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NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

The third meeting of this session was called at 5:30 P. M., on Wednesday, October 30. Prayer was offered by R. S. Porter, of Minnesota. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chair referred to the fact that in previous meetings much time had been wasted in long speeches, and suggested some action on the matter. It was then moved and carried that in discussing questions, the speaker should be limited to five minutes.

The Committee on Declaration of Principles presented the following report:—

We, your committee on second article of Declaration of Principles, would respectfully recommend that it be stricken out.

A. T. JONES,
E. J. WAGGONER,
L. J. CALDWELL.

A minority report was presented, as follows:—

We, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Second Article of Declaration of Principles, recommend that this article remain as it is.

R. C. PORTER,
DAN. T. JONES.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the majority report. This motion was spoken to by A. T. Jones, R. C. Porter, P. W. B. Wessels, E. J. Waggoner, J. H. Morrison, E. W. Farnsworth, L. Mc Coy, A. A. John, and others. Nearly every shade of opinion was expressed, and both sides of the question received a very thorough ventilation. It was shown that the majority report was not because of opposition to prohibition, but because the article is an anomaly in a declaration of principles of a society whose sole work is to combat religious legislation.

An amendment to substitute the minority report for the majority report was lost, and after a few other remarks the vote was taken on the original

motion, resulting in its being carried by a large majority. The question was raised whether less than a three-fourths' majority could strike out any of the Declaration of Principles. The chair decided that it could not. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair. The appeal was sustained. It was moved to reconsider the appeal. Pending the decision on this motion, the Association adjourned to call of the chair.

INTERNATIONAL SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH MEETING.

This meeting was called at 7 P. M., Wednesday, Oct. 30. After singing "Where are the Reapers?" prayer was offered by Elder W. W. Sharp.

The resolution concerning the appropriation of contributions to the missionary ship, which was pending at the adjournment of the last meeting, was taken up, and after some discussion was amended so as to devote the contributions for six months to the purchase of the ship, and that the disposal of the remaining six months' contribution be left with the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Mission Board.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following additional report:—

Resolved, That section I of article 3 of the Constitution be so amended as to provide for an executive committee of nine, instead of seven, as at present.

Resolved, That we urge our Sabbath-schools everywhere to keep in their libraries, as far as they are able, such missionary books as may be recommended by the Executive Committee, and to encourage their perusal by the pupils, especially by the children.

Resolved, That we request the Tract Societies to keep on hand Sabbath-school supplies.

WHEREAS, According to the reports which have been returned from our Sabbath-schools, less than one-half of the members of Seventh-day Adventist churches are members of the Sabbath-schools; therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge upon our Sabbath-school workers everywhere the importance of securing the regular attendance at Sabbath-school of all church members, not only that the school may be strengthened by their presence and influence, but that they may have the benefits to be derived from a systematic study of the Scriptures.

WHEREAS, Many families are so situated that they cannot attend any regularly organized school; and,—

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that family schools can be organized and run successfully, and that they are a great benefit to the family, and a source of strength to the Association; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our approval of what has been done in this line, and that we urge upon the officers of all our State Associations the importance of continuing in it until every isolated family is organized into a Sabbath-school; and further,—

Resolved, That to this end we request our ministers, licentiates, Bible workers, canvassers, and others, to report to the State Secretary, if within the bounds of any State Association, and to the International Secretary, if not within such bounds, the names and addresses of all such families.

The first two resolutions were adopted without discussion. The third was laid on the table. The remaining resolutions were all heartily approved.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the admission of the South African Association was called up, and after some discussion was not adopted. It was then moved by E. J. Waggoner, and seconded by W. C. White, that, inasmuch as that Association has reported, it is the sense of this body that it already is a member of the International Association. The motion was carried.

J. H. Durland, in behalf of the Committee to provide for examination of lessons, and the securing of lessons in foreign languages, reported as follows:—

We recommend, 1. That the International Sabbath-school Executive Committee with the General Conference Executive Committee appoint the following committees to examine the lessons for the ensuing year; viz.: A committee of eleven on the lessons in the English, and one of three on lessons in each of the foreign languages, into which the lessons are to be translated.

The committees on foreign lessons shall also translate and adapt the same for their respective languages.

2. That the lessons be published in pamphlet form for the English, Danish, Swedish, German, French, and such other foreign tongues as the Committee may deem advisable.

The Committee on Nomination reported, recommending the following-named persons as officers for the coming year:—

For President — C. H. Jones.

Vice-President — Roderick S. Owen.

Secretary — Mrs. C. H. Jones.

Corresponding Secretary — Jessie F. Waggoner.

Treasurer — Pacific Press Publishing Company.

Executive Committee — C. H. Jones, Roderick S. Owen, W. C. White, E. J. Waggoner, J. H. Durland, A. O. Tait, W. H. Wakeham, A. E. Place, W. W. Sharp.

The report was adopted as a whole, without discussion.

This finished the business of the meeting, but there was an address on the program which all desired to hear, and as the hour was late, it was voted to request another meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

HEALTH REFORM INSTITUTE.

SECOND MEETING.

