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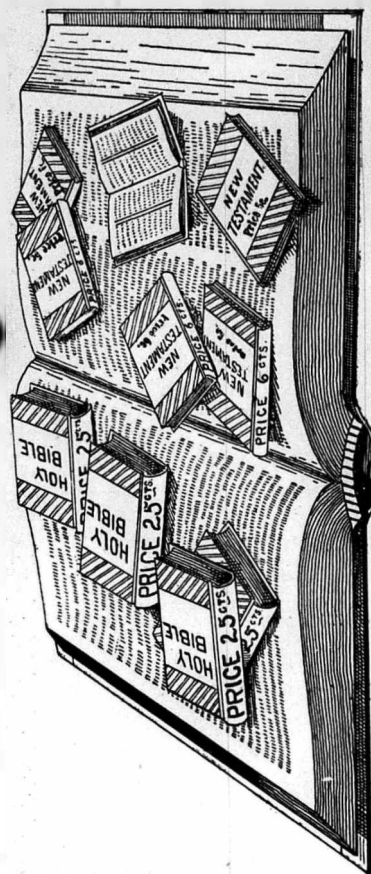
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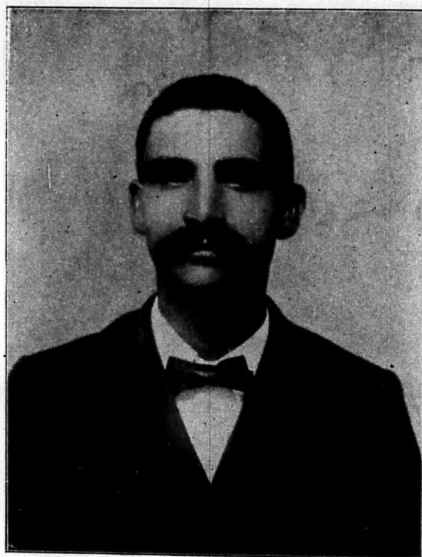
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Colored Baptists of the United States of America, convened in the city of Atlanta, Ga., September 28th, 1895, in the several organizations known as "The Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America," hitherto engaged in Mission work on the West Coast of Africa; the "National Baptist Convention," which has been engaged in mission work in the United States of America; and the "National Baptist Educational Convention," which has sought to look after the educational interest, that the interest of the kingdom of God require that the several bodies above named should, and do now, unite in one body. Therefore, we do now agree to and adopt the following Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be known and styled, THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE II.

THE OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to do mission work in the United States of America, in Africa and elsewhere abroad, and to foster the cause of education.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Convention shall be Representative, Life, and Annual. (1) Representative. Any Orthodox Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday school, Missionary Society, District and General Association, Sunday School Convention and State Convention may become Annual members by paying Five Dollars for every messenger representing such organization. The money to be paid for representation by the above-named bodies may be paid to any one of the Corresponding Secretaries of any of the Boards, for the objects of the work fostered by the Convention, at any time during the year. (2) Life. Any one in good standing in any regular Missionary Baptist

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Church may become a Life member by the payment of Twenty Dollars at the time of enrollment or Five Dollars for four consecutive years. (3) Annual. Any one who is a member of a regular Missionary Baptist Church in good standing may become an Annual member by the payment of One Dollar annually.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Convention shall be a President, one Vice President from each State and Territory represented, a Recording and an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer; all of whom shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President or any one of the Vice Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Convention. The Vice Presidents shall represent the interests of the Convention and the Boards in their respective States and Territories in co-operation with the State Boards, State Conventions and State Missionaries.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the annual meeting, compile and distribute the minutes of the annual proceedings, and shall see that minutes are sent to all the members, whether they be Representative, Life or Annual.

The Treasurer shall receive all money brought up to or collected at the annual meeting of the Convention, and shall, by order of the Convention, turn over the same to the Treasurers of the different Boards in accordance with the object for which the money was brought up to the Convention, or collected at the Convention. The Convention shall, however, order the payment of any bills or other expenses connected with the annual meeting, before the Treasurer of the Convention turns over the money to the Treasurers of the Boards. The Convention shall say how all undesignated funds shall be used.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall make an annual report to the Convention of all money paid out by him—to whom, for what and the amount turned over to the Treasurers of the Boards.

The Statistical Secretary shall gather the statistics of the denomination from year to year and is expected to make them as full as possible.

ARTICLE VI.

MANAGEMENT.

The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting, a Foreign Mission, a Home Mission and an Educational Board; and these Boards shall continue in office until a new election.

The Boards shall consist of fifteen members each. Each Board shall have a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and a Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording Secretary of each Board shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee of the Board.

The Treasurer of each Board shall receive and disburse all money of the Board. He shall keep a record of all money received and disbursed. He shall hold all deeds, bequests or other property of the Board he is Treasurer of, and his books shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Convention or of the Board. No money shall be paid out except by order of the Board from whose Treasurer it is to be drawn.

The Corresponding Secretary of each Board shall conduct the correspondence of the Board of which he is Secretary. He shall have the general management of the work of the Board, but shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may think best to make for the management of the work.

The officers of each Board together with two others elected by each Board shall constitute an Executive Committee of each Board. They shall be conveniently located so that they may have monthly meetings or may meet oftener. Each Board shall hold quarterly meetings, and shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the management of its business and its officers as they may think best. To each Board shall be committed, during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the objects with whose interest it shall be charged, all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the Constitutional provisions adopted by the Convention, and such other instructions as may be given by the Convention from time to time.

Each Board shall have power to make such compensation to its Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer as they think right.

The Boards shall require such security from their Treasurers as they think best. Each Board shall make an annual report to the Convention of all Mission and Educational work done by them during the year; the number of missionaries employed, their fields of labor; the character of the work done by each one; the salary paid each person, and the receipts and disbursements of all money during the year.

ARTICLE VII.

QUALIFICATIONS.

All Agents, Missionaries and Corresponding Secretaries employed by the Boards of this Convention must be members of some regular Baptist church in union with the churches composing this Convention. They must, previous to their appointment, furnish satisfactory evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in the Master's cause, and talents which fit them for the service for which they are to be employed.

MINUTES.

ARTICLE VIII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Convention shall hold annual meetings at such time and place as it may determine; but should anything occur to prevent the annual meeting at the time and place appointed, the Boards may arrange the time and place, and publish the same to the denomination.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed alterations or amendments are presented on the first day of the session and voted upon on the last day of the session.

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FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 14, 1898.

The delegates of the eighteenth annual session of the National Baptist Convention assembled in the Second Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., and were called to order by Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President, of Helena, Ark.

Rev. Mark Thompson, of Missouri, lined Hymn 166, "Come, let us join our cheerful voice," etc.

Rev. J. L. Cohron, of Missouri, read Psalm 1.

Revs. C. H. Clark, D. D., of Tennessee, and C. Wilson, of Missouri, offered prayers.

The Convention joined in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour," and Revs. S. X. Floyd, of Georgia, and E. E. Ware, of Oklahoma, led in prayer.

Addresses of welcome were then delivered by Revs. C. R. McDowell for the Baptists of Missouri, E. Arlington Wilson for the Baptists of Kansas, and Rev. S. W. Bacote for the Second Baptist Church and the citizens of Kansas City, Mo.

The response on the part of the Convention was then made by Rev. J. R. Bennett, of Arkansas.

The programme as prepared by the Executive Committee, with some slight alterations, was adopted.

The president then announced the following committees:

Enrollment.—C. H. Clark, D. D., Tennessee; R. Kemp, Florida; A. N. McEwen, Alabama; E. P. Marra, D. D., Kentucky; C. T. Walker, D. D., Georgia.

Finance.—W. F. Graham, Virginia; G. W. Raiford, Florida; R. T. Pollard, Alabama; J. M. Harris, Arkansas; G. B. Howard, Pennsylvania.

Adjourned with the benediction by Rev. G. B. Howard, of Pennsylvania.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 o'clock P. M., with Vice President Rev. S. E. Smith, of Kentucky, in the chair.

Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., and J. H. Roberts, of Tennessee, conducted devotional exercises.

In the absence of His Honor Mayor J. M. Jones, his personal representative, Mr. H. S. Hadley, made an admirable address, tendering the Convention the hospitality of the city.

Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., then delivered his annual address as President, which was approved, and the Board was ordered to print the same for general distribution.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Convention, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

It is by the grace of God that we are again permitted to meet in another annual Convention. Our purposes in gathering here as the representatives of a great church organization are manifold, and are of vital interest to a struggling race of people as well as to our own denomination. We are here to review the past with the hope of better planning for effectual work in the future. Words are inadequate to express the very high appreciation which I have for the privilege of addressing the most prominent representatives of my people, persons upon whose shoulders rests, in a great degree, the weal or woe of ten millions of negroes.

In the outset I want to thank you sincerely for the repeated honors which you have thrust upon me in choosing me for your President. I have endeavored to serve honestly and faithfully the trust reposed in me, and have at no time been unmindful of the fact that no greater honor lies within the gift of a people than the leadership of their denominational interests. This organization represents the largest and most invincible army of Negro Christians in the world, as well as a sisterhood of churches which has done more toward lifting up the masses of an emancipated race than any other denomination among our people.

Our presence in this great Western city is to serve notice upon the world that we are yet in the field, eighteen hundred thousand strong, to renew the conflict and to press the battle

for right principles and an uncompromising gospel into all the world for a witness unto all people.

The difficulties of the past year have been many and the obstacles very great. The clouds have at times been so very thick that nearly every great leader was hidden from view; but when those clouds would break away and the smoke of battle would rise from the field, we could look out and see them, as Jackson, "standing like a stone wall." The most serious difficulties which we have encountered the past year have been from within. In a great organization like ours we have "many men of many minds," and in a denomination which grants to every man the right to think, act, and interpret for himself, since he does not transcend the authority of the Bible, it is expected that some disagreements will arise; but we count such as light afflictions and console ourselves with the thought that "they will endure only for a season."

A very grave misunderstanding—and, I may add, misrepresentation—grew out of our meetings held in Boston one year ago. I do not charge that any one with willful intent has tried to disrupt our National Convention, but it is known to every man who attended that meeting that it has been held before the world in a false light by some of our brethren who ought to have known better. I am charitable enough, however, to say that the brethren doubtless were honest in the publications made and believed they were right.

The people of our country have been told that the Boston meeting was a "mob," that "the right of free speech was suppressed," and that "visiting white brethren were treated with the utmost discourtesy." These statements have had some effect upon the work, but have not prevented its success, for

Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again.

The truth of the matter is that the greatest, grandest, most enjoyable, and most orderly meeting ever held by our National Convention was the one held at Boston. The people of that grand city, without regard to race, color, or condition, united in helping to make the meeting a complete success, opening to us the most historic halls and grandest churches, and turning out in large numbers and mingling freely with the members of the Convention; and they were a unit in their praise of the

meeting. As to there being the slightest discourtesy toward any class of our visitors, it can be said that such a statement is entirely without foundation. So far as the charge that the color line was drawn is concerned, I would say that it, too, is without the semblance of truth. The fact is generally known that the National Baptist Convention is an organization composed of messengers from regular Baptist Churches, Associations, Conventions, etc.; and while our Constitution does not mention the fact, it is understood that all these are organizations among the Negro Baptists. Our white brethren recognize it thus, and, therefore, none of their Churches or Conventions send any messengers to our meetings. However, I venture to say that, should they do so, such messengers would be received on perfect equality with our own. At most of our meetings we have had fraternal messengers from the great societies among our white brethren, and it is useless for me to say that in every case they have been cordially received and given a most hearty welcome; and I hope the day will never come when we will not have the fraternal visits of these brethren. Moreover, I wish to assure you that there is no desire on the part of the management of the Convention to widen the breach or to encourage further separation between the "white" and "colored" Christians in this country; but the management is not blind to the fact that the white and colored people in this country are as separate in nearly every profession and calling in life as if they lived in different worlds. We verily believe that the time will come when there will be no separate Christian institutions, and would gladly welcome such to-day; but as the day has not yet come and the "strong," who "should bear the infirmities of the weak," are not yet ready to obliterate those lines, the thing for us to do is to go forward, do something, get something, so that when the day shall come around to unite the Baptist forces of America in one great society we will have something to offer as a separate and distinct race of people.

Another thing which has, perhaps, somewhat hindered our progress is the fact that our country has been engaged in war with another nation. While some of the wisest and greatest men of our country deprecate war and did all in their power to prevent it, nevertheless there was no way out of having an

armed conflict with Spain and maintain our honor as a Christian nation. When our Chief Magistrate had done all in his power to prevent active hostility, and at the same time bring about a peaceable settlement of the inhuman, uncivilized Cuban war; and when he saw that his own and other Christian charities that were being extended to the starving women and children, whose husbands and fathers were fighting for freedom, had been challenged and resisted by Spanish arms, his great heart, which met with quick vibration from seventy million other hearts, rose up and said that Spanish barbarity and misrule must cease. You know the results up to this time.

But the war is not yet ended, notwithstanding the fact that peace negotiations are now pending and actual hostilities have ceased. Through the mists that rise over the battlefield and in the ragged ranks of the poor and oppressed slaves of Spanish tyranny, the Church of God sees an opportunity to plant the banner of the Cross in places made more accessible by the triumphant victory of the American flag. Wherever the flag of our country has been borne in triumph the principles of religious liberty have also been carried.

THE AMERICAN FLAG A SYMBOL.

That grand old flag is a significant symbol to every patriotic American. Its colors and peculiar arrangement are object lessons, and inspire love for home and native land. To me it is an emblem of resplendent beauty. Not only do the stars represent the sisterhood of the States, but they recall the beautiful sentiment spoken by Job when he says, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" while the beautiful colors recall the bow of promise which God has placed in the clouds, and inspire confidence that the principles which our flag represent shall be extended to every nation.

Our race in this country, for many years held as slaves, and not now enjoying the full and complete protection of that flag, challenges the whole country to find a class of people more loyal. Wherever and whenever it has been placed in the hands of the ebony-hued sons of America its folds have not been allowed to trail in the dust. The American Negro can look through the "reign of terror" to which he has been subjected, and from which he now suffers, and see the ultimate triumph of those principles which lie at the very foun-

dation of our government—that “all men are created free and equal,” etc. He believed that the success of this flag in the Revolutionary War would bring a better day, and followed it then; he followed it under Jackson without the hope of reward, and he saved it from dishonor in the Civil War; he also bravely led the charge under those colors at Santiago, and will ever remain loyal to it until this is indeed and in truth

The land of the free and the home of the brave.

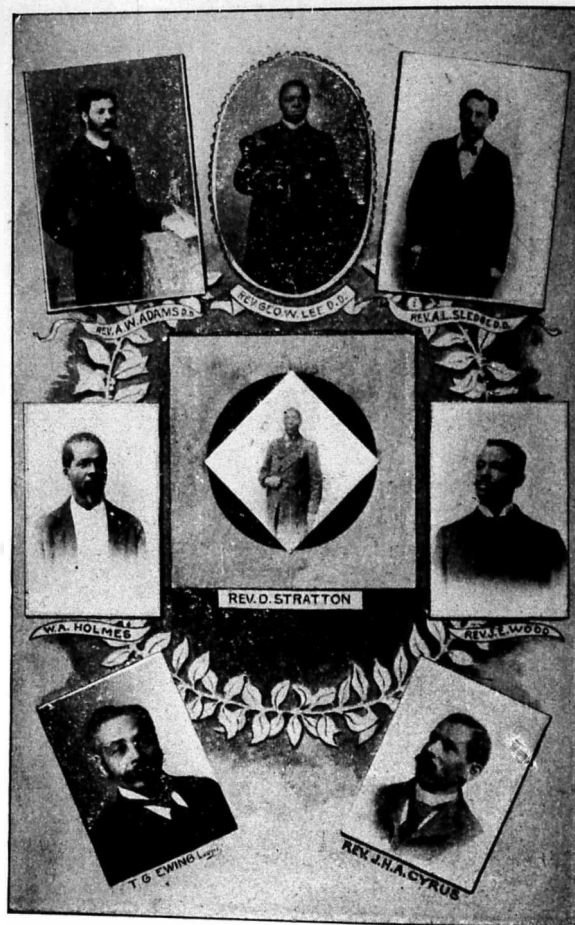
MOB VIOLENCE.

