of the Sabbath-school department, which were presented by G.B.Thompson, chairman, and Mrs. Flora L. Bland, secretary. (The latter report was printed in last week's Review, and we hope to present the chairman's report later.) Hearty responses were given to these reports, and the Chairman of the conference remarked upon the forceful presentation of these interests. It is noticeable in the conference that the Spirit of God has specially borne witness in the reading of departmental and field reports, *as well as in Bible Talks and other exercises.*

The Northern Union Conference

The report from the Northern Union Conference was presented by R.A.Underwood, the president. A very brief summary of the report follows:-

The Northern Union, composed of the conferences, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, the Province of Manitoba, with the vast mission field of the Northwest Territory of Canada. The area is a vast one, about three million square miles. It is a wrong impression that the Canadian Northwest is a frozen region. Calgary, in Alberta, is south of London. Edmonton is as far south as Dublin or Hamburg. Much of this vast region is rich in fertile soil and minerals, and a constant stream of immigration is pouring into the country. They need laborers, not only in English, but in German, Russian, and the leading languages of Europe. The large Indian population is to be evangelized. We have one church of Indians.

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The Sabbath-keepers of the Union number 4,664. The increase in the two years is 538. Laborers on pay-roll, 82. The Union has four industrial schools, three of which opened last autumn. They are in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Manitoba. Enrollment, 150. The investment in the four schools is \$35,000. Church schools, 55, pupils, 632. Book sales in two years, \$36,066. The average tithe per capita has been \$9.69. The total raised for evangelistic work was \$111,172, of which \$39,726, or 35%, went to the general work outside the four organized conferences. Hearty Amens greeted the statement that the former president of the Union, Elder C.W. Flaiz, was making a slow recovery from his serious illness, and hopes with another year of rest and out-of-door occupation to be restored to health. A church honest with God, living examples of the truth, liberal with means, baptized with the Holy Ghost,--then the lightening of the earth with the glory of God. For this we hope, for this we live, to this we consecrate our all.

The meeting adjourned.

O.A.Olsen, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.

ELEVENTH MEETING

The eleventh meeting of the conference was called at 11 A.M., E.W.Farnsworth in the chair, for the purpose of presenting a special recommendation from the Committee on Plans.

S.B.Horton explained that it seemed fitting that a delegation should be appointed to wait upon the President of the United States, in behalf of this world's conference. The following resolution was presented:--

6. Resolved, That a deputation consisting of from fifteen to twenty or more members be appointed by this conference to wait upon the President of the United States to pay our respects to him, and to express to him our views respecting, and attitude toward, civil government.

The resolution was adopted.

Meeting adjourned.

E.W.Farnsworth, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.

Approved

TWELFTH MEETING

The twelfth meeting was called at 4 P.M., May 17, the 2:30 hour having been occupied by Sister E.G.White.

After prayer by C.P.Bollman, minutes of two previous meetings were read .

Recommendation 5, pending at a former adjournment was called up, and read as follows:--

Sharing Laborers with Mission Fields

5. Whereas, The movement among the conferences to share laborers and tithes with mission fields has brought new strength into the work, and great blessings at points where otherwise help could not have been placed; therefore,--

Resolved, That we express appreciation and approval of this policy and urge our churches to stand loyally by the local conference officers in this effort, inasmuch as the conferences can do this work only as tithes are faithfully brought into the local treasury; and further,--

Resolved, That we urge the continuance and extension of this plan of sharing paid laborers with needy fields by arrangement through the General Conference Committee; and further,--

Resolved, That a determined effort be made to place experienced laborers supported by their home conferences in the needy field of the South, also remembering the Canadian north, as well as the fields abroad, so that this message may quickly be carried throughout all the earth and the time hastened when believers in the home land of this movement and in the regions beyond may rejoice together in the triumph of the one great work of the Third Angel's Message.

Earnest words were spoken to this resolution, of which the following suggests the keynote:--

W.S.Hyatt, South Africa: My heart is rejoiced at the growth of the missionary spirit. May God bless the conferences and churches. The believers in other lands will be inspired by this spirit.

O.A.Olsen, of Great Britain: The British brethren appreciate the help this plan has brought that field.

W.H.Thurston, of Canadian Union: The help already supplied and the suggestion of more has brought good cheer to Canadian hearts .

A.T.Robinson: I wish to speak of the other side--of the blessing this plan brings to the conferences giving help. Nebraska has made a beginning and nothing has brought greater courage. It has increased the tithe. They plan to develop workers to send to fields beyond.

