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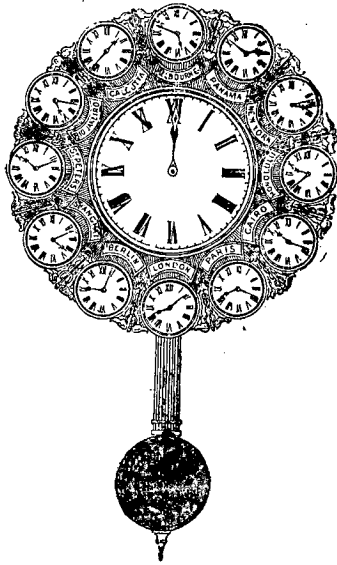
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## PREFATORY.

THE useful place which the Year Book has filled during the past four years, has caused our people to regard it as a necessity, and its publication each year as an established fact.

Action was taken at the Conference of Nov. 18 to Dec. 4, 1886, in regard to publishing the present number, as will be seen from the report; and this has accordingly been issued with as little delay as possible.

The contents of this number will be found of especial interest to our people; and it is published in such a manner, according to the report of the committee on the matter, as to place it at a price which brings it within the reach of all; and it is hoped that it will be accordingly widely circulated, and that by frequent reference to its contents our people generally will make themselves familiar with the workings of our cause. Without this, persons are sure to fall behind in a knowledge of the present status of the work. Such matter has been inserted as has been judged would be most *useful*, as well as most interesting, to all who hold any department of labor in connection with any of the enterprises of Seventh-day Adventists.

The publishers do not feel that they should be held responsible for any inaccuracies that may appear in the financial reports of any association, only in so far as they may have failed to follow copy. The aim has been to give *verbatim* such reports as have been furnished by the secretaries or treasurers of the respective organizations. It would be too much to expect that no mistakes have been made in names and addresses, as only two State Conferences furnished their directories; for the others we were dependent on such material as we had at hand. If any errors are discovered, corrections will be cheerfully given in the *Review*. As a matter of justice it should be remarked that the information for the sketches of foreign missions was obtained from that most excellent work, "Historical Sketches of Foreign Missions of S. D. Adventists," recently published at Basel, Switzerland.

With a sincere wish that the book may continue to supply more and more fully the want that exists in the field which it is designed to fill, the Year Book for 1887 is commended to the charitable consideration of our people.

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists met for its twenty-fifth annual session at the appointed time, Nov. 18, 1886, with the President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, in the chair. Prayer by Eld. S. N. Haskell.

Delegates being called for, seventy-one responded, representing twenty-three Conferences and four Missions.

By vote, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which he did as follows:—

*On Nominations*: J. Fargo, J. B. Goodrich, C. L. Boyd.

*On Resolutions*: R. A. Underwood, A. B. Oyen, E. J. Waggoner.

*On Credentials and Licenses*: S. N. Haskell, B. L. Whitney, G. G. Rupert.

*On Auditing* (with Conference Committee): Harmon Lindsay, D. T. Jones, D. B. Oviatt, J. Fargo, J. H. Morrison, Harrison Grant.

*On Religious Exercises*: R. M. Kilgore, L. Mc Coy, G. C. Tenney.

The Chairman then presented to the Conference a general review of the work during the past year. General prosperity has attended the cause, as much so as in any year in the past. Our views have received a more general hearing; we have sold more books than ever before; and a larger number of young people have attended our institutions of learning, with the object before them of entering into some branch of the work at the earliest possible time.

The missionary work was also reviewed at some length, and the financial standing of the different missions was presented. The outlook all along the line is of a very encouraging character. Allusion was also made to the opposition that is arising

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against our cause in some quarters, and the persecution under which some are already suffering. But this should be no cause of discouragement; for this is just what we have long been expecting, from the declarations of God's word. Eld. Haskell also made interesting remarks on the missionary work.

*Moved*, That a committee of five (afterward amended to four) act with the General Conference Committee as a committee on the distribution of labor.—Carried.

D. M. Canright, A. J. Breed, Lewis Johnson, M. C. Wilcox, were appointed as said committee.

Adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

**SECOND MEETING.** — Prayer by Eld. I. D. Van Horn. Three new delegates handed in credentials. The Chairman introduced the question of prosecutions for Sunday labor, for the consideration of the Conference. Eld. D. T. Jones made a statement of the situation in Arkansas. J. A. Armstrong, and Elds. Wood, Fulton, Rees, and Rupert spoke on the various phases of this question in different States; and the principles involved in the question were discussed at some length by E. J. Waggoner and others. On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of seven, himself being chairman, to consider the question, and make some recommendations to the Conference.

The following were named as said committee: Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, J. Fargo, A. R. Henry, R. A. Underwood, E. W. Farnsworth, F. D. Starr.

Adjourned to Friday, at 9 A. M.

**THIRD MEETING.** — Prayer by Eld. D. P. Curtis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Three new delegates were added to the list of members. By vote, brethren present in good standing, not members of the Conference, were invited to participate in its deliberations.

The subject of the missionary work being introduced, Eld. S. N. Haskell spoke of the work, following whose remarks an earnest petition from Australia, with eighty-three names signed, was read, inviting a visit from Mrs. E. G. White and Elds. W. C. White and S. N. Haskell, and the permanent location of some efficient laborer among them. Eld. B. L. Whitney spoke some forty-five minutes, giving a very interesting survey of the work in Europe, what has been done, what remains to be done, the difficulties of the work, and what is specially needed now to carry forward the work. Eld. M. C. Wilcox spoke half an hour in regard to the work in England, showing its importance, the special difficulties it has to meet, and the extent and magnitude which the work must assume there in the near future. Following this, a communication was read from Eld. S. H. Lane concerning the work in that field. Eld. A. B. Oyen spoke thirty-

five minutes in regard to the work in the Scandinavian countries. Prosperity has attended it, and when the office of publication in Christiania is better supplied with publications, as it soon will be, the work will become self-sustaining by means of canvassers. All these remarks were full of interest and encouragement.

Communications were also read from South Africa, and interesting remarks made about the introduction of the truth there and in South America. It was then —

*Moved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of four to act with the three members of the General Conference Committee present (making a committee of seven), to consider the special phases of the work in the different parts of the foreign field, and make such recommendations as they may think proper in regard to providing for the same. — Carried.

Eld. Geo. B. Starr raised the question of the propriety of our taking some steps to circulate our literature at the Prophetic Conference in Chicago, whereupon Geo. B. Starr, N. C. McClure, and S. B. Whitney were appointed a committee to take such action in regard to the matter as they might think proper.

Adjourned to 2 : 30 P. M

**FOURTH MEETING.** — Prayer by Eld. R. A. Underwood. Minutes approved. The committee called for at the preceding meeting on special wants of the foreign fields, was announced as follows : B. L. Whitney, R. M. Kilgore, A. R. Henry, and H. Nicola, these persons to act with the members of the General Conference Committee in the matter committed to them.

The subject of the former part of the day — the missionary work — being again taken up, the following vote of thanks from the church in Christiania, Norway, was read : —

**TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S. D. ADVENTISTS, U. S. A.**

The undersigned committee would hereby, in behalf of the church of S. D. Adventists in Christiania, Norway, send to you the following vote of thanks, adopted unanimously by the church : —

*Whereas*, Our brethren in America have so kindly furnished means, and thus secured the erection of a suitable building for the publishing work and meetings, and furnished excellent facilities for publishing and printing ; and —

*Whereas*, We are now most comfortably situated in a suitable hall for meetings, well warmed and lighted, and in every way well adapted to the preaching of the truth and to the worship of God ; therefore —

*Resolved*, That we do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to God and to our American brethren for these comforts and blessings.

H. STEEN,	} Committee.
G. O. MELIN,	
J. SYVERTSEN,	

A communication was then read from J. Kolvoord, in reference to the work among the Hollanders in this country. Some time was spent in considering the wants of this part of the field.



Eld. Haskell spoke in regard to the natives of New Zealand, called the Maoris, and the facilities that exist for bringing the truth before them. All things point to the necessity of a paper in the Maori language at no distant day. Eld. T. H. Gibbs spoke of the mission in New Orleans, and his connection with the work in the South. He gave an interesting account of the work there, and made a strong appeal for the South.

The matter of theological questions being introduced, it was moved that the Chair appoint a committee of nine to consider any theological questions that may come before the meeting. The Chair requesting to be excused from the appointment of this committee on account of his expressed views on one of the questions to be considered, the motion was so amended as to substitute Eld. Haskell in place of the Chair as the one to appoint the committee, and that both Elds. Butler and Haskell be on that committee.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FIFTH MEETING, 10 A. M., Nov. 21. — Prayer by Eld. E. J. Waggoner. Minutes approved. The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted the following partial report:—

Your committee would respectfully make the following recommendations:—

1. That Eld. E. W. Whitney and family proceed to Basel, Switzerland, at their earliest convenience, to assist in the work of the Central European Mission.
2. That in harmony with the request of the late European Council, Eld. S. N. Haskell visit the European field at his earliest convenience, to remain as long as he deems advisable, to assist by his counsels and labors especially in the British field.
3. That W. L. H. Baker and wife, of Oakland, Cal., go at their earliest convenience to Australia to assist in the work of the office of the *Bible Echo*.
4. That Eld. M. G. Huffman make Virginia his future field of labor.
5. That Eld. B. F. Purdham go to Indiana as his next field of labor.

On motion to adopt, the recommendations were quite fully discussed, and the motion was carried.

The question of furnishing reports of the Conference for leading papers being called up, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three to attend to this matter. The following were appointed as said committee: A. B. Oyen, G. C. Tenney, W. A. Spicer.

Eld. A. T. Robinson gave a report of the work in connection with the city mission of Brooklyn.

The Theological Committee was then announced as follows: G. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, D. M. Canright, E. J. Waggoner, J. H. Morrison, U. Smith, M. C. Wilcox, B. L. Whitney, Wm. Covert.

A report of the work in Washington, D. C., was given by W. H. Saxby, who has had charge of the mission there, after which, the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

SIXTH MEETING, 10 A. M., NOV. 22.—Prayer by Eld. J. Cook. Minutes approved.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committee of five to take into consideration the subject of camp-meetings and workers' meetings, and make such recommendations to the Conference as might seem desirable: R. A. Underwood, D. M. Canright, L. McCoy, D. A. Robinson, Wm. Ostrander.

The Committee on Resolutions began their report as follows:—

1. *Resolved*, That we feel our indebtedness and express our thanks to God for the faithful warnings and reproofs which he is in mercy giving us by his Spirit, and that we will show our appreciation of these testimonies by humbling our hearts before him, and putting away sin from us, that the work of God be not hindered.

*Whereas*, The reports from the various mission fields show that the Third Angel's Message is spreading with a rapidity never known before, and the many and urgent calls that are coming in show that the fields are white already to the harvest; and—

*Whereas*, The persecution which we have long expected against those that "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" is no longer a matter of theory, but is a stern reality; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize all these things as evident tokens that the end is very near, and that our time for work will soon close; and that while we thank God for the help which he has given us in the past, and for the privilege of laboring for him, we will be admonished by these tokens to redouble our diligence, and to make renewed and complete consecration of ourselves to God and his cause; and further—

3. *Resolved*, That we tender our hearty Christian sympathy to our brethren who are suffering persecution, and that we urge them, and others upon whom the same things may come, to be in nothing terrified by the adversaries, but to remember that to us "it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake."

*Whereas*, Experience has demonstrated that many of the leading papers in the United States are anxious to secure reports of our general meetings and the many interesting facts connected with the extension of our work throughout the world; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That each State Conference should make arrangements to secure full reports of their large meetings in the leading papers of the State.

5. *Resolved*, That this Conference appoint a committee of three to prepare proper helps, with instructions to our various State Conference officers, to assist them in carrying out the above.

6. *Resolved*, That we urge those having our colleges and schools in charge, to arrange for classes where students may have a practical drill in the work of reporting.

7. *Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of three who shall prepare, ready for the builder, plans and drafts of meeting-houses of different sizes and of the most approved construction, which can be furnished at the least reasonable cost to our churches everywhere who may wish to build meeting-houses; said committee to hold office during the Conference year.

8. *Resolved*, That we advise all our churches who design to build meeting-houses, to correspond with this committee, and obtain said plans and drafts for building.

Six of the foregoing resolutions were adopted, and the 7th

and 8th were referred to the following special committee: L. McCoy, D. M. Canright, A. R. Henry

*Whereas*, It is not reasonable that ministers should leave the word of God and serve tables, but that they should give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6 : 2-4); and—

*Whereas*, The time of our camp-meetings is just when they should be in the best mental and spiritual condition; therefore—

9. *Resolved*, That they should as far as possible be left free from the business of the camp and the work of fitting up the grounds, that they may properly do the work of the ministry at these important seasons.

This resolution was referred back to the Committee, and the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

SEVENTH MEETING, NOV. 24.—Prayer by Eld. E. J. Waggoner. Minutes approved. The regular business being a continuation of the consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, the remaining preambles and resolutions were read as follows:—

*Whereas*, It is exceedingly important that the special instruction to ministers and other workers which is contained in the four volumes of the "Testimonies," be carefully and constantly studied by all laborers in the field; and—

*Whereas*, It is impossible for many who are traveling to carry with them more than one volume at a time; therefore—

10. *Resolved*, That we hereby ask the General Conference Committee to arrange for the preparation of a manual composed of extracts from the "Testimonies" concerning how to present the truth, consecration, manner of life, habits of study, etc., of ministers and missionary workers.

*Whereas*, There are in this country many thousands of Hollanders, who are an industrious, frugal, and religiously-inclined people, many of whom are becoming interested in the truths of the Third Angel's Message, and are calling for reading matter; therefore—

11. *Resolved*, That we recognize our duty to occupy the field thus opened before us, and that we advise the publication of a paper in the Holland language as soon as the General Conference Committee can secure suitable and competent persons to conduct it.

These resolutions were adopted.

The Chair then announced the committee of three called for in resolution 5, as follows: R. A. Underwood, D. M. Canright, G. C. Tenney.

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

6. That Eld. E. W. Farnsworth accompany Eld. Haskell to the British field.
7. That Eld. Samuel Fulton go to Florida, to labor in that field.
8. That Eld. E. E. Marvin go to Tennessee, to assist in that Conference.
9. That Eld. G. G. Rupert visit British Guiana, and make such visits to other points during his trip as he deems advisable.
10. That Eld. Will D. Curtis, of Kansas, go to Australia.
11. That Eld. H. Shultz, of Nebraska, give his time to the German work in

the different Conferences, under the direction of the General Conference Committee.

12. That Eld. J. F. Hanson go to New York City and Brooklyn, to labor among the Scandinavians.

13. That Eld. Lewis Johnson go to Chicago, to labor there as much as the needs of the cause demand.

14. That Eld. J. H. Cook go to Kentucky at his earliest convenience, to take the place of Eld. Rupert.

15. That Eld. C. L. Boyd and wife go to South Africa as soon as they can conveniently leave their present field of labor.

16. That Eld. D. A. Robinson and wife go to South Africa with Eld. Boyd.

17. That Eld. John Fulton go to the North Pacific Conference, to labor in connection with Eld. Boyd till the latter shall leave for South Africa, and then take Eld. Boyd's place in that Conference.

All the foregoing recommendations were adopted.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committee of three to look after the German work in Battle Creek: B. L. Whitney, J. Reiswig, S. S. Shrock.

On motion, the Chair appointed a committee of three to prepare blanks and take such other steps as may be necessary to put the General Conference Association in a condition to do the business it is designed to accomplish: A. R. Henry, L. McCoy, H. W. Decker.

A motion that the Chair appoint a committee of three to issue the Year Book for 1887, resulted in referring the matter of the Year Book to the Committee on Resolutions, with instructions to present some recommendation on the subject.

*Moved* (by B. L. Whitney), That A. T. Robinson and D. A. Robinson be a committee to canvass the members of the Conference, to ascertain how many copies of the new book, "Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists," will be wanted in the different Conferences.—Carried.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

EIGHTH MEETING, 10 A. M., Nov. 29. — Prayer by Eld. A. S. Hutchins. Minutes approved. The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented a further report, making the following additional recommendations:—

18. That Eld. H. Peebles and wife go to Indianapolis to take charge of the mission in that city.

19. That Eld. J. M. Rees spend what time he can consistently with his work in Tennessee, in looking after the interests of the cause in North Carolina.

20. That W. C. Sisley and wife go to California, Mrs. Sisley to work in the Healdsburg College.

21. That Eld. E. W. Farnsworth and wife remain in Michigan till he goes to the British field with Eld. Haskell, Mrs. Farnsworth to take charge of the missionary work in the College.

22. That Eld. G. W. Anglebarger and wife go to Atlanta, Ga., to superintend the new mission to be started in that city.

23. That Richard H. Coggeshall go to Christiana as soon as he can reasonably leave the office in Basel, to stay at least six months, to give instruction in printing and press work.

24. That Ludwig Henrikson, of Western Iowa, go to Norway to assist and give instruction in the colportage and Bible work.

All the foregoing recommendations were adopted  
The Treasurer's report was then presented as follows : —

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. R. Henry in account with the General Conference of S. D. Adventists : —

		Dr.
To cash on hand Nov. 18, 1885,		\$ 5,429 07
To am't received from all sources to Nov. 1, 1886,		13,080 95
	Total,	\$18,510 02
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By cash paid ministers during year,		\$13,596 01
"    "    for sundries,		347 53
Cash on hand to balance,		4,566 48
	Total,	\$18,510 02

A. R. HENRY, *Treas.*

This report was accepted.

*Moved* (by Eld. Rees), That as Eld. Samuel Fulton is removed from Tennessee to Florida, Eld. E. E. Marvin act on the Conference Committee of Tennessee in his place.—Carried.

*Moved* (by Eld. Rupert), That as Eld. Cook is to take Kentucky as his field of labor, he take the place of Eld. Rupert as president of the Conference, and also of the Tract Society of that State.—Carried.

*Moved* (by Eld. S. Fulton), That Eld. Rees take Eld. Fulton's place as president of the Tract Society in Tennessee.—Carried.

The Committee on Camp-meetings and Workers' Meetings presented the following report :—

Your committee appointed to consider the matter of camp-meetings, would recommend—

1. That the workers' meeting, where practicable, begin on Tuesday.
2. That the camp-meeting committee and manager of grocery and dining hall be on the ground the week previous, to make such preparations as are necessary.
3. That, as far as consistent, all ministers, workers, and delegates, and a large number of our leading brethren and sisters of the Conference be on the ground the first day of the workers' meeting.
4. That it will be greatly to the advantage of each Conference to secure the services of one or more of the leading ministers of an adjoining Conference during the workers' meeting.
5. That the camp be thoroughly organized the first week.
6. That the auditing of all accounts be done during the week of the workers' meeting.

## 7. That the following be the program during the workers' meeting:—

A. M.	
Rise at.....	5 : 00
Devotional exercises in large tent.....	5 : 30-6 : 30
Breakfast.....	7 : 00
Labor.....	7 : 45-10 : 30
Instructions.....	10 : 45-12 : 15
P. M.	
Dinner.....	1 : 00
Labor.....	1 : 45-5 : 00
Instructions.....	5 : 30-7 : 00
Retire at.....	8 : 00

Preaching service Friday evening, Sabbath, and Sunday afternoon and evening.

8. That the camp-meeting proper begin on Tuesday of the second week, and that the usual program be followed, excepting that from 9 : 30 A. M. to 12 M. the time be devoted to business meetings.

9. That the committee appointed to prepare helps for reporters, also make suggestions for detail work during the meeting.

This report was amended by adding an additional recommendation that the foregoing recommendations do not apply in cases where Conferences hold a two weeks' camp-meeting; and as amended, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented a recommendation on the Year Book, as they were instructed to do; but as it was thought that some essential features had been omitted, the resolution was referred back to them for further consideration,

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following:—

*Whereas*, In most of the cities where our missions are established, there is a large foreign population; and—

*Whereas*, The people of these foreign nationalities can be most effectually reached by the kind of labor done by these missions; therefore—

12. *Resolved*, That we recommend to those in charge of the city missions, that as fast as possible they introduce a foreign department in their work, making special efforts for the development of the work among those nationalities found in their respective fields.

*Whereas*, In our increasing German work, there exists an urgent demand for a suitable hymn book for the people of that tongue; therefore—

13. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of a committee of five or more, for the preparation of the material for a German hymn book.

An amendment to resolution 13, providing that the hymn book should contain music as well as hymns, was added; and, as amended, the resolutions were adopted.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

NINTH MEETING, 2 : 30 P. M., Nov. 29.—Prayer by Eld. J. Fargo. Minutes approved.

The Committee on Resolutions continued to report as follows:—

*Whereas*, It has pleased God to connect with the last message of truth the light of health reform ; and —

*Whereas*, Our health institutions and publications have been a means of disseminating the truth upon this important subject, and of leading many to a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message ; and —

*Whereas*, Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the past success of this work ; therefore —

14. *Resolved*, That we will do all in our power that is consistent to advance this branch, and that we will hail with joy all proper efforts put forth to help the suffering millions to the light committed to us upon this important subject.

While this resolution was under discussion, the Committee on Meeting-houses finding it necessary to present their report, as some of the members were about to leave, the report of the Committee on Resolutions was temporarily laid on the table to make way for said report, which was presented as follows : —

Your committee beg leave to recommend that the Chair appoint a committee of three, two of whom shall be experienced builders ; said committee to obtain by correspondence or otherwise, a description of a reasonable number of the most approved churches among us throughout the country. From these they shall select about a dozen, different in size and construction, which shall be numbered and described in a small pamphlet. Cheap cuts or photographs of the buildings may accompany the description. From these descriptions a society may select a plan which suits them best, and on application to the committee, a draft and specifications of the house, with the probable cost, shall be furnished for reasonable compensation.

We further suggest that the above-named pamphlet may, for a small charge, contain the addresses of approved carpenters among us in the various Conferences. The recommendation of the above-named committee shall receive the approval of the General Conference Committee before being given to the public.

D. M. CANRIGHT, }  
A. R. HENRY, } Committee.  
L. MC COX, }

This report was adopted. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was then taken from the table, and continued as follows : —

15. *Resolved*, That we advise all ministers to pay their tithe, not to the State treasurer, but to the treasurer of the church to which they belong.

This resolution was laid on the table.

16. *Resolved*, That this Conference authorize the Chair to appoint a committee of three to prepare a telegraphic code adapted to our work.

*Whereas*, The superficial wearing of gold and costly apparel is not in harmony with the teaching of the Bible ; and —

*Whereas*, Our mission workers should be an example to others in this respect ; therefore —

17. *Resolved*, That all who connect themselves with our missions should, before going, bring their wearing apparel into harmony with the teachings of the Bible and the "Testimonies" on this subject.

It was moved to so amend this resolution as to include all workers in the cause, and ministers' wives, and to amend the

amendment so as to make it apply to our offices of publication and our schools and colleges. These amendments were both lost. A motion to lay the resolution on the table was also lost.

*Whereas*, In city missions where several laborers are employed, the household duties consume much time ; therefore —

18. *Resolved*, That in missions where more than five or six laborers are employed, it is advisable to secure the services of a woman to take the oversight of the various household duties of the mission ; the expense of said helper to be paid from the Conference funds.

*Whereas*, In some cases unpleasantness and misunderstanding have arisen because unsuitable persons have been advised to go to our city missions as laborers, without first consulting those at the head of the missions, and without being recommended by the proper authorities ; therefore —

19. *Resolved*, That those who wish to become laborers in our city missions should first correspond with the one who has charge of the city mission to which they desire to go.

These resolutions were then adopted.

The Chair then announced the following committees called for in the foregoing resolutions :—

*On German Hymn Book* : B. L. Whitney, L. R. Conradi, J. Ertzenberger, H. Shultz, A. Kunz.

*On Telegraphic Cipher* : U. Smith, A. R. Henry, B. L. Whitney.

The following resolution was then presented by the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted :—

*Whereas*, It has ever been well-pleasing to God, and according to his word, that laborers in his cause should be special subjects of prayer by all believers ; and—

*Whereas*, Such special prayer has a twofold good result, in aiding and encouraging the laborers, and in broadening the minds of believers and deepening their interest in the cause ; therefore —

20. *Resolved*, That we recommend that all of our people, wherever they may reside, regard Wednesday of each week as a day of special prayer for ministers and missionary laborers in all parts of the wide harvest field.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows :—

Your committee to present nominations for officers would recommend the following : For President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler ; for Secretary, Eld. U. Smith ; for Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Chapman ; for Treasurer, A. R. Henry ; for Executive Committee, Elds. Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, O. A. Olsen, W. C. White, R. A. Underwood.

This report was adopted. It was then—

*Moved* (by B. L. Whitney), That the Constitution of the General Conference be amended by substituting the word "seven" for the word "five," in Sec. 1 of Art. II., designating the number of the Executive Committee. — Carried by the required three-fourths vote.

*Moved*, That the Nominating Committee suggest the two additional members necessary to raise the number of the Com-



mittee to seven, according to the change of the Constitution just adopted. — Carried.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

TENTH MEETING, 10 A. M., Dec. 1. — Prayer by Eld. E. J. Waggoner. Minutes approved. As Elds. Purdham and Huffman were to exchange fields of labor, Eld. Purdham resigned his position on the Virginia Conference Committee, and it was—

*Moved* (by Eld. Neff), That Eld. Huffman be placed on the Virginia Conference Committee, which motion prevailed.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of nine, himself being chairman of said committee, to consider the wants of our foreign Missions, and the relation the *Review* Office should sustain to them, in a financial point of view.

The following were appointed as said committee: Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, R. A. Underwood, A. R. Henry, J. Fargo, C. L. Boyd, W. C. Sisley, Harmon Lindsay, J. H. Kellogg.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of seven to consider the question of how far the General Conference Association shall extend its operations, in taking upon itself the management of property which some desire to place in its hands.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three to devise some plan to assist worthy young persons to attend our institutions of learning, and through which such persons may be properly looked after while receiving such assistance.

The Committee on Resolutions were requested, by vote, to draft a resolution in reference to the payment of tithes quarterly into the General Conference treasury.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of five to make some recommendations in regard to special courses of instruction to close up the long term in our institutions of learning.

The following committees were then announced by the Chair:—

*On General Conference Association:* L. McCoy, Harrison Grant, P. Z. Kinne, C. Eldridge, H. Nicola. D. T. Jones, J. H. Morrison.

*On Assisting Persons to Attend our Schools:* W. C. Sisley, B. L. Whitney, A. J. Breed.

*On Special Courses of Instruction in our Schools:* S. N. Haskell, U. Smith, D. M. Canright, E. W. Farnsworth, W. C. Sisley.

On motion, the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration the question whether assistance can be extended to foreign Sabbath-keepers in distressed circumstances.

The following persons were appointed as said committee: B.

L. Whitney, J. H. Cook, H. W. Decker, F. D. Starr, M. C. Wilcox.

On motion, the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee of five on translations into foreign languages, to insure accuracy in such translations.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

ELEVENTH MEETING, 2:30 P. M., DEC. 1. — Prayer by Eld. R. A. Underwood. Minutes approved.

The Committee on Translations was announced as follows: U. Smith, B. L. Whitney, F. D. Starr, A. R. Henry, E. J. Waggoner.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted the following recommendations:—

25. That Fannie Bolton and Hattie Annis go to the city of Washington, D. C., to work in that mission.

26. That Eld. F. D. Starr, after spending three or four months in obtaining all possible information in the city-mission work, colportage work, and Bible-reading work, go to Basel, Switzerland, to assist especially in the German work.

27. That Eld. S. S. Smith, of Wisconsin, go to Alabama to labor in that State and in Mississippi.

28. That Eld. C. W. Olds, of Wisconsin, accompany Eld. Smith to Alabama, to labor especially in canvassing for our subscription books, and otherwise assisting in the work in Alabama and Mississippi.

29. That Eld. T. H. Gibbs go to British Honduras, to look after the work in that field and baptize those who are proper subjects for baptism.

30. That Chas. F. Curtis go to Atlanta, Georgia, to work in connection with that mission.

31. That Geo. A. King accompany Eld. Rupert on his trip to British Guiana, to assist him by selling our canvassing books and publications.

32. That J. F. Stureman go to South Africa with Elds. Boyd and Robinson, as canvasser and to labor among those who speak the Holland language.

33. That Eld. M. C. Wilcox return to the British field, to work in connection with our British paper and publications.

34. That Mary Heilesen, in harmony with the request of the European Council, go to Christiania, Norway, to assist in that Mission and publishing house.

Eld. Boyd asked a little time for consultation on recommendation 32, and it was referred back to the committee for that purpose. All the remaining recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on the General Conference Association, to take such steps as may be required to put it into working order, reported, showing that they had attended to the matters committed to them.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following on the Year Book, according to their instruction:—

21. *Resolved*, That the Year Book for 1887 contain the following matter: ministers' directory, general directories, reports of the proceedings of the General Conference, International Tract and Missionary Society, General Sabbath-school Association, and of the annual meetings of the publishing houses and educational

and health institutions; a report of the European Missionary Council; full statistics of the publishing work; postal guide, and postal rates to foreign countries; constitutions of the General Conference and State Conferences and International Tract and Missionary Society; that the article, "Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists," as published at present, be discontinued, and that in its stead we have a very brief sketch of the time of organization and the present numerical standing of the various Conferences; also cuts of all our publishing houses and educational institutions, with brief history of each; that there be inserted a map of the world, on which shall be indicated the location of all our publishing houses, and the head-quarters of our different foreign Missions; a sketch of all our foreign Missions, and of our various city missions, and a general statement of the present *status* of our work, with an account of the fulfillment of prophecy in the recent persecution of our brethren in this and foreign countries.

We recommend further, that the societies represented bear a share of the expense of publication, so that the book may be furnished at retail at the nominal price of ten cents.

It was moved to amend by striking out what is said about the persecutions, and inserting in its place the words, "a brief historical sketch of our work during the past year;" and to amend the amendment by providing that if the map of the world cannot be readily procured, it be omitted.

The amendments were carried, and the recommendations were referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the Chair, to carry out the recommendations made.

The committee, according to instruction, presented the following concerning tithes to the General Conference:—

*Whereas*, The General Conference depends for its funds upon the tithes from the State Conferences, and it is necessary that means should come in at frequent intervals in order that the work be not hindered; therefore—

22. *Resolved*, That we believe it to be the duty of every Conference to pay its tithes quarterly to the General Conference, accompanied by a full report thereof to the General Conference Secretary and Treasurer; and that we urge all the State Conferences so to do.

The following general resolutions were then presented.

23. *Resolved*, That at each camp-meeting at least one service should be devoted to the subject of education, and that at an early date in each meeting a committee should be appointed to canvass the camp for the purpose of encouraging youth to attend our denominational schools.

24. *Resolved*, That all our ministers who are laboring within the bounds of their own Conference should pay their tithe to the church of which they are members.

*Whereas*, The "Chart of the Week" about to be issued in enlarged form by Eld. W. M. Jones, of London, England, is an incontrovertible testimony to the unbroken continuity of the creation week, an unanswerable argument to the Sunday-seventh-day theory, and a positive proof of the perpetuity of the seventh-day Sabbath, showing that out of more than one hundred and fifty languages and dialects the large majority recognize Saturday as the Sabbath; therefore—

25. *Resolved*, That we express our hearty appreciation of the faithful, painstaking, arduous, and conscientious labors of Eld. Jones, and cordially recommend the use of his chart to our fellow-laborers in the great harvest field.

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

TWELFTH MEETING, 10 A. M., DEC. 5.—Prayer by Eld. I. D. Van Horn. Minutes approved. Eld. R. F. Andrews, having returned from his European field, took his seat in the Conference, and Eld. J. Wilson was received as additional delegate from Iowa.

The committee on deeding property to the General Conference Association, reported as follows :—

Your committee appointed to take into consideration and report on "How far the General Conference Association shall extend its operations in taking upon itself the management of property which some desire to place in its hands," after considering the subject as fully as time and opportunities permit, would submit the following :—

*Whereas*, We believe it to be for the interests of the General Conference, and in harmony with the wishes of many of our people who want to place their property where it will advance the cause of truth; therefore—

1. *We recommend*, That the General Conference Association accept of property tendered to said Association in good faith, and secured to it by deeds, wills, mortgages, etc., when such acceptance will, in the judgment of the Association, be for the interests of our work; and also that it accept and hold in trust property, when it may be for the interests of our people in certain localities and for the cause at large to do so; and further—

2. *We recommend*, That the General Conference Association employ a suitable person as its agent, to take in charge this department of business, and to correspond with, and visit when necessary, parties who may wish to make such transfers.

*Whereas*, Contingencies may arise which could not be readily decided by parties at a distance who are unacquainted with the circumstances; therefore—

3. *We recommend*, That all persons desiring to make transfers, mortgages, deeds of trust, etc., in favor of the Association, first consult with the Conference committee of the State in which they live, and that said committee give such advice to individuals, and make such recommendations to the agent of the Association, as may in their judgment be for the interests of all concerned.

