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ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS of the General Conference Committee thus far elected are as follows: H. W. Cottrell, A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, F. Griggs, S. N. Haskell, G. A. Irwin, A. T. Jones, J. H. Kellogg, R. M. Kilgore, W. T. Knox, D. H. Kress, S. H. Lane, J. N. Loughborough, C. McReynolds, O. A. Olsen, J. C. Ottosen, D. Paulson, W. W. Prescott, H. F. Rand, A. J. Read, E. A. Sutherland, E. J. Waggoner, W. C. White. [Twenty-three members. Two more members are yet to be elected.]

The Committee has held four meetings from April 18 to 21, and has per-

fecting its organization to the extent noted below:—

Permanent Chairman, A. G. Daniells.
Treasurer of the General Conference,
H. M. Mitchell.

Field Secretary of Mission Board,
W. W. Prescott.

Corresponding Secretary of Mission
Board, W. A. Spicer.

Clerk of Committee, H. E. Rogers.

Pastoral Committee: W. W. Prescott
(chairman), S. N. Haskell, A. T. Jones,
J. N. Loughborough, David Paulson.

Mission Board: A. G. Daniells (chairman), J. H. Kellogg, David Paulson, A. J. Read, E. A. Sutherland, I. H. Evans, W. C. White, H. F. Rand, W. T. Knox, A. T. Jones, W. W. Prescott.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

At the close of the talks on England, Friday morning, the following names were added to the Committee on Young People's Meetings. M. C. Wilcox, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Mrs. S. N. Haskell, Miss Estella Houser, M. E. Cady, Harry Champness.

A GEM OF SONG.

ONE of the most compact book of sifted hymns is "New Songs of the Gospel," selected by Elder Lewis C. Sheafe. It contains more than 100 of the choicest songs, some of which Brother Sheafe has sung at the present Conference with acceptance. It is a treasure for any lover of song. To be obtained from the compiler, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Price, 15 cents.

ANOTHER TREATISE ON PRESENT-DAY ISSUES.

It is said that "in making of books there is no end," but that matters little, so long as the productions are constantly improving. A new pamphlet has just come to hand from the pen of Percy

Tilson Mañan, entitled, "The Battle of the Century." The title indicates the nature of the work. It deals with the French Revolution, and its effect on the church, which resulted in the infliction of the deadly wound on the head of the apocalyptic beast; and the history of religious legislation and intolerance which has followed. Everybody ought to have it, and so become informed on the points which it treats. It has 80 pages, and sells for 10 cents. Address Review and Herald, Battle Creek, Mich.

MANY BOOKS IN ONE.

THIS is the truth about a book just being issued from the Review and Herald press. "Ecclesiastical Empire" is the latest and best of Elder A. T. Jones's books. It embraces the leading events of history from the fall of Rome to the present day. It canvasses the career of Europe's kingdoms during the Dark Ages, examines the religious controversies of the principal papal councils during the time of papal supremacy, showing its intolerant spirit and resultant anarchy. It traces from its origin the growth of the Reformation, first in England, then in Bohemia and Germany, pointing out the principles of true Christianity. The latter portion of the book deals with national apostasy as it is and what its end is to be, as revealed in the sure word of prophecy. It contains, in a connected way, all the essential points of history necessary to a good understanding of the great question of to-day,—the relation of church and state. While doing all this it has also the merit of being highly entertaining. As one said while reading the proof-sheets, it is a "hammer." It contains 874 pages, and sells at \$2.50. For sale by Review and Herald, Battle Creek, Mich.

"BLESSED are the peacemakers."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CAN- VASSING AND COLPOR- TEUR WORK.

