

majority report. Mr. Haldeman urged the adoption of the majority report. Mr. Floyd said he thought the complainants were entitled to consideration, for they were outside the union by the arbitrary action of No. 101, and there should be a full and fair investigation of the whole subject by the convention. The majority report was then adopted by a vote of 29 to 7.

The Committee on New Business reported in favor of the adoption of the proposition looking to the organization of an International amalgamated convention; the proposition for a uniform type measurement was referred to the subordinate unions with a favorable recommendation; and the paper on labor, introduced by Mr. Kercheval, of Chicago, was indorsed, but not ordered to be printed with the proceedings on account of its length.

Resolutions were introduced asking the President to direct that correspondence be opened with other national trade organizations, with a view of establishing a national amalgamated convention.

Mr. O. P. Martin, of Chicago, presented an appeal from 150 book and job printers of that city, complaining of the action of the union in admitting about 100 "unfair" men and women into membership, and asking that a charter be granted them to organize a union to be composed of book and job printers. Referred to the Committee on Appeals, which committee subsequently recommended that Sec. 2, Art. 1, of the Constitution, be stricken out. The section is as follows: "The International Typographical Union shall not have authority to grant more than one charter to seven or more printers or pressmen in the same town or city." All the Chicago delegates urged the adoption of the report of the committee and it was agreed to.

Mr. J. H. Ralston read his report as delegate to Europe during the Paris exposition. The document was full and complete, containing minute descriptions of the condition of the craft in Europe. The conclusions arrived at during his tour were embodied in the following suggestions: First—That the English, French, and Italian cards be recognized in this country. Second—That copies of the annual report of this union be sent to Europe, and a return of the favor be requested. Third—That printers of those countries be requested to send delegates to this union. Fourth—That the relief system be adopted, and this union be incorporated in

some one or more States or Provinces, in order to insure its members, for in these systems lies the great strength of the foreign trade unions. Fifth—That no general strike be ordered by any union unless directed by a two-third vote of all its members, taken by officers in such manner that members may have the opportunity of exercising their franchise brought home to them. Sixth—That all would-be apprentices be examined to discover if they be fit for the business, which is the rule in Switzerland. Seventh—That no one be admitted to any union without examination into his competency as a printer. Eighth—That subordinate unions be instructed to endeavor to secure the abolition of the system of working apprentices on a "stent." The report was received, ordered to be spread on the minutes, referred to the appropriate committee, and a vote of thanks tendered Mr. Ralston.

Mr. James M. Maloney announced that Mr. Mills B. Godwin, one of the delegates from No. 101, had been compelled to resign on account of sickness, and that Mr. Samuel Haldeman had been appointed by that body in his stead. Mr. Haldeman was allowed to take his seat.

The Committee on the President's Address recommended, in regard to the "color question," that no subordinate union shall refuse to accept the card of any member, providing he holds it properly. Right here quite a debate sprang up on this vexed question. Mr. Moode, the Memphis, and Mr. Hurdle, the Richmond delegate, declaring they would surrender their charter if the resolution was passed. Mr. Evans, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Broughton, of North Carolina, each advocated the proposition. A motion to lay on the table was adopted by a vote of 30 to 9. Mr. Foxwell, of Baltimore, offered a substitute, affirming the existing law, which was also laid on the table.

The recommendation of the Secretary was approved and adopted, which provided that in future "permits to work" shall not be issued to printers unless they have a duly attested traveling card.

The Committee on Subordinate Unions reported adversely on the proposition to fix the time for electing officers of subordinate unions to the May meeting, agreed to; adversely on the proposition in opposition to the employment of apprentices at two-thirds wages, agreed to; adversely on the proposition to repeal Section I—"Standard of Type"—so as to allow subor-