L. MCCOY,	} Committee.
HARRISON GRANT,	
P. Z. KINNE,	
C. ELDRIDGE,	
H. NICOLA,	
D. T. JONES,	
J. H. MORRISON,	

The committee to suggest ways and means to assist foreign Sabbath-keepers in distressed circumstances, reported through its chairman, Eld. B. L. Whitney, as follows :—

Your committee appointed to suggest a plan for the relief of those who are brought into circumstances of destitution through obedience to the truth, by furnishing these individuals situations where they may obtain employment, would respectfully recommend—

1. That a Labor Bureau be established at Battle Creek, the managers of which shall be in direct communication with the Mission Boards of our various Missions, through whom they shall learn of those deserving of assistance; and with the executive committees of our various Conferences, through whom they may ascertain the openings for labor and the possibilities of situations among the brethren of their respective Conferences.

2. That this Labor Bureau shall consist of a committee of three, to be chosen annually by this Conference. This committee shall be empowered to select a secretary who shall devote such a portion of his time to this work as the business of the Bureau shall demand.

3. That all applications for the intervention of the Bureau shall be made through the mission board of the Mission, or the executive committee of the Conference, in which the individual shall reside. The Bureau should be authorized to exercise its discretion as to the consideration of applications from any other source.

B. L. WHITNEY,	} Committee.
J. H. COOK,	
H. W. DECKER,	
F. D. STARR,	
M. C. WILCOX,	

The report was adopted.

The nomination of the members to constitute the Bureau, was referred to the General Conference Nominating Committee. The nomination of officers for the General Conference Association was also referred to the foregoing Nominating Committee.

The Committee on Finances reported as follows:—

Your committee on finances would respectfully submit the following:—

*Whereas*, The providence of God has opened the way for the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message in all parts of the world, and has provided means for the establishment of foreign Missions in Central Europe, Norway, England, and Australia, and for the planting of publishing houses at Basel, Switzerland, and Christiana, Norway; and—

*Whereas*, The means already raised have been exhausted and a large debt contracted, and more means are immediately needed to carry forward the Lord's work in these Missions; and—

*Whereas*, The International Tract and Missionary Society is in great need of means to carry forward the work in its specific field, in furnishing reading matter in places where for the want of men and means the living preacher at present cannot go, and where an interest has already been awakened; and—

*Whereas*, The Macedonian cry has for years been coming to us from South Africa, South America, British Honduras, and other fields; and—

*Whereas*, We believe that unless we make a speedy and vigorous effort to respond to these earnest appeals for the bread of life, there is danger of the curse of Meroz being pronounced upon us; and—

*Whereas*, This Conference has recommended that ministers, colporters, and canvassers go to these several fields, that a mission be established in South Africa, and that the work be opened in South America and British Honduras; and—

*Whereas*, Some of our brethren in the States of Arkansas and Tennessee have been imprisoned for the truth's sake, and some are now suffering from disease contracted in prison, from which recovery seems improbable, and means are needed to relieve the distress of these men and to appeal a test case to the Supreme Court of the United States; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That over \$100,000 are needed the present Conference year, in addition to the pledges already made; and, that the Lord's work be not hindered, that \$50,000 of this sum be raised within the next sixty days.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Conference Committee be invited to prepare a series of appropriate articles for the *Review*, to be read in all our churches.

3. *Resolved*, That all our churches and companies be recommended to set apart the holiday week as a season of special prayer and supplication to God for the advancement of present truth, both in our own and in foreign lands; that

where it is consistent, daily religious meetings be held during this week of prayer, and that the General Conference Committee be invited to prepare appropriate readings for each of these meetings.

4. *Resolved*, That all who love the Third Angel's Message, men, women, and children, be recommended to make liberal Christmas donations for the purpose of raising the above-named \$50,000; and that these donations be forwarded to *Review and Herald*, Battle Creek, Mich., through the tract society officers.

5. *Resolved*, That the following-named Sabbaths, Dec. 18, 25, and Jan. 1, be set apart as days of fasting and prayer for all our people, in harmony with God's command recorded in Joel 1: 14, 15.

6. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the resolution of the Sabbath-school Association to meet the expense of establishing a mission in South Africa, and of supporting the same for the coming year.

7. *Resolved*, That we urge upon all our ministers and various society officers to unite with the people, both by counsel and co-operation, in carrying out each of the above-named plans.

8. *Resolved*, That all our foreign Missions be required to make a monthly itemized statement to the General Conference, of all their receipts and expenditures.

9. *Resolved*, That before any moves are made by the Missions located in Europe, necessitating the expenditure of any large sums of money, the matter be first laid before the General Conference Committee for their counsel.

GEO. I. BUTLER,	} Committee.
S. N. HASKELL,	
R. A. UNDERWOOD,	
A. R. HENRY,	
J. FARGO,	
C. L. BOYD,	
W. C. SISLEY,	
HARMON LINDSAY, J. H. KELLOGG,	

The report was adopted.

On motion, the pamphlet of H. Wren, on the Sabbath question, was referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair.

The following persons were named as said committee: I. D. Van Horn, S. B. Whitney, M. B. Miller.

A communication was read from Mrs. E. G. White, and the Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2:30 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. Will D. Curtis. Minutes approved. The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

*Whereas*, In the rapid extension of the cause we see that system and order are necessary in all branches of the work of God; therefore—

26. *Resolved*, That each Conference secretary keep a full account of all money paid out to laborers in his Conference; and further, to accomplish this—

27. *Resolved*, That orders on the State treasury pass through the hands of the State secretary before they are sent to the State treasurer.

*Whereas*, In our city missions greater results can be attained by a systematic plan of work and study; therefore—

28. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a daily program be prepared, em-

hodying those features which experience has shown to be most successful; and that such program be faithfully carried out in all our city missions, as far as practicable.

29. *Resolved*, That we give due consideration to the canvassing work at all our camp-meetings.

Resolution 27 was laid on the table, and the remainder were adopted.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of three, in addition to the Publishing Committee of the S. S. Association, who should examine the Sabbath-school lessons before they are published.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of seven to take into consideration the question of the improvement of the ministry, by examinations and otherwise, as practiced last year.

*Moved*, That Mrs. E. G. White and Eld. W. C. White be requested to return to this country in season for the spring camp-meetings. This was amended so as to read that they return whenever they feel that it is their duty to return; and, as amended, was adopted.

The following committees were then announced:—

*On Sabbath-school Lessons*: U. Smith, W. W. Prescott, A. R. Henry.

*On Improvement of the Ministry*: S. N. Haskell, U. Smith, R. A. Underwood, E. J. Waggoner, D. M. Canright, B. L. Whitney, E. W. Farnsworth.

*Moved* (by S. N. Haskell), That the next General Conference be held either in New England or California.

E. J. Waggoner moved to amend by striking out the reference to New England, confining the appointment for the next meeting to California. As amended, the motion was carried.

The Hymn Book Committee of last year made a verbal report through its chairman, Eld. G. I. Butler, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, with instructions to present a resolution in reference thereto.

The committee on special courses of instruction in our schools reported as follows:—

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a special course of at least three weeks be held at the close of the winter term of school in our colleges and academy, for the benefit of young ministers, licentiates, Bible readers, canvassers, colporters, reporters, and laborers in any branch of the work, or those who may design to become such. Further—

2. *Resolved*. That the special course be not limited to the last three weeks of the school term, but may continue as long after the term of school as is thought advisable, and that this special course be attended with a revival effort.

3. *Resolved*, That the instruction given during this special term be adapted to the above-named classes, and that the best teachers in the field for these several departments be secured.

4. *Resolved*, That we invite the officers in our different Conferences to make a special effort to induce all such persons as may be benefited by this instruction to attend this term.

S. N. HASKELL,	} <i>Committee.</i>
U. SMITH,	
D. M. CANRIGHT,	
E. W. FARNSWORTH,	
W. C. SISLEY,	

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Translations reported as follows :—

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of translations of works treating upon our faith, from the English into foreign languages, and the steps necessary to secure accuracy in the same, having had the subject under consideration, would respectfully submit the following report :—

Three things, it has seemed to your committee, are essential to the attainment of the object in view in the matter of accuracy in translations : first, that the translator should have a thorough knowledge of that system of belief which we denominate the “present truth ;” secondly, that he should have a thorough knowledge of the English language ; and, thirdly, that he should also be master of the language into which the translation is to be made.

Your committee recognize the difficulty of securing persons in the various foreign nationalities possessed of all these qualifications, and therefore deem it essential that great care should be taken that all translations should be critically examined before being put in type, in order to insure that accuracy so necessary to the proper representation of the truth in these foreign tongues. It is the opinion of your committee that, in order to secure such critics, this Conference should encourage persons of good mental ability, who already have a thorough knowledge of our views and of the English language, to make a specialty of learning the languages into which it is desirable that our works be translated. We would therefore recommend —

1. That this Conference select a suitable number of persons, and encourage them to study the leading foreign languages into which it is desirable that our publications be translated, till they become prepared to act as critics in those languages.

2. That to meet the present emergency in the French and German languages, Eld. B. L. Whitney be designated to examine the manuscripts of such works as are translated into the French, and Eld. F. D. Starr such as are translated into the German.

3. That translations into the Scandinavian languages, except for periodicals, which are made in this country, be examined by the Scandinavian Publishing Committee in Europe, and that those which are made there be examined by the Scandinavian Publishing Committee in America, before they are published. We also recommend —

4. That two persons be selected from the Central European Mission to act in connection with those members of the General Conference Committee who may be in Europe, as a publishing committee, to decide upon what works shall be published from the office at Basel ; and that the publishing committee for the Scandinavian work consist of two members located in Christiana and two in Battle Creek, who shall act in conjunction with the General Conference Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

U. SMITH,	} <i>Committee.</i>
B. L. WHITNEY,	
F. D. STARR,	
A. R. HENRY,	
E. J. WAGGONER,	



The report was adopted, and it was left with the General Conference Committee to select the persons called for in the report to be encouraged in the study of foreign languages.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTEENTH MEETING, 7 P. M., Dec. 6.—Prayer by Eld. M. C. Wilcox. Minutes approved. The Committee on Nominations presented the following report :—

For the two additional members to the General Conference Committee : U. Smith, A. J. Breed.

For Trustees of the General Conference Association : Geo. I. Butler, A. R. Henry, S. N. Haskell, U. Smith, R. A. Underwood.

To constitute the Labor Bureau : A. R. Henry, C. Eldridge, A. B. Oyen.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following :—

*Whereas*, In the past the work among the French in this country has not shown that encouraging progress which has been seen among other foreign nationalities ; and—

*Whereas*, There are at the present time those of this nationality who are feeling the burden of work for the people of their own tongue ; therefore—

30. *Resolved*, That this Conference heartily approve the effort which is being made by several persons to specially qualify themselves for the French work, and that we express the desire that others of this tongue shall be encouraged to devote themselves to the work among their own nationality in this country.

31. *Resolved*, That we recommend that all our French brethren especially interest themselves in the work for their own nation ; and that we invite them to co-operate in every possible way for the advancement of this branch of the great work of our message.

*Whereas*, There is connected with the Third Angel's Message the important subject of health and temperance ; and—

*Whereas*, There is a lack among many of our people in living up to the light committed to us upon this subject ; therefore—

32. *Resolved*, That those commissioned to carry this message should attach more importance to this branch of the work, especially from a Bible stand-point. And—

*Whereas*, Our city mission workers need instruction upon these principles ; and—

*Whereas*, The Sanitarium is by its position among us a most fitting training-school to prepare laborers for this work ; therefore—

33. *Resolved*, That we invite Dr. Maxson and wife to go to Brooklyn, N. Y., to instruct the mission workers there in these principles, and also to obtain an experience in the mission work.

34. *Resolved*, That whenever it is practicable an experienced and competent reporter accompany the General Conference laborers on their camp-meeting tours, for the purpose of conducting the reporting work, and also of giving instruction to those who may be chosen to assist in such capacity.

*Whereas*, The providence of God has seemed, in a special manner, to open the way for distributors to be used in New York City, and for missionary work to be done in Castle Garden among those of all nationalities ; therefore—

35. *Resolved*, That Robert Sawyer and wife be requested to connect themselves with the work in that city.

*Whereas*, In each of our city mission training-schools a necessity exists for a library of encyclopedias, commentaries, Bible histories, and such other books as the workers need for general reference; therefore —

36. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the various Conferences controlling said missions furnish them with suitable libraries.

R. A. UNDERWOOD, }  
A. B. OYEN, } *Committee.*  
E. J. WAGGONER, }

Resolutions 30-34 were adopted. The 35th was referred to the Conference Committee. The 36th was so amended as to include also reference books in the French, German, and Scandinavian languages, as may be necessary. As amended it was adopted.

*Moved* (by G. G. Rupert), That the committee appointed to prepare a course of study for the ministry incorporate therein a series of lessons on health and temperance, and that our ministers be examined on these points at the annual session of each State Conference. — Carried.

The following resolutions, introduced by Dr. Kellogg, occasioned long and lively discussion, but were adopted: —

1. *Resolved*, That each of our State Conferences be requested to appoint one or more persons to devote themselves especially to the health and temperance work; and that these persons be encouraged and assisted to prepare themselves for this branch of our work.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend that meetings for instruction on the subject of health and temperance be held at each of our camp-meetings.

*Whereas*, The Sanitarium is a very important missionary field; therefore —

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby request the General Conference Committee to provide suitable help to carry forward the missionary and religious work of this institution.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported as follows: —

For credentials: Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, O. A. Olsen, W. C. White, R. A. Underwood, A. J. Breed, U. Smith, Mrs. E. G. White, B. L. Whitney, A. B. Oyen, D. T. Bourdeau, A. A. John, J. G. Matteson, E. G. Olsen, M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Durland, A. C. Bourdeau, J. P. Rosqvist, J. O. Corliss, L. R. Conradi, R. F. Andrews, S. H. Lane, M. C. Israel, Wm. Ings, G. G. Rupert, Nahum Orcutt, C. H. Bliss, D. A. Robinson, C. L. Boyd, W. D. Curtis, G. W. Anglebarger, W. H. Saxby, F. D. Starr, E. W. Farnsworth, S. Fulton, T. H. Gibbs, L. P. Hodges, S. H. Kime, H. Shultz, M. Enoch, J. F. Hanson, A. G. Daniells, Victor Thompson.

For ordination and credentials: J. C. Laubhan.

For license: Henry Scott, Geo. R. Drew, N. B. England, L. H. Crisler, Wm. Baird. S. N. HASKELL,  
B. L. WHITNEY,  
G. G. RUPERT, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Prosecutions reported as follows:—

Your committee appointed to consider the matter of the prosecutions of our brethren in Arkansas, Tennessee, and other States, would respectfully recommend—

1. That the case of J. W. Scoles be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

2. That the General Conference Committee be empowered to employ suitable counsel and take such steps as shall be necessary for the proper management of this test case.

3. That we give the General Conference Committee authority to render assistance to those in distress on account of being persecuted for keeping the Sabbath as far as in their judgment shall seem duty.

4. That the General Conference Committee be empowered to employ a suitable person to bring the facts connected with the persecution of our people for conscience' sake, before the general public.

G. I. BUTLER,  
S. N. HASKELL,  
J. FARGO,  
A. R. HENRY,  
R. A. UNDERWOOD,  
E. W. FARNSWORTH,  
F. D. STARR, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

*Moved* (by D. T. Jones), That the matter of advice asked by brethren in Arkansas be referred to the General Conference Committee. — Carried.

The following report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was adopted:—

Your committee on distribution of labor would respectfully submit the further recommendations:—

35. That Eld. R. F. Andrews, after spending a reasonable time with his family, labor in the Michigan Conference.

36. That Eld. G. H. Rogers, of Kansas, go to Illinois to labor.

37. That Eld. I. E. Kimball, of Vermont, go to Halifax, and make Nova Scotia and New Brunswick his field of labor.

38. That Eld. T. H. Purdon act as president in the place of Eld. Kimball, after the latter shall have left Vermont.

39. That Eld. E. O. Hammond, of Illinois, go to Kansas to labor.

40. That Napoleon Paquette labor in the Province of Quebec among his countrymen.

41. That Daniel Thompson go to New Orleans to labor.

42. That Montana be made a part of the Upper Columbia Conference, and that Eld. J. W. Scoles go to that field to labor under the direction of that Conference.

43. That in view of the special difficulties existing in Arkansas on account of the spirit of persecution manifested against our brethren, and in view of the great scarcity of experienced laborers to supply that field, we invite Eld. S. H. Lane to return from England to labor in Arkansas, as soon as he can feel that to leave the British field is consistent with duty.

44. That, if the *Review and Herald* Office can spare him, A. H. Mason go to Basel, Switzerland, to assist in the introduction of a more perfect system of book-keeping there, and to remain till a book-keeper has been educated to keep books for that office.

45. That the matter of supplying lady Bible workers and canvassers be left to the General Conference Committee.

46. That whatever destitute fields remain to be filled, be referred to the General Conference Committee.

GEO. I. BUTLER,	} Committee.
S. N. HASKELL,	
R. A. UNDERWOOD,	
D. M. CANRIGHT,	
A. J. BREED,	
LEWIS JOHNSON,	
M. C. WILCOX,	

*Moved*, That British Columbia be added to the North Pacific Conference.—Adopted.

On motion, B. F. Bicknell was added to the Vermont Conference Committee.

*Moved* (by R. M. Kilgore), That Lewis Johnson be added to the Illinois Conference Committee in place of F. D. Starr.—Carried.

*Moved*, That A. T. Robinson and Wm. Ings be authorized agents of this General Conference to arrange with steamship lines for reduced fare for our laborers who are called to cross the ocean.—Carried.

The Committee on Wants of Foreign Fields reported as follows:—

Your committee appointed to consider the special wants of foreign fields, having examined the various questions presented to them, respectfully submit the following recommendations:—

1. That the *Present Truth* be enlarged to sixteen pages, of the same size and form as *Les Signes des Temps*, and that it be furnished with a new heading and border.

2. That the general German publishing work now done at the *Review and Herald* Office be removed to the publishing house at Basel, Switzerland.

3. That the *Herold der Wahrheit* be issued hereafter semi-monthly instead of monthly.

4. That the *Stimme der Wahrheit* be changed to a 16-page paper of the same size and style as the *Herold der Wahrheit*; and that hereafter the two papers take the same name, *Herold der Wahrheit*, the main portion of the two to be edited and composed at the office in Basel; and that matrices of such pages as are to be used by the *Review and Herald* be furnished at one half the cost of production, this cost of production to include editing, translating, composition, proof-reading, and making matrices.

5. That matrices of all publications hereafter issued at Basel, be furnished the *Review and Herald* on the same conditions as matrices for the papers.

6. That the above recommendations pertaining to the German publishing work take effect at the earliest date at which arrangements can be made between the respective offices.

7. That those who accept the truth, and who desire to become laborers in any of these foreign fields, be recommended to spend some time working in connection with experienced laborers before they shall be authorized to go out into the field to labor by themselves.

8. That Eld. B. L. Whitney be authorized to act as agent for the General Conference Association at Basel.

With reference to matters in the Scandinavian Mission, your committee would make the following recommendations:—

9. That a loan be secured on the Mission property in Christiana, sufficiently large to cover, if possible, the indebtedness, so that a deed may be secured on both the old building and lot and the new building and lot; this loan to be secured for a period of ten years, with a privilege of paying it off before that time if so desired.

10. That the Mission property in Christiana be deeded to the General Conference Association, and that Eld. O. A. Olsen be the legally authorized agent of the Association to transact such business for it as may be found necessary.

11. That the General Conference Association receive certificates of stock for the amounts invested by the General Conference in the Scandinavian Publishing Association of Christiana, Norway, and that the constitution of said Publishing Association be so revised as to provide for the proper representation of stock by proxy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. I. BUTLER, S. N. HASKELL, R. A. UNDERWOOD, B. L. WHITNEY, R. M. KILGORE, A. R. HENRY, H. NICOLA,	} Committee.
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### Report adopted.

The Theological Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:—

*Whereas*, We learn with regret that in some places certain persons have urged the subject of rebaptism as necessary to salvation; and—

*Whereas*, This has caused trouble and division in some churches, and the mind of this body upon that question is asked; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That upon the subject of rebaptism of those who have been properly baptized before embracing the message, it is the teaching and practice of our people, founded upon the Bible, as we believe, that they be received into our churches without rebaptism if they themselves are satisfied with their former baptism, though it is the privilege of such to be rebaptized whenever they shall desire it, as most of our people do sooner or later; but that it should not be urged upon any one as necessary to salvation.

*Whereas*, Both the Holy Scriptures and the testimonies of the Spirit represent that unity in the work of God is of paramount importance, setting forth at the same time the grand truth that this message is designed to lead to the unity of the faith; and—

*Whereas*, If this object is to be attained, it is necessary that it be kept constantly in view in our educational institutions and in our periodicals, and that we avoid as far as possible the agitation, in a public manner, of those questions con-

cerning which there may be from any cause a difference of opinion among ourselves, and also avoid the introduction of points of doctrine contrary to the established faith of the body, before they are carefully considered by our leading brethren; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That this Conference earnestly recommend that the official boards of our schools, our Sabbath-school authorities, and the editors of our papers exercise great care not to permit doctrinal views not held by a fair majority of our people to be made a part of the public instruction of said schools, or to be published in our denominational papers, as if they were the established doctrines of this people, before they are examined and approved by the leading brethren of experience.

GEO. I. BUTLER,	} Committee.
S. N. HASKELL,	
D. M. CANRIGHT,	
E. J. WAGGONER,	
J. H. MORRISON,	
U. SMITH,	
M. C. WILCOX,	
B. L. WHITNEY,	
WM. COVERT,	

*Moved*, That that part of the foregoing report referring to baptism be carefully translated and published in the *Stimme*.—  
Carried.

The committee on assisting individuals to attend our schools reported as follows:—

Your committee to whom was referred the question as to how to aid properly worthy but needy students in our several educational institutions, present the following report:—

We find that funds for this purpose have been raised in various Conferences; but, apparently through lack of united action, they do not appear always to have been used to the very best advantage. We therefore recommend—

1. That all such funds be deposited with the trustees of the institution where they are designed to be used, to be kept separate for the exclusive use of the States from which they come.

2. That only such students be aided from those funds as are recommended by the executive committee of the Conference from which they come.

3. That the disbursement of these funds be made under the direction of a committee of three appointed by the trustees of each institution, to whom the students thus aided shall render an itemized account of their expenses.

4. That all money thus furnished shall be considered as a loan, to be paid as soon as the circumstances of the person shall render it possible.

5. That reports be made to the several Conferences, stating the amount of money furnished to each individual recommended for aid by them, and giving such other information as may be desirable and proper.

6. That the committee also prepare a yearly report, to be read at the annual meeting of the stockholders, of the amount of means used, number of persons assisted, number helped by the different Conferences, and such other information as may be of interest.

7. That persons who render aid directly to needy students be requested to confer with this committee, that as far as possible their means may be worthily used.

W. C. SISLEY,	} Committee.
B. L. WHITNEY,	
A. J. BREED,	

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Improvement of the Ministry reported as follows :—

1. We recommend that at each annual meeting of the State Conferences a sermon be preached upon this subject ; and further—

2. That the General Conference Committee prepare and publish through the *Review*—

(1.) Some standard of attainment to be required of those who receive a license.

(2.) A course of study to be pursued by licentiates before ordination.

(3.) A course of study in our schools, not to exceed two years, especially adapted to ministers and workers.

S. N. HASKELL,	} Committee.
U. SMITH,	
R. A. UNDERWOOD,	
E. J. WAGGONER,	
D. M. CANRIGHT,	
E. W. FARNSWORTH,	

The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to examine theologically H. Wren's book, and to confer with him, reported unfavorably to its circulation, some portions of it being in their opinion of such a character that it would be inadvisable to recommend its distribution.

*Moved* (by B. L. Whitney), That a vote of thanks be extended to our Minister in Russia for his efforts in behalf of Eld. L. R. Conradi ; and that the General Conference Committee prepare a paper, to be addressed to our Consul at St. Petersburg, to secure the recognition of our denomination in that country. — Carried.

*Moved*, That the General Conference Committee be requested to designate the editors for the papers at Basel and Great Grimsby. — Carried.

Eld. Tenney presented the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That this body hereby extend their thanks to those papers which have published reports of our meetings ; to the railroads which have favored us with reduced rates ; to A. R. Henry for his efficient efforts in securing liberal reductions of fare, both to this meeting and to others in the year past ; to the Battle Creek church and Sanitarium for their kind and hospitable entertainment of delegates and visitors during the meeting ; and to all who have labored and sacrificed for our welfare and comfort. — Adopted.

On motion, the Conference then adjourned *sine diè*.

GEO. I. BUTLER, *Pres.*

U. SMITH, *Sec.*

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST STATISTICS.---1887.



NAME OF CONFERENCE.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PRESENT NUMERICAL STANDING.				
		Ministers.	Licentiates.	Churches.	Members.	Amount of Conference Funds.
1. California, . . . . .	Feb. 15, 1873.	14	10	35	1750	\$ 18,628.09
2. Canada, . . . . .	Aug. 16, 1880.	1	5	5	137	471.00
3. Colorado, . . . . .	Sept. 26, 1883.	2	2	5	200	2,220.90
4. Dakota, . . . . .	Sept. 16, 1880.	6	6	22	594	4,864.76
5. Denmark, . . . . .	May 30, 1880.	4	9	9	177	418.00
6. Illinois, . . . . .	June 9, 1871.	8	7	30	784	6,377.94
7. Indiana, . . . . .	Sept. 20, 1872.	8	8	40	1004	5,278.39
8. Iowa, . . . . .	Sept. 20, 1863.	14	7	61	1550	9,048.20
9. Kansas, . . . . .	Sept. 10, 1875.	13	22	45	1701	7,697.27
10. Kentucky, . . . . .	May 20, 1876.	5	1	6	128	900.00
11. Maine, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1867.	4	4	21	430	2,239.87
12. Michigan, . . . . .	Oct. 5, 1861.	28	24	123	4067	22,985.64
13. Minnesota, . . . . .	Oct. 4, 1862.	15	10	63	1584	12,210.26
14. Missouri, . . . . .	June 2, 1876.	7	5	26	707	3,337.55
15. Nebraska, . . . . .	Sept. 25, 1878.	6	5	31	650	5,200.00
16. New England, . . . . .	Aug. 24, 1871.	3	6	26	658	6,592.07
17. New York, . . . . .	Oct. 25, 1862.	10	4	30	820	4,678.82
18. North Pacific, . . . . .	Oct. 25, 1877.	1	5	13	301	2,019.87
19. Ohio, . . . . .	Feb. 22, 1863.	9	7	43	1090	5,422.51
20. Pennsylvania, . . . . .	Sept. 17, 1879.	7	3	35	743	4,641.22
21. Switzerland, . . . . .	May 26, 1884.	3	7	15	300	1,598.22
22. Sweden, . . . . .	March 12, 1882.	2	10	10	250	305.00
23. Tennessee, . . . . .	.....1880.	3	1	6	127	728.00
24. Texas, . . . . .	Nov. 18, 1878.	1	6	12	390	2,048.73
25. Upper Columbia, . . . . .	.....1880.	4	1	9	240	2,400.00
26. Vermont, . . . . .	June 12, 1863.	7	7	17	470	2,720.00
27. Virginia, . . . . .	Aug. 5, 1884.	3	3	5	120	294.51
28. Wisconsin, . . . . .	June 22, 1871.	12	3	49	1522	7,861.33
<b>MISSIONS:</b>						
British, . . . . .	.....	5	3	3	122	603.63
General Southern, . . . . .	.....	5	2	.....	320	650.00
Scandinavian, . . . . .	.....	3	3	3	175	500.00
Grand Total, . . . . .	.....	213	166	798	23111	\$146,936.78
As given last year, . . . . .	.....	186	151	741	20547	122,641.69
Gain, . . . . .	.....	27	15	57	2564	\$ 24,295.09



INTERNATIONAL TRACT AND MISSIONARY  
SOCIETY.

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE first meeting of the eleventh annual session of the International Tract and Missionary Society was called by the President Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2:30 P. M. Prayer was offered by Eld. F. D. Starr. During the session, every State W. and M. society was represented by delegates, the number from each being as follows: Michigan, 41; Illinois, 7; Indiana, 5; Minnesota, 7; Ohio, 6; Iowa, 4; Dakota, 4; New England, 5; Kansas, 3; Nebraska, 2; Kentucky, 2; Pennsylvania, 3; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 2; Tennessee, 2; California, 2; Canada, Colorado, Missouri, Maine, New York, North Pacific, Texas, Virginia, and Upper Columbia, one respectively. The Swiss and British societies were also represented by one delegate each. At this point of the meeting, by the payment of ten dollars each, several persons became life members of the Society. The minutes of the last meeting of the tenth annual session were read and approved. The committee appointed the previous year on W. and M. accounts, reported an inability to make recommendations, and requested that a larger committee should be appointed to consider the matter.

*Moved*, That the Chair appoint four additional members to this committee.

This motion was amended so as to include the Chairman of the meeting in this committee, and was adopted.

On motion the Chairman of the meeting was appointed chairman of the committee.

A report was then read, giving the number of periodicals furnished by the Society to the several missions, which was four thousand one hundred and fifty periodicals per month, nearly fifty thousand for the year. In addition to this, the miscellaneous distribution of reading matter by the Society during the year to different parts of the world, by ships and otherwise, has been what would equal over one million two hundred and fifty thousand pages of tracts. The report also showed an almost unlimited demand for reading matter,—far beyond the present ability of the Society to supply. The financial report showed the receipts and expenditures to be as follows:—

## RECEIPTS.

Christmas donations,	..	\$1,216 56
Other donations,		1,259 64
On book sales, etc.,		178 55
On hand last year,		42 51

Total,		\$2,697 26
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## EXPENDITURES.

For sale books and periodical subscriptions,	\$ 416 80
For matter for free distribution,	2,693 13
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Total,	\$3,109 93
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Balance in debt,	\$412 67

This report was followed by stirring remarks by the President, in which he gave interesting items in the history of the Society, explained the nature of its work, and made a strong appeal for its financial support.

The Society was organized in 1874. At the close of the first year it did not hold an annual meeting, and but little was done in connection with it for several years. The third year its receipts were only \$447.15, and its expenditures, \$455.08. The total receipts of the Society since its organization are \$12,286.13; expenditures, \$12,698.80. At the seventh annual meeting, in 1882, the name of the Society was changed from "General Tract and Missionary Society" to "International Tract and Missionary Society." Since this time the prominence given to the Society and the importance of its work have greatly increased.

Interesting extracts were read from letters received from John I. Tay, of California, who for the sake of extending the light of present truth, is working his passage to different islands in the Pacific Ocean. That the Lord has gone out before him, to prepare the way for the reception of the truth by the honest, is evident from the experience which he is having.

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

*On T. and M. Accounts* (additional members): B. L. Whitney, L. C. Chadwick, Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth.

*On Resolutions*: L. C. Chadwick, A. T. Robinson, M. L. Huntley.

*On Nominations*: E. S. Griggs, N. C. McClure, R. M. Kilgore.  
Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, 2 : 30 P. M., Nov. 22.—Prayer by Eld. Wm. Covert. Minutes approved. Eld. N. C. McClure gave a very encouraging account of the interest in present truth which has been awakened in British Honduras, and also read a letter just received from an influential man in that country, acknowledging the truth on the Sabbath, and making quite a large order for books. Two features of the work in that place are of special interest; first, it is the result of the efforts of a sister who felt the burden of giving the light of present truth to her relatives and friends; and, secondly, it shows the permanency of an interest aroused by Bible readings, and the distribution of reading matter accompanied by personal labor. Thirteen persons are keeping the

Sabbath in that locality, and many others are deeply interested. Seventy-five dollars' worth of books were ordered by them at one time.

Eld. Butler brought before the meeting the matter of continuing the *Temperance Outlook and Sabbath Vindicator* in its present form.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five to consider the matter, and report at the next meeting.

E. S. Griggs, H. W. Miller, L. Nicola, E. H. Gates, and L. C. Chadwick were named as that committee.

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

*Whereas*, Our canvassing work has suffered in the past because of a lack of some systematic plan of action; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the adoption of some method whereby each State society can make a thorough and systematic canvass of the territory within its limits.

This resolution was sustained by earnest, forcible remarks by Eld. Butler, C. Eldridge, and F. E. Belden, and was adopted. The second resolution presented, was referred back to the committee, and the following was subsequently presented in its place, and adopted.

*Whereas*, The magnitude of the field which has not been thoroughly canvassed for our subscription books, demands a much larger corps of canvassers than has ever been engaged in this work; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend that we attach greater importance to the canvassing work, and that we make more of an effort to encourage suitable persons to devote their time and attention to it.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, 2:30 P. M., Nov. 26:—Prayer by Eld. G. G. Rupert. Minutes approved. Committee on *Temperance Outlook* requested more time. The T. and M. State officers and general agents present, having held several meetings for the purpose of formulating plans for the canvassing work, made the following report:—

*Whereas*, No branch of God's work can prosper which is not conducted on principles of order and thoroughness; and—

*Whereas*, The canvassing work has suffered from this defect in the past; therefore—

1. *We recommend*, That the subscription book department of the *Review and Herald* and the Pacific Press offices be recognized as the heads of our subscription book work in all territory controlled by them; and that all who engage in this work shall do so in harmony with plans suggested by that department of the office whose territory they occupy; said plans being approved by the Board of Publication, and the International Society at its annual sessions.