1. We recommend that each Conference employ a State Canvassing Agent.
2. We recommend that the importance and advantages of resident canvassing be prominently brought and continually kept before our churches.
3. We recommend that each church encourage one or more of its number to engage in canvassing for our large books, under the direction of the State Agent.
4. We recommend that these agents furnish their churches with the names and addresses of their subscribers, and that their churches follow up the work by correspondence, periodicals, and tracts.
5. We recommend that the *Signs of the Times* and *Good Health* be used in pioneer city missionary work in this country.
6. We recommend that *Present Truth*, *Bible Echo* and *Herald of Health* be used in pioneer city missionary work in their respective territories.
7. We recommend that equal attention be given our health and denominational literature.
8. We commend the practice of our churches, academies, State and church schools giving practical instruction in evangelistic canvassing.
6. We recommend that so far as consistent, canvassers' institutes be held in every State.
10. We recommend that more time be given to the consideration of the canvassing work before the general assemblies at our camp-meetings.

C. H. JONES, *Chairman*.

S. N. CURTISS, *Secretary*.

RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE GERMAN BRETHREN.

1. *Resolved*, That the German brethren recommend that all our laborers and brethren do all in their power to circulate the German "Object Lessons" among the German people.
2. Since we acknowledge that the *Hausfreund* occupies an important place in the proclamation of the third angel's message among the Germans of different countries, and that many souls have already been brought to the knowledge of the truth through it; be it—

Resolved (1), That we recommend those

whom the Lord has given talents in this direction contribute original articles, such as are fitting and timely for our own members, and also suitable for a missionary paper.

2. That as far as possible every German Seventh-day Adventist family or single member, not only subscribe for the paper for himself, but also pay for one or more subscriptions for his friends or neighbors, and that not only the ministers, but also the members of the churches, take subscriptions for it.

3. We recommend that steps be taken that the *Hausfreund* be sold from house to house, especially in the large cities, and that monthly subscriptions be taken at the rate of ten cents a month, and be delivered by the laborers, and that such agents be assisted from the *Hausfreund* fund when deemed advisable.

Resolved, That we, acknowledging the importance of the circulation of our literature, recommend: (1) That all brethren and sisters as far as possible supply themselves with our books, tracts, and pamphlets, and become familiar with the contents of the same; (2) That we urge all our ministers and Bible workers to set a good example before the members of our churches in the diligent circulation of our books, etc., as well as taking subscriptions for our German paper; (3) That all our laborers and church-members keep an eye on devoted suitable persons of both sexes for the purpose of encouraging them to enter the canvassing field; (4) That our church-members not only pray for them, but also assist them financially when necessary.

THE WONDROUS GIFT.

ENRICHED by God through grace alone,
What boundless wealth is given;
By grace his love in Christ is shown,
To make us heirs of heaven.

Through grace enriched by knowledge
all,

In utterance complete,
We all may now upon him call,
And worship at his feet.

By grace alone are ye now saved,
Not works that we have done;
It comes to all by sin enslaved,
Its power do not shun.

By grace shall Christ abide in thee,
To keep thee from all sin;
By grace thine eyes be made to see
God's glory shine within.

By grace he'll take the hopeless soul
Held fast by Satan's chains;
By grace he'll make the vilest whole,
And cleanse all guilty stains.

What grace! how wondrous is the gift,
What tongue its fullness tell?
In praise to him thine heart now lift,
Thy voice the chorus swell.

C. H. KESTAKE.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION.

THE following amended form of the General Conference Constitution is printed here to give opportunity for its consideration before it is brought up for action.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. NAMES.

This organization shall be known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECT.

The object of this Conference shall be to unify and to extend to all parts of the world, the work of promulgating the everlasting gospel.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall be composed of (a) such Union Conferences as have been or shall be properly organized; (b) such local Conferences as are not embraced in any Union Conference, provided such Conferences shall have been accepted by vote at a session of the General Conference; and (c) such mission fields as have not been organized into Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists in any part of the world.

SEC. 2. The voters of said Conference shall be such duly accredited delegates from the Union Conferences, such members of the General Conference Executive Committee, and such other persons in the employ of the General Conference as shall receive delegates' credentials from the Executive Committee, as are present at any duly convened regular or special Conference session.

