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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

EIGHTH MEETING.

FRIDAY morning October 25, the delegates assembled in Conference, at the usual hour, and were led in prayer by Elder J. H. Durland. After the reading of the minutes, the report of the Home Mission Secretary, Elder Geo. B. Starr, was called for and given as follows :—

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION SECRETARY.

The tabulated report of city missions this year, while it presents some items of encouragement, also presents some facts which we think should receive earnest consideration by this body. The following is a summary of the report, compared with that of last year :—

	1888	1889
Number of cities reporting.....	22	13
Number of workers reported.....	131	74
Visits made.....	43,021	29,939
Families visited.....	10,353	6,178
Readings given.....	12,037	10,001
Total attendance.....	16,399	16,759
Amount of sales.....	\$7,674.40	\$3,889.53
Number of new Sabbath-keepers.....	258	194
Amount paid for rent.....	\$4,454.47	\$2,939.65
Received on board.....	3,687.71	3,472.66
Tithe paid.....	4,997.20	5,977.25
Cash donations.....	1,023.93	2,303.26

Four cities failed to report.

It will be seen by this comparison that the number of cities where work is being conducted, including the four who failed to report, is five less than last year. The number of workers has increased nearly one half. The number of new families visited about one fourth, while the number of readings given is five-sixths as great as last year.

The amount of sales has decreased over one half, while the cash donations have nearly doubled. The

number of converts is sixty-four less than last year. This, compared with the number of laborers, we think, is a favorable showing. The amount paid for rent is reduced about one half, while the receipts for board are nearly the same as last year. The tithe receipts have increased one thousand dollars in those cities reporting, over the total of last year. This, doubtless, is far from a correct view of the facts, as it must be that some considerable tithe from those cities where work has been discontinued, is paid into the various State treasuries, which would considerably swell this amount if reported to us. The actual amount of expenditures we are unable to give; but from those cities reporting, we judge it to be very much less than last year. Some cities have succeeded in quite balancing their accounts; others averaging from \$200.00 to \$300.00 expense. The Chicago Bible School had a balance June 30 of \$150 above expenditures.

The Conference is aware that considerable depression has been caused in this branch of the work, owing to the large outlay of means in establishing it, resulting largely perhaps from inexperience, but in part from the actual increase in expense attendant upon living in a large city. No doubt this particular line of work was pushed too rapidly at the first, and not sufficient care was taken in the selecting of workers; but we would call your attention to the encouraging fact that about forty of the largest cities in the world have been entered, and in a good number of these, churches have been organized, which, in most cases, are the strongest churches in the conferences, numerically, financially, and in some instances spiritually. While this work has cost a considerable sum of money, we can doubtless unite in rejoicing that it has accomplished what it has, and we would not wish it to be still in waiting for us to take up. We have

CITY MISSIONS.

REPORT OF GEO. B. STARR, HOME MISSION SECRETARY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1889.

MISSIONS.	Av. no. workers.	Hours study.	Hours work for mis- sions.	Visits made.	New fami'l's visited.	Readings given.	Total attendance at all readings.	Other read'gs att'd.	Meetings attended.	Sermons preached.	No. of sub- scriptions.		Pages books or tracts not including ships or distributors.			No. period'ls not incl'ing ships or distributors.	
											Periodicals.	Bound b'ks.	Sold.	Loaned.	Given.	Sold.	Given.
a Burlington, Vt	1	90	175	115	9	80	80			12	15	4,278	2,314	732		225	
b Chicago, Ill	6			2,417		366				30	60	5,716	3,928	248		157	
Indianapolis, Ind.	4	506	3,456	1,204	240	712	1,975	105	401	50	8	6,738	4,012	982		69	
Los Angeles, Cal	5	738	1,905	2,732	296	1,069	787	47	202	171	20	2,758	7,887	1,039	1	5,555	
Oakland, Cal	12	6,000	6,764	10,223	3,950	2,722	3,000				175	265,763	46,131	29,684		4,939	
Philadelphia, Pa.	4			888		1,096	2,288				92	116,599	12,142	16,671	6	2,966	
St. Louis, Mo.	4	2,006	1,966	1,606		377	908		221		2	2,300	39,334	408	4,302	410	
c Grand Rapids, Mich	7	251	852	196	15	40	169	1	70								
Cleveland, O.	6			1,734		868	2,516	73	108	42		146,764	6,808	2,954		1,143	
London, Eng	4			3,456	917	1,021	2,775	248	801	21	27	30,313	45,403	47,436	394	3,731	
d Pittsburg, Pa.	2			89		105	244			28		168	854	3,129		1,398	
Washington, D. C.	5			2,567		619				27							
e East Saginaw, Mich.	14	26,361	8,064	2,732	651	976	2,022	129	1,032	12	13	63	27,147	6,547	4,222	19	136
Totals	74	36,007	23,182	29,989	6,178	10,001	18,759	603	2,737	405	403	163	608,589	175,410	107,505	4,622	21,374