*Whereas*, The protection of agents in the territory assigned them is essential to their encouragement and success; therefore—

2. *We recommend*, That the tract societies in the several States shall act as the sole agents of the said offices of publication for all of their subscription books, provided that an efficient man is kept in the territory occupied by them, who shall superintend the work of qualifying, appointing, and working local sub-agents in accordance with principles of order and thoroughness.

3. *We recommend*, That the Conference committee in conjunction with the president and secretary of the State T. and M. society, appoint the State agent, and that the State Conference provide for his support.

*Whereas*, Our ministers, colporters, and others not working under a regular contract, find it to be for the advancement of the truth and the good of souls to supply persons with our subscription books; therefore—

4. *We recommend*, That the agents' regular profits on all subscription books hereafter sold in this manner, shall constitute a canvassers' reserve fund, under the control of each State T. and M. society; and that the regular commission on books thus sold prior to, or while an agent is, canvassing the territory, shall be paid to such person on the completion of his work, if in the judgment of the secretary and the general agent such work has been faithfully performed. . Otherwise, the amount shall revert to the State T. and M. society.

Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Recommendation four elicited a lively discussion, during which the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, 10 A. M., NOV. 28.—Prayer by Eld. A. S. Hutchins. Minutes approved. The discussion on the fourth recommendation of the T. and M. officers was resumed. After having been duly considered in all its bearings, the recommendation was unanimously adopted. The report was then continued:—

5. *We recommend*, That in order to insure against losses from bad accounts, our tract societies do a cash business with agents.

*Whereas*, Our city missions find it to their advantage to combine the canvassing work with their Bible efforts; therefore—

6. *We recommend*, That wherever and whenever such missions are established, they be protected by the society in whose territory they are located, as sole agents for our religious subscription books, provided they work in harmony with the plans of the general agent; and further—

7. *We recommend*, That the usual agent's commission on all our subscription books sold by mission workers who are not known as regular canvassers, be used for the support of the mission with which they are connected.

*Whereas*, The custom of selling the same book at various prices has been a source of dissatisfaction and reproach to all honest individuals, agents, and publishing houses in our ranks; therefore—

8. *We recommend*, That no agent or other person be allowed to sell any of our subscription books who hereafter knowingly violates, in a single instance, the important rule of *one price*; that the gift of a book shall constitute the only exception.

Recommendations 5 and 6 were adopted, and during the discussion of recommendation 7, meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FIFTH MEETING, 2 : 30 P. M., NOV. 28.—Prayer by L. C. Chadwick. Minutes corrected and approved. The 7th and 8th rec-



# REPORT OF CITY MISSIONS FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1886.

PERMANENT MISSIONS.	No. of Inhabitants.	No. experienced workers employed.	No. of persons who came to mission for instruction.	No. who have left to enter other fields.	Running expenses, including rent and board of workers.	Value of provisions donated.	Received for board.	Inventory of mission furnishings.	Proportion of time the workers have devoted to canvassing for our publications.	Lecture-room or hall for public meetings.	No. public services held.	Average attendance of unbelievers.	No. persons employed in ship-work.	Value of reading matter sold by them.	No. ships visited.	No. ships regularly supplied with Signs or other denominational papers.	No. ships regularly supplied with Good Health or other health journals.	No. pages distributed on ships free.	No. papers distributed free.	No. Bible-readings held.	Total attendance.	No. readers present.	No. yearly subscriptions obtained for periodicals.	No. short term subscribers obtained for periodicals.	Total value of reading matter sold.	Total amount of free distributions of reading matter.	No. who have embraced the truth during the year.	Proportion of the city over which the work has been carried.	The interest at the present time.
Albany, N. Y.	90903	3	8	6	\$ 976 22	\$ 242 23		\$523 65	3-5	Yes.	200	3	2	\$10 00	194	3			232			178	390	\$709 11	\$92 00	3	All	Good.	
Brooklyn, N. Y.	566689	5	10	5	1053 82	50 86		263 48	1-4	Yes.	77	20	2	110 41	2957	146	75	44917	70000	661		64	30	557 60	+3750	17	Small	Very good.	
Boston, Mass.	362535	2			836 00	89 04		150 00	9-10	Yes.	156		1	253 23	500	20	20	147152	9273	100		65	34	411 92	*963088	10	1-8	Good.	
Buffalo, N. Y.	f 225000	3	3	3	848 85	519 99		300 00		Yes.	156	5							200	240		12		200 00	\$50 00	15	1-8		
Chicago, Ill.	f 650000	5	29	20	1589 21	267 09	671 57	502 66	1-5	Yes.	210	8	1	65 00	490	8	2		5400	2050		22	39	354 99		32	1-5	Good.	
Chicago (Scandinavian.)		4	16	14	750 46	464 25		50 00	1-2	sYes.	137	75	1	9 15	30			5748	305	610		130		304 55	\$18 75	26	N&W	Good.	
Cleveland, Ohio	f 214013	2	6	1	544 15	20 60		174 00		Yes.	148								467			20		75 00		5	1-20	Excellent.	
Des Moines, Ia.	22408	4	17	5	1670 31			299 29		Yes.	58	10							900			13		33 62	*3275	26	1-6	Good.	
Denver, Col.	60000		6	1	469 30	27 35		441 95	1-10	No.									467						*9127	13	1-10	Good.	
E. Portland, Or.	4500	3	2	2	100 00			100 00		sYes.	156				365	12			100								5		Excellent.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	f 55000	2	19		495 16	55 00		662 53		Yes.	16	50							615					69 11		10	1-8	Very good.	
Indianapolis, Ind.	75074	2	6	2	616 13	101 00		200 00	1-4										551			10		30 26	\$12 50	8	1-20	Good.	
Kansas City, Mo.	55813	3	2	1	550 00	162 45				Yes.												50		0		24	Small	Very good.	
Lincoln, Neb.	18000	3	5	4	409 03	409 00			1-5	Yes.	300	100							783			63		198 00	\$20 00	43	1-5	Good.	
Minneapolis, Minn.	f 140000	3	8	2	402 86	40 00			1-2	Yes.	20	25							930			20	175	1248 58		20	1-10	Good.	
New Orleans, La.	216140	3	3	1	496 00	142 81	155 28	75 00	1-3	Yes.	200		1	40 00				7500	340			72	197	220 00		i 20	1-50	Fair.	
Philadelphia, Pa.	846981	4	1	3	1081 92	71 66			1-2	Yes.	125	k 75		23 74	150				1042			62	344	511 51	+2441	n 10	1-4	Good.	
Providence, R. I.	104850	2	1		433 42	72 43	122 85	100 00	4-5	No.	100					5	5		300			12	67	445 39	*149440	4	1-3	Fair.	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	175000	2	3	2	681 63	81 68		599 85	1-4	Yes.	112	Few.			4			690	164			19	211	135 40		15	Small	Good.	
San Francisco, Cal.	f 300000	5	15	4	136 00	25 00	122 75	250 00	None.	No.			1	126 33	1019	35		57649	12274	1180		10		5 00	*3949	13	Small	Very good.	
St. Paul, Minn.	f 120000	4	13	6	815 24	44 00		268 00	1-5	Yes.	76	5							1061			117	10	292 00	\$36 00	12	1-20	Good.	
St. Louis, Mo.	350552	2	1		509 82	81 78				Yes.	100								934			13	6	142 84	\$30 00	20	Small		
Syracuse, N. Y.	68000	2	4	5	1020 10	15 00		5 00	1-4	Yes.	100	20							375			46	40	245 00	+26 00	25		Very good.	
Topeka, Kan.	22800	1	12	8	447 03			65 48		No.									785			14		70 00		p 60	Small	Very good.	
Toledo, O.	65000	2			122 10	117 28		4 82		No.									207					10 00		3			
Washington, D. C.	225000	4			820 62	690 69			1-2	Yes.	46	Few.							845			139	59	577 01	\$38 00	7	Small	Excellent.	
<b>OTHER MISSIONS.</b>																													
Adrian, Mich.	f 12000	2			329 61	64 44		60 00			46								943			5		73 11	\$1 50	11	1-2	Good.	
Portland, Me.	33810	2	8	2	All.			50 00	7-8	Yes.	1	Few.	d 1	15 00					Many.					15 00		k 5	All	Fair.	
New Bedford, Mass.	30000	4	6	2	379 97	66 25	136 35	83 85	1-2	Yes.	133						4811		350			114	56	364 76	*98039	16	All	Good.	
Lima, O.	7569	3	2	1	173 46			75 40	1-5	No.									118					16 44	+43		Small	Good.	
Rutland, Vt.	12149	2	7	6	434 35	16 75		75 00		Yes.	156	5							375			11		54 60	\$33 00	14	1-4	Good.	
Pullman, Ill.	7000	2								Yes.									109			10	30				19	1-3	Good.
Huron, Dak.	2500	2	4																750								6		
Burlington, Vt.	11364	3	5	2	497 86	112 76		140 90		No.	234	14							585			39				23	2-3	Good.	
Seattle, W. T.	8000	4								Yes.	h 80								400								h 20		Good.
Flint, Mich.	f 12000	2	2		86 00	86 00			1-20	No.									871					7 85	*20041	8	1-4	Good.	
Total,	5170650	102	224	108	19781 63	4137 39	120880	551086			3143	415	11	65286	5709	229	102	259777	106684	20214		1329	1688	7448 65		568			

a Six months.  
 b Four months.  
 c In some cases may include other donations.  
 d On Sundays only.  
 e Mission now closed.  
 f Present number; in other cities according to census of 1880.

h In connection with tent-meeting.  
 i Since Dec. 1885.  
 j During the year.  
 k For last eight months.  
 l Furnished by District.  
 m Nine months.

n A room for Sabbath-school.  
 o A church building.  
 p No. of pages.  
 q Has sold 100 "Thoughts" and 100 "Marvels."  
 + No. of papers.

ommendations were adopted. The question of continuing the Scandinavian Book Department was then introduced. During the year, while it has been in operation, \$10,000 worth of books have been sold, which is a great advance on the sales of previous years. Other circumstances, however, were not favorable for its continuance.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to take the matter into consideration, and make recommendations to the Society.

The Committee on the *Temperance Outlook* made recommendations concerning its continued publication, followed by remarks by G. W. Morse, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Eld. Haskell, and others, in which it was suggested that it should be combined with some other periodical.

On motion, the matter was referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair.

The attention of the meeting was then called to the *Review and Herald* Publishing Company's "Pocket Atlas of the World," and terms stated for the same. A resolution with respect to the use of the *American Sentinel* and the "Marvel of Nations" combined was introduced, and on motion referred to the committee to be appointed on the *Temperance Outlook*. The Chair then announced the following committees:—

*On Scandinavian Book Department:* C. Eldridge, H. P. Holser, L. C. Chadwick, Mary Heileson, Lewis Johnson, J. P. Rosqvist, A. B. Oyen.

*On "Temperance Outlook:"* R. A. Underwood, A. R. Henry, J. Fargo, J. H. Kellogg, E. J. Waggoner.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SIXTH MEETING, 10 A. M., Nov. 30.—Prayer by Eld. H. P. Holser. Minutes approved. The Committee on the *Temperance Outlook* made the following report, which was adopted:—

Your committee would recommend, first, that the *Temperance Outlook and Sabbath Vindicator* be merged into the *Gospel Sickle*; secondly, that the T. and M. societies be urged to avail themselves, as far as possible, of the work done by the *Outlook* by following up the interest awakened by it.

Whereas, The importance of presenting the *American Sentinel* in connection with the "Marvel of Nations" is a question in regard to which there has been some diversity of opinion; therefore—

1. We recommend, That the *American Sentinel* be made more prominent in connection with the sale of the "Marvel of Nations."

R. A. UNDERWOOD,	} Committee.
A. R. HENRY,	
J. FARGO,	
J. H. KELLOGG,	
E. J. WAGGONER,	

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following :—

*Whereas*, The present is a favorable time to present to leading men in this country the true issue on the Constitutional Amendment question ; and—

*Whereas*, The *American Sentinel* is especially designed to enter this field ; therefore —

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the various State societies take efficient means to circulate this paper among men of position and influence within their limits.

This resolution called out many interesting facts concerning the work of the Reform party, and the progress it is making. The resolution was heartily sustained by forcible remarks from several speakers, who urged the importance of taking immediate steps in the direction indicated by it.

4. *Resolved*, That the Health Publishing Company be invited to present to this Society terms and plans for the use of *Good Health* in the missionary and canvassing work ; and—

5. *Resolved*, That the Health Publishing Company be requested to prepare a popular illustrated work upon health and temperance which may be successfully sold by beginners in the canvassing work, and in connection with the canvass for *Good Health*.

These resolutions also evinced a lively interest in the subject introduced, and after their passage the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three to confer with Dr. Kellogg, and make recommendations respecting the means to be employed in carrying forward this branch of the work. The matter of preparing tracts treating upon the same subjects as the *American Sentinel*, to be used especially when circumstances may make a large distribution of such reading matter desirable, having been introduced by Eld. E. J. Waggoner, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three to consider the matter and make recommendations. The following recommendation of the T. and M. officers was then presented :—

*Whereas*, The custom of canvassing for several subscription books at one time, not only results in injustice to each of the books so handled, but also leaves the territory in bad condition for the agent who follows ; therefore —

9. *We recommend*, That no agent in the employ of our tract societies be allowed to solicit orders for more than one of our subscription books at a time.

After discussing this resolution at some length, action was deferred until the next meeting. The following committees were announced :—

*On "Sentinel" Tracts* : R. A. Underwood, A. J. Breed, T. H. Gibbs.

*On Health and Temperance Work* (to confer with Dr. Kellogg) : A. T. Robinson, J. Fargo, H. Grant.

Meeting adjourned to 2 : 30 P. M.



SEVENTH MEETING.—Prayer by Eld. R. M. Kilgore. Minutes approved. The discussion on the resolution regulating the sale of books by agents was resumed.

On motion, the resolution was amended so as to read.

*Whereas*, The custom of canvassing for several subscription books at one time not only results in injustice to each of the books so handled, but also leaves the territory in bad condition for the agent who follows ; therefore —

9. *We recommend*, That no agent in the employ of our tract societies be allowed to solicit orders for more than one of our subscription books at a time, except by the consent of the general State agent. — Adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following :—

*Whereas*, The importance and extent of the foreign Missions, for which our people have donated so liberally of their means, demand on their part a more intimate acquaintance with the work in these foreign fields, in order that there may be a more intelligent understanding of what is being done in these fields ; and —

*Whereas*, The “ Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of Seventh-day Adventists,” recently issued from our publishing house at Basel, Switzerland, furnishes important facts and statistics concerning the work in the foreign Missions already established, together with most valuable general instruction respecting the nature and importance of this branch of our great work ; and —

*Whereas*, The profits of the sale of this book will be wholly devoted to the missionary work ; therefore —

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend that our various State societies take a special interest in the sale of this publication, which we most heartily commend to our people everywhere, as one worthy of their special attention.

*Whereas*, The plan of devoting the fourth Sabbath in every month to the interests of the missionary work has proved efficient in sustaining the same, wherever it has been adopted ; therefore —

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend that this plan be continued, and that energetic efforts be put forth to make the meetings on the fourth Sabbath profitable and interesting.

8. *Resolved*, That the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee of five to present plans to the Society for making these fourth Sabbath meetings more efficient.

*Whereas*, Periodicals have to quite an extent taken the place of tracts for free distribution ; and —

*Whereas*, The monthly contributions are designed to provide for the local work in the State societies ; therefore —

9. *Resolved*, That local societies should have the privilege of taking periodicals in clubs for missionary use, to the amount of that portion of their contributions which is not needed for tracts. And further —

10. *Resolved*, That special efforts should be made to encourage liberal contributions on the fourth Sabbath, and that wherever these contributions are not sufficient to meet the demand of the local societies for tracts and periodicals, other contributions should be solicited.

*Whereas*, The Spirit of God has expressly said that every member of the church should be instructed in a regular system of labor ; and —

*Whereas*, Discouragement and confusion among both members and officers, and also financial loss to the Society, have resulted from a lack in this respect ; therefore —

11. *Resolved*, That efficient means should be employed in every State society to encourage and instruct our people in the missionary work.

*Whereas*, Some of the State societies have books on hand which for various reasons have become unsalable, and are of no practical use to them; and—

*Whereas*, The International Society could make use of such reading matter in its foreign work; therefore—

12. *Resolved*, That we invite these societies to donate such publications to the International Society, with the understanding that this Society will pay freight on them, in quantities of one hundred pounds or more, to such points as the Secretary may designate.

*Whereas*, Until the last year the International Society has paid the usual price for publications for gratuitous circulation; and—

*Whereas*, Its funds for supplying the increasing demands upon its liberality are now exhausted; therefore—

13. *Resolved*, That the present condition of the Society presents a favorable opportunity for the exercise of benevolence on the part of the Publishing Associations, and that any favors in the way of donations of reading matter will be appreciated by it.

*Whereas*, The hotels and public resorts in Switzerland present a favorable opportunity for bringing the truth before a large class of English-speaking people who visit that country; and—

*Whereas*, Reading matter in the English language would be especially acceptable to them while among people of an unknown language; therefore—

14. *Resolved*, That as soon as the Swiss society shall provide for a judicious use of different periodicals in the English language in that country, the International Society will provide such reading matter.

These resolutions were adopted separately.

The Committee on Health and Temperance Work made the following report:—

*Whereas*, The *Good Health* Publishing Company have offered to furnish *Good Health* to tract societies at fifty cents per copy, provided an edition of ten thousand copies can be issued; and—

*Whereas*, We believe the introduction of this journal will enable our missionary workers to reach a class who cannot be reached by other means; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our State tract and missionary societies that they take clubs of *Good Health* sufficient to enable the publishers to furnish it on the proposed terms.

2. *Resolved*, That we request the Health Publishing Company to issue an edition of ten thousand copies of "Sunbeams of Health and Temperance," to be used by the societies, provided said work shall prove satisfactory when published.

A. T. ROBINSON,	} Committee.
J. FARGO,	
H. GRANT,	

While the question on the adoption of this report was pending, the meeting—

Adjourned to call of Chair.

The Committee on Fourth Sabbath Meetings was announced as follows: R. A. Underwood, W. C. Sisley, L. C. Chadwick, Geo. B. Starr, M. L. Huntley.

EIGHTH MEETING, 2 : 30 P. M., DEC. 1.—Prayer by Eld. F. D. Starr. Minutes approved. After further remarks respecting *Good Health* and the proposed book, "Sunbeams of Health and Temperance," the report of the Committee on Health and Temperance Work was adopted.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of three to suggest plans for the increased circulation of *Good Health*, and to ascertain when the enlarged edition of this journal should be issued, and each State society's proportion of the same. G. C. Tenney, D. T. Jones, J. H. Morrison were named as this committee.

The following report was presented by the Committee on Fourth Sabbath Meetings :—

Your committee on fourth Sabbath meetings would respectfully submit the following recommendations :—

1. That the plan of furnishing articles to be read at these meetings be continued.
2. That there be a variety in the matter presented, including extracts from the "Testimonies," and instruction to our people on various methods of labor.
3. That S. N. Haskell, Geo. I. Butler, Maria L. Huntley, W. C. Sisley, and R. A. Underwood be appointed as a committee of five to furnish or secure the matter for these readings.
4. That the Chair appoint a committee to look after the publishing and mailing of the same.
5. That envelopes be used as a means of largely increasing the donations.
6. That the donations for the month of October be devoted to the International Tract and Missionary Society.
7. That the fourth Sabbath contributions, with the exception of those received on the Sabbath devoted to the International Society, be paid at the close of the quarter to the district secretary, and by the district secretary to the State secretary, the same as any donations to the State society; the districts and local societies receiving credit on account for these contributions, and having the privilege of drawing reading matter for free distribution from the State society in return.

R. A. UNDERWOOD,	}	Committee.
W. C. SISLEY,		
L. C. CHADWICK,		
GEO. B. STARR,		
M. L. HUNTLEY,		

This report was adopted. The Committee on *Sentinel* Tracts reported as follows :—

*Whereas*, The small tracts prepared at the *Signs* office from the *American Sentinel*, are well calculated to enlighten the people concerning the arrogant demands of the National Reform party; and—

*Whereas*, We believe that the present is a most favorable time to prepare the minds of the people to meet the coming issue embodied in the National Reform party; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the various tract and missionary societies these tracts, for general distribution.

R. A. UNDERWOOD,	}	Committee.
A. J. BREED,		
T. H. GIBBS.		

On motion, this report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following :—

15. *Resolved*, That no charge against the International Tract and Missionary Society be allowed unless it is presented to the Secretary within thirty days after it is made, and unless it has been indorsed by some member of the Board.

*Whereas*, It is highly important that our people, and especially those who expect to become teachers of the people, should be well informed on the vital issue of National Reform; therefore—

16. *Resolved*, That we request that in the theological department of each of our colleges, a part of the time of each special course be given to a class formed for the purpose of thoroughly studying the principles to which the *American Sentinel* is devoted.

*Whereas*, The plan which has been recommended from local tract and missionary societies to obtain names from the managers of city missions, to whom to send the *Signs of the Times* free for a few weeks, to be followed up by the mission workers; also the plan of selecting suitable persons in each church to canvass in their immediate vicinity for paying subscriptions, have proved successful; therefore—

17. *Resolved*, That we recommend the general adoption of one or both of these methods by all of our local societies, in addition to plans that have been approved in the past.

*Whereas*, The development and growth of many of our churches and companies demand more labor and instruction in the various branches of missionary work and home duties than our ministers have the time to give them; and—

*Whereas*, We have among us godly men and women of experience who could do much toward supplying this want, by visiting from house to house, giving Bible readings and practical home instruction; therefore—

18. *Resolved*, That such labor should be encouraged by our Conferences.

These resolutions were separately adopted.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

NINTH MEETING, 2 : 30 P. M., DEC. 3.—Prayer by Eld. J. B. Goodrich. Minutes approved. The Committee on the Scandinavian Book Department made the following report :—

*Whereas*, We regard the sale of our subscription books in the Scandinavian languages as a very important part of the canvassing work; and—

*Whereas*, It is desirable to have unity of plan in our subscription book department; therefore—

*We recommend*, That these books be controlled hereafter by the State tract and missionary societies, under the same regulations that have been recommended in behalf of our subscription books in other languages; and that the general agent make special efforts to secure competent Scandinavian canvassers for this branch of the work.

1. *Resolved*, That the Scandinavian ministers of each State be invited to take the same interest in their State canvassing work that they have in the Scandinavian department, and co-operate with the tract society in securing competent Scandinavian agents, and that they shall in all cases be consulted by the State agent before he shall appoint Scandinavian canvassers; and that no Scandinavian settlements shall be assigned to American agents.

*Whereas*, The canvassing work among the Scandinavians can be made more effective by having persons in connection with our State depositories who can correspond with agents in the Swedish or Danish-Norwegian language; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a Swede, Dane, or Norwegian be employed to attend to such correspondence in all States that have a sufficiently large Scandinavian population to warrant it.

C. ELDRIDGE,	} Committee.
H. P. HØLSEB,	
L. C. CHADWICK,	
MARY HEILESON,	
LEWIS JOHNSON,	
J. P. ROSQVIST,	
A. B. OYEN,	

This report was adopted.

The Committee on *Good Health* reported as follows:—

Your committee appointed to arrange and suggest plans for the increased circulation of the journal *Good Health*, make the following recommendations:—

1. That the use of *Good Health* for missionary purposes be made more prominent than in the past.

2. That, since it is very desirable to raise the circulation of this journal to at least ten thousand, each of our State societies immediately subscribe for a liberal number of copies, one half of such subscriptions to begin with the January, 1887, number, and one half with the March number of the same volume.

3. That unless otherwise directed, the whole number ordered be sent to the State depositories, to be used by missionary workers.

The number of copies assigned to the several tract societies is as follows: California, 200; Canada, 50; Colorado, 100; Dakota, 160; Iowa, 450; Illinois, 160; Indiana, 300; Kansas, 500; Michigan, 1,000; Minnesota, 475; Maine, 100; Missouri and Arkansas, 100; New England, 100; New York, 150; Nebraska, 150; North Pacific, 75; Ohio, 300; Pennsylvania, 200; Texas, 75; Tennessee, 25; Upper Columbia, 75; Vermont, 100; Virginia, 25; Wisconsin, 350. The number of health journals already taken by these societies was considered in making the estimate.

G. C. TENNEY,	} Committee.
D. T. JONES,	
J. H. MORRISON,	

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

19. *Resolved*, That the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee to take into consideration the general summary of labor and statistics for next year, and decide what it shall contain, and also suggest means by which correct statistics can be obtained from the several State societies.

20. *Resolved*, That we recommend that persons engaging in the missionary work as directors and secretaries do not receive a remuneration for their services from Conference funds, unless the time and ability given to the work by such persons are sufficient to make their services of acknowledged value to the cause, and also such as to interfere with their obtaining a support by other means.

*Whereas*, The State T. and M. constitution places the general management of that society upon the Board of Directors, with respect to both finances and labor; therefore—

21. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the International Society that all new and important moves to be made by the State society should be considered by the Board of Directors, and receive the sanction of the majority present at any general meeting, before being presented in open meeting.

*Whereas*, Ministers of other denominations, also public libraries, are accustomed to receive a special discount on books which they purchase; therefore—

22. *Resolved*, That twenty per cent discount be allowed to ministers not of

our faith, on all of our subscription books, and forty per cent to our own ministers, on subscription books for their own use; and that the discount allowed public libraries be in harmony with the usage in this matter in the several States, according to the discretion of the State T. and M. officers.

*Moved*, To amend this resolution by striking out the clause allowing discounts to our own ministers. While the question on the adoption of this amendment was pending, the meeting—

Adjourned to call of Chair.

The committee on the annual summary was subsequently announced to be R. A. Underwood, Geo. I. Butler, A. T. Robinson, Geo. B. Starr, and Maria L. Huntley.

TENTH MEETING, 2 : 30 P. M., DEC. 6.—Prayer by Eld. E. H. Gates. Minutes approved. Discussion on the amendment to the last resolution presented, was resumed.

On motion, this amendment was amended so as to allow our ministers, colporters, and all who give their entire time to the work, fifty per cent discount on subscription books. The report of the committee was adopted.

The chairman of the Committee on Tract and Missionary Society Accounts made a report to the effect that the committee had not had opportunity to perfect any definite recommendations with respect to the State secretary's work. An extension of time was requested for the purpose of corresponding with State secretaries and others to learn their methods and obtain their assistance. Encouragement was given that explicit recommendation on this point would be made in due time. With respect to the work in local societies this committee recommended—

1. That in large churches, or wherever the State T. and M. officers should deem it for the interests of the society, they avail themselves of the provision made in the constitution for business agents in local societies, these agents to have the privilege of dealing directly with the State secretary. And further—

2. That where business agents are not appointed, the two accounts between local societies and districts and between districts and State societies be continued; and that the distinction between these accounts, instead of being made on periodicals and tracts, as formerly, be hereafter made on reading matter for free distribution and personal subscriptions for periodicals and books.

This report was adopted. Committee on Nominations made the following recommendations :—

For President, Eld. S. N. Haskell; Vice-President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler; Secretary and Treasurer, Maria L. Huntley, So. Lancaster, Mass.; Assistant Secretaries, Annie L. Ingels, Oakland, Cal.; F. H. Sisley, Healdsburg, Cal.; Jennie Thayer, Gt. Grimsby, England; B. L. Whitney, Basel, Switzerland; Josie L. Baker, Melbourne, Australia; Elizabeth Hare, Auckland, New Zealand; Mary Heileson, Christiana, Norway; A. B. Oyen, Battle Creek, Mich.; A. Swedberg, Battle Creek, Mich.; Executive Board: S. N. Haskell, Geo. I. Butler, W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, M. C. Israel, W. C. Sisley, M. L. Huntley.

E. S. GRIGGS,  
N. C. MCCLURE,  
R. M. KILGORE, } *Committee.*

On motion, this report was adopted as a whole.

The committee to make suggestions with reference to the next annual summary of missionary labor and statistics, having examined the summary for the past year, recommended the same items and arrangement, with an additional column giving the number or per cent of church members not paying tithes, for next year.

Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

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

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

A resolution was also presented respecting the *American Sentinel*, in place of which the following was substituted:—

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

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

These resolutions were adopted.

On motion, Eld. E. J. Waggoner was requested to reproduce his sermon on the Constitutional Amendment, delivered in the Tabernacle Sunday evening, Dec. 5, in the *Signs of the Times*, also in pamphlet form.

On motion, the Society voted to assist the weaker Conferences and mission fields in this distribution of the *Sentinel*, so far as it may seem advisable to the Executive Board.

The following resolutions were then presented:—

*Whereas*, An effort is being made to secure the co-operation of all our State societies, in behalf of the work among foreign nationalities; and—

*Whereas*, It is in the power of these societies to render most valuable assistance to the foreign work, by securing the addresses of those of other nationalities in the fields where they may be laboring, and placing them in the hands of those who can use them; therefore—

25. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our societies to take a practical interest in this effort so directly in harmony with the nature of the message which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

This resolution was adopted.

*Moved*, That we indorse the *Gospel Sickle*, and recommend its use for missionary purposes to the T. and M. societies.—Carried.

Remarks were made by Eld. B. L. Whitney with respect to the German paper, setting forth the improvements to be made in it, and the necessity of increasing its circulation.

On motion, the State societies were recommended to make special efforts to increase the circulation of this periodical.

On motion, plans for bringing the truth before the people, presented in writing by M. H. Brown, were referred to the Executive Committee.

Remarks in behalf of the *Bible Echo*, published in Australia, and *Present Truth*, published in England, were made by Elds. Haskell and Wilcox. The price of each of these periodicals, after the *Present Truth* is enlarged as proposed, will be one dollar per year, the *Review and Herald* Office acting as agent for them.

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Whereas*, The International Sabbath-school Association has requested the International T. and M. Society to recommend to different State societies that their general agents make special efforts to increase the circulation of the *Youth's Instructor* during the coming year; therefore—

26. *Resolved*, That our State agents do all in their power in this direction, so far as is consistent with other duties.

L. C. CHADWICK,	} Committee.
A. T. ROBINSON,	
M. L. HUNTLEY,	

The President called attention to the large amount of work which the Society has promised to perform during the coming year, requiring a greater exertion than has ever been made before.

Adjourned *sine die*.

S. N. HASKELL, *Pres.*

M. L. HUNTLEY, *Sec.*

## GENERAL SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

### NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE first meeting of this session was held in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Nov. 27, 1886, at 6:30 P. M. The President being absent, the Vice-President, Eld. D. M. Canright, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The Treasurer presented the following report:—

#### GENERAL FUND.

Cash on hand, Nov. 22, 1885,	\$100 84	
Received on tithes and donations,	163 57	
		_____
Total resources,		\$264 41
Paid for printing,	\$25 95	
Paid for postage and stationery,	19 90	
Paid to the Missions,	85 28	
		_____
Total expenditures,		\$131 13
		_____
Balance in treasury Nov. 18, 1886,		\$133 28



## PUBLISHING FUND.

Cash on hand Nov. 22, 1885,	\$58 36	
Received on donations,	512 42	
Received on sales,	64 91	
		\$635 69
Total resources,		
Expended for camp-meeting supplies,	\$101 00	
For other supplies,	230 45	
		\$331 45
Total expenditures,		
Balance in treasury Nov. 19, 1886,		\$304 24
"S. S. WORKER."		
Balance in treasury Nov. 18, 1885,	\$ 26 22	
Rec'd on subscriptions and old accts.,	601 37	
		\$627 59
Total resources,		
Cost of printing Vol. 2,	\$477 31	
Paid for postage, stationery, etc.,	22 38	
To error in crediting twice,	97 95	
		\$597 64
Total expenditures,		
Balance in treasury Nov. 19, 1886,		\$29 95

The report of the committee on the revision of the constitutions of both the General and the State associations was called for, but was finally deferred until another meeting, that copies of the new forms might be printed and circulated among the members for intelligent action.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were as follows:—

*On Nominations*: R. A. Underwood, L. McCoy, E. J. Waggoner.

*On Resolutions*: G. W. Morse, M. H. Brown, A. O. Tait.

*On Lessons*: J. E. White, D. A. Robinson, E. W. Farnsworth.

*On Auditing*: E. J. Waggoner, H. P. Holser, D. A. Robinson.

On motion, the publishing of the "Manual" was referred to the Committee on Lessons.

On motion, the matter of supplies and Sabbath-school literature was left to a joint committee composed of the Auditing and the Lesson Committees.

*Voted*, That the interests of the *S. S. Worker* be considered by the Auditing Committee.

Reports from the States being called for, interesting remarks were made by E. J. Waggoner, S. N. Haskell, C. L. Boyd, A. O. Tait, M. B. Miller, A. S. Hutchins, H. P. Holser, L. T. Nicola, and D. M. Canright.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, 9 A. M., DEC. 2.—Opened by prayer. Minutes of previous meeting approved. The constitution of State associations was considered at this meeting, and the following was recommended for adoption in those States where it is found practicable:—

#### CONSTITUTION OF STATE S. S. ASSOCIATIONS.

##### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

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

##### ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

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

##### ARTICLE III.—REPRESENTATION.

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

##### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

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

##### ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

The duties of the President shall be to take the general oversight of the work of the Association, to preside at all the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and to call special meetings thereof.

##### ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

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

##### ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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

##### ARTICLE VIII.—FUNDS.

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

## ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

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

The constitution of the General Association was next discussed, but as some of the articles were referred to committees for amendment, the voting was deferred until another meeting.

The Treasurer presented an itemized report, showing the amount paid by each State in tithes and camp-meeting donations. A further report was read, showing the average amount per member donated to the home school each Sabbath, wherein it was found that in all but four Associations the amount was less than one cent per *capita* each Sabbath.

The Committee on Lessons recommended that the following subjects be considered the coming year: The Spirit of God, Ministration of Angels, Sanctification, Prayer, Obedience and Sacrifice, and Faith. It was also recommended that the selection and appointment of lesson writers be left to the Publishing Committee. And further, that a small book be prepared, covering a six or eight months' study of the prophecies, the Sabbath, and the law.

*Voted*, To amend the list of subjects by including that of Conversion.

*Voted*, That the report be amended so as to request the General Conference to appoint a committee of three to examine all the Sabbath-school lessons before their publication.

The report as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made a partial report, as follows:—

*Whereas*, The blessing of God has attended the Sabbath-school work the past year, and visible evidences of progress and improvement exist; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for these manifestations, and that we also acknowledge our increased obligations to, and continued dependence upon him.

*Whereas*, It is very important that the work in our Sabbath-schools be of such a nature as not only to instruct in Bible knowledge, but also to lead the unconverted to Christ, and give material help in the development of Christian character; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That in securing officers and teachers for Sabbath-schools, great care should be exercised to get persons who are sound in the faith, and earnest, consistent Christians.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby request the Committee on Lessons to accompany those that shall be hereafter provided, with more extensive critical, explanatory, and suggestive notes than have heretofore been given.

4. *Resolved*, That we urge upon all Sabbath-school workers the necessity and importance of extending the circulation of the *Youth's Instructor*.

5. *Resolved*, That in conducting Sabbath-school conventions, we recommend that the reading of essays and papers on various topics be considered of secondary importance, and that preference be given to normal class drills.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend the holding of teachers' meetings weekly in all our Sabbath-schools.

After some discussion, especially on resolution 6, the resolutions were adopted.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, 9 : 30 A. M., DEC. 3.—Prayer by Eld. G. H. Rogers. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The Committee on Resolutions being called for, presented the following :—

7. *Resolved*, That in all cases, regardless of the size of the school or the place where it may be held, the exercises of the same should be conducted in an orderly manner, and in accordance with an approved program.

8. *Resolved*, That it is a duty incumbent upon officers and teachers to use such Sabbath-school helps, in the way of bells, maps, blackboards, etc., as are or may be provided for them, and not allow them to remain as useless ornaments.

These two resolutions were adopted.

9. *Resolved*, That we urge upon all our schools the importance of liberal class contributions, and that we recommend them to contribute freely of the same during the coming year, to our several missionary enterprises, in the following order : For the first quarter, to the African Mission ; second quarter, to the International T. and M. Society ; third quarter, to the English Mission ; fourth quarter, to the Central European Mission.

*Moved*, To amend the resolution so as to read, "that the Sabbath-schools support the African Mission during the coming year."

Interesting remarks were made by Elds. Haskell, E. J. Waggoner, and others, showing the value of having a missionary enterprise before the children, to call out the spirit of sacrifice, and to educate them in giving to the Lord. Dr. Kellogg suggested the publication of a map of Africa, to be hung in the schools, where all could have a reminder of the object to which they were giving.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

*Whereas*, The *Signs of the Times* publishes the Sabbath-school lessons, giving the texts of Scripture in full ; and—

*Whereas*, Such publication has a tendency to lessen the circulation of the *Youth's Instructor*, and results in a superficial study of the lessons ; therefore—

10. *Resolved*, That we express it as the sense of this Association that the publication of the lessons as before mentioned, is detrimental to the interests of our Sabbath-schools.

This resolution, after a warm discussion, was lost.

At this stage of the meeting, it was voted to take the constitution of the General Association from the table for further consideration. The form as amended and finally adopted is as follows :—

## CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. ASSOCIATION.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

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

## ARTICLE II.—REPRESENTATION.

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

## ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

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

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

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

## ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

The duties of the President shall be to take the general oversight of the work of the Association, to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and to call special meetings thereof.

The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform all the duties of that office.

## ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary shall be, (1.) To record the proceedings of the Association, and to present a yearly summary of the same at the annual meeting; (2.) To present such other summary reports as may from time to time be ordered; (3.) To execute all the correspondence ordered by the Association and by the Executive Board; (4.) To make reports at such other times as may be ordered; (5.) To act as treasurer of the Association, and to receive and hold all moneys belonging to the Association, giving receipts therefor, and paying out the same as the Association or the Executive Board may direct, through the written order of the President.

## ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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

## ARTICLE VII.—FUNDS.

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

## ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

*Voted*, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to arrange for printing the map of Africa. J. H. Kellogg, C. H. Jones, and Winnie Loughborough were appointed as said committee.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:—

For President, C. H. Jones, Oakland, Cal.; Vice-President, A. B. Oyen, Battle Creek, Mich.; Secretary and Treasurer, Winnie Loughborough, Battle Creek, Mich.; Executive Committee: C. H. Jones, A. B. Oyen, W. C. White, D. M. Canright, J. E. White, G. H. Bell, Winnie Loughborough; Publishing Committee, C. H. Jones, A. B. Oyen, J. E. White, G. H. Bell, Mrs. M. J. Chapman.

The above-named persons were unanimously elected, with the exception of J. E. White, who refused to serve on the Publishing Committee, whereupon the name of W. W. Prescott was substituted.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following:—

We have examined the accounts of the General Sabbath-school Association, and believe them to have been accurately kept.

As the committee to whom the *Sabbath-School Worker* was referred, we beg leave to submit the following report:—

We recommend, (1.) That the *Worker* be continued during the coming year as a quarterly, its present size and general style being retained; (2.) That the matter of who shall publish the *Worker*, and what it shall contain, be left to the Publishing Committee; (3.) That diligent effort be made to secure its circulation not only among those who are acting as teachers and officers, but among all who by their talent and their interest in the Sabbath-school give promise that they may at some time be more intimately connected with its work.

E. J. WAGGONER, }  
H. P. HOLSER, } *Committee.*  
D. A. ROBINSON, }

The report of the committee as auditors was accepted.

The report to continue the publication of the *Worker* called forth spirited remarks pro and con. An amendment was offered to supplement the original motion,—*Resolved*, That the matter now contained in the *Worker* be published in the *Instructor* in the form of a quarterly or monthly supplement, as the editors may find necessary. While this amendment was under consideration, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, 10 A. M., DEC. 6.—Prayer by Eld. Covert. Minutes of last meeting read.

Eld. Underwood re-opened the discussion on the motion to discontinue the *Worker*. E. J. Waggoner, J. E. White, G. W.

Morse, and others spoke warmly in favor of the *Worker*. The amendment was carried by a vote of eighty-five against seventy-nine.

A motion was made that a series of Bible lessons on Health, to consist of at least twelve lessons, be added to the list of lessons already provided. It was voted to refer the motion to the Committee on Lessons.

The committee appointed to consider the matter of the "Sabbath-School Manual" and supplies, made the following report:—

1. *Resolved*, That books and supplies recommended for use in connection with the Sabbath-school shall be such as are approved by the Publishing Committee of the International Association.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the publication of the "Sabbath-School Manual" as soon as practicable; and further, that the style of the book, place of its publication, and manner of circulation, and all other matters pertaining to its publication be left to the Publishing and Executive Committees acting conjointly.

E. J. WAGGONER,	}	} Committee.
J. E. WHITE,		
D. A. ROBINSON,		
E. W. FARNSWORTH,		
H. P. HOLSER,	}	

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following resolution was then offered:—

*Whereas*, The general agents of our State T. and M. Societies can, without detriment to their other work, add largely to the circulation of the *Youth's Instructor* by encouraging and appointing intelligent children, youth, or other persons to engage in the work of soliciting subscriptions for this paper; therefore—

*Resolved*, That this Association hereby earnestly request the International T. and M. Society to recommend this measure to the various State societies.—  
Carried.

Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

D. M. CANRIGHT, *Vice-Pres.*

GEO. B. STARR, *Rec. Sec.*

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## AMERICAN HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

### EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE eighth annual meeting of the American Health and Temperance Association convened in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 1, 1886, at 7 : 15 A. M., with the president, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, in the chair. Prayer by Eld. G. C. Tenney. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was then read, as follows:—

In presenting a report of the work of the American Health and Temperance Association during the past year, it is to be regretted that

it must of necessity be a very imperfect one, since very few of the State societies have responded to the request to send in a report of their work. Incidentally, and through the columns of the *Review*, we have learned that a much larger number than usual of the State societies held meetings in connection with their camp-meeting, which, together with the fact that a very large amount of health and temperance literature has been used this year, would seem to indicate that some progress is being made in this branch of the cause, though it has by no means reached the state of activity which we believe the Lord designed it should reach.

The New England State association reports five active temperance clubs, with additions during the year of six full members, forty pledge members, and the distribution of 20,000 pages of health and temperance literature.

The N. Y. H. and T. Society reports the existence of eleven health and temperance clubs, with an increase of six members during the year.

The secretary of the Kansas State society reports that no meetings have been held for two years, but that the general temperance work is receiving considerable notice among the people.

The secretary of the Illinois State society deems that organization dead, and sends as her report, an obituary notice, giving an account of the gradual decline of the society and its ultimate death.

The Michigan State Society reports the addition of seventy-seven new members and the organization of four health and temperance clubs during the year. Among the new members reported is one habitual drinker reformed, one moderate drinker reformed, five tobacco users and eleven tea and coffee users reformed, making, in all, eighteen persons reformed. Of the incidents connected with the reformation of some of these persons, the secretary writes that during a series of meetings held in the interest of health and temperance, one man was prevailed upon by his wife to attend, and while listening to the discourse, became convinced of the error of his way, took the quid of tobacco from his mouth, and threw it out of the window; and at the close of the meeting he came forward for prayers, and afterward signed the covenant and united with the church. He was offered the tobacco pledge, which he signed, and knowing our temperance principles, supposed he had been offered the teetotal pledge; therefore he discarded the use of tea and coffee also. A short time after he was invited to sign the teetotal pledge, when he learned that he had not previously been under its obligations; but he signed it most gladly, and urged others to give up their tobacco and tea and coffee, encouraging them by relating his own happy experience.

Another man, who had for many years been quite dissipated, attended the same series of meetings, took his stand for the truth, signed the pledge, giving up liquor, tobacco, tea, and coffee, and rejoicing that through the power of God he had been delivered from the galling chains of intemperance, and had found the pearl of great price.

A number of other persons have been brought into the truth as the result of health and temperance work in this State.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1886:—



FINANCIAL STATEMENT, OCT. 1, 1886.

Cash on hand,	\$667 10
Book accounts,	13 45
Inventory,	86 00
Bills payable,	\$ 79 30
Present worth, Oct. 1, 1886,	687 25
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Mrs. E. E. KELLOGG, *Sec. and Treas.*

On motion, this report was accepted.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees. The following were appointed:—

*On Resolutions*: G. C. Tenney, D. A. Robinson, G. G. Rupert.

*On Nominations*: R. M. Kilgore, H. W. Pierce, Asa Robinson.

The Chairman then spoke concerning the past history of the Association, and said that many had tried to make us believe that the health and temperance work was dead; and that all that could be done had been accomplished by getting a few thousand persons to sign the pledge. Two or three years ago, in speaking on this subject, he suggested that we had an important work to do in keeping the Society alive. At the time the organization was started, there had been little or no work done; and when the pledge was circulated among our people, a great many were found who used tea and coffee; some were using tobacco, and not a few, home-made wine and hard cider. At first there was complaint about the pledge's being so iron-clad, and some hesitated to sign it. The Society has now upon its rolls the names of nearly fifteen thousand persons. At the time of the organization there was but very little interest manifested in the subject. An interest has been aroused, and a victory gained, but the work is only just begun. Thousands have signed the pledge, and many have thought that this was all there was to do. For several years we have been trying to keep alive, and have waited for a favorable moment to come when the interest might be revived. It seems as though that time has now come, and that the way is open for all who wish to work, to find something to do.

Verbal reports respecting the progress of the work in various parts of the field being called for, many speakers responded, giving numerous interesting incidents as examples of the close relation which this work bears to other branches of the cause, and of ways in which it may aid their advancement.

The chairman of the Committee on Resolutions offered a report, but the hour being late, the matter was postponed, and the meeting adjourned to 9 A. M., Dec. 5.

SECOND MEETING.—Meeting called to order by the President.  
The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:—

In view of the fact that the past year has shown some evidence of an awakening interest in the great work of health and temperance; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we express our grateful sense of this fact, and our continued confidence in the sacred importance of these principles and the important part they are designed to fill in the work of redeeming and saving mankind from sin and its consequences.

2. *Resolved*, That we indorse the principles of the association for the promotion of social purity, known as the White Cross Army, and that we will append to the pledges already adopted by this Association the purity pledges.

Dr. Kellogg here presented the purity pledges above referred to, which read as follows:—

“THOU GOD SEEST ME.”

## PURITY PLEDGE

FOR MEN.

*I hereby solemnly promise by the help of God—*

I. To obey the law of purity in thought and act.

II. To refrain from and to discountenance in others, vulgarity of speech, and indecent jests and allusions.

III. To avoid all books, amusements, and associations calculated to excite impure thoughts.

IV. To uphold the same standard of purity for men and women.

V. To oppose all laws and customs which tend to the degradation of women, and to labor for their reform.

VI. To endeavor to spread the knowledge of these principles, and to aid others in obeying them.

Name, .....

Date, .....

“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART.”

“THOU GOD SEEST ME.”

## PURITY PLEDGE

FOR WOMEN.

*I hereby solemnly promise by the help of God—*

I. To obey the law of purity in thought and act.

II. To refrain from and to discountenance in others, all conversation upon impure subjects, and to avoid all books, amusements, and associations which tend in the direction of impurity.

III. To be modest in language, behavior, and dress.

IV. To uphold the same standard of purity for men and women.

V. To oppose all laws and customs which tend to the degradation of women, and to labor for their reform.

VI. To endeavor to spread the knowledge of these principles, and to aid others in obeying them.

Name, .....

Date, .....

“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART.”

*Whereas*, In considering the missionary work of our Saviour, we find that he gained the love and gratitude of the people by bringing relief to their physical infirmities and sufferings ; and —

*Whereas*, It should be our study to learn of him ; therefore—

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend this example to the thoughtful consideration of our Bible workers.

4. *Resolved*, That there be prepared a series of Bible health and temperance readings, adapted to the wants of our city mission workers, for their use and that of others who can labor in this manner.

5. *Resolved*, That we take every reasonable step in our power toward the dissemination of health and temperance principles, by the judicious circulation of literature advocating these principles, and all other means within our reach.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend the adoption of a system of reporting labor performed.

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend the use of the charts prepared by Dr. Kellogg, by those who labor in the health and temperance work.

*Whereas*, Our success as workers depends upon our having an intelligent understanding of hygiene ; therefore—

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend the careful reading and study of our works bearing upon this subject.

9. *Resolved*, That we urge our State societies to faithfully maintain their organizations ; and that in Conferences where they have become extinct, active measures be taken to revive them.

10. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of this Association, acting with the Conference committees of those Conferences whose State associations have become extinct, provide for the restoration of those associations by the appointment of the proper officers wherever circumstances render it practicable.

The first four resolutions were discussed and severally adopted, when the meeting adjourned to 9 A. M., Dec. 6.

THIRD MEETING.—The remaining resolutions were discussed and unanimously adopted, with the exception of the 6th, which was, on motion, laid on the table, as the constitution and by-laws of the Association already provided for a system of reporting.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee of this Association be empowered to appoint agents to represent the Association in foreign countries, and to issue proper certificates to persons so appointed.

Dr. Kellogg suggested a plan for health and temperance reading circles, which was not discussed for want of time.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 9 A. M., Dec. 7.

FOURTH MEETING.—The subject of health and temperance reading circles was freely discussed, and approved as a useful measure ; but the opinion seemed to prevail that it would hardly be possible to undertake this work satisfactorily as a general measure, before another year.

A resolution was passed requesting that a collection of ex-

tracts from Mrs. E. G. White's writings upon the subject of health and temperance be published.

On motion, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

J. H. KELLOGG, *Pres.*

MRS. E. E. KELLOGG, *Sec.*

## CENTRAL S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

### TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE first meeting of the twenty-seventh annual session of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association convened in the Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 24, 1886, at 9 A. M. President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, in the Chair. Prayer by Eld. U. Smith.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived, after which the roll was called, 117 stockholders responding, representing in person and by proxies 1,470 shares.

The Treasurer's report was then read as follows:—

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, NOV. 1, 1886.

Real estate,		\$ 41,000 00	
Personal property,			
Machinery, etc.,	\$33,036 88		
Plates and molds,	8,682 25		
Type,	7,887 51		
Cuts and engravings,	1,703 67		
Total,		51,370 31	
Accounts receivable,		135,879 63	
Notes receivable,		20,803 83	
Due from banks,		2,590 77	
Cash on hand,		1,397 22	
Books, pamphlets, etc., on hand,		55,922 57	
Material on hand,		19,820 11	
Unfinished work,		12,837 83	
Office donations,		1,096 51	
Sanitarium Knitting Co.,		864 69	
Notes payable,		\$61,506 96	
Demand certificates,		28,741 08	
Accounts payable,		86,814 88	
Paid in capital,		43,760 00	
Donations and legacies,		14,527 33	
Surplus,		96,383 51	
Net gain for year ending Oct. 31, 1886,		11,849 71	
Totals,		\$343,583 47	\$343,583 47

## RECAPITULATION.

Capital stock,	\$ 43,760 00	
Donations,	14,527 33	
Surplus and gain,	108,233 22	
Present worth,		\$166,520 55
Worth, Nov. 1, 1885,		154,580 84
Increase,		\$11,939 71
Received on capital stock,		90 00
Net gain from business during the year,		\$11,849 71

The report was adopted.

On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint the usual committees, which were announced as follows:—

*On Nominations:* S. N. Haskell, J. Fargo, R. A. Underwood.

*On Resolutions:* U. Smith, D. M. Canright, E. W. Farnsworth.

Adjourned to 10 A. M., Nov.\*26.

SECOND MEETING.—Prayer was offered, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:—

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve the action of the Board in re-inventing the stock, etc., and placing the price at figures which represent its actual worth at the present time.

*Whereas*, Some of our State tract societies are heavily in debt to this Association, thereby greatly crippling its usefulness in its own business; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That we request those societies that are delinquent in this matter, to make every effort in their power to meet these just demands.

*Whereas*, The Treasurer's report shows that a great improvement has been made in the running of the business of the Association, by the classification and re-organization of the work in the various departments of the publishing house; therefore—

3. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of what has been done, and that we will second the efforts of the Trustees in every endeavor to systematize and improve the methods of labor in every department.

*Whereas*, We believe that the literature issued at our offices of publication is to be largely circulated by the efforts of canvassers; and—

*Whereas*, A very gratifying interest in the canvassing business is springing up in various parts of the land; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of this Association be requested to co-operate with this movement, and by all means in their power encourage this part of the work.

5. *Resolved*, That we consider it unwise for State tract societies to build expensive depositories or mission buildings while involved in debt to this Association.

The above resolutions were adopted.

*Moved* (by U. Smith), That sections 1, 2, and 13, of Art. II., be made to read as follows:—

SECTION 1. This Association shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, who shall have the supervision and control of all the affairs of the Association, and

who shall be elected annually at such time and place as may be determined by the last meeting of the Society or announced in the call for the meeting; and all the Trustees shall hold their office until three weeks after their successors are elected.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees shall of their own number choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, and a committee of three on publications, of which the President shall be one.

SEC. 13. The Trustees shall employ such editors and other literary help as may be necessary to conduct the various periodicals issued by the Association. —Carried.

*Moved* (by U. Smith), That sections 1, 2, and 3, of Art. IX., be struck out, and the following substituted.

SECTION 1. All voting shall be done as the Association may direct.

This motion was amended so as to read :—

SECTION 1. All nominations for officers shall be made in such way as the Association may determine.

SEC. 2. All voting for the election of officers shall be made by blank ballots, on which each member shall write the name of his candidate. The member who shall receive the highest number of ballots shall be considered thereby elected. All other voting shall be done as the President may direct.

All of the above changes in the by-laws were unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Nominations then reported, recommending the following persons to act as Trustees for the coming year: Geo. I. Butler, A. R. Henry, U. Smith, R. A. Hart, A. B. Oyen, H. W. Kellogg, C. Eldridge.

The result of the balloting was as follows: Geo. I. Butler, 1,216 votes; A. R. Henry, 1,313; U. Smith, 1,224; R. A. Hart, 1,436; A. B. Oyen, 1,438; H. W. Kellogg, 1,067; C. Eldridge, 1,262; S. N. Haskell, 224; J. H. Kellogg, 235; A. H. Mason, 294; G. W. Amadon, 216; W. C. Sisley, 4.

The President declared the persons recommended by the Committee elected.

Adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. I. BUTLER, *Pres.*

R. A. HART, *Sec.*

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## PACIFIC S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

### ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE eleventh annual session of this Association convened at the Pacific Press Publishing House, Oakland, Cal., on Monday, April 26, 1886, in accordance with the notice published in the *Signs of the Times* and the *Oakland Evening Tribune*. President, S. N. Haskell, in the chair.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the President appointed committees on nominations and resolutions as follows :—

*On Nominations* : S. Brownsberger, J. D. Rice, Wm Ings.

*On Resolutions* : J. H. Waggoner, W. M. Healey, Wm. Saunders.

The meeting then adjourned to the church, corner of Thirteenth and Clay streets, for greater convenience. On assembling at the church it was found that 883 shares were represented by stockholders present, and 1,115 shares by proxy, being 175 more than was required by law.

The minutes of the tenth annual session were called for, read, and approved. Then followed the reading of the profit and loss account and balance sheet for the year ending March 31, 1886, which were also accepted.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PACIFIC S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL.		ASSETS.	
3645 shares @ \$10.00	\$36,450 00	Sundry debtors,	\$ 45,505 18
California pub'g fund,	13,241 85	Bills receivable,	1,511 56
		Cash on hand,	313 59
		Postage, "	7 16
	\$40,691 85	INVENTORY.	
LIABILITIES.		Job printing department,	34,865 85
Bills payable,	\$52,755 00	Bindery,	4,595 22
Trade, fund, and deposit acc'ts,	62,788 50	Books,	12,748 69
		Boarding house, "	1,770 85
	115,543 50	Editorial library,	751 20
PROVISION FOR		Real estate,	43,700 00
Accrued interest,	900 00	Furniture,	1,228 75
Doubtful debts,	132 80	Fixtures,	1,600 00
		Machinery plant,	23,100 00
PROFIT AND LOSS.		Fuel,	108 00
Profit to March 31, 1886,	\$10,473 63	Miscellaneous property	1,424 47
Less donation (Aus.),	1,000 00	Subscription books,	2,512 96
	9,473 63		
	\$175,741 78		\$175,741 78

Addresses were delivered by the President, the Vice-President, and Eld. Geo. I. Butler, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, all of which were most interesting, and were listened to attentively by the stockholders present. The meeting then adjourned to 2 : 30 P. M.

**SECOND MEETING.**—The Committee on Nominations recommended as Directors for the coming year, S. N. Haskell, C. H. Jones, J. N. Loughborough, W. C. White, Wm. Saunders. These were balloted for and elected. The vote was then made unanimous.

E. J. Waggoner and Alonzo T. Jones were elected editors, and J. H. Waggoner, U. Smith, S. N. Haskell, and Geo. I. Butler, corresponding editors of the *Signs of the Times* for the coming year. C. H. Jones, W. C. White, and E. J. Waggoner were elected as a publishing committee.

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

*Whereas*, The reports of the workings of the printing-office established by the Pacific Publishing Association, during the past year, and its present condition, meet the minds of your Committee as satisfactory, and recognizing the hand of God in the success of the institution ; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That our thanks are hereby extended to all who have by their counsel and labors assisted in carrying on the publishing work to its present position, and that we will do all we can to sustain it in the future.

2. *Resolved*, That we express ourselves as highly favored in having Eld. G. I. Butler, President of the General Conference, with us to aid us by his counsel and encouragement.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our joy at having Eld. S. N. Haskell, President of our Association, present with us in our annual meeting, after his protracted absence, and the renewed courage which the reports of the work established by him and his co-laborers in Australia have given us.

4. *Resolved*, That we express our pleasure as we note the increase of our denominational work at the office during the past year, and look forward to the time when all our facilities will be required to publish the Third Angel's Message.

The following resolution was submitted by W. M. Healey and Wm. Saunders, part of the Committee :—

5. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our thanks to Eld. J. H. Waggoner for his past faithful and earnest labor as editor of the *Signs of the Times*, and other publications ; and as duty calls him to other fields, our sympathy and prayers go with him.

At a meeting held Wednesday, April 28, the Board was organized as follows : President, Eld. S. N. Haskell ; Vice-President, C. H. Jones ; Secretary, S. C. Stickney ; Treasurer, E. A. Chapman ; Auditor, B. R. Nordyke.

Adjourned.

S. N. HASKELL, *Pres.*

S. C. STICKNEY, *Sec.*

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

### TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE twelfth annual session of the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Educational Society was held in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 23, 1886, at 9 A. M. Eld. G. I. Butler, President of the Board of Trustees, presided. Prayer by Eld. G. C. Tenney. It was found that there were sixty stockholders present, representing 506 shares, and 50 shares were represented by proxy. On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived. The Treasurer, A. R. Henry, then presented the following report, which was accepted :—



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE S. D. A. EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Real estate,	\$59,000 00	
Personal property,	189 50	
Boarding hall,	4,109 44	
Printing department,	2,029 82	
Millinery and dress-making dep't,	344 36	
Manual training dep't,	717 91	
Book stand,	1,118 75	
Library,	1,520 80	
Museum,	610 65	
Philosophical apparatus,	1,197 50	
Accounts receivable,	2,056 89	
Bills payable,		\$16,587 65
Accounts payable,		151 24
Present worth,		56,156 73
Totals,	\$72,895 62	\$72,895 62
Worth, Aug. 1, 1885,	\$46,322 94	
Received on donations,	12,431 67	
"    "    shares,	645 00	
Total,		\$59,399 61
Net worth July 1, 1886,		56,156 73
Loss during the year,		\$ 3,242 88

The President of the College then made a brief statement of the number of students in attendance and the proportion of them that were pursuing the Biblical course, and gave an outline of the religious work done in the College, from which it appeared that about 175 were attending the Biblical lectures, that the Sabbath-school numbered nearly 250, and that the weekly prayer-meetings and the weekly missionary meetings were well sustained. Dr. J. H. Kellogg spoke in appreciative terms of the work of the building committee in the erection of the new buildings. A. R. Henry discussed the subject of manual training, speaking of the pressing need of a competent man to take charge of that branch of work. Eld. Butler referred to some of the perplexities experienced by the Board of Trustees in planning for the new buildings, and expressed his thankfulness for the increased facilities now afforded, and that so many were preparing themselves for active labor in the cause of God.

Eld. S. N. Haskell spoke at some length, and with much force, upon the benefits of our schools to the cause, and of the great importance of having the study of the Bible a prominent feature in them. Further remarks were made by Eld. E. J. Waggoner, Eld. A. S. Hutchins, and others.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were announced as follows:—

*On Nominations* : L. Mc Coy, Harmon Lindsay, H. W. Miller

*On Resolutions*: D. M. Canright, D. A. Robinson, A. R. Henry.

Adjourned to Thursday, Nov. 25, at 10 A. M.

**SECOND MEETING.**—Prayer by Eld. A. S. Hutchins. The minutes of the first meeting were read and approved. Additional stock to the number of 257 shares was represented by the holders and 565 shares by proxy.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude for the excellent facilities which have been added to our College during the past year, and that we extend our thanks to those who have so faithfully and successfully labored to accomplish this end.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our full confidence in the present management of our College, and that we are thankful to God for the marked prosperity which has attended it of late.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend the discontinuance of the primary department in the College and the establishment by the Battle Creek church of a private school for the benefit of their younger children.

4. *Resolved*, That we tender them for this purpose a suitable room in the College building.

5. *Resolved*, That we urge the presidents of our Conferences and our leading men to look out worthy young people who might become useful in the cause, and encourage them to attend our College.

6. *Resolved*, That we will take steps to secure a suitable teacher in the French language as soon as there is a sufficient number of students in the College to warrant such a step.

Resolutions 3 and 4 called out quite a lengthy discussion, and they were finally referred to the Board of Trustees. The other resolutions were adopted, after being considered separately.

The Nominating Committee recommended that Geo. I. Butler, U. Smith, W. W. Prescott, A. R. Henry, J. H. Kellogg, W. C. Sisley, and W. S. Nelson act as Board of Trustees for the ensuing year. The vote by ballot resulted in the election of the persons named.

Adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. I. BUTLER, *Pres.*

W. W. PRESCOTT, *Sec.*

## MEETING OF HEALDSBURG COLLEGE STOCK-HOLDERS.

### FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

PURSUANT to the call of the Trustees, the fourth annual session of the stockholders of Healdsburg College Corporation convened at the South Building of Healdsburg College, Monday, April 19, 1886, at 10 A. M., to elect trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other College business. The Presi-

dent of the Board, Eld. J. H. Waggoner, presided. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. N. Loughborough. Upon the roll's being called, it was found that there were 834 shares represented. As certificates for 1389 shares had thus far been issued, a quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded to business.

The minutes of the session of 1885 were then read and approved, after which the Treasurer, W. C. Grainger, read the financial report, showing the assets to be \$47,697.29; liabilities, \$31,857.57; excess of assets, \$15,839.72. The report was adopted.

The report of the general workings of the College for the year just past was, by request of the Secretary, deferred until the afternoon meeting.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:—

*On Nominations*: Wm. Ings, J. F. McCutcheon, Speer McElhaney.

*On Resolutions*: J. N. Loughborough, Geo. I. Butler, A. T. Jones.

After some consultation, the Committee on Nominations recommended the following persons for election to serve as trustees the ensuing year: S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, J. N. Loughborough, S. Brownsberger, John Morrison, Joseph Leininger, Fred. V. Harmon. These were elected, and meeting adjourned.

SECOND MEETING, 2:30 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. Wm. Ings. The report of the workings of the College was given by the Secretary. He stated that the past year, all things considered, had been a successful one for the College. Notwithstanding the results of much of the effort put forth by teachers and managers are invisible, and slow in their development, yet those that have been manifest are truly gratifying. There have been in the past year no cases of misdemeanor among the students that have called for severe discipline. In this respect it has surpassed any previous year of our school work. Our student family was uniformly large, and consisted of an excellent class of students. In this family the best of harmony and union prevailed throughout the year. A larger number of these than usual are from Oregon and Washington Territory. One is from the far-distant island of the sea, New Zealand, and one is from Honolulu.

Quite a number, perhaps more than in former years, go from the College to enter the service of the Master. The work in the Biblical Department has been highly satisfactory, and has produced excellent results. The historical work introduced in this department by Eld. A. T. Jones, has supplied a long-felt need.

The different departments of industrial labor have progressed admirably. The tent company has filled a large order for the California Conference, for 10 x 12 heavy drilling tents. The printing company has issued a 50-page catalogue for the College, which is a credit to the institution, besides doing several jobs for

the business men of Healdsburg. Our students' printing-office has established a reputation in this community as a first-class job office. The carpenters, under the leadership of John Donaldson, have accomplished more than in any preceding year. In brief, all our industrial work has proved a success.

In finances there has been this year, as in former years, a falling behind, the income not being sufficient to meet the accruing annual interest, which amounts to \$1,264. Hard times have been upon us, and have had the effect to lessen our attendance somewhat. This decrease is mostly in our day students.

The Committee on Resolutions then reported the following:—

1. *Resolved*, That our earnest gratitude is due to God for tokens of good which he has shown to our College the past year, and it is with heart-felt thanks to him that we see fully twenty young people go forth from this institution this term to active labor in the cause which God has committed to our trust.

Elds. J. N. Loughborough, A. T. Jones, and Geo. I. Butler, and Professor Grainger spoke in favor of the resolution. Eld. Butler said that he was particularly enthusiastic in behalf of our educational institutions. He showed, by reference to the great number of workers they have sent forth into the field, the vast amount of good they have accomplished. We look to them to prepare laborers for the cause. All the other sources combined do not contribute half so much as our colleges. All over the field we see the results of our educational institutions. Young men who have received their training at the colleges are raising up churches all over the land. He encouraged the stockholders and other friends of the College to cherish this work in their hearts, and to give it their most hearty support.

Eld. J. H. Waggoner followed with encouraging remarks on the past success of this College. He believed, as Eld. Butler had remarked, that as a people we do not half prize the benefits of our College to the cause here on the Pacific Coast. It is also the safeguard of our youth while pursuing their studies. The influence at the Students' Home is of such a character as to be worthy of the highest appreciation. He stated that one person who had had a son in attendance, remarked to him that if his son had not looked at a book while in attendance at the College, he would, even then, have been well paid for the time he spent here, and for the expense incurred. The habits of industry which he had cultivated at the Home, and the moral stamina and spiritual strength he had acquired, could not be estimated in dollars and cents.

