

## AMALGAMATION OF 2 BOARDS IS CONSIDERED

Interesting Session of Five  
Years Meeting of Friends  
Held Friday

Problems concerning the working out of details involved in the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America brought to the attention of that body at the Friday morning session by the business committee, together with recommendations by the committee for a temporary arrangement were discussed by the delegates throughout the morning. Reports of the finance committee, treasurer, auditor and the board of trustees of the Five Years Meeting were also heard.

The recommendation concerning the amalgamation of the two boards adopted by the organization and which was submitted for approval by the Five Years' Meeting by Dr. Rufus M. Jones of New England Yearly Meeting as chairman of the business committee is as follows:

"Realizing the need for time in

working out the details involved in the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Mission boards under the arrangement for a new mission board we recommend that a temporary arrangement be made while the necessary work of completing the final organization is going forward. We suggest the following plan of organization to be effective from this time until the time of the usual annual meeting of the Foreign Mission board in May 1929.

(1) That the present American Friends Board of Foreign Missions continue as now constituted by the action of the respective yearly meetings.

(2) The separate yearly meeting delegations shall name one person to be a member of the Home Mission board in accord with its customary plan of appointment. There shall be seven members at large to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting.

(3) That the above Home board shall as usual appoint an executive committee of five members.

(4) Details incident to permanent organization of the new mission board shall be worked out by the executive committees of the two above named boards subject to the approval of the executive committee of the Five Years Meeting.

(a) The members of the new mission board shall be named by the several yearly meetings on the same numerical basis as now used in the appointment of the present American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, i. e., two members from each yearly meeting and one additional member for each 800 members or fraction thereof above 5,000. In addition there shall be not more than seven members at large to be nominated by the board itself and appointed by the executive committee.

(b) The two executive committees of the board jointly shall notify each yearly meeting of the Five Years Meeting concerning the plan of reorganization and inform the Yearly Meeting that the term of the officers of the representatives on the Home and Foreign boards will expire in May 1929 and that nominations be made for membership on the new mission board in accord with its quota as indicated above.

(5) It is the earnest desire of the Five Years Meeting that all concerned shall give great care and thought to the work of reorganization and appointment that the best interests of every field under our supervision shall be conserved and advanced.

The recommendation was adopted by the body following a decision that further consideration of the combining of the two boards, as suggested by Margaret Carey of Baltimore, would be futile and ineffective.

Another of the important items of business brought before the meeting by the business committee and which met with the approval of the delegates was the establishment of a Cuba Yearly Meeting. A request for such action had been sent to the Five Years Meeting by members of the Friends denomination in that country. It was recommended that a yearly meeting be established in Cuba to be organized and maintained under their own discipline and that arrangement for such action be made through the executive committee of the Five Years Meeting. The Cuba Yearly Meeting, will not, however, be considered a part of the Five Years Meeting.

A minute prepared in response to a request from Iowa Yearly Meeting urging that Friends restate their fundamental opposition to capital punishment was adopted during the

morning session as was the recommendation that a board on prohibition and public morals, to be made up of five members appointed by the Five Years Meeting through the committee on organization be appointed. Discussion over the wording of the title of the committee and whether or not the words, crime prevention, should be added, arose and while the contents of the recommendation were adopted, it was referred back to the business committee for rewording of title.

A minute providing for the organization of a Young Friends board to be made up of the heads of the Young Friends work and Christian Endeavor unions in each yearly meeting, seven members at large with one retiring each year, the new one to be nominated by the Young Friends executive board to the executive committee. The order in which members are retired is to be determined by the executive committee.

The appointment of a committee on arrangements for the Five Year Meeting sessions will be delegated to the executive committee of the Five Years Meeting and will be appointed about a year before the next Five Years Meeting according to a decision reached during the business hour.

Supplementary remarks concerning the report of the financial committee which is printed in the report of officers and boards given to delegates were made by Atwood Jenkins, secretary of the committee. A brief report by the auditor, Frances Wright, was read and a short talk was given by E. G. Crawford, treasurer of the Five Years Meeting in which he outlined the progress of Friends since the 1922 Five Years Meeting. The statistical report of the treasurer is incorporated in the printed report of boards and officers.

The plan of systematic giving as carried out by the Iowa Yearly Meeting was explained by Charles O. Whiteley of that delegation and discussed by different delegates in attendance at the session. A short report submitted by George H. Evans of Indianapolis representing the board of trustees was also read.