MISSIONS.	Ships or distributors. Ships mark a, distributors, d.					Amount of sales.	Donations rec'd for Missions.		Car fare.	No. of new Sabbath- keepers.	Rent of buildings.	Amount received on board.	Tithe paid by both converts and workers.
	Pages sold.	Pages given.	Periodicals given.	No. suppl'd.	No. new ves- sels visit'd.		Cash.	Provisions. Estimated value.					
Burlington, Vt						\$ 16.75	\$ 12.00	\$11.00					
Chicago, Ill.						423.71	2,118.82	60.00	70.00	15	535.00	*1,212.69	2,212.59
Indianapolis, Ind.						† 31.55	32.43		4.20			8.04	50.00
Los Angeles, Cal				19		71.55	10.06		20.25	45		32.35	
Oakland, Cal	31,164	42,390	33,742		159	390.68	74.30		41.20	60	† 455.00		
Philadelphia, Pa.					13	177.72		2.50	32.46	14	300.00	120.00	643.47
St. Louis, Mo.		2,000	1,700			16.15			.25		350.00	† 575.00	601.00
Grand Rapids, Mich.	82		3			4.70	10.00		9.19				
Cleveland, O.						592.70	11.58			20	400.00	559.43	876.58
London, Eng						95.20	21.10		11.70	14	588.65	717.55	
Pittsburg, Pa.								5.59	10.58	2			406.58
Washington, D. C.						1,501.87		49.18		21	311.00	247.00	1,186.03
East Saginaw, Mich.						67.00	12.97	52.25	6.92	3			
Totals	31,246	44,390	35,445	19	172	\$3,339.58	\$2,303.26	\$130.52	\$306.75	194	\$2,939.65	\$3,472.66	\$5,977.25

a Six months' report. Mission now discontinued. c Three months' report. Mission now discon- + Received entirely from outside boarders. Work
 b The report of labor is for about three months, owing to interruptions in building, and absence of superintendent and workers in other parts of the State. All other items are for a full year. tined. ers pay no board.
 d Three months' report. e Nine months' report. † Profits from sales.
 * Received from workmen on building, State officers, and workers. ‡ \$120.00 of this amount paid for rent at San Diego.

learned valuable lessons in the experience, and ought to move forward more intelligently. But let us move forward.

That this work could have been done only by Bible-work, we think is easy of demonstration. For example: in a city in Pennsylvania, two camp-meetings and five tent efforts were conducted during a period of two years, resulting only in eight or ten persons embracing the truth. In the same length of time and at less expense, more than twice this number were brought out through Bible-work. The same is true of cities in other States. We think we may learn from this that our other methods of labor were not adapted to the large cities, and that God in his providence led his people into this method of labor, in order that they might move forward with the word of God in hand into these strongholds of the enemy. Upon this point we quote from an article by Sister White in the *Review and Herald*, Vol. 62, No. 49, page 769, entitled:

“A MISSIONARY APPEAL.”

“We are able to achieve vastly more than we have done, if we will call to our aid all whom we can get to enlist in the army. Some will prove worthless; but while finding this out, we must keep at work. One worthy, God-fearing worker will repay all our efforts, care, and expense.

“The plan of holding Bible-readings was a heaven-born idea. There are many, both men and women, who can engage in this branch of missionary labor. Workers may be thus developed who will become mighty men of God. By this means the word of God has been given to thousands; and the workers will be brought into personal contact with people of all nations and tongues. The Bible is brought into families, and its sacred truths come home to the conscience. Men are entreated to read, examine, and judge for themselves, and they must abide the responsibility of receiving or rejecting the divine enlightenment. God will not permit this precious work for him to go unrewarded. He will crown with success every humble effort made in his name.”