This resolution was adopted, and the following were presented:—

2. *Resolved*, That we re-affirm the resolution of last year pertaining to finances, reading as follows:—

*Resolved*, That we earnestly request those who have made pledges, which are unpaid, to pay them as soon as possible, and others to take stock in the Educa-

tional Association, that the College may be relieved of the burden of paying interest, which unavoidably adds to the cares and perplexities of those who manage it, and cripples their efforts in its behalf.

Eld. Loughborough and others spoke on the resolution, after which it was adopted.

At the suggestion of W. C. Grainger that new pledges for College stock should be solicited, and old pledges paid, twenty-six shares were pledged and two paid.

Adjourned.

J. H. WAGGONER, *Pres.*

S. BROWNSBERGER, *Sec.*

## HEALTH REFORM INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS.

### TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

PURSUANT to appointment, the stockholders of the Health Reform Institute assembled in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 23, 1886, at 2:30 P. M., for the twentieth annual session. The President occupied the chair. Prayer by Eld. J. Fargo. The meeting was organized by calling the roll to ascertain the amount of stock represented, which was found to be 204 shares represented by stockholders in person, and 580 by proxy. Majority, 49.

On motion, the reading of the Secretary's report of the last annual meeting was waived, as the minutes had been published in the Year Book.

The Treasurer's report was read, as follows:—

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HEALTH REFORM INSTITUTE, SEPT. 30, 1886.

RESOURCES.		
Sanitarium Improvement Co. Stock,		\$ 9,450 00
Real estate,		150,714 22
Furnishings,		26,907 13
Notes receivable,		4,720 14
Fuel,		1,462 25
Instruments and apparatus,		13,914 43
Sanitary supplies,		1,184 14
Farm stock, poultry, etc.,		2,782 15
Supplies,		13,977 66
Medical supplies,		938 25
Accounts receivable,		11,491 38
Cash on hand,		216 15
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		\$237,757 90
LIABILITIES.		
Notes payable,		\$47,463 42
Accounts payable,		12,280 61
Net worth Sept. 30, 1885,	\$136,666 18	
Net gain Sept. 30, 1886,	41,347 69	
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Net worth Sept. 30, 1886,		178,013 87
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		\$237,757 90

In reply to inquiries, Dr. Kellogg made the following statements respecting the unusually large earnings reported this year:

The following reasons were given for the remarkable prosperity of the institution as shown by the financial report:—

1. The number of patients, and the average receipts from patients have been more during the last year than in any year previous. In February and March, usually the dullest months, the number of patients at one time was two hundred and sixty-five; and the average was over two hundred. The receipts from all sources during the year have been nearly \$50,000 more than last year.

2. The expense of running the institution has been proportionately less the last year than ever before. Notwithstanding the much larger amount of business done, the actual cost of running the institution during the last year has exceeded that of the previous year by only sixty-four dollars. This is undoubtedly due in part to the low price of food products of all sorts. Something must be accredited to the fact that few repairs have been needed. Considerable expense had been incurred the year before in re-plastering the older portion of the building, and in other necessary repairs. This year, very little of such work has been necessary, and the prospect is that little expenditure in repairs or further improvements will be needed for some years to come. And last but not least, and in justice to my co-laborers, I should say that I believe that those in charge of the hiring of help and the management of the household interests of the institution, especially the steward, W. H. Hall, and the matron, Mrs. L. M. Hall, have made, during the past year, extraordinary efforts to economize in every way possible. What is saved is to us a matter of even greater consequence than what is earned; and very great credit must be given to the efficient and economical management of the help and household affairs, which has not been accomplished without an extraordinary effort on the part of those responsible for this department of the work, and which I feel ought to be properly recognized and appreciated by the stockholders.

The Chairman called attention to the very satisfactory profit shown in the financial report of the Sanitarium farm, and stated that the directors felt more and more convinced of the value of this adjunct to the institution. The report was as follows:—

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SANITARIUM FARM.

RECEIPTS.	
Milk,	\$1,100 00
Berries,	750 00
Corn,	204 61
Wheat,	104 25
Potatoes,	245 00
Hay,	150 00
Oats,	50 00
Eggs,	378 75
Dressed chickens	250 00
	\$3,232 61
EXPENDITURES.	
Incidentals,	\$ 351 46
Feed,	491 37
Labor,	1,173 41
	2,016 24
Net earnings,	\$1,216 37

The Chairman also called attention to the fact that a large part of the earnings had been applied on the debt. Last year the amount of bills payable was over \$67,000. During the year this has been reduced to a little more than \$47,000. About \$9,000 have been invested in Sanitarium Improvement Company stock. About half of the balance of the year's earnings has been invested in an electric lighting plant, of the Edison patent. The following advantages were claimed for the new light, which had been in use since July, about four months:—

1. The electric light is better for the eye, more steady and uniform in character, and in every way more satisfactory as a light.

2. Its advantages to health in other respects are even more apparent. Coal gas is poisonous and explosive. Persons very often visit the institution who are not accustomed to the use of gas, and blow it out as they would a candle. When using gas, scarcely a week passed that the night watchman did not have occasion to arouse some patient in the night to tell him that the gas was escaping in his room. Under these circumstances, the danger to life and the liability to loss of property by fire were very great. Under the most favorable conditions, there is constant contamination of the air from the escape of gas from slight leaks in pipes, and from the burning of the gas.

3. From an economical point of view, the advantage of the electric light over gas is very great. The cost of gas, matches, globes, chimneys, etc., was about \$2,500 a year. The cost of the electric light is scarcely more than the cost of the oil for lubricating the machinery, and the oil is filtered and used over and over, so that the loss is very small indeed. The steam used for running the machinery is used to heat the building also, for which purpose its utility is not impaired by its use for the electric light. The entire cost of the plant will be saved in two or three years. Since the new light has been put in, matches are not allowed in the institution, except in the hands of two or three trusty persons.

In response to further questions respecting the cost of food and other supplies, the Chairman explained something of the internal workings of the institution as regards finances. A careful account is kept with each department of the institution, and in such a manner that it is possible to tell the exact cost of any department for any day or week or month during the year. An effort is made to make each department do something toward paying its way, besides contributing to the general earnings. For example, the Food Supply Department manufactures and sells a line of health foods, which have a sale amounting to several thousand dollars annually. The profit, whatever it may be, is deducted from the cost of food supplies consumed in the institution. This trade is constantly growing.

To give something of an idea of the amount of supplies required by the large demands of the institution, the steward presented a statement, giving the amounts used of each of the leading articles consumed.

The entire family of the institution, including managers and employes, numbers from two hundred and fifty to four hundred. For the support of this large family and treatment of patients, the following is required yearly :—

Water,	300,000 bbls.
Flour and other grains,	1,000 bbls.
Apples,	700 bbls.
Potatoes and other vegetables,	1,500 bu.
Peaches, pears, small fruits,	900 bu.
Eggs,	8,000 doz.
Milk,	45,000 gals.
Ice,	700 tons
Coal,	2,000 tons
Wood,	700 cords

After some further discussions and explanations, on motion, the report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The Chair then called upon Eld. A. S. Hutchins for a report concerning the religious interests of the institution. He replied by saying that he felt this to be a very important subject, and one in which the stockholders must have quite an interest. They had been shown that the institution was in a prosperous condition financially, and the same could be said with perfect safety in regard to the religious interests, at least in some directions. He stated that in regard to himself he was really a patient there, but had in some measure the charge of the religious interests of the house. They had worship in the parlor every morning at quarter past seven, accompanied by reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. The patients that came in to worship in the morning, of course varied in number, according to the religious interests which they felt. The Sabbath was begun by reading of the Scriptures and prayer. At the close of the Sabbath, worship was again held. Every Sunday evening a Bible reading was held in the parlor. On Friday evening, a general prayer and social meeting was held in the large gymnasium, which was attended by both patients and helpers. A preaching service was sometimes held instead of the social meeting. For several weeks in the past a helpers' prayer-meeting had been held every morning at quarter before six, and morning worship at 6:15 A. M. This had been carried on by the managers without the assistance of the chaplain. He said that he could not state definitely the number that had embraced the truth, but several had been baptized.

Remarks were made concerning the missionary work of the institution, in which it was stated that 300 copies of *Good Health*, 800 of the *Signs*, 600 of the *Gospel Sickle*, and 50 of the *Sentinel* were sent out every month to all parts of the world. For years



the managers have employed one or more persons to do missionary work in the institution. A missionary rack is kept in a conspicuous place, and is well supplied with tracts. A regularly-organized society is maintained, and weekly meetings are held. Within the last year this society has raised and used over \$700 for missionary purposes.

W. H. Hall, superintendent of the Sabbath-school, reported respecting that feature of the work. The institution has a flourishing Sabbath-school, which numbers about 160 persons, divided into twenty classes. Nearly all connected with the institution attend regularly. The school takes 225 copies of the *Instructor*. During the last year the Sabbath contributions have amounted to more than \$500, most of which has been donated to foreign missions, \$250 being sent to the Australian mission, the remainder to the various other missions.

The managers have endeavored to maintain a general interest in all branches of our religious work, and the extent of this interest may be indicated by the financial support which those connected with the institution have given to other enterprises. Of the entire family of employes and managers, fifty are members of the Battle Creek church. All but one or two of these pay a monthly tithe into the treasury of the church. The average yearly amount paid by each is \$40, nearly double the amount paid by any other community of Sabbath-keepers anywhere. This represents but a fraction of the donations made to the cause, however, as the freewill offerings made during the last year bring the average of total donations to more than \$100 each. The wages paid to those employed in the highest positions are not more than those earned by ordinary laborers and mechanics.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were announced as follows:—

*On Nominations* : R. M. Kilgore, C. L. Boyd, S. H. King.

*On Resolutions* : D. A. Robinson, I. D. Van Horn, H. S. Lay.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 2 : 30 P. M., Nov. 25.

SECOND MEETING.—Prayer by Eld. S. N. Haskell. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The Chairman announced that the Secretary had discovered that one person who represented forty proxy votes at the previous meeting, was not properly authorized, though innocent of any wrong intent. There were present, however, two persons representing sixty proxy votes, the certificates for which had been received since the previous meeting, which would more than offset the number lost. It was, of course, necessary to re-appoint the committees, which was accordingly done.

While the committees were making ready their reports, the Chair presented a communication from the attorney of the in-

stitution relating to the legality of adjourned sessions of the annual meeting, as follows :—

A regular meeting, unless special provision is made to the contrary, may adjourn to a future fixed day, from day to day, or from time to time, with many days intervening; and at such adjourned meeting or meetings, it will be lawful to transact any business which might have been transacted at the stated meeting of which it is practically but a continuation.

Unless such be the special requirement of the charter or of a by-law, the adjourned regular meeting would not be limited to completing particular items of business which had been actually entered upon and left unfinished at the first meeting, but might, if the adjournment was general, do any act which might have been done had no adjournment taken place.

Where the meeting if a regular one, can only act upon a specific matter, or if a special one, can only act upon matters of which notice has been given to the members, while it is competent in either case to adjourn, the adjourned meeting is, in both cases, limited equally with the first meeting, to the specified matters. Whatever difficulty there may be in the way of a *minority* adjournment is removed, in the case of this organization, by the provisions of the minority adjournment by-law which was passed at the last annual meeting.

The Committee on Nominations submitted through its chairman, Eld. Kilgore, the names of the following persons as nominees for the Board of Directors for the ensuing year :—

J. Fargo, A. R. Henry, I. D. Van Horn, W. H. Hall, G. H. Murphy, L. M. Hall, J. H. Kellogg.

On motion, the report was received, and ballots were cast for a formal nomination. The votes having been collected and counted, were found to give a majority for each of the candidates, who were declared nominated, and, on motion, elected.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report :—

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge the special providence of God in the present prosperous condition of the Sanitarium; and that while we do this, we would also recognize the agents that he has used in bringing the institution to its present financial strength and spiritual prosperity, and give them our prayers, our sympathy, and our hearty co-operation.

*Whereas*, There are, from time to time, persons coming to the Sanitarium who are sick and need the benefits to be derived from the institution, whose circumstances are such that they are unable to pay only in part, if any at all, for their board and treatment; and—

*Whereas*, Such persons would have to obtain and make satisfaction in some way for their board at their homes, or wherever they might be; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That those who properly come on the list of charity patients should make provision to pay for their board while at the Sanitarium, and that only the treatment which may be prescribed should be given them free of charge by the institution.

*Whereas*, The Sanitarium is not a hotel, nor a public house, but is conducted as a private medical institution, more in the manner of a large family who have moral and religious influences to maintain; therefore—

3. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the action of the managers in conducting family worship in the early morning, at which service all who labor in the institution should be required to be present, unless excused by the managers.

*Whereas*, The question of health and temperance unquestionably should hold a prominent place in our work as a people, and while it may be made the medium of benefiting men physically, it may also become the open door through which spiritual light and truth may shine forth; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That we invite and beseech the several State Conferences to give this branch of the work more attention than it has received in the past, by a greater circulation of our health literature, and by a more frequent and earnest discussion of the question before our people.

*Whereas*, We believe that our city mission workers could, through this means, reach a class of people that they cannot approach in any other manner; therefore—

5. *Resolved*, That we commend to these workers, and to the management controlling them, the plan of giving health Bible readings, and circulating health literature as a preparation for other missionary work.

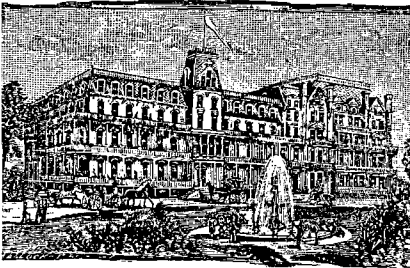
D. A. ROBINSON,  
I. D. VAN HORN, } *Committee.*  
H. S. LAY,

On motion, the above report was received, and the various resolutions discussed and voted upon separately, each being adopted by unanimous vote.

In the discussion of the first resolution the Chairman stated that he particularly wished it to be understood that the managers of the institution took no personal credit for the prosperity with which the institution had been blessed during the last year; that they felt that the success of the work was due alone to the special blessing of God; and that as soon as the result of the year's work was known, they called together all connected with the institution, and held a special praise meeting. Harmony of action, and a deep solicitude on the part of all to do their best, with the blessing of God added, is certain to bring success.

Adjourned *sine die*.  
W. H. HALL, *Sec.*

J. H. KELLOGG, *Pres.*



BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM.

The Medical and Surgical Sanitarium at Battle Creek was founded in 1867, and now consists of a fine brick structure 530 feet long, 84 feet high—four stories above the basement—with an average width of 46 feet. It has a promenade in halls and verandas of more than half a mile, and a floor space of more than two acres. The systems of heating, ventilation, and sewerage, are the most perfect known to modern science. An

extensive and perfect gymnasium is provided. The corps of physicians, surgeons, and assistants under the supervision of Dr. J. H. Kellogg, is thoroughly efficient; and the facilities and appliances for the treatment of all kinds of diseases are unrivaled. Every remedial agent of known value is employed. This is the largest Sanitarium in the world, and its popularity is attested by the fact that more than 10,000 patients have enjoyed its benefits. The past year has been one of remarkable prosperity.

## SANITARIUM IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

### THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

THE third annual session of the Sanitarium Improvement Company convened at Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 23, 1886, at 5 p. m., with the president, J. Fargo, in the chair. Prayer by Eld. G. C. Tenney. On calling the roll, the number of shares represented in person and by proxy was found to be 1,993, being 634 more than was necessary to constitute a majority. The reading of the minutes of the last session was waived.

The Treasurer's report was presented as follows:—

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SANITARIUM IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, SEPT. 30, 1886.

RESOURCES.		
Notes receivable,		\$ 625 00
Real estate, apparatus, and furnishings,		69,068 98
		_____
LIABILITIES.		
Notes payable,		\$ 6,693 98
Net worth Sept. 30, 1885,	\$59,750 00	
Stock taken in 1886,	3,250 00	
		_____
Net worth Sept. 30, 1886,		63,000 00
		_____
		\$69,693 98

W. H. HALL, *Treas.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Sanitarium Improvement Company, and have reason to believe it is correct.

A. R. HENRY, *Auditor.*

On motion of Dr. Kellogg, the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee on nominations; whereupon the following names were announced as such committee: A. S. Hutchins, Samuel Fulton, E. Clark.

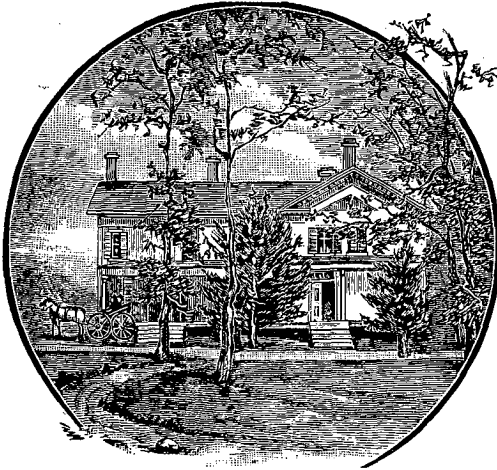
The question of adjournment to a subsequent day for the completion of the business being raised, A. R. Henry expressed doubts about the legality of an election made at such an adjourned meeting.

On motion, A. R. Henry was constituted a special committee to report upon this subject at the next annual meeting.

# MEDICAL & SURGICAL SANITARIUM.

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## BRIEF HISTORY.



OPENED, 1866.

In the summer of 1866 the building shown in the above cut was purchased and became the nucleus of the present mammoth Institution under the name of the "Health Reform Institute." Although at first organized upon the water-cure plan, the Institution flourished for several years.

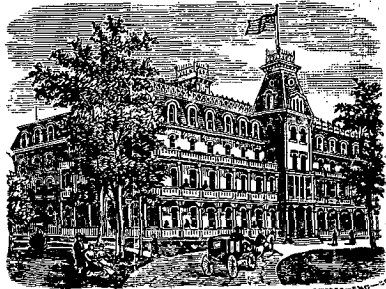
In 1876 the Institution was re-organized under a broader plan and under new management. Since this time, the patronage of the Institution has increased until its status, as the largest and most successful Institution

of the sort in this or any other country, has been fully established.

Very soon the few small buildings were found to be quite inadequate to accommodate the increasing patronage of the Institution, and the large building, shown in the second cut, was erected in 1877, at a cost, including all improvements, of more than \$100,000. Patients still increased, however, so that within a year the new building was insufficient to accommodate all who came, and it became necessary to rent a large number of cottages. These, too, soon proved inadequate to accommodate a family which now reached at some seasons, several hundreds, and a large addition was made, as shown in the large cut on the other side of this leaf, in 1884.

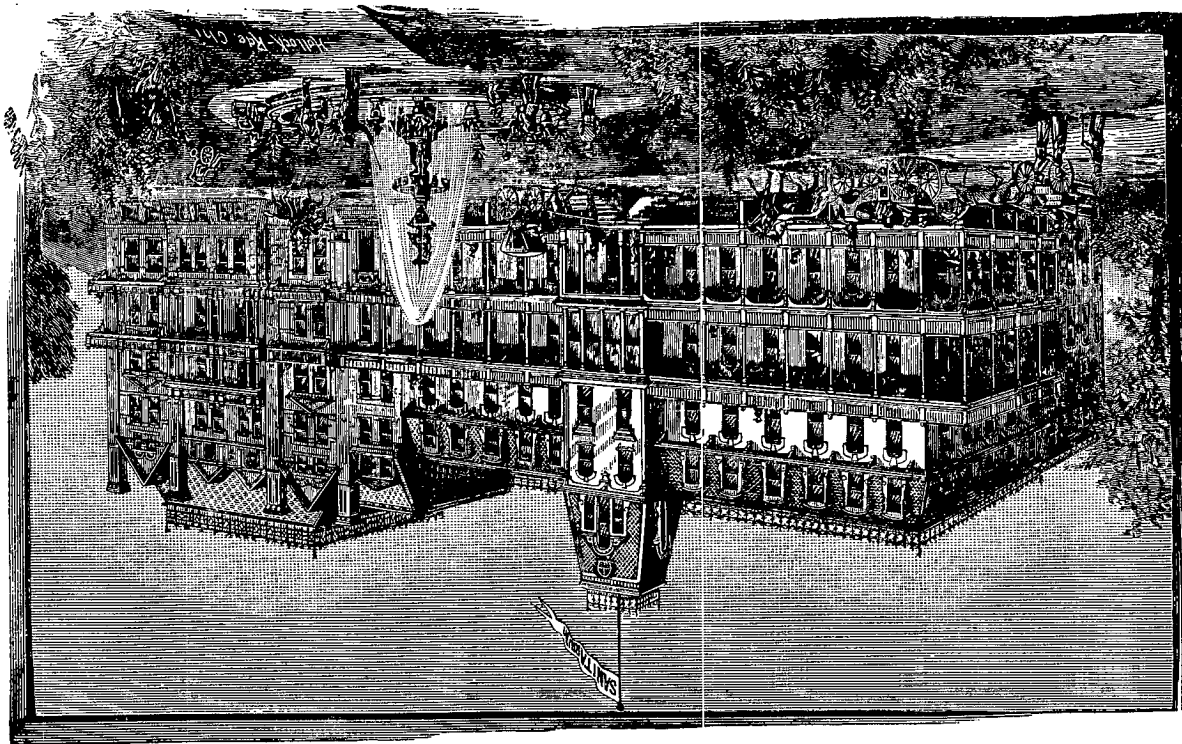
Another and perhaps a unique feature of this Institution is the fact that it is not a money-making enterprise. The articles of incorporation expressly stipulate that all the earnings of the Institution must be appropriated to the improvement of the facilities of the Institution and the treatment of the sick poor. Nearly double the original capital stock has been expended in this way. At the present time arrangements are in progress for the erection of another

building capable of accommodating one hundred free beds. When it is completed, the charity work of the Institution may be largely increased.



ERECTED, 1877.

**MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SANITARIUM,  
Battle Creek, Mich.**



The Committee on Nominations reported the following names for a new Board of Directors : J. Fargo, J. H. Kellogg, W. H. Hall, A. R. Henry, G. H. Murphy.

The stockholders then proceeded to ballot on the nominations, resulting in the unanimous election of the persons named as the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

On motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

J. FARGO, *Pres.*

G. H. MURPHY, *Sec.*

## RURAL HEALTH RETREAT ASSOCIATION.

THE annual session of the Rural Health Retreat Association was held at the Retreat parlors May 30, 1886. A large majority of the subscribed capital stock was represented. Many friends of the institution were present, among whom were Eld. Geo. I. Butler and other of our ministering brethren. Close, practical, and timely instruction and counsel were given by them in the religious exercises held in connection with these meetings. We only regret that these services could not have been continued.

The following officers were elected :—

Directors, J. N. Loughborough, W. C. White, J. D. Rice, W. A. Pratt, A. B. Atwood ; President, J. N. Loughborough ; Secretary, J. S. Gibbs, M. D. ; Treasurer, W. A. Pratt ; Auditor, Mrs. A. M. Loughborough ; Superintendent, J. D. Rice ; Physicians, J. S. Gibbs, M. D., W. P. Burke, M. D. ; Matron, Mrs. Jennie L. Ings.

The report given below shows a marked improvement in the finances of the institution, exceeding by far the most sanguine expectations of its best friends. We feel that the prospering hand of God has been over this part of his work, because of which we feel to increase our faithfulness and take courage.

The following shows the financial standing of the institution :—

Net value May 5, 1885,	\$5,322 76
Net gain for eleven months,	3,458 37
Stock issued during the year,	3,500 00
Donations received during the year,	2,445 00
	\$14,726 13
Net value April 1, 1886,	

During this time the Retreat has donated in board and treatment \$1,766.99 not included in the above statement.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

*Whereas*, We have seen the hand of God during the past year in giving special favor and prosperity to the Rural Health Retreat ; therefore —

1. *Resolved*, That we feel under renewed obligation to our Heavenly Father

for his prospering hand that has attended this branch of his work, and that in return for these blessings we will not cease our endeavors to work in harmony with his will in building up the institution.

*Whereas*, The *Health Journal and Temperance Advocate*, under its present management, has proved to be a great help as an advertising medium and an educator in the cause of health and temperance; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That we deem it expedient to continue its publication, and that we will do all we can to extend its influence and usefulness by giving it a wide circulation.

*Whereas*, The accommodations of the Rural Health Retreat were inadequate for the proper care and treatment of patients making application; therefore—

3. *Resolved*, That we approve the action of those having charge of the same, in providing additional room and facilities.

*Whereas*, Our past is an indication of future success; and—

*Whereas*, We believe that our future prosperity depends largely upon our properly fitting up the grounds, perfecting our appliances, and having ample accommodations; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that improvements to this end be made as fast as practicable.

5. *Resolved*, That the report of the workings of the Rural Health Retreat for the year ending April 1, 1886, and the resolutions adopted at this meeting be sent to the *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times* for publication.

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH, *Pres.*

J. S. GIBBS, *Sec.*



RURAL HEALTH RETREAT.

pure water that comes from a mountain spring forty feet above the Retreat. It is in charge of competent physicians, and is destined to become a very popular resort for tourists and invalids.

The Rural Health Retreat at St. Helena, Cal., is emphatically what its name indicates. It is located on the side of Howell Mountain, 1,200 feet above tide level, 500 feet above and overlooking Napa Valley—one of the most beautiful and picturesque in America. This institution is supplied with an abundance of

## EUROPEAN MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

### FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

THE fourth annual session of the European Council of Seventh-day Adventist Missions was held in Mechanics' Institute Hall, Great Grimsby, England, Sept. 27 to Oct. 4, 1886.

The first meeting was held Monday, Sept. 27, at 6 A. M., being



opened with the usual devotional exercises. The regular Chairman and Secretary not having arrived, Elds. W. C. White and J. H. Durland were called upon temporarily to act in these capacities.

Eld. White, in his introductory remarks, referred to the rapid progress of our work from the time when it began, with not more Seventh-day Adventists in the whole world than there were present at this meeting, to the present time, when our work has extended to many different parts of the globe, and many powerful agencies are in operation for the further diffusion of the message,—agencies which at that time had not even been thought of.

Inasmuch as the regular business of the session could not be entered upon at this meeting, the time was occupied in listening to remarks from S. H. Lane in regard to the progress made in the British Mission during the past year. Some souls had been gathered into the truth, and large quantities of reading matter had been disposed of, both in the kingdom and on vessels leaving for foreign parts. Instead of paying out large sums of money every year in postage on copies of the *Present Truth*, sent out to addresses gathered from different sources, the paper is now sent to regular subscribers only, and is used by canvassers, who obtain subscriptions and sell single copies. Some of the lady canvassers and Bible-workers also related interesting facts in connection with their work, drawing out remarks from several of the brethren present in regard to the practicability of this kind of work.

The following representatives of the different Missions were present at the regular meetings of this session of the Council:—

British Mission: S. H. Lane, M. C. Wilcox, J. H. Durland, A. A. John, Wm. Ings, Geo. R. Drew; also canvassers and Bible workers and lay members from Grimsby and other parts of England.

Central European Mission: W. C. White, Mrs. E. G. White, B. L. Whitney, D. T. Bourdeau, L. Aufranc, Henry Frey.

Scandinavian Mission: J. G. Matteson, O. A. Olsen, A. B. Oyen.

SECOND MEETING, 10 : 30 A. M., SEPT. 28.—The regular Chairman and Secretary having arrived, they took their places, and the report of the third annual session was read, as it had not been read at the first meeting.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were announced at the close of the meeting as follows:—

*On Order of Exercises*: G. A. Olsen, S. H. Lane, W. C. White.

*On Resolutions*: M. C. Wilcox, A. B. Oyen, J. H. Durland.

*On Nominations*: A. B. Oyen, L. Aufranc, A. A. John.

*On Auditing* (with Executive Committee): W. C. White, Wm. Ings, O. A. Olsen, D. T. Bourdeau.

In harmony with an action of the Council held last year, several of the laborers had prepared written reports of their labor during the year, which were read at this meeting. Elds. W. C. White, R. F. Andrews, D. T. Bourdeau, and A. A. John each read a statement of his work during the year, giving many interesting facts.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, 2:30 P. M.—The whole time of this meeting was occupied in discussing the subject of the publishing work in England. It was agreed upon by all the speakers that our larger and more important works should be thoroughly revised and adapted to English readers, both as to style, references, price of the books, etc. And they should be published in such form and make-up as will make them readily salable, and the efforts of the workers should then be concentrated on a few good books, so as to make the work self-sustaining as rapidly as possible. Different ideas were advanced as to the advisability of establishing a fully-equipped publishing house; but there was no division of opinion, whatever, as to the imperative necessity of having the publishing work, whether we have a regularly equipped printing-office or a smaller rented office, permanently and centrally located. It was the general opinion that the office should be removed to London as soon as consistent. No action was taken on these subjects at this meeting, they being left to be brought up at a future meeting.

Elds. S. H. Lane, R. F. Andrews, D. T. Bourdeau, W. C. White, M. C. Wilcox, and A. A. John took part in the above discussion.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH AND FIFTH MEETINGS, SEPT. 29.—The first part of the fourth meeting was occupied in listening to reports of labor from ministers who had not already reported,—Wm. Ings, S. H. Lane, J. H. Durland, A. B. Oyen, and J. G. Matteson; also to one from A. C. Bourdeau, of Italy.

J. G. Matteson's report was a summary of the condition of the cause in the three Scandinavian countries. He stated that Sweden has 10 churches, 250 members, a total of 327 Sabbath-keepers, 100 Sabbath-school scholars, 2 ministers, 7 colporters, and \$305 tithe. Denmark has 9 churches, 177 members, 293 Sabbath-keepers, 112 Sabbath-school scholars, 4 ministers, 5 colporters, and tithes amounting to \$418. Norway has 3 churches, 175 members, 189 Sabbath-keepers, 76 Sabbath-school scholars,

3 ministers, 4 colporters, and \$500 tithe. Total in the three Scandinavian countries: 22 churches, 602 members, 809 Sabbath-keepers, 288 Sabbath-school members, 9 ministers, 16 colporters, and \$1,223 tithe and donations.

The remainder of the time was taken up in listening to a relation of tent experiences in the different countries during the past season. O. A. Olsen stated that a tent had been purchased for Norway, and used five weeks during the latter part of the summer. There was no difficulty in obtaining a good central location, at a very reasonable price, and large congregations were secured, in fact larger than could have been obtained if the meetings had been held in a hall. The people showed as much reverence for the tent as they would for a church, and the speakers crowded in as much truth in a short space of time as they ever did in America. There are no laws whatever in Norway to hinder the holding of such public meetings, and it is not necessary to consult the authorities beforehand. The verdict of the speaker was, that "tent work is a success in Norway;" and he also thought that it would be in the other Scandinavian countries.

Tent labor in England the past year had not been so successful as during the previous year. Different reasons were assigned for this, among others, the extreme excitement and unsettled condition of the people during the recent general election. It was the opinion of some of the laborers in England that tents could be used to advantage in that country, as the running expenses of a tent are no higher than the rent of a hall; meetings can be held without interruption, generally a larger attendance than in a hall being secured; and meetings and work become wider known through the novelty of a tent than otherwise. Others, however, were not so favorably disposed toward the use of tents, maintaining that when the cost of a tent is taken into consideration in connection with the fact that a tent will not last more than three or four years in England, they are, on the whole, more expensive than halls. The dampness and the liability of taking cold while sitting in a tent during meeting, would also, it was thought, deter many from attending tent services.

Tent work had been carried on in France and Italy the past season. In France considerable difficulty had been experienced in maintaining order, as the rabble were determined to disturb and hinder the meetings. But a firm, decided stand and the intervention of the authorities soon overcame the trouble, and the meetings were continued with good interest. In Italy the tent has been used to very good advantage, as the halls to be secured there are very uncomfortable, and unsuitable for religious meetings.

Adjourned.

SIXTH MEETING, SEPT. 30.—The Committee on Resolutions introduced the following :—

*Whereas*, The vast European field, the great work to be done, and the difficulties to be met, demand more and experienced laborers; therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request the General Conference to send to this field, and especially to the British field, Eld. S. N. Haskell, whose long experience in the work, and especially in the British colonies the past year, will render his services of great value to this field.

2. *Resolved*, That we request that Eld. E. W. Farnsworth be sent to this country with Eld. Haskell.

3. *Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to send one or two experienced lady Bible workers to work in connection with our colporters and Bible workers in the British field.

*Whereas*, In order to better reach the great mass of the people in the British Empire, our publications should be adapted to that field, and printed in such a form and at such a price as will insure their wider circulation; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that all those publications which are principally used in the United Kingdom, be revised and published in such a form that they may be the more readily sold by colporters, and thus aid in making the work self-sustaining.

*Whereas*, The location of the publishing work in the small town of Grimsby is attended with many inconveniences, and is not calculated to give character and permanence to the work; therefore—

5. *Resolved*, That as soon as expedient we recommend that the office be located in London or vicinity, the great center of all general religious publishing work in the British Empire.

6. *Resolved*, That this Council appoint a committee of five to investigate concerning a proper location for the office, and report to the General Conference.