THIS meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, at 9:30 A. M., Oct. 31. Prayer was offered by Elder O. A. Olsen. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Secretary called the roll of delegates, and several stockholders, not present at the previous meeting, reported. The chair then announced that there were 658 shares represented,—not a majority of the stock, but sufficient for a quorum.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following:—

WHEREAS, There is a great demand for, and a scarcity of, trained and competent nurses in all parts of the country, and notwithstanding such persons command the highest wages, yet the supply is deficient; and,—

WHEREAS, There is no more successful medium by which our Bible workers and canvassers can gain access to the people and secure their attention and confidence, than by teaching the principles of healthful living and cookery, and the selection of healthful foods, nursing and caring for the sick, thus preparing the way for the introduction and reception of the present truth; therefore,—

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the efforts being made by the Sanitarium managers to maintain and conduct a school for the training of nurses who may go out as pioneers in the great moral reform movements of the day.

Resolved, That recognizing the work which may be done and has already been accomplished by our Training Schools for Nurses and Medical Missionaries, we request that the officers of the various State Conferences shall select suitable young persons and encourage them to attend these schools, to fit themselves for work in this branch of the cause.

Resolved, That we hereby authorize the Board of Directors to appropriate each year a sum not to exceed \$5,000 in the education and training of nurses, medical missionaries, and Health and Temperance workers to labor in connection with home and foreign missions, and the various branches of Health and Temperance work.

Resolved, That we view with pleasure and satisfaction the neat and beautiful structure known as the Sanitarium Hospital, which has been erected on Sanitarium grounds for the use and benefit of the worthy sick poor, believing that the management have done credit to themselves in the erection of this building for this philanthropic purpose, and believe the means thus used have been wisely expended.

Resolved, That we hereby commend the efforts of the board of Directors of Health Reform Institute to devise plans whereby the usefulness of the Institution may be prolonged and enlarged, and hereby authorize them to adopt such measures as the circumstances may indicate to be necessary to accomplish the desired end.

Resolved, That we hereby commend the sentiments expressed in resolutions 4, 5, 7, and 10 adopted by the Health and Temperance

Association at its meeting last year, deeming it important that they be carried into effect.

These are as follows:—

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the Executive Committee of the International Sabbath-school Association to secure the preparation of a series of Health and Temperance lessons, to be used at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the teaching of Health and Temperance principles should be combined, as far as practicable, with the Sabbath-school work, and that we earnestly request the officers from State Sabbath-school Associations to give due attention to this work.

Resolved, That we request the State Conferences at each of their annual camp-meetings, to give time equivalent to one hour a day to the Health and Temperance work.

Resolved, That we urge upon all our people the importance of increasing the circulation of our health journals and distributing such other literature as will advance the interests of the health and temperance work.

The first resolution was adopted without remarks. The second brought out a query from F. D. Starr, when the chair said that if our people did not desire to take hold of this branch of the work, there were very many of those not of our faith who would be glad to avail themselves of such an opportunity to be fitted for health missionaries.

He mentioned several calls he had recently received for hygienic cooks, teachers of hygiene, or teachers of domestic economy, and such persons could command good wages. Remarks were also made by L. McCoy, and A. O. Burrill, and was adopted. The third resolution was quickly passed, but the fourth was spoken to by the chair, to the effect that the cause needs hundreds of young people to study hygiene for the purpose of fitting themselves to go among the people in other countries, and teach them the importance of healthful principles, with a view to getting among them afterwards to teach them Bible truths.

He said that the managers of the Sanitarium proposed, if the stockholders were willing, to organize a school in which thorough instruction could be given at seasonable hours, instead of doing as at present—working all day, and then attending classes at night.

O. A. Olsen spoke briefly, and was followed by Mrs. White in her usual forcible manner of illustrating her points of discourse. She spoke particularly of the necessity of education in the line of cooking, and related what she had observed of the lack in this direction among our people. She also spoke on the necessity of training our children's appetites to only crave the best kinds of food, that the children may be healthy and strong. The resolution was then adopted. The fifth and sixth also, after quite extended remarks by various speakers, were adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THIRTEENTH MEETING.

"RESTING BY AND BY" was sung at the opening of this meeting, Thursday, October 31, at 3 P. M. Elder D. A. Robinson offered prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The committee on revision of the constitution made another report, the constitution having been entirely remodeled. The constitution was read, and some comments were made on it, when it was voted to defer action until the by-laws could be prepared, and both constitution and by-laws be placed in the hands of the delegates for examination.

The Committee on Resolutions presented an additional report, as follows:—

WHEREAS, The *Review and Herald* stockholders have voted to establish branch offices both in the northwest and southwest section of this country; therefore,—

Your committee would suggest that the matter of starting a publishing business by Brethren Roberson and Huguley in the Southern States, he referred to the Pacific Press, and the *Review and Herald* publishing boards, in connection with the General Conference Committee, to recommend to these brethren such measures as may appear best to them.

WHEREAS, The work of the International Sabbath-school Association has become so extended, as to require the undivided time of some of our most faithful laborers, and,—

WHEREAS, The General Conference has, in the past three years, received substantial benefit from it to the amount of \$32,537 in pushing its missionary enterprises, therefore,—

Resolved, That we grant the International Sabbath-school Association its request for three laborers, in harmony with the resolution upon that point, passed by the said Association at its present session.

