

One man got up and said, Our group has some very important ideas we'd like presented. He said, So-and-so, secretary of our group, would you hear from him? They called him in and he said, This group feels that we cannot yet agree upon a statement now. We should take a general concensus that we stand for inerrancy and then we should send papers around and eventually by correspondence get a statement."

That would have destroyed most of the effectiveness of the meeting. It would destroy most of its purpose. So I was very much tempted to go to the platform and to ask if I might say a word to the whole group and to say, What we are trying to do here is not to get a statement/^{on what}we ~~can~~ all agree on, but just --on many points-- but just to get a clear definite statement of things there is no question we agree on, on many points, but just to get a clear definite statement of things there is no question we agree on. And I cannot agree on every word of this but on the whole I think it's an excellent statement. I think we advance the whole work of Christ by signing it. Because the last thing we were supposed to do the next day was sign the statement.

Some who were advocating this said, I'd like to move that we do this. The man acting as chairman said, This is not an official meeting in which we have actions and motions. He said this is to be considered. Well, the man said, Let's have a straw vote. So they said, Let's have a straw vote. How many would like to do that? How many would like to simply affirm the small part? How many would like to put it back in the hands of the few leading members of the council, let them work on it some more and if it's as good as it is now, and we hope it will