One of the most serious menaces of our country to-day is the unbridled spirit of mob violence, which, I am sorry to say, seems to be on the increase. There seems to be an unholy alliance between some of the officers of the law and the mob to overturn the very foundation on which our government rests. This condition of affairs cannot long exist without seriously affecting the whole country. The causes which have in many instances led to the taking of human life without judge or jury are held up as an excuse for the mobs' shameful work. While I insist that our ministers should speak out in no unmistakable terms against every class of crime, and especially the most heinous of all crimes—rape—at the same time I insist that the men who gather for no other purpose than to empty their revolvers into the body of a helpless criminal are themselves guilty of a crime which shall cry out from the ground, and God will, if the people do not repent and turn from this sin, overthrow the government; and I call to the Church to-day in the words of another, “To your knees, to your knees, O Church,” and let us move this blight from our land. Bear in mind that God has said: “Vengeance is mine.”

OUR FOREIGN WORK.

The Foreign Mission Board has labored against great odds during the past year, greater odds than any which have confronted it in any year of its existence, and yet with perhaps greater success. It was thought that the apparent differences which existed between the Board and the ex-members of the Richmond Board had been satisfactorily settled when the chairman of the Louisville Board agreed at Boston to yield every point and accept whatever plan the brethren at Richmond might suggest; and it was not known that a portion of





the brethren were bent on splitting the Convention until after the adjournment of the meeting. When the question of dividing the country into districts for more effectually doing foreign mission work was raised by the Virginia delegation at Boston, the attention of the Convention was called to the fact that such an order had been made one year previous, and the Secretary informed the Convention that the work of districting the country was then in progress. It was thought that this fact would give general satisfaction, and the Board was advised to proceed at once to form said districts. This the Board proceeded to do; but it developed that this was not satisfactory to some of the brethren, and that nothing short of an independent organization would be acceptable. Just what success the District Convention has had I am unable to say, but I am sure that no cause has ever existed in this body which would in any way justify the action of the brethren in an attempt to divide our forces in this great work.

THE WORK OF THE TWO BOARDS COMPARED.

From the organization of the Foreign Mission Convention, in 1880, to the consolidation of the three Conventions, in 1895, the Foreign Mission Board was located at Richmond, Va. Since that time the Board has been located at Louisville, Ky. It has been my pleasure to be an ardent supporter of the foreign mission work under both of these Boards, and I have an unbiased knowledge of the work accomplished by each of them. For years the Board at Richmond labored through its missionaries to maintain mission stations on the West Coast of Africa among the Vey tribes. I need not tell you the sad story of how we were driven out of that country, and that Brother Coles, who was the last to preach there, and Sister Coles barely escaped with their lives. I do not attach any blame to the Board at Richmond for the misfortunes which befell the work under its charge. They did the best they could, and all that they did has been destroyed; and when the Board at Louisville took charge of the work, they had but little more than the name with which to commence. Brother Jackson, who had gone out to Africa of his own account, was subsequently taken up; and an effort was made through him to establish a mission station at Cape Town, South Africa. The present Board has been on the field for only three years, and has fourteen missionaries as-

tively engaged. While it has had some reverses, it is too magnanimous to charge any Christians in this country with it.

That you may know of some of the things with which Baptists have to contend, I give you here an exact quotation from a letter received from Brother John Tule, who went to Arica since the adjournment of our meeting at Boston:

"I reached here in May last, and from that time I have preached, and have baptized twenty-one precious souls, and went to the Petty Chief for a mission site. After his consent, we went to work and made three thousand bricks with our own hands; and, in spite of that, the Wesleyan (Methodist) missionaries went to the chief and offered him money to drive us out of his locality, and there and then came he and his tribe, armed, and broke all our bricks; and we went to the magistrate of that district, who demanded the contract of our Board as their authorized agent, but were unable to produce one, and then and there were warned not to preach in that district."

The fact that these missionaries were forced to leave the country has caused some of our brethren to accuse the Board of not giving them the proper support. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

The Foreign Mission Board has not been as aggressive as I think it might have been; but when I consider the unwarranted attacks made by our own brethren and the effort of some to lead the people away from the Convention, I wonder how it has done so well.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

This is the Board whose work has caused so much comment and which has caused many of our good brethren to criticize severely the action of the National Baptist Convention in authorizing the Board to begin the publication of Sunday school periodicals; but the wisdom of that act will be seen in the success which has crowned the efforts of the Home Mission Board in this special line of work. It is needless now that I say a single word in defense of this great undertaking on the part of the Negro Baptists, but it is necessary that something be said concerning the charges which have been brought against the project and against its friends. It has been said that those of us who have fostered this enterprise and have contended that it was a necessity in order to show to the world that we are wor-

thy of the sacrifices made for our race, and also for the purpose of training ourselves in the management of great concerns, are ungrateful creatures, and are drawing the color line by endeavoring to have a business of our own and then attending to it. The charge is a grave one, and should be given more than a passing notice; for if it be true that we have suffered more on account of that thing called the "color line" than any other people in the country, and if it be true that in less than forty years we have forgotten the wonderful sacrifices of men and means for the elevation of our race, which had been driven to the lowest depths of degradation by slavery, then such miserable wretches as we are unfit for the association of good people; but I wish to say that the charge is without foundation, and we challenge the whole country to find a set of men who have done more to obliterate the "color line" in our religious societies or who have shown by their acts more of the true spirit of gratitude than those who are the friends to this enterprise. Before this enterprise had a beginning those who are now fostering it endeavored in every honorable way to secure a proper recognition of our leading men in the publication house which had for thirty years been our benefactor and was at the time receiving ninety per cent. of our patronage. No undue haste was taken in the matter, but for years the question was discussed in our meetings and brought to the attention of the Board of the Publication Society; and when "patience ceased to be a virtue," we then set about laying a foundation for ourselves.

I sincerely believe, my brethren, that God, who is now carrying the race through a period of transition without a parallel in its history, has permitted this to come upon us for our own good. There can be no comparison between our Publication Board's work and that of other societies in a like work. It required many years for some of these to even reach the place to publish a paper to accompany a few tracts which they issued; others began with a borrowed capital; but we commenced with nothing but faith in God and the justice of our cause.

I am glad to say to you that, notwithstanding we were accused of issuing "backs which covered white men's brains," in less than two years from the date of our first issue we are turning out more than 200,000 periodicals each quarter, and

that the entire work, from the janitor in the printing office to the editor at his desk, is done by our own people, and that the machinery on which the work is done and the building in which it is done are the property of this Convention; and I may add that this Board has in its employ thirty men and women of our race, all of whom are paid regularly from the Secretary's office once every quarter. The Board's report will show the financial standing of the Publication Department, and I need not enlarge upon that; but shall I not ask you to share with us the joy we have in the fact that we can no longer be regarded as mere consumers in the literary world, but that we may be justly termed producers, and that five thousand of the best Negro Sunday schools in this land buy that literature from the counter made by this Convention and from the hands of the very men you appointed to stand behind it?

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

You will recall the fact that I recommended the consolidation of the Home Mission Board and the Educational Board in my report at Boston one year ago. Since no action was taken upon the recommendation, I will say that, aside from the publication of the magazine, nothing has been done. Dr. Johnson has endeavored to get his Board together to plan for assisting in the educational work of the denomination, but to no avail. There is a broader and greater opportunity before this Board than before either of the other Boards. However, I am still of the opinion that the work of the two Boards should be consolidated. The magazine has been allowed to fall upon the hands of a few, and yet it has been a success—not as great a success as it deserves, for it must be made to represent in the highest degree the best thought and best literary talent in the denomination; and this can be done by the Convention's giving to it the support it deserves.