If this line of work is from God, and many large cities and countries are yet to be entered, we would inquire if it does not become us to still encourage proper persons to prepare for this line of work, and in a judicious way plan to assist them in their education? or shall all the sacrificing of the missionaries' time and means, be left upon themselves, and if they do not respond to the advice and prayers of the church, is the church then to feel itself relieved? Upon this point we would refer to Testimony No. 32, page 147, for a reply.

“Our churches are called upon to take hold of this work with far greater earnestness than has yet been manifested. *Every church should make special provision for the training of its missionaries*, thus aiding the fulfillment of the great command: ‘Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’

“If the churches everywhere should be advised literally to follow this counsel, by raising a fund, and by selecting from its members those most worthy and promising, and sending them forth supported by its prayers and its money, might this not be a solution

to this question? and would not the church thereby be more intimately connected with the missionary work? That persons so selected may make valuable laborers, we could cite many proofs. We will here, however, offer but one or two:—

In one of the largest and most important cities in this country, a church of between forty and fifty in membership has been organized, much to the rejoicing of us all. Out of this number of persons over thirty are the result of Bible work. The tithe of this church is nearly 1,200.00 dollars in nine months. In another city, one of the readers of a lady worker donated nearly one thousand dollars to the cause, before he was one year old in the truth.

The best talent should be selected,—persons of education and good address, those who are qualified to teach. Such will reach their own class; for water no more truly seeks its level than does the human mind.

We believe that those among us who are now teaching in common schools, would be better qualified by a few years' experience in this line of work either to teach in our own denominational schools, or, if they should not always continue in the Bible-work, to enter upon the duties of life. We hope that the matter of increasing the number of efficient laborers in this branch, will receive special attention in all parts of the country this winter. They will soon be needed both in this and in foreign countries. A seeming indifference in our churches to this line of work, has deterred many from entering upon it, who otherwise might now be engaged in it, and has also had a tendency to discourage some valuable laborers already in the work.

We would also call special attention to the importance of immediate steps being taken to prepare companies to enter heathen lands, to open the work, as teachers, Bible-workers, nurses, and canvassers. Other denominations are far in advance of us in these lines. The heathen are anxious to acquire a knowledge of the English language, and while learning it from a faithful missionary, they might at the same time be learning the principles of truth. Other denominations are establishing schools for the education of native nurses, Bible-workers, and colporterism; and why should not we? A little effort in this line would go far to remove prejudices from the minds of many, and give us a standing among those engaged in missionary work, who compose the best material in those churches.

The Central Bible-School has been completed at a total cost of \$25,497.26. About one-half of this amount has been donated. Upon the balance, we pay 6 per cent interest. The total amount of interest paid annually is \$825.00. This is \$225.00 more than we paid rent for a house of twelve rooms. We now have thirty-eight rooms, including the chapel.

In harmony with the recommendation of this Conference (see Year Book 1889, page 55, Art. 4), the Illinois Conference began a course of instruction October 1, with a corps of three teachers and arrangements perfected for a series of lectures upon the eye, ear, and vocal organs by Dr. Harper (whose time is given gratuitously). The attendance from outside the State of Illinois, was two, both being from Indiana. The attendance from Illinois also is small,—three persons,—owing to the fact that for several years we have been educating every available person, until our supply is about exhausted. Most of these are now at work in other fields.

We think the Conference can see that unless the situation is speedily changed, the Illinois Conference will not be justified in supporting persons at this point, to devote any considerable time to the work of teaching. We would call the attention of the Conference to the possibilities to be attained in the weekly missionary meetings if properly conducted, in giving the church intelligent information upon fields, and awakening the missionary spirit and increasing donations. The committee on home missionary work will doubtless make some definite accommodations upon this point.

We would also encourage the organization of Childrens' Missionary Meetings, to early cultivate the missionary spirit in their hearts. "The Gospel in all Lands" and the "Little Missionary" will prove valuable aids in both of these meetings.

We feel certain that a large number of persons should be in training in these lines at the present time, that they may be in readiness to respond to the call of this Conference to assist in the work in the various fields.

