

Both resolutions were adopted, and the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, AT 9:30 A. M., SEPT. 9.—The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

*Resolved*, That we indorse the following recommendation passed by the last session of the General Conference:—

"We recommend, That our people everywhere literally carry out the advice of the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 16:2: 'Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him,' as a weekly free-will offering in behalf of the foreign mission work. This is to be laid aside each week at home, and at the end of each quarter to be paid to the church treasurer, to be forwarded by him to the State treasurer."

Eld. Butler made some stirring remarks, showing that the spirit to carry the truth to every nation is the true spirit of the third angel's message. Interesting facts were related by him, showing the progress of the work. A communication from W. C. White, Foreign Mission Secretary, was read, giving a general view of the foreign work, the rapid growth of laborers in those countries, and containing interesting extracts of letters from Eld. Conradi, which gave special information of the work in Germany, Holland, Russia, and other countries. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the congregation, and the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

FIFTH MEETING, AT 5:30 A. M., SEPT. 10.—The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, R. M. Kilgore; Secretary, Geo. B. Starr; Assistant Secretary, Lillie E. Froom; Executive Committee, R. M. Kilgore, A. O. Tait, L. Johnson, A. Craw, A. Hobbs; Camp-meeting Committee, Alfred Foreman, Wm. Hibben, A. Cash, Edwin Butts, R. Vickery. The report was adopted. The Committee on Resolutions further reported:—

*Whereas*, Diligent efforts have been made by the State Conference Committee during the past two or three years, to establish efficient missions in Chicago and other cities; to build a mission house in Chicago; to work among our churches to bring about greater efficiency, and a better degree of union in their midst; and to encourage the canvassing work throughout the State; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That this Conference heartily indorse these efforts, and advise the present administration to labor for the same important objects.

Eld. Butler spoke at length on the principles involved in the resolution, giving valuable counsel and advice. Bro. Craw and Andrews spoke in harmony with the resolution, and meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SIXTH MEETING, AT 9:15 P. M., SEPT. 10.—The following privileged motion was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, express our grief at the sudden death of Eld. B. F. Merritt; that we regret the loss sustained by the Illinois Conference, and hereby extend our sympathy to his afflicted family and friends.

The resolution pending at the last meeting, indorsing the policy of the Conference Executive Committee, was then further considered, and indorsed by a rising vote of the congregation. The following resolutions were then adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we recommend all our churches to deed their church property to the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

*Whereas*, We recognize in the canvassing work an important branch of the cause of God, and a school of development for other branches of the same; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we recommend those who contemplate becoming ministers or Bible workers, first to gain an experience in canvassing.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, will awake to our responsibilities, in regard to the support of our city missions, by rendering that liberal financial aid, which will place these missions in a position above embarrassment.

The Committee on Licenses and Credentials reported as follows: For Credentials, R. M. Kilgore, Geo. B. Starr, R. F. Andrews, A. O. Tait, G. H. Rogers, E. O. Hammond, L. D. Santee, L. Johnson, C. H. Bliss; for License, Paul Gros, Emil Johnson; Missionary License, Wm. Haskell, Charles Sturdevant, A. Craw, Mrs. Geo. B. Starr, Mrs. Agnes B. Tait, Susie Hoxie, Christina Nelson, Lillie E. Froom, Della Hicks, Mrs. Ida Hibben, Hattie Fitzgerald, Hattie Ohm, Marthine Sorenson.

The report was adopted, and meeting adjourned *sine die*.

R. M. KILGORE, *Pres.*

Geo. B. STARR, *Sec.*

THE ARKANSAS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The first annual meeting of the Arkansas Conference of S. D. Adventists, convened at Springdale, Aug. 22, 1888.

FIRST MEETING, AT 10 A. M.—Eld. J. P. Henderson in the chair. Prayer by W. J. Kerr. The names of churches were called, and nineteen delegates came forward, representing seven churches. The churches at Mt. Pleasant, Star of the West, and Malvern were not represented. It was voted that all visiting brethren and all others in good standing, be invited to take part in the deliberations of the Conference. Minutes of meeting held May 15-22, 1888, for the purpose of organizing a Conference, were read and approved.