CO-OPERATION.

Much has been said during the past year on the matter of co-operation between the white and colored Baptists along educational lines in the South. I have been free, as an individual, to express myself in favor of co-operation; but I am for that co-

operation which indeed co-operates. The work of the National Baptist Convention has been held up as an obstacle to the co-operation of the Baptist societies in the work of missions and education among the Negroes in the South. Neither the Convention nor its officers, at any time, in any way, desired or attempted to discourage the plan, nor has the Board or the Convention ever been asked to consider or in any way advise in the matter; and until the other Baptist societies recognize that there is in existence such a thing as a National Baptist Convention, no official notice will be taken of the co-operative plan. Personally, I would welcome the day when a plan could be entered into that would not only obliterate the color line, but at the same time wipe out all sectional lines; but the burden of this great undertaking will fall first and heaviest upon the shoulders of our white brethren, who must open the way for co-operation in all the branches of work carried on by the Baptists in this country.

A PLEA FOR UNITY.

Many well-disposed, devout, Christian brethren who desire no doubt to see the very best things done for the race and the denomination have deemed it expedient, in order to secure the aid and co-operation of our stronger brethren, to play neutral upon the work of this Convention, and some have said we should surrender all and let other societies do the work we are endeavoring to do. Such an action would be without precedent, and, if followed, would destroy every atom of manhood there is in the members of our churches. Brethren, what we need, and what we must have if we are ever to command the respect of our white brother, is unity. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" is as applicable to-day as it was in the days of the Psalmist. We have 1,600,000 people who are as loyal to their churches as any that ever lived; and if we can succeed in getting the 14,000 Baptist ministers united in the great work before us, no power on earth can prevent our carrying to success every object of this Convention. If you will indulge the speculation, I will say that I believe that an all-wise Providence has the matter in hand, and that he is effectually using the other race to drive ours together; for those who yesterday were the most bitter opponents of Negro enterprises—Negro Conventions, Negro

Churches, Negro Associations, Negro papers, Negro magazines, Negro song books, etc.—are to-day loudest in their claim for such organizations. I need not give the reasons, for every daily paper in the land furnishes the reason why we should be united; but let us hope that the day will come, and that by our unanimity of action we will help to bring it on, when there will be "neither Jew nor Greek."

As I come to consider the discussion in our own ranks, I am constrained to say, in the words of Hosea: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." My brethren, will you hear me for my people's sake, for the generations that are to follow us? Is there no way by which we can prevent the systematic methods used to keep our people divided and to make them war against each other in everything, from a small grocery store to the greatest religious society among us? Wherever and whenever an honest effort is made to do anything for the race, persons can be found who, like Catiline, sit in counsel with us, and, on going out, immediately seek to overthrow every plan laid. When I look at these things, I am in full sympathy with Paul when he says: "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

Help us to build each other up,
Our little stock improve;
Increase our faith, confirm our hope,
And perfect us in love.

Do not think me pessimistic. I have faith in God and in the ultimate unity and triumph of our churches in this work, for I think I can see through the dim vista of time, as we go forward and grasp the problems of life and keep pace in the steady march of civilization, one Grand Army of Christian Believers; and I can hear the tramp of an unnumbered throng, like the voice of many waters, and, listening still, I can hear the voice of that multitude as they raise the old battle cry of "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism;" and in that grand procession, as they march against the powers of darkness, I

can see the Galilean Jew sitting in the chariot with the Ethiopian eunuch, and their song is: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever."

The following report of the Foreign Mission Board was then read by its chairman, Rev. John H. Frank.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Sept. 1, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Assembled—Greeting:

"Grace, Mercy and Peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus, our Lord."

We, your servants, "for Jesus' sake," count it a privilege and an honor to have been used of God, as we think in furthering in the earth the truth as it is in Jesus. Conscious of our obligations, and realizing the urgency of the message, we have done what we could, believing that to give the gospel to the world is the highest calling of the Baptist Church.

In sorrow we have noted the lack of missionary interest, zeal and liberality on the part of pastors, many of whom hinder rather than help the growth of mission ideas in the churches. We again come to you pleading for systematic beneficence in the churches, loyalty to the policy of the Convention, and for a reconsecration of ourselves and all our forces to home and foreign missions.

That each member of the Convention may have this annual report for present examination and future reference, it is submitted in pamphlet form.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

NOTE.—To avoid the expense of printing an itemized statement of receipts, such as appeared from time to time in the Herald, and an itemized account of expenditures as recorded in our books, we give aggregate receipts by States and apportioned disbursements.

Alabama	\$ 197 79
Arkansas	376 54
California	16 86
Connecticut	57 74
District of Columbia	164 68
Florida	301 34
Georgia	146 80
Indiana	21 61
Illinois	30 58
Indian Territory	1 50
Iowa	9 05
Kentucky	449 70

Louisiana	182 91
Maryland	48 35
Mississippi	478 87
Missouri	166 05
Massachusetts	42 70
New Hampshire	2 00
New York	50 84
New Jersey	18 85
North Carolina	142 70
Ohio	64 28
Oklahoma Territory	4 50
Pennsylvania	235 44
Rhode Island	60 90
South Carolina	121 75
Tennessee	177 73
Texas	515 39
Virginia	117 67
West Virginia	62 47

Total from States	\$4,267 79
Brought over from 1897	656 20
Received from Boston Convention	1,125 90

Grand Total.....\$6,049 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

To missionaries on salary	\$2,513 81
To missionaries on expenses	474 04
To Herald account	393 25
To office and clerical help	451 23
To Corresponding Secretary on salary	953 28
To traveling expenses	489 11
To expenses on field	199 15
To maps, literature and stationery for district secretaries	250 60
To rent	84 00
To ex-Treasurer for services and expenses	62 00

Total	\$5,870 47
Balance	179 42
Credited to chapel fund	500 00
Due chapel fund from general fund	320 58

ASSETS.

Office outfit, Louisville, Ky.	
Lot and chapel furniture, Cape Town, Africa.	
Two hundred acres and church house, Brewerville, Africa.	
Three hundred acres, parsonage and chapel in building, Middle Drift, Africa.	
Land at Cape Mound.	

DEBTS.

To Missionaries:—

Rev. J. O. Hayes	\$ 40 00
Rev. J. I. Buchanan	152 80
Rev. R. A. Jackson	3 40
Rev. John Tule	49 17
Rev. E. B. P. Koti	35 00

Total to missionaries	\$ 280 37
To Corresponding Secretary	46 72

Received of New England Convention	\$ 100 00
Second District	35 00

BAPTIST WOMEN.

Our hearty thanks are due and are hereby tendered those noble women who have done valuable service for Africa in generous contributions, personal and organized work. Many of them have gladly and earnestly pressed forward the past year in the work of the Master. Doubtless they have won divine approval and in some manner promoted the welfare of the people in heathen darkness.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

West Coast, Africa.—Rev. J. O. Hayes and wife, Brewerville, Liberia; Rev. R. L. Stewart and wife, Monrovia; Mrs. Cruso, Monrovia.
South Africa.—Rev. R. A. Jackson and wife, Cape Town; Bro. E. B. P. Koti and wife, Queenstown; Rev. J. I. Buchanan and wife, Middle Drift; Rev. John Tule and Mrs. Mamie Branton Tule, Cape Town.
 Rev. J. F. Wilson, who is now in Africa.
 Rev. D. N. E. Campbell, M. D., Cuba.

Rev. R. L. Stewart is yet in this country engaged in disseminating knowledge and raising money for the Monrovia Church and school. He is an able man and worthy of liberal support.

OUR WORK ON THE WEST COAST.