S.H.Lane: Had found in New York, as they shared with mission fields additional funds had come in. Nothing was lost by dividing.

R.A.Underwood: Fresh courage had come into the great Canadian Northwest as this plan had helped them .

J.W.Westphal: My heart sank as I came to this conference and found how little means there was for additional laborers, but I have been cheered by assurances of a laborer from two conferences, the salary to be continued. It would inspire believers in South America to work harder.

R.R.Kennedy: Spoke of blessings that had come to Ohio as the result of its action to share workers and tithe with fields. Laborers had gone forth, ready to lay down the life if need be . After the memorial service in Mt. Vernon for the late Dr. Maude Miller, who fell in China, young people pressed forward to offer themselves for that field.

A.G.Haughey: West Michigan has had some part in this and means to have more. They now have a man ready to go to a foreign field, and the money to send him.

H.M.J.Richards: Glad not only for the spirit of the resolution but that it directs the flow of help through the regular channels, so strengthening the whole work.

L.F.Starr: Iowa has sent a number of its best workers to mission fields, but during the last year as many people embraced the truth in our conference as in the previous year. The tithe last quarter increased \$2,000. The move to give half our laborers and funds was in harmony with the spirit of the message.

H.E.Rickard, of Quebec: It is more blessed to give, we are told, but after all it is also a blessing to receive, when a field is so needy as Quebec. I thank God for the help supplied and for the hope for more. Quebec is a cold country, but the believers there have warm hearts.

S.N.Haskell read 2 Cor. 9:8--14, especially emphasizing the last three verses.

C.H.Edwards urged that Greater New York be not left out--with its miles and miles of crowded streets, its four millions, its one and a quarter million of Germans, and its foreign-speaking multitudes of many other tongues.

G.F.Haffner said Oklahoma was ready to place a German laborer in New York City.

G.F.Watson: Colorado has seven workers in New Mexico, practically mission territory, has two in foreign fields, and offers two more.

A.J.Breed: Upper Columbia offers a laborer and his wife, with salary, for South America. The missionary spirit ~~was~~ runs strong in their school.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Chair called for further reports, and the Committee on Plans submitted recommendations on Sabbath-school and Religious Liberty work. The following resolutions were considered:--

The Sabbath-school

Whereas, The Sabbath-school Worker has been re-established and is the organ of the Sabbath-school department; therefore,--

Resolved, That we give this journal our hearty support, and that we endeavor to increase its circulation by placing it not only in the hands of all Sabbath-school officers and teachers, but in the homes of our people generally.

8. Whereas, We believe that the primary object of making contributions in our Sabbath-schools should be to carry the message to the regions beyond, and save souls in the kingdom of God; therefore,--

Resolved, That all our Sabbath-schools be urged to plan to increase their donations, both by exercising proper economy in their local expenditures, and by more liberal giving as well.

Brethren Loughborough and Haskell recalled the beginnings of Sabbath-school offerings among us, to get funds for supplies, and later the first giving for missions in the schools of California, which brought in \$700 one year for Australia. Some predicted a reaction from the effort to get the schools to give for missions, but from time to time the gifts have gone on and on--action instead of reaction.

S.H.Lane suggested that it was not wise to retrench too greatly in equipment as a school well equipped would be likely to give more.

A.G.Daniells referred to the statistical report in the Review of May 11, p. 27, showing that most of the schools in Europe give the entire donations to missions. He referred to it, not to urge this plan, but to show that these efforts to send the truth abroad have brought into the light believers who are ready to give for it in turn. The gifts of our schools have not been in vain.

A.E.Doering stated that the German schools in the United States follow the same plan.

G.B.Thompson stated that the plan recommended, where supplies were not otherwise provided for, was to set apart one or more Sabbath offerings each quarter for supplies, all the others being for missions. Last year the schools gave a total of \$61,000, of which \$21,000 was retained in the schools and \$40,000 went to missions.

E.E.Andross, of North England, told the experience in his field in adopting the plan of turning all donations to missions. At first it seemed essential to have help from these donations for supplies and hall rents. But they changed and their contributions more than doubled. They

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pay their hall rents and expenses also just as well as formerly. It has been a blessing, and the schools are better equipped than before.

The resolutions were adopted by vote, and the meeting adjourned, with the announcement that J.N.Anderson would report for China at the 7:30 service.

A.G.Daniells, Chairman.

W.A.Spicer, Secretary.