*Whereas*, The present size of the *Present Truth* is such that it affords too limited space with too fine type for a proper variety of matter, and is not so salable as a larger paper would be; therefore—

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the paper be increased to sixteen pages, of the size of *Les Signes des Temps*, that a larger type be used in its composition, and that this change be made at the beginning of the next volume, January, 1887.

*Whereas*, It has been demonstrated that among other means of warning our fellow-men, tents can be successfully used in European countries; therefore—

8. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to God for this means, and that we recommend the use of tents wherever they seem to furnish the most successful method of advancing the truth.

The above resolutions were quite fully discussed by the delegates, and adopted as the sentiment of the Council. It was also voted that the Chair appoint the committee of five provided for in the 6th resolution.

The following resolution was also introduced :—

*Whereas*, The honor of God's cause demands and his word requires that those who engage in his work should become intelligent Bible students and faithful workers; and—

*Whereas*, The holding of training-schools has been of service in the past in better fitting the workers for useful positions in the work of God; therefore—

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend that training-schools for the purpose of educating workers be held in the various European Missions, under the direction of the several Mission boards.

It was moved to adopt this resolution, but pending action, the Council adjourned till the next forenoon, at 10 : 30.

SEVENTH MEETING, OCT. 1.—The 9th resolution, introduced at the previous meeting, was quite fully discussed at this meeting, bringing out the great need of schools for the purpose of training workers, and the extent of the work to be accomplished by such schools. The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions continued their report by presenting the following :—

10. *Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to send an experienced Scandinavian canvasser and Bible worker to assist in training men and women in this work in the Scandinavian countries.

11. *Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to send Mary Heleson to Scandinavia, to assist in educating young people to act as librarians and secretaries of the tract and missionary societies in Scandinavia, and to help in the publishing work in Christiania.

*Whereas*, The work in the Central European Mission is greatly in need of laborers who have had a practical experience both in the printing and the missionary work ; therefore—

12. *Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to send to this field Eld. E. W. Whitney, who has had experience in both these particulars.

13. *Resolved*, That we request the General Conference to send another German laborer to Central Europe, where more help is so urgently needed.

*Whereas*, It is desirable to make the reports from our ministers and colporters in the several Missions as interesting and as profitable as possible ; therefore—

14. *Resolved*, That the ministers send a written report once a month to the chairman of the Mission board of each Mission, that he abbreviate the reports as he may think best, and include them in one general report from the Mission to the several papers in which it may be desirable to have it published, and that this be done in the following order : From Central Europe the first, England the second, and Scandinavia the third week in the month. And further,—

15. *Resolved*, That our canvassers and Bible workers send weekly reports to the chairman of the Mission board in the several Missions, and that the substance of these likewise be published once a month.

The above resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Nominations then suggested the following names for officers of the Council for the ensuing year :—

Executive Committee : B. L. Whitney, S. H. Lane, O. A. Olsen ; Secretary, J. H. Durland ; Treasurer, Addie S. Bowen.

Central European Mission Board : B. L. Whitney, L. R. Conradi, A. C. Bourdeau.

British Mission Board : S. H. Lane, M. C. Wilcox, Wm. Ings.

Scandinavian Mission Board : O. A. Olsen, J. G. Matteson, N. Clausen.

On motion, the nominations were acted upon separately, and the nominees suggested were elected.

**EIGHTH MEETING, 10 : 30 A. M., OCT. 3.**—The following resolutions were introduced :—

*Whereas*, The labors of married ministers are more acceptable when accompanied by their companions ; therefore—

16. *Resolved*, That during a series of meetings, especially in a new field, at least one such lady helper be requested to be present as much as is consistent, to assist in visiting, canvassing, and otherwise.

On motion, the above was referred to the several Mission boards.

*Whereas*, The "Chart of the Week," about to be issued in enlarged form by Eld. W. M. Jones, pastor of the S. D. Baptist church of London, is an incontrovertible testimony to the unbroken continuity of the creation week and of the perpetuity of the seventh-day Sabbath ; therefore—

17. *Resolved*, That we express our hearty appreciation of the arduous, faithful, painstaking, conscientious labors of Eld. Jones, and recommend the adoption of his chart by our fellow-laborers in the great harvest field.—Adopted.

The question of representation at the coming meeting of the General Conference came up, and it was—

*Voted*, That M. C. Wilcox represent the British Mission ; that B. L. Whitney represent the Central European Mission ; and that A. B. Oyen represent the Scandinavian Mission.

The Chairman having been empowered by vote to appoint a committee of three to recommend the names of those who should receive credentials from the General Conference, named O. A. Olsen, D. T. Bourdeau, and M. C. Wilcox as such committee.

*Moved*, That we request that the credentials of the European laborers extend to one year from Jan. 1, 1887.—Carried.

S. H. Lane then read the following report of the standing of the British Mission : Number of churches, 3 ; church members, 81 ; Sabbath-keepers not connected with churches, 41 ; total number of Sabbath-keepers, 122 ; amount of tithes, \$390.35 ; donations, \$162.18 ; total, \$552.53 ; number added to the churches during the year by baptism, 17 ; number of tract and missionary members, 52 ; number added during the year, 13 ; number of ship missionaries, 4 ; number of canvassers, 9 ; number of ministers, 5 ; number of persons who have embraced the truth during the year, 28.

In reference to the question of where the next annual session of the Council shall be held, it was—

*Voted*, That the Chair appoint a committee of five, of which he should be one, to take this matter into consideration, and report at the afternoon meeting.

B. L. Whitney, O. A. Olsen, S. H. Lane, D. T. Bourdeau, and W. C. White were named as such committee.

NINTH MEETING, 4 P. M.—The Committee on Credentials and Licenses suggested that the following persons be granted credentials by the General Conference: S. H. Lane, J. H. Durland, R. F. Andrews, A. A. John, Wm. Ings, M. C. Wilcox, B. L. Whitney, A. C. Bourdeau, D. T. Bourdeau, L. R. Conradi, W. C. White, E. G. White, J. G. Matteson, E. G. Olsen, O. A. Olsen, N. Clausen. They also suggested that Geo. R. Drew be granted colporter's license. On motion, the suggestions of the committee were adopted.

The committee appointed to decide upon a location for the next annual session of the European Council, recommended that it be held at Christiania, Norway. It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

With reference to Eld. R. F. Andrew's future labor, it was—  
*Moved*, That we request R. F. Andrews to remain in this country and labor at the different places where there now seems to be a good opening for the spread of the truth, as long as duty may demand.—Carried.

O. A. Olsen spoke at length of some of the principles which should actuate workers in the cause of God, and spoke especially of the colportage work and the proper method of sustaining it. After others had spoken upon the same subject, it was—

*Voted*, That the Chair appoint a committee to take the matter of remuneration of colporters into consideration, and make a report later.

The Chair named W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, and S. H. Lane as this committee.

The following resolution was then introduced:—

*Whereas*, The port of Liverpool is an important point for the advancement of the Third Angel's Message, and inasmuch as it is the sense of this Council that a training-school should be established, and that greater efforts should be made both among sea-faring men and those on land; therefore—

18. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a training-school be established in Liverpool to develop workers to labor both on ships and on land, and that this school continue as long as the British Mission board shall deem expedient, and under their direction.—Adopted.

A vote of thanks was extended to the brethren and sisters of Grimsby for the kind entertainment furnished to the members of this Council.

*Voted*, That we express our thanks to the General Conference for the earnest and efficient labors of those whom it has sent to this meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

B. L. WHITNEY, *Chairman*.

A. B. OYEN, *Sec*.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

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

## ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven, of whom the President shall be one.

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

SEC. 3. The officers shall be elected at the regular meetings of the Conference, and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are chosen.

## ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

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

## ARTICLE IV.—PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES.

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

## ARTICLE V.—TREASURER.

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

## ARTICLE VI.—COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take the general supervision of all ministerial labor, and see that the same is properly distributed; and they shall take the special supervision of all missionary labor, and as a missionary board shall have the power to decide where such labor is needed, and who shall go as missionaries to perform the same.

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

SEC. 3. The General Conference Executive Committee shall have power during the intervals between the yearly meetings to license ministers who may be raised up in mission fields.



## ARTICLE VII.—FUNDS.

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

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

## ARTICLE VIII.—MINISTERS' REPORTS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the ministers and others in the employ of the General Conference, to make a written report to each annual meeting thereof of each week's occupation during the Conference year, or such portion of the year as they may have been in the employ of the Conference.

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

## ARTICLE IX.—DELEGATES.

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

## ARTICLE X.—MEETINGS.

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

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

## ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any meeting.

## STATE CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Conference shall be known as the ——— Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

## ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of ———, of which the President shall be one; and they shall be elected annually.

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE III.—FUNDS.

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE IV.—CHURCH REPORTS.

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

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

#### ARTICLE V.—LICENSES.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Conference to determine who are the approved ministers within the bounds thereof; to grant suitable credentials to the same; and to grant licenses to those whom it shall consider suitable to labor in the cause. And in the interval between the regular meetings, the Executive Committee are authorized to perform such duties.

SEC. 2. Those who may feel it their duty to exercise their gift as preachers or colporters, shall lay their exercises of mind before the Conference Committee, and the Committee may license them if they consider them qualified.

## ARTICLE VI.—MINISTERS' REPORTS.

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

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

## ARTICLE VII.—DELEGATES.

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

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## INTERNATIONAL TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

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

## ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The objects of this Society are, (1.) To take an oversight of the various State tract societies, and to suggest such plans as will secure uniformity of action; (2.) To assist State societies in the management of city missions; (3.) To secure an extensive and systematic distribution of our publications in foreign countries and in those portions of our own land not included in State organizations; (4.) To place upon steamers and vessels sailing to different portions of the world, such reading matter as is thought to be best adapted to promote the interests of present

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\*This Society was originally called, "The General Tract and Missionary Society of Seventh-day Adventists;" but at the annual session held in Rome, N. Y., December, 1882, the name was changed to "The International Tract and Missionary Society."

truth; (5.) To send packages of our publications to the different ports visited by ships. In short, the object of the Society is to seek out and make use of every possible means by which the light of present truth can be carried to all portions of the world.

#### ARTICLE III. — OFFICERS.

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

#### ARTICLE IV.—EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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

#### ARTICLE V. — MEMBERSHIP.

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

#### ARTICLE VI. — REPRESENTATION.

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

SEC. 2. The State officers of any tract and missionary society present shall be considered delegates. In the absence of State officers the deficiency may be supplied by persons from the same society who may be present.

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

#### ARTICLE VII. — FUNDS.

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

#### ARTICLE VIII. — MEETINGS.

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

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

#### ARTICLE IX. — AMENDMENTS.

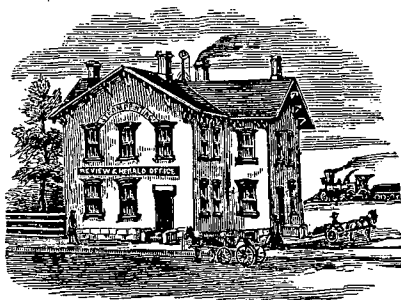
This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

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

## SKETCH OF THE CENTRAL PUBLISHING HOUSE.

THE publication of the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* was begun in 1850 at Paris, Me., by Eld. James White, for the purpose of disseminating the doctrines indicated by its title. The friends of the cause being few, and generally poor, the extent of the publishing work in its earlier years was necessarily quite limited. In August, 1851, the office of publication was established at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and seven months later it was removed to Rochester, N. Y. Previous to this time, the printing of the paper had been done at other offices, as it had no printing outfit of its own. Upon its establishment at Rochester, the friends of the cause raised seven or eight hundred dollars, and a press and printing material were purchased. In the autumn of 1855 it was decided to remove the office to Battle Creek, Mich., and a committee consisting of D. R. Palmer, Henry Lyon, and Cyrenius Smith was appointed to attend to such removal. The first issue of the paper from the office at Battle Creek was dated Dec. 4, 1855. The same year an office building was erected, being a two-story wooden structure 22 x 30 ft. The work had increased to such an

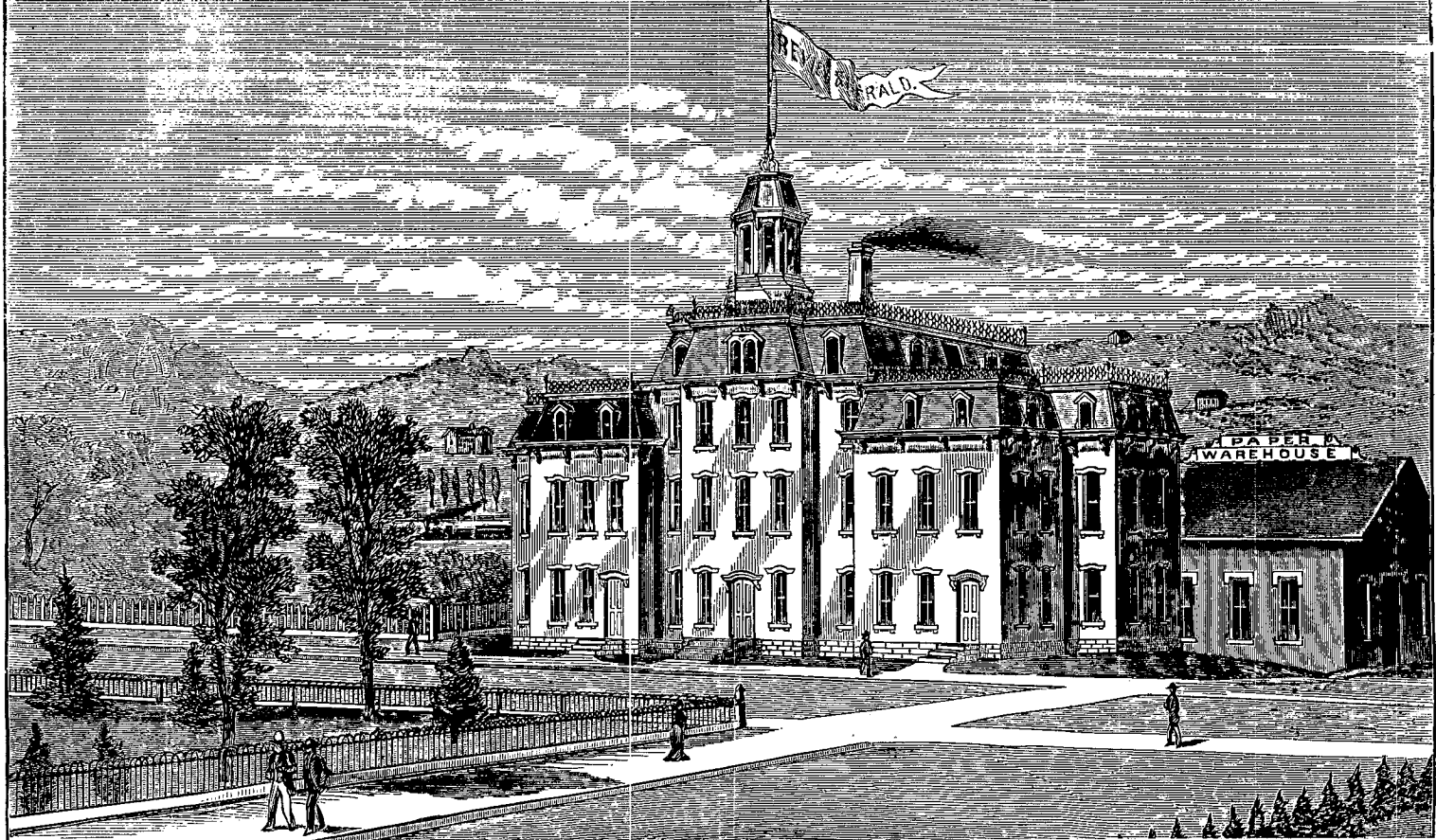


OLD OFFICE BUILDING.

extent that the equipment of the office was entirely inadequate to meet the demands, and accordingly an Adams' power press was purchased in the summer of 1857, also a steam engine and other fixtures, the whole costing \$2,500. In May, 1861, the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association was duly incorporated at Battle Creek, and to this Association all the property pertaining to the publishing work was made over. This Association immediately erected a new office of publication, being a brick building, two stories high, in the form of a Greek cross, the main portion being 26 x 66 ft., the transverse section 26 x 44 ft., as here represented.

The eight annual report of the Association, May 14, 1868, showed the amount of property belonging to the Association, free from all incumbrance, to be \$35,996.59.

In 1871 a second building of the same size and form as above illustrated, was erected to meet the wants of the increasing business. In 1873 a third building of the same kind was built for the



CENTRAL S. D. A. PUBLISHING HOUSE.

same reason. In 1878 the first and third buildings were united by a four-story central structure, filling the whole space between them, making a large four-story building, with two three-story wings, as shown in the opposite illustration. In 1881 a large press-room 46 x 66 ft. was added to the right and rear, not shown in the engraving. In these buildings we have an aggregate of thirty thousand square feet of floor space, which is occupied by the various branches of editing, printing, folding, book-binding, electrotyping, stereotyping, mailing, shipping, etc., furnished with the most modern machinery in all its branches. The present worth of the office property, as shown by the Treasurer's report, is \$166,520.55.

The office as now equipped and operated gives employment to 125 hands. The work done for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1886, is as follows :—

Total number of pages of books, tracts, and pamphlets on denominational, health, temperance, and gospel topics, printed and bound ready for the market, twenty-three million, five hundred and eight thousand, four hundred seventy-three (23,508,473).

Regular periodicals issued :—

	COPIES.	PAGES.
<i>Review and Herald,</i>	457,186	7,314,976
<i>Youth's Instructor,</i>	754,998	3,019,992
<i>Gospel Sickle,</i>	199,540	1,596,320
<i>Temperance Outlook,</i>	148,000	520,000
<i>Good Health,</i>	64,700	2,070,400
<i>Sandhedens Tidende,</i>	56,140	898,240
<i>Sanningens Harold,</i>	41,900	670,400
<i>Stimme der Wahrheit,</i>	49,145	393,160
<i>Sabbath-School Worker,</i>	15,000	240,000

Total number of pages of tracts, pamphlets, books, and periodicals, forty million, two hundred thirty-one thousand, nine hundred sixty-one (40,231,961).

In addition to the foregoing, a large amount of work, such as book-making, job printing, binding, electrotyping, etc., has been done for outside parties, aggregating probably \$20,000. The entire amount of work turned out by the manufacturing department of the office for the year, aggregates \$90,763.73. The total book sales for the year amounted to \$74,406.80.

## SKETCH OF THE PACIFIC PUBLISHING HOUSE.

From the very first, the publishing interest has been considered the right arm of strength among Seventh-day Adventists. As the work began to increase in California, the necessity and

importance were felt of having a local paper to present our views more prominently before the people. Accordingly, on June 4, 1874, the first number of the *Signs of the Times* was issued. This event marked a new era in the cause of present truth in California. Although started as a nominally private enterprise, by Eld. James White, it was with much prayer and careful consideration of the wants of the cause, and by the counsel and support of the leading brethren. In this instance, private enterprise meant simply an individual assuming, for the time being, a financial responsibility which could not otherwise be met, and with the design of turning it over to a responsible association as soon as one could be formed and funds secured.

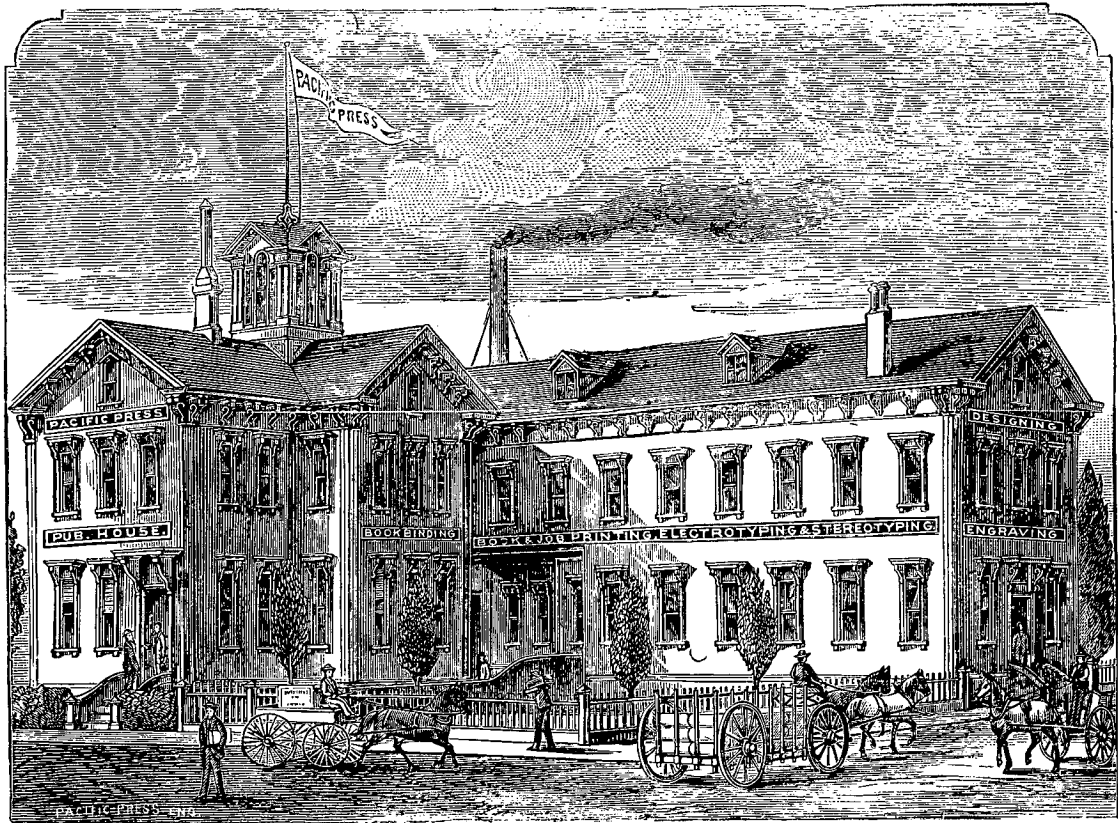
The earnest interest manifested by the brethren in the publishing work, and the importance they attached to it, were demonstrated at the Conference session the following October, when \$19,414 were pledged to its support; and the issue of the *Signs* dated Nov. 12, 1874, was by the California Conference of S. D. Adventists.

On the first day of April, 1875, the "Pacific Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association" was incorporated with a capital stock of \$28,000, and the following-named persons as directors for the first year: James White, J. N. Loughborough, John I. Tay, Wesley Diggins, and Knud Brorsen. The issue of the *Signs* of April 22, of that year, was under the auspices of the new Association.

On the 29th of the same month, the stockholders formally resolved to purchase property and erect buildings in which to carry on the work of the Association, and thus establish it on a firm basis. Accordingly, the lots now occupied by the publishing house, corner of Central avenue and Castro street, Oakland, Cal.,—40 feet facing Castro street, and 100 feet facing Central avenue,—were purchased. The work of building was soon afterward begun, and in 1876 the office on Castro street was completed. This building is 26 ft. front by 66 ft. deep, having central side wings projecting nine feet from the main frame. It has two stories, basement, and attic. A brick engine house in the rear was also erected the same year. The *Signs*, which before this had been edited and printed in a hired office, moved into its own new quarters about the 1st of September, 1876, and the issue of the 16th of that month was printed on the new steam press imported from the East by the Association. At the same time there were added a job press, paper cutter, and standing press, a supply of type and other necessary materials, costing in all about \$6,500. With this accession, the actual publishing of books, pamphlets, tracts, etc., began in earnest, and the attention of the public was more particularly called to the general work of our people.

But much is due to Eastern friends for the success of the pub-





PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING HOUSE.

lishing work in California. A fund of nearly \$10,000 was raised by them by subscriptions to stock, and the General Conference of 1876 expressed the opinion that the missionary societies east of the rocky mountains should circulate 10,000 copies of the *Signs*, and apportioned to each their quota. This resolution, and the consequent effort, gave a most encouraging impetus to the work, enabling the Association to make many valuable and much-needed additions to the facilities of the office.

The work increased so rapidly that in 1878 the facilities were found to be entirely inadequate to meet the demand. Accordingly the lot adjoining on Central avenue, 50 x 100 ft., was purchased, and another building, 40 x 60 ft., two stories and attic, was erected, joining in the rear the building on Castro street. A book bindery, electrotype and stereotype foundry, and new presses were then added, making a very complete office. In the fall of this year, Eld. J. H. Waggoner became connected with the publishing house as editor of the *Signs* and chairman of the Publishing Committee, and has since given his personal attention to the work.

In 1880 further advance movements were made. Eld. S. N. Haskell was elected president of the Association, the capital stock was increased to \$100,000, and extensive improvements were made, increasing the working room. A large power press was added, also binding machinery, and a more powerful engine. As facilities increased, the work also increased. At this juncture Eld. Haskell thus expressed the importance of this enterprise: "The publishing interest is the right arm of our strength. The labors of our most successful ministers would be comparatively fruitless were it not for our publications."

The year 1884 witnessed another marked advancement. Two additional lots, adjoining those already belonging to the Association, were purchased; one on Eleventh street, 50 x 100 ft., and one on Central avenue, 50 x 100 ft. A two-story addition to the stereotype foundry, 26 x 28 ft., and a stable and tank house, 24 x 34 ft., three stories high, were built. A large four-roller, two-revolution cylinder press, costing \$4,500, was also purchased, together with additional machinery in the stereotype foundry. In 1885 another cylinder press was purchased, making at the present time nine steam power presses that are kept in constant operation, six of these being cylinder presses of the most approved pattern.

The Association now owns 200 feet of land facing Central avenue (formerly Twelfth street), 140 feet facing Castro street, and 50 feet facing Eleventh street, on which are located buildings occupying over 25,000 square feet of floor space. The whole investment amounts to about \$150,000. Over 100 hands are employed in the various departments of the office, and the Pacific Press (which is the adopted name of the institution) is

now one of the largest and most complete printing and publishing houses on the Pacific Coast.

The following statement shows the periodicals, books, tracts, and pamphlets printed at this office from Jan. 1, 1886, to Dec. 30, 1886 :—

	COPIES.	PAGES.
<i>Signs of the Times,</i>	687,500	11,000,000
<i>American Sentinel,</i>	136,000	1,088,000
<i>Pacific Health Journal,</i>	15,500	496,000
Books, pamphlets, and tracts printed,		7,774,000
Grand total pages,		20,358,000

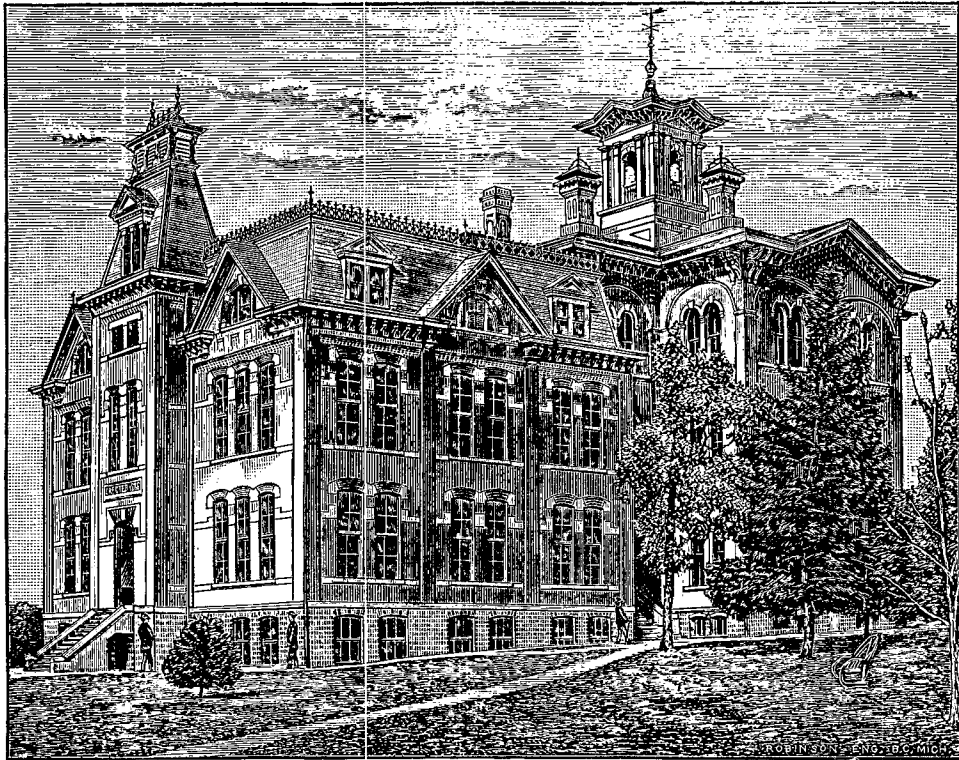
In the providence of God this work was established. By his fostering care it has been sustained thus far, and by his continued blessing we expect to see its usefulness and efficiency largely increased in the future.

## SKETCH OF BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE.

THE founding of the first institution of learning among Seventh-day Adventists was proposed by Eld. James White in the early part of 1872. For several years previous to this time, he, with others, had recognized the pressing need of a college where thorough mental and moral training could be given, where religious influences could be made prominent, and where young men and women could receive that kind of instruction which would fit them for promulgating the special truths of the denomination. Accordingly, several meetings were held in behalf of such a school by interested persons at Battle Creek, in April of the same year, and a committee was appointed for the purpose of laboring in behalf of the establishment of a college.

In a short time, this committee obtained pledges from members of the denomination, to the amount of over \$54,000, with a sufficient sum paid to render the organization of a legal educational society possible. On the 11th of March, 1874, such a society was formed with a full charter under the statutes of the State of Michigan. The same year, grounds were purchased at a cost of \$16,000, and a neat and commodious three-story building erected. Previous to this time, a successful though small church school had been in operation for several years; consequently when the new building was completed, in January, 1875, one hundred students and seven teachers were ready to enter the halls of Battle Creek College.

The College was thus founded and started upon a useful and important mission. The work was successfully begun, and con-



BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE.

tinued prosperous so long as the principles upon which the school was founded, were carried out, and so long as a spirit of harmony and the Spirit of God prevailed. For years this prosperity attended the school; but at length discord began to creep in, and troubles arose to such an extent that the doors were closed at the end of the school year in 1882, and were not again opened until the fall of 1883. At that time the College was re-opened, and has continued prosperous to the present time.

The first President chosen was Sidney Brownsberger, who, together with certain members of the Board of Trustees, had much to do in giving the institution its successful beginning. For seven years he continued to hold this position, but on account of poor health, was forced to leave the school in the spring of 1881. He was succeeded by A. Mc Learn, who held the presidency for one year. When the College was re-opened in 1883, Eld. W. H. Littlejohn was elected to the presidency, which position he filled for two years, being succeeded in 1885 by Wm. W. Prescott, who holds the position at the present time.

The total number of professors and teachers employed since the organization of the school is seventy-seven, the present number being twenty-three. The number of students enrolled during each year is as follows: Up to the spring of 1875, 289; in 1876, 267; in 1877, 297; in 1878, 478; in 1879, 425; in 1880, 490; in 1881, 487; in 1882, 430; in the first year after the re-opening of the school in 1884, 284; in 1885, 411; in 1886, 404; and up to January, 1887, 450.

As this College has been the pioneer school of the denomination, it has often had to advance under many difficulties. Money has frequently been scarce, and men qualified to fill important positions, still more scarce. Notwithstanding these difficulties, the College has gained a reputation for thoroughness in mental and moral discipline; and hundreds of its students are now filling important positions in different departments of the cause.

On account of the lack of means, the equipments of the College have never been large. A small museum was early collected, a philosophical and chemical apparatus was purchased in 1876, and a choice library of 1,000 volumes procured in 1878. To these, liberal additions have been made as the wants of the school have demanded. The courses of instruction adopted are similar to those found in other institutions of learning; viz., Classical, Scientific, English, Preparatory, and Primary, besides a Biblical course, which was arranged to meet the special wants of the school.

Within a few years special attention has been given to the subject of physical development in connection with college work. Accordingly a Manual Training Department, in which a number of trades are taught, was added in 1884. The work required in

learning these trades is of such a nature as to furnish to the student not only physical exercise; but also a new kind of training seldom given in schools; that is, a training of both mind and hand at the same time. Further physical exercise is furnished by drills in free calisthenics, given each day in one of the large halls of the new building. The addition of this department, together with the large increase of students, made it necessary that more buildings should be erected. In accordance with this need, in the summer of 1884, a commodious boarding hall was built. This is a three-story structure, 36 x 85 ft. In 1886, a brick building, 52 x 70 ft. was erected. This is connected with the old College building, is three stories high, and more than doubles the original seating capacity. These buildings, together with four cottages and a new carpenter shop, furnish 25 rooms for school work, and more than 70 for rooming and boarding purposes; and yet this does not give sufficient room for the number of students in attendance.

Large classes are formed this year in Biblical and missionary work, in manual training, and in nearly all the branches found in the courses of study. The attendance is larger at the present time than ever before in the history of the College; and never before have there been so many in attendance who were fitting themselves to labor in the Master's vineyard. Encouraging as this fact may be, those who have charge of the school feel that as an institution established by the providence of God, it ought and must do more than ever before toward preparing young men and women for active work in spreading the light of the Third Angel's Message. May the prayers of God's people be with the College.

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### SKETCH OF HEALDSBURG COLLEGE.