The work at Monrovia has been greatly hampered because of Bro. Stewart's absence and want of funds. It is hoped that he can sail after this session. Our special appeal for \$500 for the "Cole Memorial Hall," for Bro. Stewart's boys, should be complied with. Ten years of Bro. Cole's life was given to our African work on the West Coast. By this act we can honor God and remember a faithful servant. Bro. Stewart has been enabled, however, to keep things going by funds collected from his lectures. Sad to relate, some good meaning pastors take one-third to one-half of that little is given to the work by the people for the use of their churches, when all money raised should be given.

Bro. J. O. Hayes, at Brewerville, reports a number of baptisms, the ordination of one minister, licensing one, and a growing interest in his work. He has attained a special place of influence with the Liberian Government and native chiefs, which will enable him to do a greater work for Christ. He writes that he has secured a hundred acres of land, by gift of the Legislature, for the establishment of an industrial school.

Rev. J. I. Buchanan has had phenomenal success. In twelve months eight stations have been opened, 210 persons baptized into the fellowship of the churches, and a chapel and parsonage built. He asks the churches, by plans submitted by your Board, for a Bible and a bell. The Mt. Horeb Sunday School, of Greenville, Miss., promises the Bible and to pay the freight on it, and the Second Baptist Sunday School, of Helena, Ark., is raising \$75 to pay for a bell and the freight. At Middle Drift Rev. Buchanan has succeeded in securing a tract of three hundred acres of land, is building a chapel 18x30 feet, and a parsonage with three rooms. He asks your Board for \$350 for a chapel. The Baptists of Mississippi promise to give said amount; \$21.25 have been given in cash and \$335 in pledges.

Bro. Eben B. P. Koti, Queenstown, writes encouragingly. Being only a licentiate, he must look to Bros. Jackson, Buchanan or Tule for assistance. His place being the headquarters of another organization makes this station of no little importance.

Rev. J. F. Wilson, who went to South Africa at his own expense, from the Boston meeting, writes that he has baptized a number of converts, both Africans and Caucasians. He has had the moral support of the F. M. B. for the past year, and it is likely he will be approved a missionary.

Rev. R. A. Jackson has had but little correspondence with the Board the past year, and none that breathed the Christian spirit. He has done much to cripple the work, magnifying errors of judgment into mountains of crime, and slandering the Board at the hands of editors, who seemed to take special delight in condemning the Board upon *ex parte* testimony. We are of the opinion that Rev. R. A. Jackson's usefulness in connection with this Convention is at an end.

The following from the Baptist Missionary Magazine shows the progress of our principles in Cape Town:

"The South African Baptist Union has two associations and includes the churches in Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange Free State and the South African Republic. The English Association reports 23 churches, 22 pastors, 1,884 members and 2,165 scholars in Sunday schools; the German Association has 6 churches, 6 pastors, 1,111 members and 661 Sunday school scholars, making 29 churches, 28 pastors, 2,995 church members and 2,826 attendants at Sunday school. We are glad to note a growth in all lines of work. Cape Town has the largest English Baptist Church, with 241 members, but Port Elizabeth follows close after with 228. The German churches at King Williams Town and Stutterheim have 328 and 314 members respectively. An excellent

little paper, 'The South African Baptist,' is published monthly, which is now issued from Port Elizabeth. President Paul Kruger's troubles with the British Government have not checked the onward course of the Baptist Church in Pretoria, the capital of the South Africa Republic, which has grown in a year from 40 to 66 members. Kimberly and Johannesburg, known to Americans chiefly for their diamond and gold mines, have flourishing Baptist churches. South Africa is one of the most progressive and prosperous regions of the earth at the present time. Less than 3,000 Baptists contributed more than \$50,000 for the support of their churches and missions among the natives the past year."

To insure permanent results of a high order, the prayers of our churches and material support of all are solicited, that your Board may station a thoroughly competent superintendent-pastor in this important center.

Rev. John Tule and wife are fine workers. We have great confidence in their ability and love for the cause. They have had some success at E. Griguland, but met with a spirit of resistance from others, calling themselves children of God. A missionary of a society paid to have a native mob organized to destroy his work. Your Board has attempted to have the matter made right through the proper channels.

However, owing to inexperience and, we think, an excess of zeal, rather than malicious intent, Mrs. Tule gave to the American press a letter or two that tended, as did other letters, to impede rather than further the progress of our work.

CUBA.

Now in the providence of God, Cuba is open to the reception of the gospel. Pursuant to which Rev. D. N. E. Campbell, M. D., upon ample endorsements for the position, has been appointed general missionary to Cuba, and will be instructed to establish regular Missionary Baptist churches, found schools and disseminate Bible doctrine in the "Gem of the Antilles."

OUR STUDENTS.

In a providential way Bro. Jao. Chilembwe, of East Central Africa, came to your Board, seeking a Christian education, as did Alfred Impey and Montie Kamma, from South Africa.

The Pennsylvania Baptist Convention provides a scholarship in Virginia Seminary for Bro. Chilembwe. Dr. Meeserve, President of Shaw University and Dr. Parrish, President of Extein Norton University, respectively, made Impey and Kamma beneficiaries of their schools. Kamma accepted Christ and was baptized by Dr. Parrish, and he shows commendable progress in his studies.

Young Impey died at the Southern Pines Sanitarium, N. C., April 4. He was a young man of much promise. Suitable mention of him appeared in the Herald.

CHARGES AGAINST YOUR BOARD.

In a statement issued in May the Board said:

"Grave charges have been made against your Board by two of our missionaries, namely, Rev. R. A. Jackson and Mrs. John Tule.

"The first knowledge that your Board received of any dissatisfaction of our missionaries was from the public press, not from the missionaries themselves. To lay their complaints before the public before addressing the Board, warrants the suspension, and even the dismissal, of such missionaries, and we have written them as much."

Our financial statement and the records of the office refute much criticism, and show that by no means have the missionaries been either neglected or abandoned.

All men make mistakes.

The Board does not claim perfection. It does, however, aver that not one mistake, if there were mistakes, was purposed. We hold ourselves as a Board and as individuals, ready to give a reason for each of our official acts.

We deplore dissensions and schisms in our ranks, and plead for unity, peace and progress, asking that, side by side, with hearts linked and faces toward the future, we advance, saying with united voices: "There is yet much land to be possessed."

THE DISTRICT PLAN.

At our St. Louis meeting we were authorized to district the country as was thought best to further the work. The districts are as follows:

First District—New England States, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia. Office of District Secretary, Washington, D. C.

Second District—Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin. Office of District Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.

Third District—North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee. Office of District Secretary, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth District—Georgia, Florida, Alabama. Office of District Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

Fifth District—Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas. Office of District Secretary, —.

Sixth District—Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, States and Territories West. Office of District Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.

The district plan was not intended to make new bodies, but, like other older Baptist bodies, we aimed to operate through existing organizations. The plan has already proven itself a wise one where competent District Secretaries have labored, supported by local pastors.

District Secretaries A. J. Skinner, D. D., Rev. J. C. Tobin, Rev. R. Kemp, Rev. J. R. Bennett, Rev. A. J. Smith, D. D., and Rev. C. R.

McDowell, have done commendable work in educating the people; serving without fixed salaries, receiving a percentage of the money collected.

LITERATURE.

Reading matter is a necessity. Other organizations spend thousands for tracts, etc. We have on hand manuscripts for several booklets and tracts, but want of money hinders our making use of them at present. By the Herald, circulars and letters, we have reached our people everywhere, and the interest in Africa's redemption is growing steadily and surely. Rudimentary knowledge of missions will demand more advanced literature, and such a demand will bring the needed printed pages.

THE BAPTIST PRESS.

The thanks of the whole denomination and of your Foreign Mission Board in particular are due those editors who have so nobly stood by your Board when disorganizers and disunionists were demanding their resignations and denouncing them as dishonest, incompetent, extravagant missionary murderers, and urging the churches not to send money to the Treasurer. Surely such conduct is reprehensible and unchristian. Even the courts of the land refuse to condemn men before hearing them.

Special and honorable mention is made of the Georgia Baptist, Rev. J. White, D. D., editor; American Baptist, W. H. Steward, editor; Baptist Vanguard, Pres. J. A. Booker, editor; Baptist Truth, Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., editor; Baptist Magazine, Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D., editor.