WHEREAS, The General Conference at its last session recommended the establishment by the *Review and Herald* Office of a branch office in London, to meet the demands of the cause in the British field; and,—

WHEREAS, The *Review and Herald* requested the Pacific Press to occupy that field; therefore,—

Resolved, That we indorse the action of the Pacific Press in establishing a branch office in London.

WHEREAS, In the order of God, the *American Sentinel* has been established to watch the workings of the movement to secure religious legislation, and to give warning of its influence and progress, and of the dangers accompanying it; and,—

WHEREAS, The Spirit of God has spoken directly of "the *American Sentinel* and its mission," saying, "The *Sentinel* is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend; thus putting to the best use the light God has given them;" and, "Let every worker for God comprehend the situation, and place the *Sentinel* before our churches, explaining its contents, and urging home the facts and warnings it contains;" therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge our brethren to give careful attention to this important matter, and accordingly to give the *American Sentinel* the widest possible circulation that may be given by the means and facilities which are or may be placed in our hands.

WHEREAS, The rapid growth of the movement in favor of a national Sunday law and religious legislation in general, and the new phases and developments which the work is continually assuming, make it necessary that opposition to it should be conducted as near as possible to the headquarters of the work, and where information can most readily be furnished to the people; therefore,—

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of the Pacific Press in taking steps to issue the *American Sentinel* from its New York office.

The committee recommended the adoption of the program for week of prayer, as published on page 111 of the BULLETIN.

The committee on revision of the constitution then read the proposed by-laws, which were ordered to be printed.

The special committee on Sunday prosecution submitted a majority and minority report, both of which were ordered printed and placed in the hands of the delegates for careful and prayerful consideration before action is taken.

The Educational Committee then presented the following report:—

Resolved, That this Conference heartily approves of the action taken by the General Conference Committee, in arranging for the Bible School for Ministers, and urges the officials of the various Conferences to encourage the proper persons to attend it.

Resolved, That this Conference adopt the following plan for the supervision of church schools: that they all be under the general supervision of the Educational Secretary, and that in such Conferences as he may deem it advisable, he may appoint, subject to the approval of the local Conference Committee, some one to assist in the work in that Conference.

WHEREAS, There is an urgent demand for consecrated and educated workers in all departments of this cause; and,—

WHEREAS, The Lord has explicitly spoken to us upon this subject in "Testimony to the Church," No. 33, pp. 108-114, wherein is clearly set forth our duty as a people in pushing the matter of educating workers; and,—

WHEREAS, There are many persons of ability in our ranks who, with suitable training, might become efficient workers; therefore,—

Resolved, That we request the officers and ministers, both in the General and State Conferences, to look up such persons, and encourage them to that training which will fit them to become laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

WHEREAS, There is an urgent demand for educated laborers in the Scandinavian, German, and French languages,—

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the establishment of schools in these languages among us,—

2. That we recommend that suitable persons be selected, encouraged, and assisted, if necessary, to obtain an education in such schools qualifying them to labor in these languages.

In place of article four of the report printed on page 34 of the BULLETIN, the following was recommended and adopted:—

That the expense of maintaining the school should be provided for wholly by the church where the school is held, by tuition and donations expressly for this purpose from any source.

On motion of E. W. Farnsworth, it was voted that the readings for the Week of Prayer be translated into the Scandinavian and German languages. W. C. White moved that they be translated into the French also. Carried.

The report of the Committee in regard to the Western school was brought up for adoption, but after some remarks was referred back to the Committee.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor made the following report:—

Your committee after long and careful consideration of the work committed to them desire to present the following recommendations. We recommend,—

1. That Elder W. C. Wales go to Illinois, and make that his field of labor.
2. That Elder John Fulton go to the North Pacific Conference, and take the place of Elder R. S. Porter, absent.
3. That Elder H. W. Cottrell make New Brunswick and Nova Scotia his field of labor.
4. That Elder O. C. Godsmark go to California to labor in city mission work.
5. That Elder Robert Hare make Australia his field of labor.
6. That Brother Simon Peter fit himself to go to the Echo Publishing Company office.
7. That Elder M. C. Israel go to New Zealand and labor in that field.
8. That Elder M. H. Brown make Wisconsin his field of labor.
9. That Brother L. C. Chadwick come to Battle Creek and connect with the International Tract Society.
10. That Elder M. G. Huffman's request to return to Indiana be granted.
11. That Brother Paul E. Gros make Wisconsin his field of labor, and that he labor in Northern Michigan and Illinois to such extent as may be agreed upon by the Conferences of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan.
12. That Elder J. P. Henderson go to Nebraska and labor in that field.
13. That Elder J. G. Wood go to Arkansas and take the presidency of Conference and Tract Society in that State.
14. That Elder Daniel Nettleton make Arkansas his field of labor.
15. That Brother A. Barry labor in such direction as the General Conference Committee may indicate.
16. That Brother J. W. Watt attend the Bible school this winter and then go to Montana.

After receiving this report, the meeting adjourned.