At a session of the California Conference held at Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 20, 1881, a resolution was passed that steps should be taken to establish a school on the Pacific Coast as soon as practicable. A committee of seven was appointed, with instructions to select a location, purchase property, and effect a legal corporation. Through the energetic efforts of this committee, suitable property was found for sale at Healdsburg, a pretty village situated in one of the most beautiful valleys of California, on Russian River, in Sonoma county, sixty-five miles north of San Francisco, and twenty-five miles from the Pacific Ocean. Looking upon Healdsburg as being a healthful locality and easy of access,—in fact, possessing greater advantages than any other desirable locality,—the Board resolved at its meeting January 29, 1882, to purchase the property known as the Healdsburg

Institute. This building was erected in 1877 by an association of citizens of Healdsburg, and is located on a beautiful lot of two acres, two blocks from the business portion of the town. It was also resolved to open the school as soon as possible, and that Prof. S. Brownsberger, of Michigan, be invited to come to California and take charge of it. Prof. Brownsberger came in March, 1882, and has had the management of the school to the present time.

The providence of God has attended the school in a remarkable manner. As conclusive evidence on this point, a few facts may be stated without going into many interesting details. The school opened for the first time April 11, 1882, with two instructors and eleven students. October 2, 1882, the school was regularly chartered as a college, and during the college year beginning July 29, 1882, 152 students were enrolled, and six teachers were employed. The second year, the enrollment of students reached 189, and ten teachers were employed. At the present time the Faculty numbers thirteen, and the prospects are that the enrollment of students will exceed that of any previous year. The future of the College is very bright.



HEALDSBURG COLLEGE.

In March, 1882, the Board purchased a beautiful lot of five acres, two blocks north of the College building, with the view of establishing a boarding-house for the accommodation and protection of students from abroad. Work was begun on this building in August, 1882, and it was finished and furnished before the opening of the school in July of the next year. This building is 100 ft. long and 38 ft. wide, with an L 20 x 20 ft. It is three stories in height, and has a 12-ft. basement and a roomy attic. The basement is divided into kitchens, laundry, store-rooms, furnace room, etc. The first floor above is partitioned off into parlors, reception room, artists' studio, office, toilet rooms, serving rooms and dining room. The second and third floors are

divided into chambers, sewing room, and bath rooms. One half of the attic also is divided into bedrooms. The other half is used for the tent shop. The building is capable of accommodating 100 students. Other improvements have also been made, a commodious barn, a large wood house, a tool house, a tank house, an engine house, and a blacksmith shop (being erected). The tank house is divided into three stories, which are used for carpenter shop, shoe shop, and printing-office.

The lot is planted to choice fruit. A more recent purchase of four acres has also been planted to fruit. Altogether the College owns eleven acres of land. The total valuation of the College property is something over \$40,000.

Believing that a sound body is necessary for a sound mind, and that physical as well as mental development is necessary to the highest type of manhood, the founders of Healdsburg College have combined with study a system of manual labor. The workings of this plan have been in the highest degree satisfactory. This labor is largely in connection with the useful trades, as carpentering, painting, printing, blacksmithing, and shoe-making for the gentleman, and plain sewing, cutting and fitting, printing, laundrying, cooking, and general housework for the ladies. The willingness with which the students engage in this labor, and the faithfulness with which they perform their work are very commendable. If the proposition to discontinue this feature of our work was made to-day, there would be among the students a unanimous protest against it. The interest they manifest in this branch of our work is deserving of the highest praise.

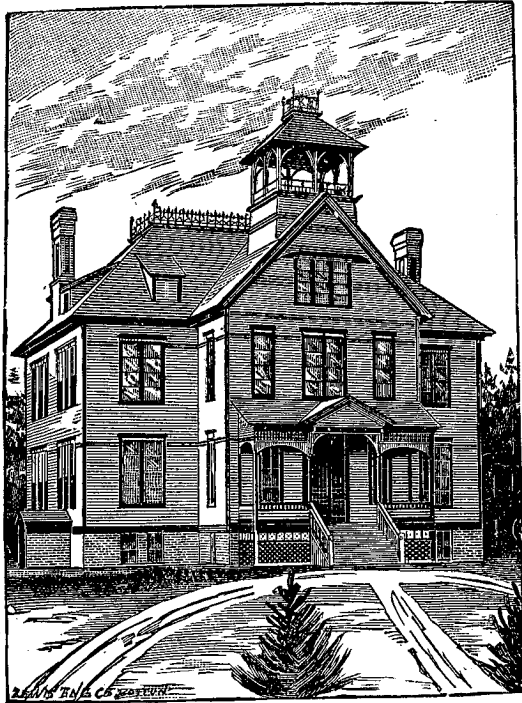
The course of study includes all those branches commonly taught in schools of this class, together with the common branches and the elements of learning. Instruction in the Bible is one of the most important features of our work, and receives special attention. Other special features are methods in canvassing and doing missionary work. During the last two weeks of the last college year, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered a series of lectures before the advanced Bible class, to better fit them for the important work upon which they were about to enter. These lectures were highly practical, and were well appreciated by all who attended them.

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### SKETCH OF SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

THE Academy is situated in South Lancaster, Worcester county, Massachusetts, a quiet and pretty country village of less than five hundred inhabitants. South Lancaster is about fifteen miles from the cities of Fitchburg and Worcester, and thirty-five miles from Boston, with the flourishing village of



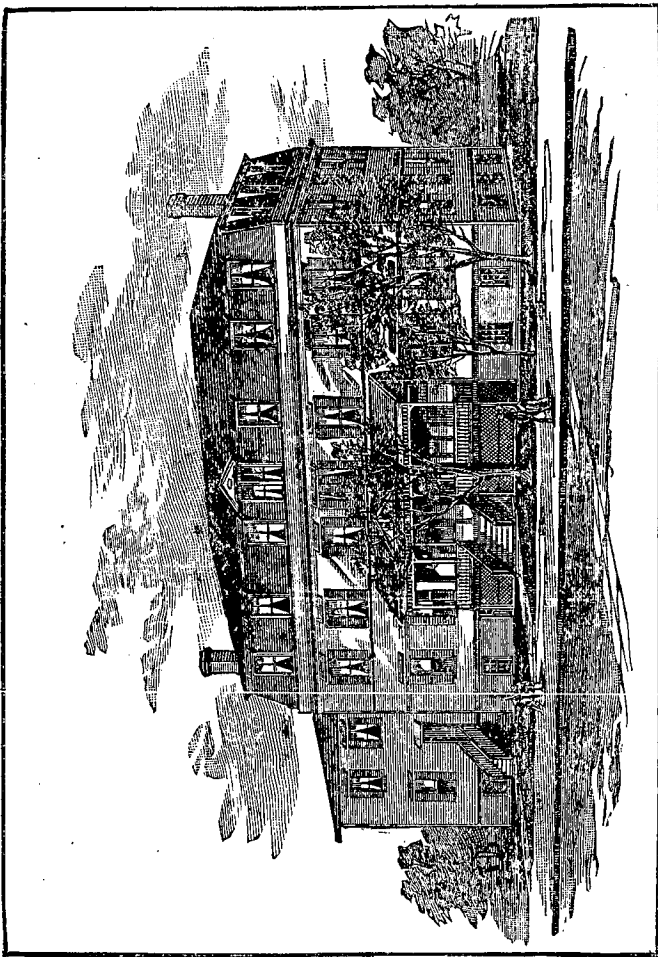


SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

Clinton, of about eleven thousand, less than two miles away. For healthfulness, beauty of scenery, and freedom from many of the temptations incident to larger places, South Lancaster cannot be excelled.

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

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



ACADEMY BOARDING-HOUSE.

The attendance during each year has been larger than its most enthusiastic supporters predicted. The enrollment of the last academic year was 117. A constantly increasing attendance from year to year can reasonably be expected, and no pains will be spared by the Trustees and Faculty to insure the highest good of those who shall come. The plan of the school is that of combining physical labor with mental development, and to this end several trades have been introduced, such as harness-making, broom-making, tent-making, printing, etc.

In the Academy proper there are six departments of instruction, including branches of study from the lowest primary to the highest academic. In addition to the languages taught in a regular academical course, the institution has classes in French, German, and Swedish. The accompanying cuts give something of an idea of the Academy and the Students' Home. The former is capable of accommodating one hundred and fifty students. The latter is a wooden structure 38 x 70 with an ell 20 x 24 feet. The building is three stories high, containing large parlors, dining room, and sleeping apartments, the latter being in the second and third stories. The East Home, another building a few rods from the latter, will accommodate forty students.

The Academy printing-office issues the *True Educator*, a monthly journal of sixteen pages, at seventy-five cents per year. It is an earnest advocate and an able exponent of the principles of education upon which the school is operated, and is of especial interest to students, patrons, and friends of the Academy, and to teachers everywhere. A copy of the paper or of the annual catalogue can be secured by addressing the *True Educator*, South Lancaster, Mass. The Academy is managed by a Board of seven Trustees, the present incumbents being S. N. Haskell, *President*, D. A. Robinson, *Secretary*, E. P. Farnsworth, J. B. Goodrich, M. L. Huntley, I. E. Kimball, C. E. Palmer.

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### SKETCH OF THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

IN the year 1864, Eld. M. B. Czechowski, a Polish Catholic who had been converted to Protestantism, and who, visiting America, had also received the truths of the Third Angel's Message, returned to Europe from America. He was nominally laboring under the auspices of the first-day Adventists; but notwithstanding this, he worked zealously in planting the Sabbath truth, in connection with the doctrine of the second coming of Christ, in several countries of Central Europe. Thus quite a number embraced the faith in different localities, and notably in Switzerland.

These Swiss brethren sent, in 1869, James Erzenberger, as a representative to the General Conference that convened at Battle Creek. He remained in America sixteen months, when he returned to labor in his own country. In June, 1870, Adémar Vuilleumier was sent to America by the Swiss brethren, to fit himself for greater usefulness in the cause; and in 1874 he returned, being accompanied by Eld. J. N. Andrews, who was sent by the General Conference to establish and extend the work in Central Europe. Eld. Andrews's son and daughter accompanied him.

November 1, 1874, there was held at Neuchâtel, Switzerland,

the first general meeting of Sabbath-keepers, which meeting was attended by representatives from seven different companies of believers. At this meeting it was voted to raise 2,000 francs to commence the work of publishing, and J. N. Andrews, Albert Vuilleumier, and Louis Schild were chosen to take the oversight of the work. The publishing work was entered upon early the next year.

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

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

December 12, 1875, a general meeting was held at Bienne, Switzerland, at which time Sabbath-keepers in that country numbered seventy-five adults, besides a considerable number of children. At this meeting \$460 were pledged to continue the work, and a tract and missionary society was organized.

January 7, 1876, Eld. D. T. Bourdeau and family joined Eld. Andrews, having been sent from America by the General Conference. In July, 1876, the first number of the French paper *Les Signes des Temps* was published at Basel, which resulted in giving a fresh impetus to the work in Central Europe. In October, 1876, Eld. Bourdeau and family removed to Southern France, to establish the work in that country, in which they have been successful to such an extent that a half dozen or more companies of Sabbath-keepers have been raised up.

In the same year Eld. Andrews visited Italy, where some had already embraced the truth, to aid in getting the work started in that country. He found a zealous and very competent worker in Dr. H. P. Ribton, who had embraced the truth through reading matter, and was laboring to spread a knowledge of the same. Dr. Ribton continued a faithful and successful laborer until 1882, when he met a most lamentable death at Alexandria, Egypt, in the massacre that occurred there the 11th of June.

At the annual meeting held at Bienne, Sept. 30, 1877, the publishing statistics showed that the paper, *Les Signes des Temps*, had nearly four hundred subscribers, and that nineteen different tracts had been printed, seventeen of them in editions of five thousand each, and two in editions of ten thousand each. Early

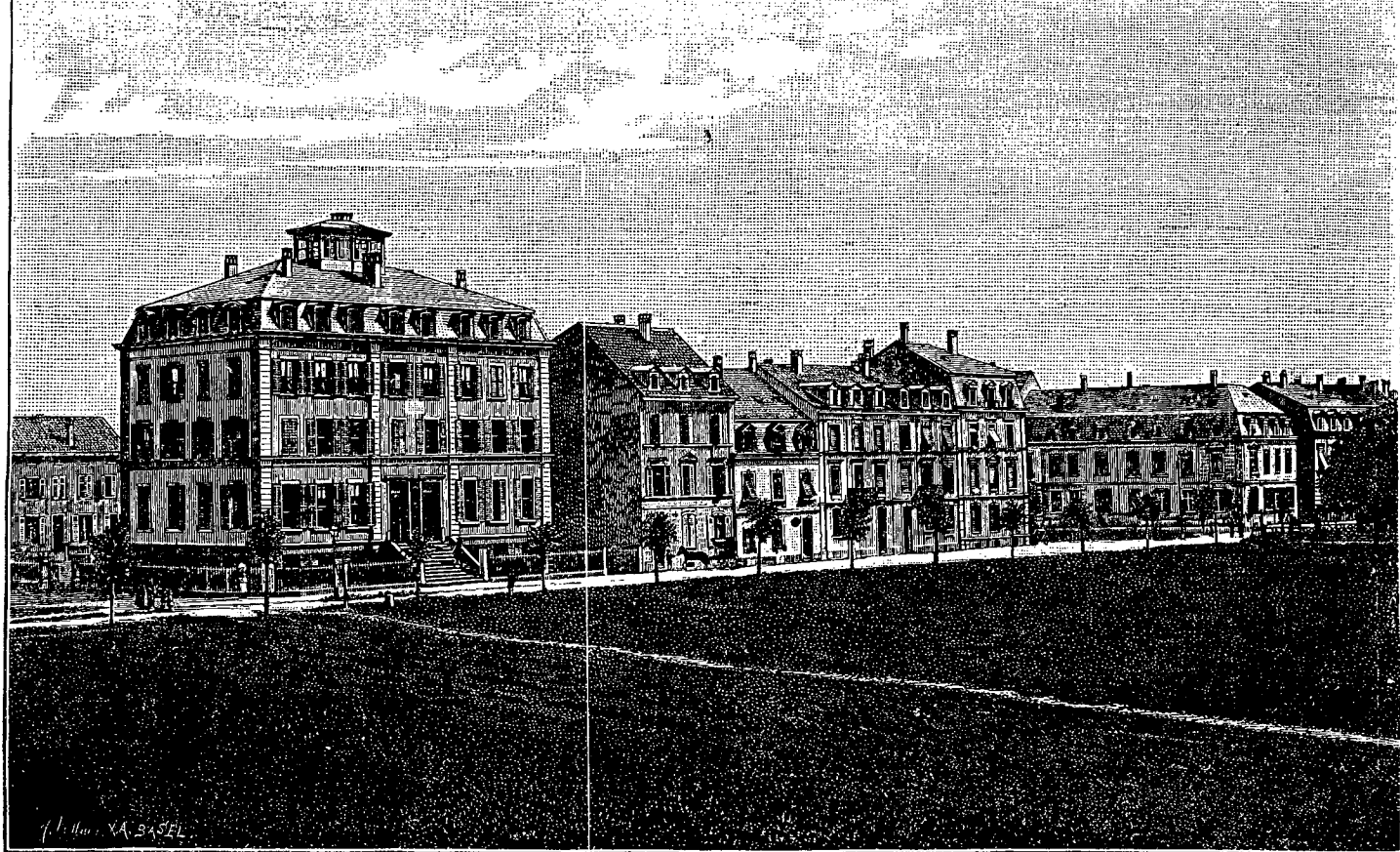
the next year the publication of tracts in the German and Italian languages was commenced.

In the fall of 1878, Eld. Andrews, accompanied by his daughter Mary, and by Eld. Bourdeau and wife, revisited America, to attend the General Conference. Two months later Eld. Andrews's daughter died. Thus the publishing work in Europe lost one of its most valued helpers. Eld. Andrews returned to Europe, accompanied by several persons who went to render him assistance in the office of publication. In May, 1881, Eld. J. N. Loughborough visited Basel to give aid to the work. In 1882 Eld. S. N. Haskell went to Europe by direction of the General Conference, and rendered valuable service in extending the work. He attended the Swiss Conference held at Tramelan Sept. 8-11, at which time important plans were laid for extending the truth. At this meeting there was organized what has since been known as the European Council of S. D. Adventists, —an organization that has accomplished much in furthering the interests of the cause.

In 1883, Dr. J. H. Kellogg and wife, of the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, visited Europe, and rendered material aid in behalf of the European mission workers at various places. The same year Eld. B. L. Whitney and family, accompanied by the aged mother of Eld. Andrews, went to Europe, Eld. Whitney to assist Eld. Andrews, as the latter's health had failed to that extent as to quite incapacitate him for labor. Eld. D. T. Bourdeau also returned to Europe that year to renew his labors, the first of which was to make a tour of Switzerland, visiting the scattered believers, and administering baptism when desired.

At the annual Conference held at Basel, Oct. 19, 1883, representatives were present from Germany, Italy, and Roumania, besides a full representation from Switzerland. Reports showed an increasing interest in the truth from all localities represented, and that additions were continually being made to the number of believers. But now came the time when the European mission was to suffer the loss of its founder and most efficient laborer. The death of Eld. Andrews occurred Oct. 21, 1883, and caused the deepest sorrow among all the friends of the cause, both in Europe and America. For several years previous to his death he had labored in great feebleness, and had suffered severe and continued illness.

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



PUBLISHING HOUSE AT BASEL, SWITZERLAND. (LARGE BUILDING AT THE LEFT).

agement of the work, Elds. Wilcox and Durland to establish the work in England, and Eld. Bourdeau to engage in the French work.

May 24-27, 1884, at a meeting appointed for the purpose at Bienne, and attended by one hundred and twenty-five Sabbath-keepers,—most of whom were representatives from various localities in Europe,—the Swiss Conference was organized, and about \$2,500 were pledged to equip an office of publication at Basel. The second meeting of the European Council was held immediately thereafter, attended by representatives from nine different nationalities; and the discourses delivered were translated into four different languages.

Shortly thereafter an eligible site was purchased at Basel for the erection of an office of publication, and as soon as practicable the same was built, being a model stone structure 46 x 76 ft., four stories high, including the mansard, with basement and sub-basement. The building as arranged, not only affords ample accommodations for the various departments of the publishing work, but also contains a fine meeting hall, and quite commodious living apartments. It was soon equipped with the necessary machinery and fixtures for carrying on the publishing work. The entire cost of the building and equipment was \$30,000.

Sept 3, 1885, Eld. W. C. White and family, and Mrs. E. G. White, arrived at Basel from America, and have since been laboring there in connection with the work. The publishing work has steadily increased at Basel, and the circulation of the various periodicals, denominational and religious literature, issued therefrom is having a powerful influence in spreading a knowledge of the truth. Public labors have been extended into many new localities, and at present there are seven companies of believers in France, ten in Switzerland, three in Italy, three in Prussia, one in Roumania, ten in Russia, and one each on the islands of Corsica and Sardinia. About half of these companies maintain regular church organizations. There are now some twenty public laborers at work in the Central European field.

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### SKETCH OF THE SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

THE religious doctrines peculiar to Seventh-day Adventists were first introduced into Denmark and Norway by way of reading matter sent from America. In May, 1877, Eld. J. G. Matteson and wife, who had been laboring successfully in the cause in America for several years, set sail for their native country, Denmark. At that time there were being sent from the office of publication at Battle Creek, to Denmark, two hundred and sixty copies, and to Norway sixty copies, per month of the Danish pa-

per, *Advent Tidende*. Up to that time the Danish-Norwegian believers had raised a fund of \$200 with which to start a mission in the Old World.

Eld. Matteson labored for a year in Denmark, with varying success. Small companies of believers were raised up at several different places. In 1878 he went to Norway, and engaged in public labors at Christiana, which were successful to such an extent that June 7, 1879, an S. D. Adventist church of thirty-eight members was organized there. Meanwhile, Eld. J. P. Jaspersen had joined him from America, to assist him in the work. That same year an association was formed at Christiana, and a building and lot purchased for \$14,580. The building was arranged so as to supply accommodations for an office of publication, a meeting hall, and living apartments. The office was partially equipped with a printing outfit, and the publication of a weekly paper, *Tidernes Tegn*, was begun. About this time a tract society was organized there, and during the first six weeks of its existence 67,000 pages of tracts and 600 papers were sold.

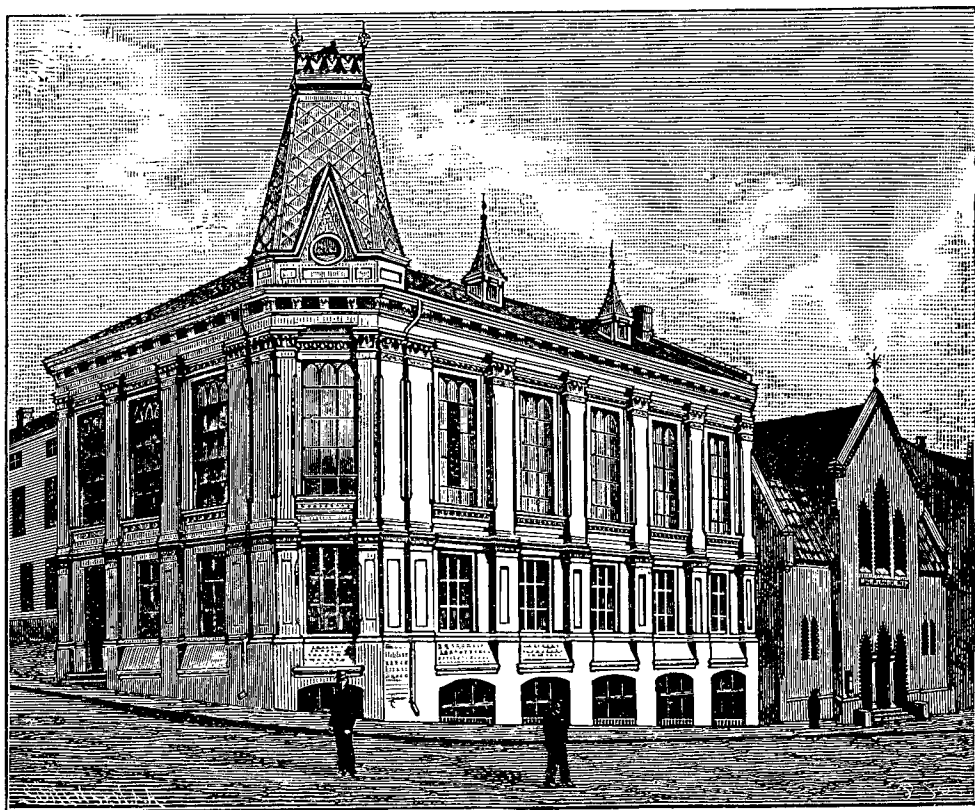
In 1880, Eld. Matteson revisited America to attend the General Conference. Receiving help from the General Conference, he purchased for the office, on his return to Norway, a small cylinder press, and shortly thereafter commenced the publication of a health journal in the Danish language, entitled *Sundhedsbladet*. In 1883 a similar journal was started in the Swedish language, and in 1884 a Swedish religious journal was begun, entitled *Sanningens Harold*. The Publishing Association that was formed in 1882 became the owner of all the publishing interests at Christiana, which amounted in 1884 to \$2,563. That year 115,000 papers, besides many thousand tracts and some books, were issued.

In 1880, J. P. Rosqvist, who had been laboring in Norway, went to Sweden, and engaged in public labors, in which he was quite successful. At Grythytted a church of upwards of forty members was soon organized. So bitter was the opposition against the work that at one time the enemies of the cause secured the arrest and imprisonment of Eld. Rosqvist, for preaching doctrines contrary to the State church.

The work in Scandinavia received valuable aid by a visit in 1882 from Eld. S. N. Haskell, in 1884 from Elds. Butler, B. L. Whitney, A. B. Oyen, and E. G. Olsen, in 1885 from Eld. W. C. White and Mrs. E. G. White, and in 1886 from Elds. O. A. Olsen and N. Clausen. The two Elds. Olsen and Eld. Clausen are still laboring in that country. The work has been extended in various localities of Denmark and Scandinavia until there are now twelve companies of Sabbath-keepers in Denmark, eight in Norway, and seventeen in Sweden. The majority of these companies are organized churches.

In May, 1885, the work of erecting a new office of publication





PUBLISHING HOUSE AT CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY.

was begun at Christiana, which was completed the following spring. The new office is 46 x 69 ft. in size, with two stories and basement. In the second story is a fine meeting hall 41 x 55 ft. in size, and 22 feet from floor to ceiling. The remainder of the building is well arranged and equipped for carrying on the editing, proof-reading, type-setting, stereotyping, and printing business. The entire cost of the building, fixtures, and machinery exceeds \$18,000.

The work done at this office for the year ending Sept. 1, 1886, is shown by the following statement:—

PERIODICALS	COPIES.	PAGES.
<i>Sundhedsbladet,</i>	87,000	1,392,000
<i>Helso- och Sjukvård,</i>	44,190	616,040
<i>Tidernes Tegn,</i>	24,000	384,000
<i>Sanningens Hårøld,</i>	37,000	592,000
Books, tracts, and pamphlets,		2,722,000
	Total,	5,706,056

Amount of sales of books and tracts for the year, \$5,386.68; amount received on subscriptions to periodicals, \$3,146.02.

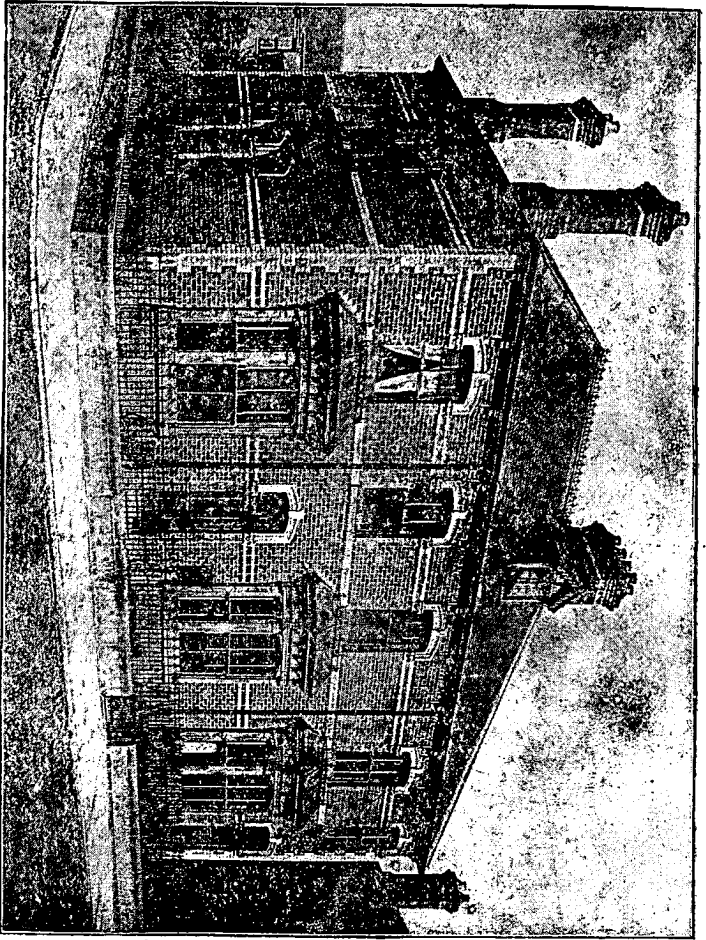
## SKETCH OF THE BRITISH MISSION.

THE first Seventh-day Adventist missionary to visit England was William Ings, who reached Southampton from Basel, Switzerland, May 23, 1878. His labors were successful to such an extent that a goodly company embraced the views preached by him.

In 1878, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists sent Eld. J. N. Loughborough to England, who engaged in extending the work in Southampton and vicinity, already begun by Bro. Ings. A church of thirty members was soon organized at that place. As labors were extended in other localities, additional companies of believers were raised up. In 1880, a tract and missionary society was organized, which awakened renewed interest in the work. During the summer of 1880, Eld. Loughborough held several tent meetings in England, which were attended with success. In the autumn of that year, Eld. L. returned to America to attend the General Conference. At this meeting it was decided to send additional laborers to Great Britain, and accordingly several were sent early in 1882, among whom were Eld. A. A. John, and Geo. R. Drew. Eld. Loughborough, accompanied by his son and daughter, also returned. Shortly after this, however, Eld. Ings and wife came to America, remaining here until the summer of 1886, when they returned to England.

The circulation of the *Signs of the Times*, published at Oakland, Cal., was made a prominent feature of the work. Special

BRITISH MISSION PUBLISHING HOUSE.



editions of several tracts were also printed in England, and used to advance the work. The public laborers continued to enter new fields, and the cause continued to develop accordingly. Among the visitors to the British Mission from 1879 to 1884, were Elds. J. N. Andrews, B. L. Whitney, S. N. Haskell, Geo. I. Butler, and Dr. J. H. Kellogg, from America. In 1885, Eld. S. H. Lane went there to labor, where he is at the present time. Eld. W. C. White and Mrs. E. G. White also visited the Mission that year.

There had been paid into the British Mission up to Jan. 1, 1883, including the cost of the *Signs of the Times*, \$8,250. The fund at that time was in debt \$300. An appeal was made to the American brethren for \$10,000, and the fund was soon increased. To Nov. 1, 1882, there had been raised in England by tithes and donations, \$2,078.71. At the General Conference of 1883, it was decided to establish a paper in England, and Elds. M. C. Wilcox and J. H. Durland were selected to go there and start that enterprise. They located at Great Grimsby, and shortly thereafter commenced the publication of the *Present Truth*, a 16-page monthly. It was afterward changed to an 8-page semi-monthly, and is now a 16-page semi-monthly. The accompanying cut gives a view of the office of publication of the *Present Truth*. It is a rented building, and is comfortably arranged and fairly equipped for doing the publishing work that is now being carried on there. In addition to the publication of the paper, considerable is done by way of printing tracts and pamphlets.

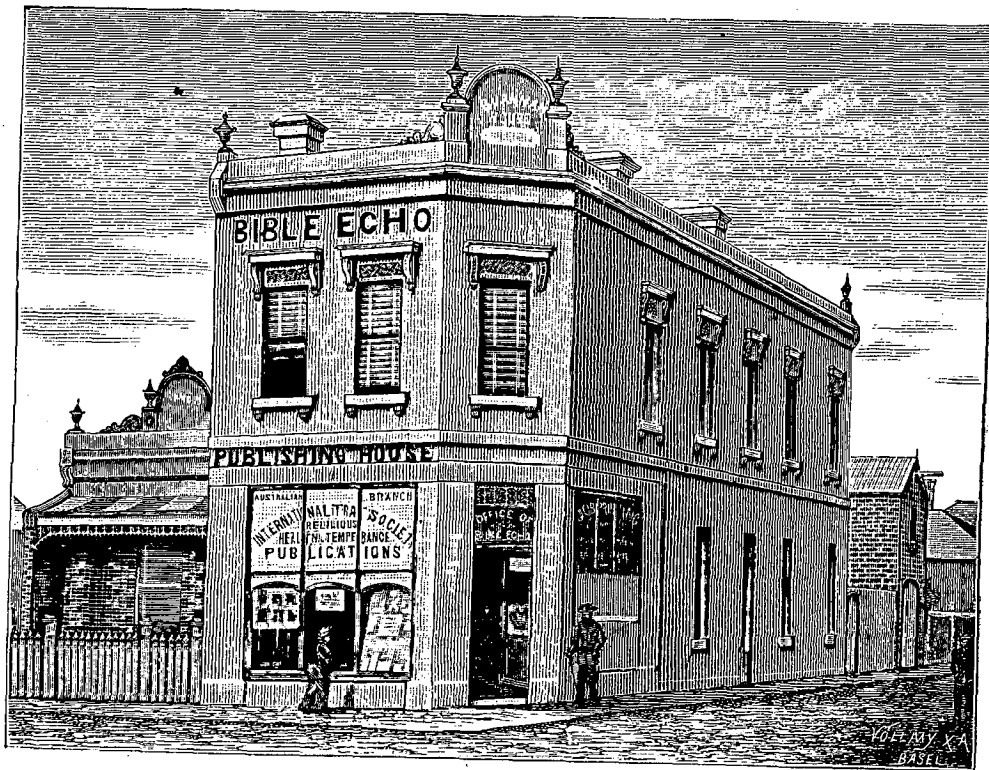
There is now quite a large force of public laborers at work in various parts of England. Ireland and Scotland have also been entered, and companies of Sabbath-keepers raised up. During the summer season, tent meetings are held the same as in America; in fact, the system of labor is much the same as in this country, and the results accomplished bear a fair comparison. There are now in Great Britain, eleven companies of Seventh-day Adventists, besides many scattered believers, and the outlook for the future is encouraging.

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## SKETCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION.

At the annual session of the General Conference, held at Battle Creek, November, 1884, it was decided to take steps toward opening a mission in Australia. Accordingly, in May, 1885, S. N. Haskell, J. O. Corliss, and M. C. Israel (the two last named with their families), H. L. Scott, and Wm. Arnold, set sail for that continent, reaching their destination after a voyage of twenty-eight days. They located at Melbourne and commenced work, finding many exceedingly discouraging features to contend with. The following September a tent was procured and a series of lectures given at North Fitzroy. This effort was successful, and resulted in raising up a goodly company of believers. Other tent meetings were held in different localities in the vicinity of Melbourne, and the results were of an encouraging nature, notwithstanding bitter opposition.