THE FUTURE.

To us this is the all-important hour of decision, and surely thinking people see that the future will demand of us more and greater gifts than has the past.

The missionaries, too, are to enlarge their scope. In addition to church work proper, more attention must be given to schools, mental and industrial, medical and agricultural. But until pastors voluntarily and systematically support the Board by cultivating their fields—the churches—we can not attain the high degree of proficiency now so much desired. The light that shines brightest at home sends its rays farthest abroad.

Doubtless many brethren are of the opinion that the expense of the home field is too great for the amount placed in foreign fields. It should be remembered, however, that salaries, rent, printing, traveling and other office expenses to collect \$50,000 a year need not be greater than to collect \$5,000 a year. When the churches increase their contributions the expenses will not be figures so glaring and such an eye-sore to chronic complainers. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and the

time will never come when people may cease to give, nor when we may enjoy a harvest where there has been no sowing, and sowing costs time, labor and money.

The morning of the twentieth century is dawning upon us. New men, new methods, new expenses must precede new developments and the bounteous harvest of the millenium. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Asking the prayers and constant support of the denomination at home and abroad, and thanking all for kind words spoken, sacrifices made, and cherishing the hope of abundant success in the ensuing year, we are, in the love of the gospel,

Your obedient servants,

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

JOHN H. FRANK, *Chairman*.

At the conclusion of the report Rev. John H. Frank addressed the Convention at length upon the same.

Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D., of the District of Columbia, was appointed a member of the Auditing Committee in the place of Rev. A. C. Powell, who was absent.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. Taylor, of Texas.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 8 o'clock, P. M., with Vice President Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., of Alabama, in the chair.

Rev. J. M. Harris, of Arkansas, read the seventh chapter of 2 Cor., and Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., of Georgia, offered prayer.

The choir sang "Praise Him."

Rev. J. F. Wells, of Kansas City, Kan., representing the Baptists of that city, and Rev. F. J. Peck, of the A. M. E. Church, of this city, tendered a cordial welcome to the Convention in short addresses.

Rev. M. W. Gilbert, of Georgia, then preached the annual sermon from Matt. ix. 37-38: "Then saith He unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Theme: "The great harvest and few laborers."

Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., of Georgia, offered prayer. A collection of \$40.55 was raised.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. M. W. Gilbert.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Sept. 15, 1898.

The Convention met at 9:30 o'clock A. M., with Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President, in the chair.

Revs. A. T. Ayers, of Texas, and E. W. Merchant, of Virginia, conducted devotional services.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

Revs. L. W. Thompson, of Missouri, and G. W. Ward, of Mississippi, were appointed ushers.

The recommendations contained in the President's address were read and referred with all other matters pertaining to the questions mentioned to a special committee to be composed of one delegate from each State.

Consideration was resumed of the report of the Foreign Mission Board, with Rev. J. H. Frank, of Kentucky, in the chair.

Addresses were made by Revs. L. G. Jordan, A. J. Smith, R. Kemp and C. R. McDowell.

Rev. E. H. Borden, of Illinois, read the tenth chapter of Matthew and offered prayer.

Rev. H. D. Prowd, of Ohio, lined Hymn 196, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

Rev. S. N. Vass, of North Carolina, preached from text Matt. x. 39: "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Theme: "Philosophy of Consecration."

Rev. J. O. B. Lowry offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2:30 o'clock P. M., with Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President in the chair.

Revs. W. J. White, D. D., of Georgia; J. Q. A. Wilhite, of Alabama; J. H. Hoke, of Arkansas, and P. S. L. Hutchins, of Georgia, conducted devotional services.

The President then announced the appointment of the following committees.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. N. McEwen, Alabama; A. H. Miller, Arkansas; G. W. Lee, D. D., District of Columbia; D. H. Brown, M. D., Florida; P. S. L. Hutch-

ins, Georgia; W. H. Anderson, D. D., Indiana; Chas. Stewart, Illinois; W. L. Grant, Kansas; J. H. Frank, Kentucky; H. B. W. Brown, Louisiana; A. W. Adams, Massachusetts; E. B. Topp, Mississippi; C. R. McDowell, Missouri; R. D. Proud, Ohio; W. A. Creditt, Pennsylvania; H. C. Owen, Tennessee; F. L. Lights, Texas; L. L. Campbell, Texas; R. H. Bowling, D. D., Virginia; C. H. Payne, D. D., West Virginia.

RESOLUTIONS.

A. J. Stokes, D. D., Alabama; P. R. Neil, Arkansas; C. R. Champ, District of Columbia; R. Kemp, Florida; W. L. Jones, Georgia; J. W. Carr, Indiana; D. E. Murff, Iowa; H. V. Plummer, Kansas; W. O. Hooper, Kentucky; J. M. Carter, Louisiana; H. J. Burton, Missouri; G. W. Ward, Mississippi; S. N. Vass, North Carolina; G. B. Howard, Pennsylvania; J. C. Daniels, South Carolina; J. H. Roberts, Tennessee; J. A. Dennis, Texas; H. M. Williams, Texas; J. H. A. Cyrus, Virginia; Mrs. C. H. Payne, West Virginia; J. Haygood, Iowa; D. Wilson, Oklahoma; S. M. Hall, Colorado.

EDUCATION.

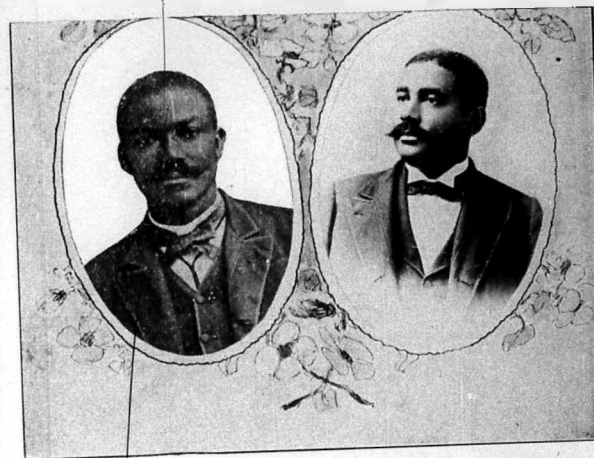
J. Q. A. Wilhite, Alabama; J. W. Mahoney, Arkansas; W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., District of Columbia; R. Kemp, Florida; J. P. Gordon, Georgia; W. H. Anderson, D. D., Indiana; E. H. Borden, Illinois; W. L. Grant, Kansas; Mrs. Clara P. Frank, Kentucky; Wm. Hamilton, Louisiana; A. T. Stewart, Mississippi; Mark Thompson, Missouri; S. N. Vass, North Carolina; R. D. Phillips, Ohio; Katie Harris, Oklahoma; W. H. Phillips, D. D., Pennsylvania; D. W. Blythwood, South Carolina; A. O. Kenney, Tennessee; J. R. E. Lee, Texas; L. L. Campbell, Texas; W. F. Graham, Virginia; C. H. Payne, D. D., West Virginia; W. E. De Claybrooks, Colorado; D. H. Harris, Minnesota; J. H. Jones, Iowa.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

A. N. McEwen, Alabama; S. L. Short, Arkansas; S. M. Hall, Colorado; A. W. Willbanks, District of Columbia; W. H. Hurd, Tennessee; E. W. D. Isaac, Texas; G. W. Raiford, Florida; Silas X. Floyd, Georgia; W. H. Anderson, D. D., Indiana; Jas. Thomas, Illinois; P. W. Barker, Kansas; S. E. Smith, Kentucky; J. B. Livingston, Louisiana; E. B. Topp, Mississippi; T. L. Smith, Missouri; R. D. Phillips, Ohio; S. S. Jones, Oklahoma; W. H. Phillips, D. D., Pennsylvania; D. Abner, Jr., Texas; R. H. Bowling, D. D., Virginia; C. H. Payne, D. D., West Virginia; A. R. Robinson, South Carolina; D. S. Orner, Minnesota; J. M. Haygood, Iowa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

J. Q. A. Wilhite, Alabama; B. W. Alexander, Arkansas; G. W. Lee, D. D., District of Columbia; G. W. Raiford, Florida; J. B. McCall, Georgia; Chas. Stewart, Illinois; T. H. Ewing, Kansas; J. M. Caldwell, Kentucky; A. K. Butler, Louisiana; Miss Fannie Dodd, Minne-

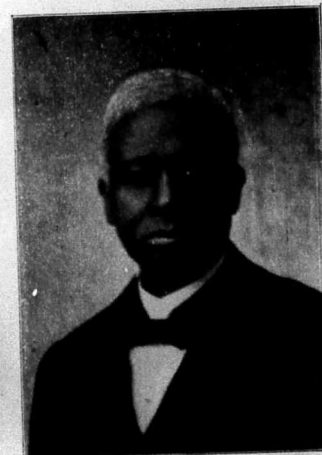


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Consideration was resumed of the report of the Foreign Mission Board and the same was referred to the Special Committee on President's Recommendations.