The Judiciary Committee then submitted the following:—

We concur in the recommendation of the council held at Nashville, Tennessee, that the proposed division of the States of Tennessee and Kentucky is a wise and proper action, and recommend it for adoption. We think that the division line beginning at the northeast corner of Hardin County, Kentucky, on the Ohio River, taking a southerly direction along the boundaries of Hardin, Hart, and Barren counties, thence along the west base of the Cumberland Mountains to the south boundary line of Tennessee, makes a just division of the territory; and that "Tennessee River Conference" for the western and "Cumberland Mission" for the eastern part of this territory are appropriate names for the same.

We would recommend that the Committee on distribution of labor consider the wants of the Cumberland field.

The committee also presented the following:—

In harmony with the recommendation of the President in his opening address, your committee would recommend that the territory covered by the General Conference in this country be divided into six districts, as follows:—

District No. 1, composed of the local conferences of Maine, Vermont, New England, New York, Atlantic, Pennsylvania, the two Virginias, the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

District No. 2, composed of the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and the Carolinas.

District No. 3, composed of the States by Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and the Province of Ontario.

District No. 4, composed of the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas, with Manitoba and the British possessions lying north of these States.

District No. 5, composed of the Conferences of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, and the Indian Territory.

District No. 6, composed of the Conferences of Upper Columbia, North Pacific, California, the State of Montana, and that part of the British possessions lying north of this division.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report:—

WHEREAS, There is an apparent need for a book written in an attractive style, profusely illustrated and handsomely bound, for use among the colored people of the South, therefore,

We recommend that the General Conference secure the preparation of such a book at the earliest possible date: and further, we recommend that this book contain as nearly as possible a synopsis of the Bible doctrines especially applicable at this time.

We advise that the blanks for City Mission reports be simplified, and that only such items be retained or added as pertain especially to city work; and further,

We recommend that Elder Geo. B. Starr, M. L. Huntley, and L. C. Chadwick be appointed a committee to make such changes, and to prepare copy for the printers.

We would recommend that a resolution be adopted by this Conference, that especial attention be given in the various States to seeking out intelligent ladies, and encouraging such to gain an experience in the Bible work, and as secretaries in the missionary work.

It seems to us that the word "mission," as connected with our city work, does not properly represent us in the minds of the people; and we recommend that its use be discontinued.

The finance Committee then presented the following report:—

The finance Committee, after carefully considering the question of how our foreign missions are to be supported, adopted the following resolutions for presentation to this body:—

WHEREAS, The plan of first-day offerings for the support of foreign missions is a Scriptural one, and therefore cannot be improved upon, and whereas, all has not been realized from this plan that was hoped for, therefore,

Resolved, That for the purpose of bringing this matter to the attention of all our people each first day of the week the coming year, and thus leading them to form the habit of systematic giving; a series of fifty-two brief Scripture readings, interspersed with

Items of interest, relating to our foreign missions, be prepared by a committee of five, who shall be appointed by the chair, and that a small pamphlet containing these readings be furnished free to all families who adopt the plan of first-day offerings, with suggestions that these readings be made the topic at the hour of family devotion on each first-day morning.

Resolved, That these readings begin with January 5, and that they be prepared and sent to State T. & M. Secretaries in season to be distributed as early as during the week of prayer.

Per order of the Committee,
A. T. ROBINSON, Secretary.

The Committee on Sunday Prosecutions presented a report. It was voted that proofs of this report be presented to the delegates for more mature deliberation, before being published in the BULLETIN.

Elder Underwood then presented the following—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

Your Committee on Church Order and Government, would respectfully submit the following report:—

Realizing the urgent necessity that something should be done more thoroughly to instruct our people generally with the sacredness of the church as the institution of God, and of membership in it, and of the relationship of members one to another; also a better understanding of the duties of the officers of the church, and of the relationship that should exist between the members and the officers,—

We recommend, That the chair appoint a committee of five, who shall separately prepare a series of Bible-readings on the following points:—

1. The church as the body of Christ, and the proper relation that should exist between the members and the head.
2. The qualifications of church officers, together with their duties, their care for the flock, and proper administration of the ordinances.
3. The relationship of the members to each other, and the duty they owe to those they have placed in official responsibility.
4. Reverence and proper decorum in the house of worship.