Important remarks in regard to the work already

accomplished, and the needs of the cause for the future, were made by Eld. J. P. Henderson. It was voted that the Chairman appoint the necessary committees, which were subsequently announced, as follows: On Nominations, S. Simonds, P. M. Ownbey, Amos Titus; on Resolutions, Eld. D. T. Jones, W. J. Kerr, H. M. Scoles; on Licenses and Credentials, Eld. R. M. Kilgore, Wm. Martin, G. Phillips; on Auditing, J. A. Summerville, Thos. Phelan, J. B. McConnell, J. H. Morgan, J. M. Pool, G. W. Lollar.

SECOND MEETING, AT 9 A. M., AUG. 23.—The report of the Committee on Resolutions was called for, and the following was presented:—

*Whereas*, God has so blessed his work in the State of Arkansas, that it has grown into a Conference; and,—

*Whereas*, The organization of a State Conference places new responsibilities upon those in the State to bear burdens in supporting the truth; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we thank God for the prosperity that has attended his work in our State, and gladly and cheerfully accept the burdens and responsibilities of a Conference, pledging ourselves to make every reasonable exertion, both by personal effort, and with our means, to forward the cause of present truth.

*Whereas*, A resolution was adopted at the organization of this Conference, touching the work already begun in the city of Little Rock; and,—

*Whereas*, The importance of Little Rock as a center for the work in our State, is readily seen; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we indorse the resolution passed at the organization of this Conference, and instruct the officers to carry out the provisions of that resolution as soon as the way opens to do so.

*Resolved*, That we indorse, and pledge ourselves to carry out, the plan recommended by the General Conference, to make offerings on the first day of each week, for the support of our foreign missions. (Year Book, p. 45, Resolution 4.)

*Whereas*, The canvassing work is a means whereby valuable and necessary experience may be gained; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we recommend all who wish to engage in any branch of the Lord's work, and are not otherwise employed by the Conference, to engage in canvassing, until the Conference gives them other work to do.

*Resolved*, That we indorse the tithing system as the Lord's plan for supporting his work.

*Whereas*, The work is languishing in our State for the want of means, which would be supplied if tithing were strictly practiced by our people; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we individually pledge ourselves to pay an honest tithe, and as far as we can do so, to instruct others in the tithing system as taught in the Scriptures, and urge upon them the duty of carrying it out.

The above resolutions were considered separately, and after important remarks by Elds. Kilgore, Jones, Starr, Henderson, and others, were adopted.

THIRD MEETING, AT 10:30 A. M., AUG. 25.—The Committee on Nominations presented the following: For President, Eld. J. P. Henderson; Secretary, E. B. Young; Treasurer, Wm. Martin; Executive Committee, Eld. J. P. Henderson, P. M. Ownbey, Wm. Martin, Allen Meeks, W. J. Kerr.

The report was adopted, and the nominees elected to their respective offices.

The Committee on Licenses and Credentials reported, recommending for Credentials, Eld. J. P. Henderson; for License, E. B. Young, and W. J. Kerr.

The report was adopted. Adjourned *sine die*. J. P. HENDERSON, *Pres.* E. B. YOUNG, *Sec.*

TEXAS H. AND T. SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

The ninth annual session of this society was held at Terrell, Texas, Aug. 15, at 10 A. M. President in the chair. Prayer by Eld. Kilgore. Mrs. M. Cruzan was chosen secretary *pro tem*. The reading of the minutes of the last session was waived. The Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were afterward named as follows: On Nominations, W. T. Drummond, J. M. Huguley, A. A. Gregory; on Resolutions, W. S. Cruzan, W. T. Johnston, R. M. Kilgore.

The Committee on Nominations reported for Secretary and Treasurer, Jessie Gorrell.—Elected.

Moved by Eld. Kilgore that W. S. Cruzan act at Vice-President. This motion carried.

The Committee on Resolution submitted the following:—

*Whereas*, The health and temperance work has been neglected the past two years in our State; and,—

*Whereas*, Great light has been given us on the subject of health and temperance; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we will arouse ourselves to the importance of this branch of the cause.

