

Afternoon Session.

This session was opened with a memorial service. Bishop Esher opened the service by reading part of 2 Tim. 4. Bro. G. Braun led in prayer. The brethren J. Umbach and D. Kreh delivered addresses on the life and departure of Bro. G. F. Schwarz. The former spoke in German regarding the departed as a man and Christian, the latter in English about the deceased as a minister of the gospel. After a few earnest remarks made by the Bishop, this solemn but very impressive service was brought to a close.

The business of conference was again taken up and proceeded with.

The committee on statistics presented its report which was received. (See report end of conference proceedings.)

A. Y. Haist was re-elected statistical secretary.

The committee on resolutions brought in the following report:

Since Bro. H. Mattill, Junior Publisher, Cleveland, O., delivered an address relative to the condition of our Publishing House, therefore

1. *Resolved*, that we heartily rejoice to have Bro. Mattill in our midst again.
2. *Resolved*, that we are pleased to hear that our publishing interests are in a flourishing condition, in spite of the hard times, and that we will also in the future as in the past continue our support.

Since Bro. J. C. Hornberger, Cleveland, Ohio, editor of the *Living Epistle* and English S. S. Literature gave us an inspiring address in the interest of the papers he represents, therefore

Resolved, that we are pleased with his presence and his address and wish for him the choicest blessings of God in his responsible work.

Since our dear Bro. J. Umbach considered it necessary on account of his advanced years after a service of 29 years as Presiding Elder to resign his office, therefore

1. *Resolved*, that we sincerely regret that Bro. Umbach felt thus obliged to do.
2. *Resolved*, that we value his services as presiding elder, and that we heartily desire for him God's richest blessings physically and spiritually, and hope it may please our heavenly Father to spare him yet in our ranks many a year as a co-worker in the Gospel.

Since our Sabbath Schools pay custom on the "Bible Lesson Pictures" and "Klein Kinder Lehrer," therefore

Resolved, that we request our publishers at Cleveland, Ohio, to confer with our custom officers to have them come in free of duty.

Since we have the pleasure now for the twelfth time to greet our esteemed Senior Bishop J. J. Esher as chairman of our conference, therefore

1. *Resolved*, that we heartily rejoice to have him in our midst and that notwithstanding his advanced years he is yet so full of vitality.