By E. K. Love, D. D.: That the Finance Committee be instructed to receive and credit all sums of money in detail at this session of the Convention and the same be published in the Minutes. Adopted.

The report of the Home Mission Board was then read, by its Chairman, Rev. J. P. Robinson, of Arkansas, as follows:

DEAR BROTHERS:

We rejoice that we are spared to offer for your consideration this our Third Annual Report, beginning September 1st, 1897, and ending August 31st, 1898. The condition of our Board when we rendered a report one year ago at Boston, was regarded by those who heard it, and those who have read it since, as prosperous. Your Board was highly pleased with the practical unanimity with which it was received. But while we admit that the Board did grand work, considering the strong influence against which it had to contend, its report then was by no means satisfactory to the members. But we are glad to say now that the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Last year our report showed 700,000 copies of our periodicals handled during the year by the Board, and \$5,000 worth of business transacted. The present year will show 1,593,750 copies of our periodicals published and handled during the year, and \$19,426.97 worth of business done. The \$89.00 net surplus at our last report has grown to \$10,986.88 worth of property, including office fixtures, printing plant, stock, etc., and in addition to these we have chartered the Board and bought a building and grounds on one of the principal streets of the city of Nashville, at a cost of \$10,000.

The Board has been able to remove every objection urged against our publications by those who thought the enterprise an unwise undertaking. The question of "Negro Backs" is no longer an issue, and the charge that our work was done by contract also passes into history, for we can now say that everything, from the printer's devil to the editor at his desk, is the work of Negro Baptist. We have nothing but kind words for those who have endeavored to hinder this success; but surely the Lord has been good to us, for more than 5,000 of the best Sunday schools in the land are regular patrons of our Board, and over nine hundred of these gave us a collection on "Children's Day," the second Sunday in June.

We have endeavored to aid the Foreign Mission work, and helped in the raising of over \$300 in April, which was sent direct to the Board in Louisville, Kentucky. Besides, we have furnished every mission station in Africa,

given aid to every needy school that has applied to us, properly recommended. We have co-operated with several State Boards in pushing the mission work in their states. We might especially mention Florida, as all of the regular missionary bodies withdrew their help and the brethren were at sea. We came to their rescue, and a State Sunday School Missionary has been at work on the field since April, 1898.

Your Board can see to-day a grand field open to it, and can hear the Macedonians cry from all sides "come over and help us."

OUR PUBLICATIONS.

Our Publications for the fourth quarter, 1897, were as follows:

Teacher's Monthlies.....	9,000
Advance Quarterlies.....	30,000
Intermediate Quarterlies.....	15,000
Primary Quarterlies.....	20,000
Lesson Leaflets.....	60,000
Picture Lesson Cards.....	130,000
Bible Lesson Pictures.....	2,800
Total.....	268,800
Letters received.....	4,397
Orders filled.....	2,648

Our Publications for the first quarter, 1898, were as follows:

Teacher's Monthlies.....	1,000
Advance Quarterlies.....	36,000
Intermediate Quarterlies.....	16,000
Primary Quarterlies.....	20,000
Lesson Leaflets.....	60,000
Picture Lesson Cards.....	130,000
Bible Picture Lessons.....	1,900
Child's Gems.....	900
Total.....	168,800
Orders filled for the quarter.....	2,728
Letters received for the quarter.....	3,179

Our Publications for the second quarter, 1898, were as follows:

Teacher's Monthlies.....	15,000
Advance Quarterlies.....	55,000
Intermediate Quarterlies.....	28,000
Primary Quarterlies.....	38,000
Lesson Leaflets.....	87,000
Picture Lesson Cards.....	165,000
Bible Picture Lessons.....	2,600
Child's Gems.....	900
Children's Day Programs.....	75,000
Total.....	491,500

Letters received	7,342
Orders filled	4,630

Our Publications for the third quarter, 1898, were as follows:

Teacher's Monthlies	18,000
Advance Quarterlies	70,000
Intermediate Quarterlies	30,000
Primary Quarterlies	45,000
Lesson Leaflets	120,000
Picture Lesson Cards	273,000
Bible Picture Lessons	3,750
Child's Gems	1,500

Total	561,250
Letters received	7,680
Orders filled	5,380

A grand total of all Periodicals published, together with a recapitulation of the second year's work, are as follows:

Picture Lesson Cards	728,000
Lesson Leaflets	327,000
Advance Quarterlies	190,000
Primary Quarterlies	123,000
Intermediate Quarterlies	83,000
Teacher's Monthlies	53,000
Children's Day Programs	75,000
Bible Picture Lessons	10,850
Child's Gems	3,300

Grand total.....1,593,160

Besides these we are publishing and printing on our own presses the following song books, "Gospel Voices," "Celestial Showers," and "Choice Songs," also Catechisms, Sunday School Primers, Teacher's Class Books, and Sunday School Records, together with some other valuable books for Sunday school and church helps.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the fourth quarter, 1897:

RECEIPTS.	
July 16.—Balance on hand	\$ 504 61
July 16 to August 14.—Receipts	269 22
August 16 to September 15.—Receipts	251 28
October 16.—Receipts	1,951 62
Total Receipts	\$ 2,975 73

EXPENSES.

July 16 to Aug. 14.—Printing, wages and incidentals.	\$ 351 83
Aug. 16 to Sept. 15. " " " "	333 76
Sept. 16 to Oct. 15. " " " "	1,501 97
July 16 to Aug. 15. " " " "	33 45
Aug. 16 to Sept. 15.—Stamps and mailing	25 86
" " " " " "	182 95

2,429 82

Balance on hand Oct. 16.....\$ 545 91

Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the first quarter, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 14.—Balance on hand	\$ 62 14
Dec. 10 to Jan. 15, 1898.—Receipts	2,280 53
Jan. 17 to Feb. 28.—Receipts	829 47

Total

\$ 3,172 14

EXPENSES.

Dec. 10, 1897, to Feb. 28, 1898.—Merchandise	\$ 799 42
" " " " " " Printing	1,014 57
" " " " " " Editorial Dept.	100 00
" " " " " " Wages	462 55
" " " " " " Travelling	72 00
" " " " " " Rent, mailing, postage, Inc.	534 04
Balance	187 04

Total

\$ 3,149 62

Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the second quarter, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

March 1.—Balance on hand	\$ 187 04
March 1 to April 30.—Receipts	4,700 91
April 30 to May 31.—Receipts	637 71

\$ 5,405 66

EXPENSES.

March 1 to May 31.—Printing	\$ 1,833 85
" " " " " " Merchandise	291 87
" " " " " " Travelling	142 00
" " " " " " Mailing	157 10
" " " " " " Wages	728 85
" " " " " " Rent	50 00
" " " " " " Drayage	21 75
" " " " " " Freight	27 42
" " " " " " Expressage	13 25

March 1 to May 31.—Job Office	\$ 350 00
" " " Telegrams	6 00
" " " Stamps collected	410 82
" " " Incidentals	139 42
Balance	528 38
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March 1 to May 31.—Total Receipts	5,405 66
" " " Total Expenses	4,877 38
Balance	\$ 528 38

Statement of Receipts and Expenses for third quarter, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

June 1.—Balance on hand	\$ 528 38
June 1 to July 31.—Receipts	6,891 47
Aug 1 to 31.—Receipts	453 31
Total Receipts	\$ 7,873 11

EXPENSES.