These readings to be accompanied by such notes and extracts from the testimonies as may be suggested by the texts used.

And further, in view of the great importance of this subject, and the necessity that exists for such instruction,

We recommend, That these readings be submitted at as early a date as possible to the Conference Committee, who shall prepare, or have prepared, from the same, a series of Bible readings on the above subjects, for publication in the most convenient form for circulation, at the earliest possible date.

And, further, to meet difficult questions that often arise, we recommend that a question box be prepared at this conference for questions on this subject; and that such questions as said committee think suitable should be included in such readings, with proper answers thereto.

Elder Corliss then called up the report upon the missionary ship, found on page 59 of the BULLETIN.

On motion of Elder W. C. White the second section was referred to the committee for further consideration. On motion of Elder A. T. Jones the first section was amended by inserting the words "or buy" after the words "for service." The portion of the report that had not been referred, was then adopted.

In accordance with the rules, these reports were laid over till the next meeting.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following:—

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother J. E. Swift has fallen in death in the midst of a career of activity and usefulness in the cause of God; therefore,

Resolved, That while we mourn his untimely departure, we recognize the fact that God doeth all things well, and that in love and kindness he giveth his beloved sleep.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved companion and relatives of our brother; and while human sympathy is powerless, we commend them to Him in whose love there is healing, who doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men, but who causes all things to work together for good to them that love him.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Conference, and that a copy of the same be furnished to Sister Swift.

On motion of Elder Corliss, the rules were suspended, to allow immediate action on this resolution. Brief remarks were made by Elders O. A. Olsen, M. H. Brown, and R. A. Underwood.

Elder Olsen said: I had only a passing acquaintance with the subject of this resolution, but have looked upon him as a very consecrated worker in the cause. As he was elected a delegate to this body, it will be highly fitting that this house adjourn to-day in season to follow his remains to the grave, on the arrival of the train bearing him hither.

Elder M. H. Brown gave a brief sketch of Elder Swift's life. He said he, having been acquainted with him from the first, could say that he was a man of most excellent spirit. He was at first very diffident, but upon being urged into the field he became an earnest worker, and a beloved fellow-servant. When he was transferred from New York to Ohio, we felt that we had sustained a great loss.

Elder Underwood said in substance: This is to us a sad bereavement, coming as it does at a time when efficient laborers are so greatly needed. Bro. Swift was an efficient man, and his loss will be a heavy blow to Ohio. But while we lay to rest the weary worker, we hope the work will not stop. Elder Swift came to Ohio two years ago, and has since labored hard. He was beloved by all with whom he was associated. I was with him two weeks ago, when he spoke in reference to the future, that if he were to live, he hoped to live only for God, but if it was the will of God that he should rest, he felt perfectly resigned. While engaged in prayer for him, the house seemed lighted up with the presence of God. When called upon to lay down our work, may we be as well prepared as we believe was this dear brother.

Following these remarks, the resolution was adopted by unanimous rising vote.

The Recording Secretary of the Conference then presented the following statistical report:—

STATISTICS OF HOME AND FOREIGN CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.
(Report of D. T. Jones, Recording Secretary of the General Conference.)