SEC. 3. Each Union Conference shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, an additional delegate for each local Conference embraced in its territory, and an additional delegate for each one thousand of its membership. Each local Conference not included in the territory of any Union Conference shall be entitled to one dele-

gate, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for each one thousand members.

ARTICLE 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee of this Conference shall be twenty-five in number, and shall have power to organize itself by choosing a chairman, secretary, treasurer, and auditor, whose duties shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices. It shall also have the power to appoint all necessary agents and committees for the conduct of its work.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Conference, and shall hold office for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE 5. SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall hold a regular session once in two years, reckoning from 1889, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate by a notice published in the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, at least eight weeks before the date of the session.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee may call extra sessions, if in their judgment occasion requires, by a like notice; and the transactions of such extra sessions shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE 6. TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS.

The voters of this Conference shall, at each regular session, elect the trustees of such corporate bodies as are or may be connected with this organization, according to the State laws governing such corporations; and this Conference shall employ such committees and agents as it may deem necessary, according to the by-laws in such cases made and provided.

ARTICLE 7. BY-LAWS.

The voters of this Conference may make by-laws, and amend and repeal them at any session thereof. The scope of such by-laws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the Constitution.

ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voters present at any session, provided that, if it is proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice, of such purpose

shall be given in the call for such special session.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.

SECTION 1. At each session of the Conference the Executive Committee shall nominate for election the presiding officers for the session.

SEC. 2. At each session of the Conference the Executive Committee shall recommend some plan for the appointment of such temporary committees as may be necessary for conducting the business of the Conference.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of the Conference; it shall also give credentials to, or license, such ministers as may be employed in the General Conference work; and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its offices, boards, committees, or agents, by death, resignation, or otherwise; unless some other provision be made by vote of the Conference for filling such vacancies.

SEC. 4. At each regular session the Conference shall elect a standing committee of eight delegates, who shall, with the chairman of the Executive Committee, and the presidents of the various Union Conferences, constitute a committee for auditing and settling all accounts against the Conference.

SEC. 5. The Conference shall elect at its regular sessions twenty-one trustees for the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation of the city of Battle Creek, Michigan, existing under the laws of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 6. The biennial session of the General Conference shall be held during the summer season, at such time as in the judgment of the Executive Committee will interfere the least with the general work in the field.

LIFE is a service—the only question is, Whom will we serve?—*F. W. Faber.*

THE life of the soul depends upon habitual communion with God."

"WORK only for the glory of God and the good of man."

"A CHRISTIAN is a representative of Christ."

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Twenty-fifth Meeting, April 18,

3 P. M.

ALLEN MOON in the chair. Prayer by Elder I. D. Van Horn.

The Chair: The time this afternoon will be devoted to the consideration of what is known among us as the religious liberty work. I have not prepared an address to deliver at this time; but perhaps I may be permitted a few thoughts in introducing the work of the afternoon.

We have been told a great many times the last few years that we are living in the last days, and are near the end. If we are close students of the word of God, we can arrive at no other conclusion. We are told very emphatically through the Spirit of prophecy that the educational work must be done, that we shall not stand clear before God if we permit the world to come up to this momentous time unwarned, and also that we can not stand clear before God as his servants, if we leave anything undone to preserve liberty of conscience.

Several years ago this association was organized. Many of our people know of this work simply by the name, Religious Liberty Association. The Secretary's report will give us an outline of the work of the association. If we are living in the last days, we are nearing the time when God will send deliverance to his people. God will have a people to stand upon the sea of glass, and sing the song of deliverance. That song is victory over the beast and his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name. Those who sing that song must have been in conflict with those powers. Then we have that statement in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation that, every one whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life shall at that time worship the beast and his image. That is an awfully solemn thing, but God will send deliverance to his people.

There was a time in the history of the world that resembled this time, and that was when God's people were in bondage in Egypt. The time had nearly come for God to deliver his people. He had separated Moses from the court of Egypt by a train of circumstances, and brought him out where he had communion with God. While in this place, he received a sense of the greatness of God's kingdom as compared with the kingdoms of