In January, 1886, the publication of a 16-page monthly journal was begun at Melbourne, entitled, *Bible Echo and Signs of the Times*. This gave influence and strength to the work that could



BIBLE ECHO PUBLISHING HOUSE, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

not otherwise have been obtained, and influential and wealthy people contributed to its support. During the first three months of the publication of the paper, about four hundred paying subscribers were obtained. In addition to these, many thousand copies of the paper were sold. Meanwhile the work was continued by way of Bible readings and other public labors, to the extent of the ability of the small force, with encouraging results. April 10, 1886, the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia was organized at Melbourne, consisting of about twenty persons. The membership has since been increased to about one hundred. At Ballarat, which next to Melbourne is the most important city in that province (Victoria), meetings were held, and a flourishing church raised up and organized. In other localities there are also worthy converts. The good brethren there took hold of the work in earnest, and contributed liberally of their means to sustain the cause, and also to carry on and enlarge the publishing interests. The office of the *Bible Echo* (which is a rented building and shown herewith) has been equipped with the necessary fixtures and material for carrying on the printing and publishing work, which is proving quite successful.

Eld. Haskell also extended his work into New Zealand, where success attended the effort to such an extent that there are now upwards of fifty most worthy believers, and the cause is still onward. The results of the Australian mission were stated by Eld. Haskell, after he returned to America, in the following words:—

“Our party left San Francisco for Australia, May 10, 1885. I reached San Francisco on my return, April 18, 1886. The expenses of our party to Australia, and my expenses while there, amounted to about \$2,000. The cost of our printing material, presses, and engine, was \$4,222. The expense of the tent meeting during the season was between \$400 and \$450. This was met by donations from the new brethren in Australia. The first three numbers of the *Bible Echo* cost \$350. Our receipts for the same were \$160, and the donations to the publishing work, \$291. Our book sales amounted to over \$700. Besides this, four hundred copies of ‘Great Controversy, Vol. IV.,’ have been sold in New Zealand, and nearly one thousand copies of ‘Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation,’ in Australia. More than a thousand copies have been ordered. Six hundred copies of the *Bible Echo* are sent to Auckland, and three hundred copies to other parts of New Zealand. There are more than one hundred and twenty-five Sabbath-keepers in Australia, and from forty to fifty in New Zealand. Of those who have embraced the truth in Australia, three have given themselves to the work of God. In New Zealand, one has given himself entirely to the work, and one has come to America to fit himself for greater usefulness.”

Such was the remarkably encouraging statement that Eld.

Haskell was able to make in less than one year from the time that he left America for that distant land. The English-speaking people of Australia and New Zealand are as enterprising, intelligent, and worthy as can be found anywhere on the globe. The result of the Australian mission is justly regarded as a source of great encouragement. The work there during the year 1886, has continued to progress in a highly satisfactory manner, and future prospects are bright.

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## SKETCHES OF CITY MISSIONS.

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### ALBANY, N. Y.

THE mission rooms at Albany were opened in April, 1885, with N. S. Washbond and wife as managers. About eight months previous to this, some canvassing had been done by J. T. Crocket, W. H. Wild, and J. F. Stureman. Since establishing the mission there has been, on an average, four workers employed. As yet there has been no public preaching. Through the faithful labors of W. A. Hicks, much reading matter has been placed and sold on boats plying the Hudson River between Albany and New York City, and at intervening cities and towns.

Ten are now keeping the Sabbath as the result of the work done there. By canvassing, visiting, and Bible work the ground is prepared for the preacher. The mission is located at 205 State Street.

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### BROOKLYN, N. Y.

This mission was opened, under the direction of the General Conference, in January, 1886. Five workers have been connected with the mission most of the time, and several others have spent a few weeks in gaining an experience in the work.

A very deep interest has been awakened in the portion of the city where the mission is located. As the result of the efforts thus far, over twenty have taken their stand upon the Sabbath and kindred truths. Over \$700 worth of our denominational books have been sold. Quite an extensive ship-work also has been carried on, in connection with the work in the city. A Scandinavian mission is now being located in another portion of the city, in which the work will be carried on among those of other tongues.

An interesting Sabbath-school and also Sabbath meetings, with an attendance of about fifty, are held in a public hall; also public lectures are delivered every Sunday evening, which have been well attended.

**BUFFALO, N. Y.**

The Buffalo mission has been in operation for three years. At first, public reading and lecture rooms were fitted up at considerable expense in the central part of the city, at 13 West Huron St., and for a little more than two years the work was carried on from this place under the management of Alex. Gleason. But it was found that the expense was too great to be longer borne, and the reading-room did not receive sufficient patronage to make its further continuance advisable. Last June a house for the mission family and workers was obtained at 548 Fargo Ave., which will be occupied till May 1, 1887.

A series of tent meetings, conducted by Elds. A. E. Place and H. E. Robinson, was held last summer in connection with the mission, and a few worthy persons were added to the number of Sabbath-keepers. A very comfortable, furnished church building, situated on the corner of Rhode Island St. and Prospect Ave., was then purchased for \$4,000, so that a permanent place of worship is secured. Probably about thirty adult persons have received the truth through the mission work. Some of these, however, have moved away. Considerable canvassing has been done, and Bible readings have been held in the past, but at present H. E. Robinson and wife are the only ones actively engaged in the work there.

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**CHICAGO, ILL.**

The General Conference held at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 7-19, 1882, recommended that a colporter be sent to Chicago. In harmony with this recommendation, and at the request of Eld. R. F. Andrews, Daniel Thompson went to that city in February, 1883. He distributed tracts and periodicals on ship board and in the depots of the city, and lodged in Wm. Armstrong's tent loft at night. R. G. Lockwood assisted him for a time. The next General Conference, which convened at Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 8-20, 1883, referred the subject of opening a mission in Chicago to the General Conference Committee. In harmony with the recommendation of this committee, Illinois furnished \$1,500, Michigan \$1,000, and Wisconsin \$500 to raise a fund of \$3,000, and the mission was placed in the hands of the International Tract and Missionary Society, which volunteered to take charge of it for a year.

In December Eld. James Sawyer and D. T. Shireman, with others assisting, opened mission rooms at 213 West Madison St. Soon after this the mission was moved to 219 Madison St. The building was fitted up for a reading-room, hall, and home. Three or four embraced the truth during this time. In the fol-



lowing May, Eld. Geo. B. Starr and wife were called from Nebraska to take charge of the work; and D. T. Shireman went to Kansas City and there established a mission. Eld. James Sawyer remained in the Chicago mission until his death. His cheerful devotion to the work was a source of inspiration to the mission workers, and his life and example will ever be remembered with gratitude. On Feb. 17, 1886, he "fell on sleep," with hope of a glad awakening.

In order to suit the work to the apparent demands of the case, a series of simple Bible readings were prepared and presented in the homes of the people, which resulted in interesting many. Thousands of homes have been visited by Bible workers, canvassers, or colporters, and many doors have been opened to welcome in the Bible worker. Hundreds have been stirred by the sound of the message by their own firesides.

A number of young people from the College at Battle Creek, assisted in the work in 1883. From this time the mission assumed more the character of a training-school for workers. Over seventy persons from different States have here received instruction and gained practical experience in city mission work, and are now engaged in various parts of the world. The influence of the work has been conducive to the growth of Christian experience, and gratifying results in the development of character in our workers is not the least of encouragements. Over eighty persons have accepted the truth. Five of these are now giving their whole time to the work, and others are doing more or less.

The mission is now located at 3652 Vincennes Ave. The locality is favorable, and the people accessible, and there are numerous evidences that the truth has come to stay. During the last summer the experiment of holding a tent meeting in the city was tried by Elds. Kilgore and Starr, assisted by the mission workers, and thirteen persons accepted the truth. A church of twenty-six members was organized Jan. 18, 1886. Of this number, six persons were observing the Sabbath before the mission was opened. The church has had a steady growth, and now numbers over sixty-five members. The tithe for last quarter was \$433.16. The mission family numbers at present about twenty persons. The interest among the people is better than at any previous time.

At Pullman, a suburb of Chicago, some sixteen persons have commenced the observance of the Sabbath, through the labors of Delia Fitch, assisted by workers from the mission. A part of this number are members of the Chicago church.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO.**

The Cleveland mission was properly established in Oct., 1885, with two workers, H. W. Cottrell and wife. There was much prejudice to contend with, but notwithstanding this there was a good interest to hear, and it has so continued to the present. In May, 1886, there were four workers added, and from this time the German work received attention. As a result of the mission work fourteen have accepted the truth. Eld. E. H. Gates, who now has the mission in charge, is conducting a training-school. The workers now number twelve. The mission is located at 230 Bridge St.

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**COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.**

May 6, 1885, John Wilson and family went to Council Bluffs, expecting to labor in the city among the Scandinavians. The few believers there had rented a hall, but there was but little general interest. In January, 1886, the workers commenced to hold Bible readings, which have been continued since that time with success. At present, four ladies are engaged in that work. Fourteen persons have embraced the truth as a result of the mission work done here. A new church building, which was not being used by the denomination that erected it, has been rented, and thus supplies a place for public meetings. The present membership of the church is thirty-seven. Several have donated liberally to aid the work here. The present address of the mission is 533 Bluff St.

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**DENVER, COLO.**

The mission at Denver was established just one year ago, with four workers, none of whom were experienced. There have been ten workers, in all, at the mission during the year, to receive instruction and experience in the work. Four have gone to other fields, two are at present at the mission, one is making preparation to enter wholly into the work, and the other two are engaged in other vocations. The work has been performed entirely upon instruction gained by the use of the printed instructions and recommendations on mission work from the General Conference Committee.

The cost of the mission for the year, including rent, has been \$469.30, which also includes some furniture, etc., necessary to start with. Donations amounting to \$27.35 have been received. There is no public lecture-room for the mission, but meetings are held in a double parlor and in the mission tent. About forty public meet-

ings have been held. There have been four hundred and sixty-seven Bible readings given by the workers. About \$50 worth of books have been sold from the mission, and over \$200 worth have been sold by workers not regular canvassers, while doing colportage work. Very little time has been devoted to the canvassing work.

Thirteen have signed the covenant, some of whom are now very stanch S. D. Adventists. The workers at the mission now report a good interest among their readers. They take a club of 20 *Signs* and use them for about four weeks on trial, and then solicit subscriptions. The address of the mission is 167 Clement St. (old No.).

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#### DES MOINES, IA.

This mission was established in Oct., 1886, with Eld. A. G. Daniells and wife as managers. At the time it was started, it was impossible to rent a suitable house, and as none could be obtained till about the first of December, some rooms were rented. Eld. Daniells and wife, one canvasser, and five workers (with Laura Ginley for instructor), composed the family.

Dec. 1, they succeeded in obtaining a house of fifteen rooms, in a desirable location,—just what was needed,—as the Conference had decided to establish the State depository there. As soon as possible the mission family moved, and their number was increased with workers, canvassers, and the State secretary and assistant.

From twenty to twenty-five accepted the truth as the result of the first six months' labor. Now they have a good mission of eight rooms, and a nice new church of their own. There are now about fifty Sabbath-keepers. Not all of these have come into the truth through the Bible readings, as two courses of lectures were held here during the summer, and some obeyed the truth as the result. The force of workers now consists of ten persons.

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#### GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

This mission was opened in May, 1886. The building is a large dwelling-house, with room for about twenty-five persons, located in a pleasant part of the city, on the corner of Sheldon and Goodrich Sts. The first two months the family numbered ten persons; since that, about twenty. From the first but two or three workers have been engaged who have had any former experience in canvassing or holding Bible readings. This mission has taken somewhat the form of a school, and as some have

gained an experience they have been removed to other fields, their places being filled by others who desired to gain an experience in such work.

As a result of the mission labor several hundred books have been sold, about twelve persons have accepted the truth, and many others are very anxious to hear and read. The work done with the Scandinavians has been quite fruitful. A deep interest to hear is manifested also by the Holland people. An interesting Sabbath-school and Sabbath meeting is held in a public hall, with an attendance of about fifty.

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### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

About the beginning of the year 1885, Eld. A. W. Bartlett was sent to 32 Cherry St., Indianapolis, Ind., to begin city mission work. Considerable canvassing for "Sunshine" and the *Signs of the Times* was successful in a large measure. This canvass was partially followed by introducing "Vol. IV., Great Controversy." Eld. Bartlett and wife, assisted by Henry Randolph and wife, followed up this interest as well as they could until the health of the former failed, and he asked to be released. A few embraced the truth. In the spring of 1886, Leanna Morrell and Alice Lewis entered the mission.

During the year quite an interest has been built up in the Bible work in the State, which is largely attributable to the mission. A company of eight or ten have embraced the truth in Indianapolis. A good Sabbath-school and vigilant missionary society have been organized.

The mission building contains nine rooms besides basement, halls, and attic. The cost for the year, including rent and \$200 worth of furnishings, but not including the workers' hire, was less than \$800. The building has also been used as the State tract depository, and as a depository for one district, besides furnishing a meeting-hall and lecture-room.

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### LINCOLN, NEB.

Work was commenced in this mission Jan. 5, 1886, with but a few students, some of whom, however, have already proved themselves able workers in the Master's vineyard, and are now active laborers in the employ of the Conference. The total expense incurred up to Oct. 1, 1886, was about \$410, while the amount of provisions and cash donated equaled about \$373. The cash received for board amounted to \$267.65. The expense for furniture was \$89. The establishment was formerly entirely self-sustaining, but after the autumn camp-meeting the Conference committee realized the necessity of having a good school in

which to train young workers, and accordingly decided to take the city mission under their watch-care.

The students have devoted about one fifth of their time to canvassing, with good success. Considerable instruction has been given in this branch of the work. Lectures were held at the mission rooms. About three hundred public services have been held since the organization of the school. Most of these were well attended. As a result, a goodly number are keeping the commandments of God.

The second term of instruction began Oct. 16. Efforts were made by the executive committee to rent a dwelling suitable for school purposes, but to no avail, and accordingly, a neat three-story structure has been erected, at a cost of \$4,000, sufficiently large to accommodate twenty students. The location is one of the most desirable that could be secured, being only three blocks south of the capitol building, and between the two main street-car lines of the city.

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#### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The Minneapolis mission was established in December, 1886. The mission rooms were in connection with the tract society property at 2820 Nicolet Ave. At its opening, there were three workers, one experienced and two comparatively beginners. During the winter, several others came to the mission for instruction and experience in Bible work. Some of these devoted the forenoon to study, and the afternoon to canvassing. The selling of our publications has been made a prominent feature of the work from the first. Over \$1,200 worth of our books have been sold in this city, besides quite an amount sold in other places by those encouraged here in the canvassing work.

The Bible readings have resulted in several good additions to the church. Twenty new converts signed the covenant. The work has been rather quiet, but steady, and a constant influence for the truth has been maintained. The opposition has been quite strong, yet the work has ever continued with about the same success. Only a small portion of the city has been worked. Meetings were held in connection with the Bible work, and helped much in developing the interest and holding those who embraced the truth.

Our American church in this city numbers over fifty members, and with some help from the Conference, a new and commodious house of worship has been erected during the summer, and new mission rooms have been built in connection with the State depository, on a lot adjoining the church property. The present address of the mission, is 336 Lake St., East. The location is excellent, being in the newest, cleanest, and most rapidly

growing part of the city. The mission considers itself just fairly in readiness to begin work in good earnest. More workers will be added, and with the present permanent facilities, comfortable mission rooms, a good church to which to invite people, and a good class of people with whom to labor, it is expected that the mission will have a prosperous future.

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#### NEW ORLEANS, LA.

During the Exposition held in New Orleans the winter of 1884-5, our people had an exhibit of publications under the direction of Eld. R. M. Kilgore and H. W. Cottrell. There being several of our people visiting the Exposition, they devoted a part of their time to canvassing and holding Bible readings. A few embraced the truth, and a few months later were baptized and organized into a church by Eld. G. K. Owen, of Michigan, who remained with them for about a year, canvassing, distributing papers, and holding Bible readings as the way opened.

Dec. 24, 1885, T. H. Gibbs, the present manager, took supervision of the work. Daniel Thompson, of Chicago, and Dudley Owen, of Michigan, assisted during the winter in the ship and canvassing work, but returned in the spring, leaving but two to carry on the work. The present winter there are eight workers. Since the mission has been opened, probably forty have accepted the Sabbath. The mission is located at 321 Second St. Public services are held in the front parlors as follows: Sunday-school, Sunday, at 3 P. M.; preaching, Sabbath (Saturday), at 11 A. M., and Sunday, at 7 P. M.; prayer-meeting, Wednesday, at 7 P. M. Friends stopping in the city are invited to visit the mission.

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#### PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Philadelphia mission was established in the latter part of July, 1884, by Eld. D. B. Oviatt and J. M. Kutz and wife. It has changed its location three times since its establishment, its present location being 1617 Swain St. Directly in front of the mission is a neat swinging sign, bearing the words, "Bible Reading Rooms of the International Tract Society." Near the door, another smaller sign gives the hours of worship. The lecture-room is capable of seating sixty persons.

Some twenty have embraced the truth since the mission opened, and others are on the deciding point. The membership of the church is twenty-two, some having joined from other churches. The membership of the tract society is eighteen. At present there is only one worker in the mission, but more help is expected shortly. The work is becoming quite well

known, mostly through the circulation of reading matter treating on present truth.

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#### ST. LOUIS, MO.

This mission was established in May, 1884, with Prof. N. W. Allen in charge, assisted by his wife. In April, 1885, owing to failing health, he was compelled to quit the work. From that time until Jan. 25, 1886, Joseph Clarke and wife, assisted by one and some of the time two young ladies, carried forward the work. Since January, 1886, Wm. Evans and family have had charge of the mission, the work being done mostly by three or four young ladies who have had more or less experience in Bible work.

The work has at no time advanced rapidly, but there has been a steady growth from the first. When the mission was established, there were, so far as known, but two persons keeping the Sabbath in the city. There are now, besides the mission family of eleven, and five who have embraced the truth and moved to other places, thirty-six that keep the Sabbath and attend Sabbath-school and meetings. Fourteen have been baptized. There have been but few sermons preached. Three experienced workers are now in the mission, besides three who are getting an experience, and the State T. and M. secretary. At the present time, there is a greater interest among the people to learn of the truths than at any previous time.

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#### ST. PAUL, MINN.

The history of the St. Paul mission begins with the autumn of 1885. In November of that year Eld. W. B. White and wife went there, rented rooms on Pleasant Ave., and in company with Josephine Gotzian began the work. Their faithful labor resulted in bringing a few into the truth. Rent being very high on Pleasant Ave., it was decided to change the location of the mission. Accordingly a two-story building was rented on the corner of Burr and Minnehaha Sts., for twenty-five dollars per month; and to this place the mission was moved May 1, 1886.

Eld. White and wife remained in charge of the work until June, when they were called to take charge of the work in North Dakota. E. A. Merrell and wife were sent to take their place in the mission in the early part of July. With a corps of four workers they pushed the work with considerable zeal during their stay of some four months. During this time eight or ten individuals began keeping the Sabbath. It becoming nec-

essary for them to leave, Eld. W. Schram and wife arrived in St. Paul in October, and took up the work. Since then the interest has been fair, and two more have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

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#### SYRACUSE, N. Y.

In the autumn of 1879, P. Z. Kinne came direct from the camp-meeting at Hornellsville, N. Y., to establish in business at Syracuse, with a view of introducing into that city the present truth. His home was in Kirkville, twelve miles away; but having established a flour and feed store in the city, he engaged N. J. Walsworth to move with his family from Adams Center to take charge of it. The following spring, his father, S. N. Walsworth, and also Eld. E. W. Whitney moved into the city. For four years meetings were held at the house of S. N. Walsworth, during which time a few other families of Sabbath-keepers moved to the city. Considerable effort was made to distribute the *Signs*, and Bro. Walsworth, when delivering flour or feed to a family, would also give them a paper. During this time, the name of the Kirkville church was changed to Syracuse church.

In the summer of 1884, the New York Conference established mission rooms in a fine, large new block in the heart of the city. Bro. Kinne then closed out his business that N. J. Walsworth might be at liberty with his family to take charge of the mission rooms, as desired by the Conference.

Soon after this a company of canvassers were sent to the city by the Conference, to take short term subscriptions for the *Signs*, before the camp-meeting which was to be held in the city in August. The camp-meeting was largely attended by the people of the city, and a very favorable impression was made upon them generally in regard to the work of Seventh-day Adventists. After the close of the camp-meeting, preaching services were established in the mission lecture-room, and a minister and canvassers were retained in the city. The work grew in interest during the year. A number accepted the truth. The camp-meeting was held the next year in the same city, with increased interest, but developed some opposition among those who did not wish to be disturbed.

The work has continued to progress, through the blessing of God, by means of canvassing, visiting, Bible readings, and preaching services, until the present; and we find there is now a church of fifty-nine members, and about twenty-five more Sabbath-keepers have been brought into the truth. Some have moved away. Others are expecting to unite with the church soon. Two of the new Sabbath-keepers were infidels, intelligent men, who



confessed they could not believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures, until it was made plain to them through the Bible readings and lectures. Now they are earnest in doing what they can to give the truth to others. There is a flourishing vigilant missionary society connected with the church and mission, holding interesting weekly meetings and sending out weekly 60 copies of the *Signs* and 30 copies of the *Sickle*, and many tracts, besides visiting, and corresponding with interested ones.

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## POSTAL GUIDE.

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### DOMESTIC POSTAGE.

**FIRST CLASS.**—Letters and all written matter, whether sealed or unsealed, and all other matter sealed, nailed, sewed, tied, or fastened in any manner so that it cannot be easily examined, **two cents per ounce** or fraction thereof. A special ten-cent stamp, when attached to a letter, in addition to the lawful postage, entitles the letter to immediate delivery in any place containing 4,000 population or over, or within one mile of the post-office.

**SECOND CLASS.**—This class includes all regular newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals issued at intervals not exceeding three months; the postage is **one cent for each four ounces** or fraction thereof, payable by postage stamps.

**THIRD CLASS.**—Embraces printed books, pamphlets, circulars, engravings, lithographs, proof-sheets and manuscript accompanying the same, and all matter of the same general character, the printing on which is designed to impart general information, and not having the nature of personal correspondence. Circulars produced by hektograph or similar process, or by electric pen, are rated as third class. The limit of weight for mail matter of the third class is **4 lbs.**, except in the case of single books exceeding that weight. The rate of postage on mail matter of this class is **one cent for each two ounces**, or fraction thereof.

**FOURTH CLASS.**—Embraces all mailable matter not included in the three preceding classes, which is so prepared for mailing as to be easily taken from the wrapper and examined. Postage, **one cent per ounce** or fraction thereof. Limit of weight, **4 lbs.** Full prepayment compulsory. Liquids, ointments, explosives, and other like injurious matter, not admitted.

**REGISTRY FEE** for letters and packages, **10 cts.**, which, with the postage, must be fully prepaid. The name and address of sender must be given on the outside of the envelope or wrapper.

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### POSTAGE RATES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Matter mailed in the United States, addressed to Canada, is subject to the same postage rates and conditions as it would be if it were addressed for delivery in the United States, *except* that articles of merchandise are absolutely prohibited transmission by mail to Canada, unless sent as *bona fide* trade samples, in which case they are required to be put up in packages not exceeding eight ounces in

weight, so wrapped as to permit of being easily examined, and prepaid in full, ten cents per package.

To the following countries and colonies, which, with the United States and Canada, comprise the Universal Postal Union, the rates of postage are as follows:—

Letters, per 15 grams ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce), prepayment optional . . . . .	5 cents	
Postal cards, each . . . . .	2 cents	
Newspapers and other printed matter, per 2 ounces . . . . .	1 cent	
Commercial papers. {	Packets not in excess of 10 ounces . . . . .	5 cents
	Packets in excess of 10 ounces, for each 2 ounces, or fraction thereof. . . . .	1 cent
Sample of merchandise. {	Packets not in excess of 4 ounces . . . . .	2 cents
	Packets in excess of 4 ounces, for each 2 ounces, or fraction thereof. . . . .	1 cent

Ordinary letters must be forwarded, whether any postage is prepaid on them or not.

All correspondence other than letters must be prepaid at least partially.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, including eastern parts of Patagonia and Terra del Fuego, and Staten Island.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, including the principality of Lichtenstein

BAHAMAS.

BARBADOES, W. I.

BELGIUM.

BOLIVIA.

BERMUDAS.

BRAZIL.

BRITISH COLONIES on West Coast of Africa (Gold Coast, Lagos, Senegambia, and Sierra Leone).

BRITISH COLONIES IN WEST INDIES: viz., Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher, and the Virgin Isles.

BRITISH COLONIES IN WEST INDIES: viz., Grenada, St. Lucia, Tobago, and Turk's Islands.

BRITISH GUIANA.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

BRITISH INDIA: Hindostan and British Burmah (Aracan, Pegu, and Tenasserim), and the Indian postal establishments of Aden, Muscat, Persian Gulf, Guadar, and Mandalay.

BULGARIA, Principality of.

CEYLON.

CHILE, including western parts of Patagonia and Terra del Fuego.

COLUMBIA, U. S. of.

CONGO, Independent State of.

COSTA RICA.

DANISH COLONIES of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John.

DENMARK, including Iceland and the Faroe Islands.

DOMINICA, Republic of.

ECUADOR.

EGYPT, including Nubia and Soudan.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FRANCE, including Algeria, the principality of Monaco, and French post-office establishments at Tunis, Tangier (Morocco), and at Shanghai (China), Cambodia, and Tonquin.

FRENCH COLONIES:—

1. *In Asia*: French establishments in India (Chandernagore, Karikal, Mahé, Pondicherry, and Yanam), and in Cochinchina (Saigon, Mytho, Bien-Hoa, Poulo-Condor, Vinh-Long, Haien, Tschandok).

2. *In Africa*: Senegal and dependencies (Gorée, St. Louis, Bakel, Dagana), Mayotte and Nossi-bé, Gaboon (including Grand Bassam and Assinie), Reunion (Bourbon), Ste. Marie and Tamatave, Madagascar, and Obock, east coast.

3. *In America*: French Guiana, Guadeloupe and dependencies (Désirade or Deseada, Les Saintes, Marie Galante, and the north portion of St. Martin), Martinique, St. Bartholomew, St. Pierre, and Miquelon.

4. *In Oceanica*: New Caledonia, Tahiti, Marquesas Islands, Isles of Pines, Loyalty Islands, the Archipelagoes of Gambier, Toubouai, and Tuamotu (Low Islands).

GERMANY, including the Island of Heligoland.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, including Gibraltar, Malta, the dependencies of Malta (Gozzo, Comino, and Cominotto), and the Island of Cyprus.

GREECE, including the Ionian Isles.

GREENLAND.

GUATEMALA.

HAYTI.

HAIWAIL.

HONDURAS, Republic of, including Bay Islands.

HONG-KONG and the post-offices maintained by Hong-Kong at Kiung-Chow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foo-Chow, Ning-Po, Shanghai, and Han-Kow (China).

ITALY, including the Republic of San Marino, the Italian offices of Tunis and Tripoli in Barbary, and Assab, Abyssinia.

JAMAICA.

JAPAN and Japanese post-offices at Shanghai (China), and at Fusam-Po, Genzan-shin, and Jinsen (Corea).

LABUAN.  
 LIBERIA.  
 LUXEMBURG.  
 MAURITIUS and dependencies (the Amiante Islands, the Seychelles and Rodrigues).  
 MEXICO.  
 MONTENEGRO.  
 NETHERLANDS.  
 NETHERLAND COLONIES:—  
 1. *In Asia*: Borneo, Sumatra, Java (Batavia), Billiton, Celebes (Macassar), Madura, the archipelagos of Banca and Rho (Riouw), Bali, Lombok, Sumbawa, Flores, the S. W. portion of Timor, and the Moluccas.  
 2. *In Oceanica*: The N. W. portion of New Guinea (Papua).  
 3. *In America*: Netherland Guiana (Surinam), Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire, part of St. Martin, St. Eustatius, and Saba.  
 NEWFOUNDLAND.  
 NICARAGUA.  
 NORWAY.  
 PARAGUAY.  
 PERSIA.  
 PERU.  
 PORTUGAL, including the Island of Maderia and the Azores.  
 PORTUGUESE COLONIES:—  
 1. *In Asia*: Goa, Damao, Diu, Macao, and part of Timor.  
 2. *In Africa*: Cape Verde, Bissao, Cacheo, St. Thome and Prince's islands, Ajuda, Mozambique, and the province of Angola.

ROUMANIA (Moldavia and Wallachia).  
 RUSSIA, including the Grand Duchy of Finland.  
 SALVADOR.  
 SERVIA.  
 SIAM.  
 SPAIN, including the Balearic Isles, the Canary Islands, the Spanish possessions on the north coast of Africa (Ceuta, Penon de la Gomera, Alhucemas, Melilla, and the Chaffarine Islands), the Republic of Andorra, and the postal establishments of Spain on the west coast of Morocco (Tangier, Tetuan, Larrache, Rabat, Mazagan, Casablanca, Safi, and Mogadore.)  
 SPANISH COLONIES:—  
 1. *In Africa*: Islands of Fernando Po, Annobon, and Corisco.  
 2. *In America*: Cuba and Porto Rico.  
 3. *In Oceanica*: The Archipelagos of the Mariana (Ladrone), and the Caroline Islands.  
 4. *In Asia*: The Philippine Archipelago (Luzon with Manilla, Mindanao, Palawan, Panay, Amara, etc.)  
 STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (Singapore, Penang, and Malacca).  
 ST. VINCENT, W. I.  
 SWEDEN.  
 SWITZERLAND.  
 TRINIDAD, W. I.  
 TURKEY (European and Asiatic).  
 URUGUAY.  
 VENEZUELA.

To the following countries and colonies, not embraced in the Universal Postal Union, the rates of postage are as follows:—

Letters, per ½ ounce, 15 cents; newspapers, per each paper, 4 cents; limit of weight for each paper, 4 ounces.

AFRICA, West coast of, except Liberia, and British, French, Spanish, and Portuguese Colonies, British mail.  
 ASCENSION, British mail.

CAPE COLONY, South Africa, British mail.  
 NATAL, British mail.  
 ORANGE FREE STATE.  
 SAINT HELENA, British mail.

Letters per ½ ounce, 12 cents; papers, weight not limited, each 2 cents. Australia, British mail, *via* Brindisi; Chatham Islands, *via* San Francisco; New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Norfolk Island, Tasmania, Victoria.

Letters, per ½ ounce, 5 cents; papers, weight not limited, each 2 cents. Australia, *via* San Francisco, except New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria; Fiji Islands, *via* San Francisco and Sydney, New South Wales; Navassa, direct mail; Navigator's or Samoan Islands; Pitcairn Island; Shanghai, direct, *via* San Francisco.

Letters, per ½ ounce, 23 cents; papers, weight limited to 4 ounces, each 6 cents. Madagascar (except St. Mary's and Tamatave), British mail.

Letters, per ½ ounce, 13 cents; papers, weight limited to 4 ounces, each 5 cents. China, British mail, *via* Brindisi.

Letters, per ½ ounce, 21 cents; papers, weight limited to 4 ounces, each 5 cents. Transvaal.

Letters, per ½ ounce, 15 cents; papers, weight limited to 2 ounces, each 2 cents. Morocco (except Spanish possessions on West Coast).

Registration fee on letters and other articles, to all the above countries, 10 cents.

## ASTRONOMICAL CHANGES.

## ECLIPSES, 1887.

There will be four eclipses this year, two of the sun and two of the moon, as follows:—

I. A partial eclipse of the moon, Feb. 8, the moon rising partially eclipsed, ending at New York at 6:34, eve.

II. An annular eclipse of the sun, Feb. 22, invisible in North America.

III. A partial eclipse of the moon, Aug. 3, invisible in U. S.

IV. A total eclipse of the sun, Aug. 18, invisible in U. S.

## MORNING STARS.

MERCURY, until Feb. 7, from March 21 to May 27, July 29 to Sept. 10, and after Nov. 17. VENUS, after Sept. 21. MARS, after April 24. JUPITER, until Jan. 24. SATURN, from July 18 to Oct. 29. URANUS, until Jan. 2. NEPTUNE, from May 18 to Aug. 23.

## EVENING STARS.

MERCURY, from Feb. 7 to March 21, May 27 to July 29, and Sept. 10 to Nov. 17. VENUS, until Sept. 21. MARS, until April 24. JUPITER from Jan. 24 to Nov. 8. SATURN, until July 18 and after Oct. 29. URANUS, from Jan. 2 to Oct. 6. NEPTUNE, until May 18 and after Aug. 23.

## PLANETS BRIGHTEST.

MERCURY, March 2-5, June 28 to July 1, and Oct. 24-27, setting after the sun; also, April 17-20, Aug. 16-19, and Dec. 2-5, rising before the sun. VENUS, Aug. 15 and Oct. 28. MARS, not this year. JUPITER, April 21. SATURN, Jan. 9. URANUS, March 31. NEPTUNE, Nov. 21.