HOME AND FOREIGN CONFERENCES.	DATES OF ORGANIZATION.	NUMERICAL STANDING.				TITLES PAID FOR YEAR ENDING JUN. 30, 1889.
		Minis- ters.	Licent- rates.	Chr- rates.	Men- bers.	
1. Arkansas	May 21, 1888 ..	1	2	13	271	\$ 702.00
2. Atlantic	Sept. 27, 1889 ..	5	6	5	151	683.73
3. Australia	Sept. — 1888 ..	3	6	6	362	7,468.00
4. California	Feb. 15, 1873 ..	17	8	34	2,143	35,032.90
5. Canada	Aug. 16, 1880 ..	2	1	5	141	358.69
6. Central Europe	May 26, 1884 ..	6	4	30	693	2,139.64
7. Colorado	Sept. 26, 1883 ..	5	1	10	316	4,445.15
8. Dakota	Sept. 16, 1880 ..	7	5	23	686	6,575.09
9. Denmark	May 30, 1880 ..	3	1	10	265	859.16
10. Illinois	June 9, 1871 ..	7	3	31	831	8,800.68
11. Indiana	Sept. 20, 1872 ..	9	5	49	1,148	3,776.33
12. Iowa	Sept. 20, 1863 ..	13	9	79	1,760	14,718.82
13. Kansas	Sept. 10, 1875 ..	10	13	64	2,183	10,780.26
14. Kentucky	May 20, 1876 ..	2	..	5	75	350.00
15. Maine	(Now under Tennessee.)	4	3	24	452	2,625.21
16. Michigan	Nov. 1, 1867 ..	27	29	118	4,443	31,955.46
17. Minnesota	Oct. 5, 1861 ..	12	7	66	1,913	12,213.17
18. Missouri	Oct. 4, 1862 ..	7	9	34	773	8,455.98
19. Nebraska	June 2, 1876 ..	5	4	36	670	8,460.85
20. New England	Sept. 25, 1873 ..	7	6	23	786	9,759.77
21. New York	Aug. 24, 1871 ..	8	4	30	826	4,834.58
22. New Zealand	Oct. 25, 1862 ..	2	2	3	175	1,403.00
23. No. Pacific	May 27, 1859 ..	8	4	26	627	7,205.72
24. Norway	Oct. 25, 1877 ..	7	4	1	301	473.00
25. Ohio	June 10, 1887 ..	8	5	47	1,068	8,740.26
26. Pennsylvania	Feb. 22, 1863 ..	6	9	42	914	6,921.02
27. Sweden	Sept. 17, 1879 ..	3	3	13	360	939.23
28. Tennessee	March 12, 1882 ..	2	2	9	171	1,192.72
29. Texas	— 1880 ..	2	6	14	2,001.84	2,001.84
30. Upper Colum.	Nov. 18, 1878 ..	5	7	16	438	4,509.66
31. Vermont	— 1880 ..	5	7	18	473	1,845.18
32. Virginia	June 12, 1863 ..	2	..	4	118	455.62
33. West Virginia	Aug. 5, 1884 ..	2	..	4	135	560.00
34. Wisconsin	Sept. 15, 1887 ..	11	..	8	1,709	10,209.02
	June 22, 1871 ..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	Totals	218	169	943	27,743	\$216,441.74
Missions.						
British		2	4	8	160	1,217.80
South African		2	1	4	80	2,798.36
South Atlantic		1	1	4	141	1,014.36
Gulf		2	1	6	90	273.21
North Carolina		2	2	4	80	158.20
Nova Scotia		1	..	3	31	109.13
China .....		..	1	..	..	..
Totals	Totals	228	179	972	38,934	\$222,012.80

Following the statistical report, and some remarks on it, the Conference adjourned, to follow to their last resting place the remains of Elder J. E. Swift.

At the tomb brief services were held consisting of a prayer by Elder O. A. Olsen, and singing by the choir, after which the delegates returned, in line, to the tabernacle, and were there dismissed with the benediction.

INTERNATIONAL SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE third meeting of this Association was called at 3 P. M., Friday, October 25. Prayer was offered by Elder J. O. Corliss. After the secretary's report, the committee appointed to obtain information concerning the printing of lessons in foreign languages, rendered the following reports:—

Your Committee would submit the following recommendations:—

1. That the International S. S. Ex. Com. with the Gen. Conf. Ex. Com. appoint the following committees to examine the lessons for the ensuing year; viz:— A committee of eleven on the lessons in the English language, and eleven on lessons in foreign languages.

The last named committees to be as follows;— Five for the Scandinavian, three for the German, and three for the French language. The Committee for the foreign languages shall also translate and adapt the lessons for their respective languages.

2. That the lessons in English, Danish, Swedish, German, and French languages, be published in pamphlet form, for the schools.

Brother P. W. B. Wessels called attention to the fact that no provision had been made for translating the lessons into the Dutch language, and made a strong plea for such provision, inasmuch as the Dutch

form the principal portion of the body in South Africa, and have petitioned for lessons in their language. The report was returned to the committee for amendment.

The committee to whom the resolution concerning the admission of the South African Association was referred, reported as follows:—

We, your committee appointed to take under consideration the resolution expressing regret that the South African S. S. Association failed to present a formal request for admission to the International Association, beg leave to submit the following:—

(1.) That we favor the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution reads as follows:—

WHEREAS, We feel assured that it would be the desire of the South African S. S. Association to become a member of this Association, and it is only on account of their failing to make formal application, that we are unable to admit them; therefore—

Resolved, That we express our regret that such is the case.