*Resolved*, That we express our thanks to God for the special light that has been shown to us, and pledge ourselves by his help to walk in it.

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of every S. D. Adventist to sign and sacredly keep the teetotal pledge.

These resolutions were considered separately, and afterward adopted. The session covered two meetings.

Adjourned *sine die*. W. S. GREER, *Pres.*

Mrs. M. CRUZAN, *Sec. pro tem.*

THE H. AND T. WORK IN GEORGIA AND FLORIDA.

ONE pleasant feature of the work that I found upon coming South, was that those who first labored in these States had not neglected to present the matter of health and temperance, which is so closely connected with the work of the third angel's message. Nearly every Sabbath-keeper here had signed the teetotal pledge, the most of whom were faithfully living out its requirements, and enjoying its blessings. The *Good Health* is doing a good work here. The ready manner in which the Southern people subscribe for this valuable periodical, goes to show the intelligent demand there is for a journal of this nature. The testimony of those who have canvassed both in the North and in the South for this work, is that the Southern people subscribe much more readily than do those of the North.

At our late Georgia camp-meeting, steps were taken to organize the work in the States of Georgia and Florida. Accordingly, a president from Georgia was elected, and a secretary from Florida. This will unite the interests of the two States, which would certainly seem consistent, from the fact that they are so connected in both the Conference and T. and M. work. We look for much good to be accomplished. The almost universal use of tobacco, snuff, coffee, and pork opens up a remarkably good field of labor in the health cause. It has been my privilege to speak a number of times, in different parts of the State, upon this all-important subject; and I was pleased to find the people so deeply interested, and so eager to learn. We look for the blessing of God upon this branch of the cause in the South.

O. C. GODSMARK.

MAINE H. AND T. SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

The Maine Health and Temperance Association held its tenth annual session on the camp-ground at Bangor, Sept. 10, 1888. Prayer by Prof. Geo. W. Caviness. The report of the last annual meeting being called for, was read and accepted. The Chair having received authority to appoint the usual committees, the following were announced: On Nominations, W. J. Dunscomb, I. C. Choate, Geo. W. Howard; on Resolutions, S. J. Hersum, Geo. W. Howard, Henry Moody.

The Nominating Committee being called upon, presented for consideration the following names: For President, R. S. Webber; Secretary, W. J. Dunscomb. On motion, these names were considered separately, and the persons elected.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following:—

*Whereas*, We believe that in order for the people of God to be sustained to pass through the seven last plagues, and not fall thereby, they must be a temperate people, in the broadest sense of the term; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That in order to escape those things that are coming on the earth, we must carry out the principles of the temperance reform in all its parts, and induce all others to do so.

This resolution was adopted, after remarks by the President and Eld. S. J. Hersum, showing that temperance is placed in the ladder to Christian perfection; that it is one of the fruits of the Spirit; and hence indispensable to the people of God.

The meeting adjourned *sine die*. R. S. WEBBER, *Pres.* H. C. GILKS, *Sec.*

Special Notices.

WEST VIRGINIA, NOTICE.

BRO. B. B. JOHNSON, who was elected State treasurer, has returned from the West, and will again attend to the duties of that office. Church treasurers or scattered brethren who have tithes or first-day offerings in their possession, should forward the same to him at Kanawha Station, Wood Co., West Virginia. W. J. STONE.

THE CAMP-MEETING AT SULLIVAN, IND.

THE time for this meeting to be held, Oct. 1-8, is nearly here. All S. D. Adventists in Southwestern Indiana should plan to be in attendance, as it is to be at a time convenient for all. We shall gladly welcome any from Illinois who can come. There will be tents on the ground to rent, at reasonable rates. All should bring plenty of bedding and heavy clothing. Come at the beginning and remain to the close. WM. COVERT.

TO DIST. NO. 4, MAINE.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: The time of our quarterly tract and missionary meeting is drawing near, and we should consider it of much importance. Let us therefore begin to lay our plans to attend this meeting. Let us also pay our indebtedness on periodicals at this time, as there are accounts that have