(2.) Regarding the matter of admitting all such Associations we present the following:—

Resolved, That article I of the Constitution of the International Association be so amended as to read,—"and shall be composed of all the S. S. Associations as shall have been duly admitted as members; and such Sabbath-schools outside of regularly organized Associations that shall report quarterly to this Association; and any other S. S. Association, may, upon application through its officers become a member by vote of this body.

W. H. WAKEHAM,
A. T. ROBINSON,
T. A. KILGORE. } Com.

The report was laid over until the next meeting. The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions presented at the last meeting (see

BULLETIN, p. 69). The first two resolutions were passed without discussion.

When resolution three came up there was considerable discussion concerning it. Elder Farnsworth said that he did not know where three laborers were to come from, for the committee on distribution of labor was finding it hard work this year to get the laborers demanded in regular work. Elders Tait and Durland, and the president, spoke to the resolution. The latter said that he knew the scarcity of laborers, and yet he believed the help asked for in the resolution would be forthcoming. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Elder Wakeham moved to amend the fourth resolution by providing for publication in our church papers of the questions contained in the Sabbath-school lessons without the answers. This motion did not receive a second. Brother Chadwick said he was in favor of the resolution as it stands. Elder Waggoner said that while the lessons had hitherto been published in the *Signs*, they were not designed for the Sabbath-schools at all. But as that paper is a pioneer sheet, the lessons were put out through it simply as Bible readings for the benefit of those who do not know the truth.

Elders Tait and Porter spoke in favor of the resolution. Elder John thought the lessons ought to be published in full in at least one of our church papers, for the benefit of those whose minds were not so susceptible to the reception of truth. Elder White said that if he thought there was any great number of our people who were so dull as not to be able to comprehend the lessons without the answers attached, he would recommend that some measures be taken to drive them to the study of the Bible. This sentiment was indorsed by Elder Rees. The resolution was then carried.

The fifth resolution was carried without debate.

The sixth resolution called out remarks from L. C. Chadwick in its favor. Elder Loughborough gave his experience in California in the interest of the *Worker*, and said he indorsed the resolution. Elder Wakeham also spoke in its favor, after which the resolution was carried.

Elder Waggoner then introduced the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, The General Conference has voted to build or buy a ship for missionary use in the Pacific Ocean and to have it ready for sea early in 1890; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that the Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath-schools throughout the world pledge their missionary contributions during the whole of the year 1890 to the worthy object; and we urge that the State and local officers keep this object before the schools, so that their interest in the missionary work, and their liberality may be increased.

Elder White took occasion to set forth the object of the Sabbath-school donations. "It is not the money," he said, "that was uppermost, but to teach the children the importance of missionary work. The children should be taught to understand the sacredness of the work of God in all parts of the world. If this be the true object of the Sabbath-school donations then should their offerings be confined for one whole year to the work of the isolated dots in the Pacific Ocean? We ought to have a paper for the youth setting forth the needs of mission fields. Let us teach the children about missions. While the resolution was pending meeting adjourned.

AFTER the adjournment of the Conference the following committees on Health and Temperance were announced:—

On Plans of Work—D. A. Robinson, A. O. Burrill, W. H. Wakeham.

On Constitution—W. H. Wakeham, A. T. Robinson, A. O. Burrill.

On Nominations—A. O. Burrill, R. S. Webber, W. J. Stone.

On Resolutions—J. N. Loughborough, H. W. Pierce, Geo. B. Starr.

SABBATH evening Elder A. T. Jones gave a discourse based on Rom. 6:6. The burden of his remarks was to show that Christ not only saves from sin, but also saves from sinning all who properly relate themselves to him. The discourse was full of good thoughts, worthy of being cherished till the latest day.

Sabbath morning Elder U. Smith spoke, reviewing the work of this people from its infancy. The facts brought out were interesting to all present, and will be given in the BULLETIN as soon as provided.

In the afternoon a discourse was given by Elder Farnsworth in memoriam of Elder J. E. Swift, from the words: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." The thoughts expressed were appropriate and consoling.