June 1 to Aug. 31.—Printing	\$ 1,911 83
" " " Merchandise	1,487 81
" " " Travelling	56 45
" " " Mailing	175 00
" " " Wages	894 97
" " " Rent	50 00
" " " Drayage	43 50
" " " Freight	47 88
" " " Expressage	10 42
" " " Printing machinery	647 48
" " " Telegrams	10 27
" " " Stamps collected	407 05
" " " Editorial Department	150 00
" " " Incidentals	519 82
Balance	1,460 65
Total	\$ 7,873 11

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities on Stock and Supplies, September 1, 1898:

Cumberland Electric Light and Power Co.	\$ 15 87
Diem & Wing (Promissory notes)	358 94
Nashville Gas Light Co.	6 76
Jno. D. Anderson & Co.	62 70
Southern News & Advertising Co.	29 70
Thomas Guirns Machinery	13 65

Braid Electric Co.	\$ 41 90
University Press Co.	103 63
D. E. Dortch	100 10
W. A. Wilde & Co.	409 46
James Potts & Co.	37 10
Baptist Sunday school Board	86 49
Barbee & Smith	40 53
Marshall & Bruce Co.	42 83
Baruhart Bros. & Spindler	58 63
American Baptist Publication Society	8 64
D. C. Cook Publishing Co.	3 50
Morgan & Hamilton Co.	10 09

Total on Stock and Supplies \$ 1,442 52

LIABILITIES.

Rent, interest, insurance	\$ 150 00
Machinery, type and other printing apparatus	950 00
Borrowed money, principal and interest	875 00
Printers' and clerks' wages, together with other mis-	
sionary pledges	325 00
Balance due on salary of Secretary	825 75

Total \$ 3,125 75

Making a grand total of all liabilities \$ 4,568 27

ASSETS.

Assets in stock and supplies on hand are as follows:

Song books	\$ 529 10
Bibles and Testaments	100 00
Class and Record Books	101 10
Catechisms	165 00
Other books, papers, envelopes and reward cards	25 00
Little Ones' Quarterlies	418 00
Advanced Quarterlies	1,500 00
Teacher's Monthlies	160 00
Printer's book paper of various grades	525 50
Flats, cards, card board, straw board, printer's ink,	
and other supplies for book and job work	375 50

Total \$ 4,069 20

Assets in office furniture and fixtures are as follows:

One complete set of electric telephones and switch	
board	\$ 125 00
One Calligraph typewriter	75 00
One iron safe	90 00
Four patented office desks	80 00

One book-keeper desk	\$ 25 00
One large walnut book-case	25 00
Five patented desk office chairs	20 00
Six office mailing tables	12 00
Eight office chairs	10 00
One Unabridged Dictionary and rack	16 00
One Encyclopedia and case	36 00
One hundred fifty-letter files	35 00
Letter press, mailing scales, mailing rack, paper cutters, and other office fixtures and ornaments	50 00

Total \$ 599 00

Assets in binding machinery and fixtures are as follows:

Hitching machine	\$ 300 00
Book-binder's press	55 00
Gas stove	7 00
Glue pots and brushes	6 00
Ruling machine	300 00
Card Cutter	95 00
Finishing press and glue brush	4 00
Lettering pullet	8 50
Plow press, knife and pin	12 75
Book-binder's type cabinet	6 00
Five fonts of book-binder's type	6 00
Four folding tables	8 00
Seven stools	2 00
Four chairs	3 00
Twelve folding knives	3 00

Total \$ 816 25

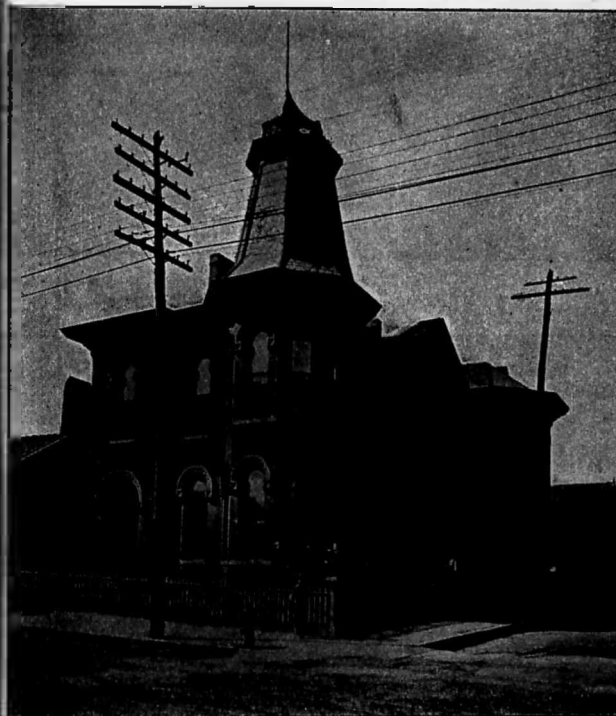
Assets in printing machinery are as follows:

C. B. Cottrell & Sons' two revolution press, 38x55	\$ 4,700 00
One Chandler and Price job press, 14x22	450 00
One Chandler & Price job press, 8x12	165 00
One Peerless paper cutter, 32 inches	200 00
One 5-horse power electric motor	250 00
Shafting, pulleys, belts and other fixtures	150 00

Total \$ 5,915 00

Assets in type and printing material are as follows:

Eight fonts job type, Gothic (Condensed)	18 00
Seven fonts Lining Gothic (light)	10 00
Three fonts Stationers Text	9 00
Four fonts Plate Script	30 00
Four fonts Antique Condensed	10 00
Four fonts Premier script	40 00



THE OFFICE ROOMS, STORE HOUSE AND SECRETARY'S MANSION,
A THREE STORY BRICK BUILDING.



Rev. J. P. ROBINSON,
Chairman Home Mission Board.

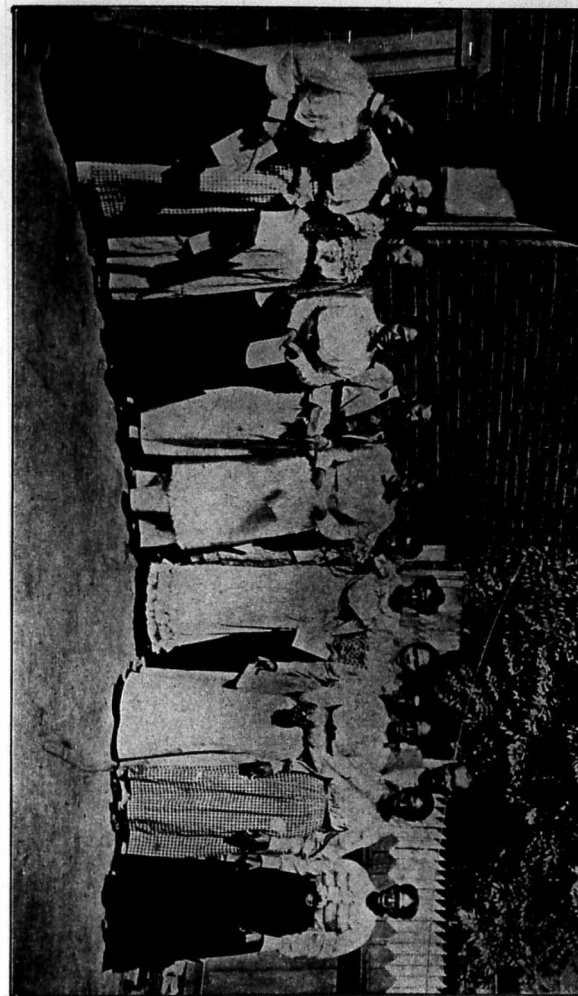


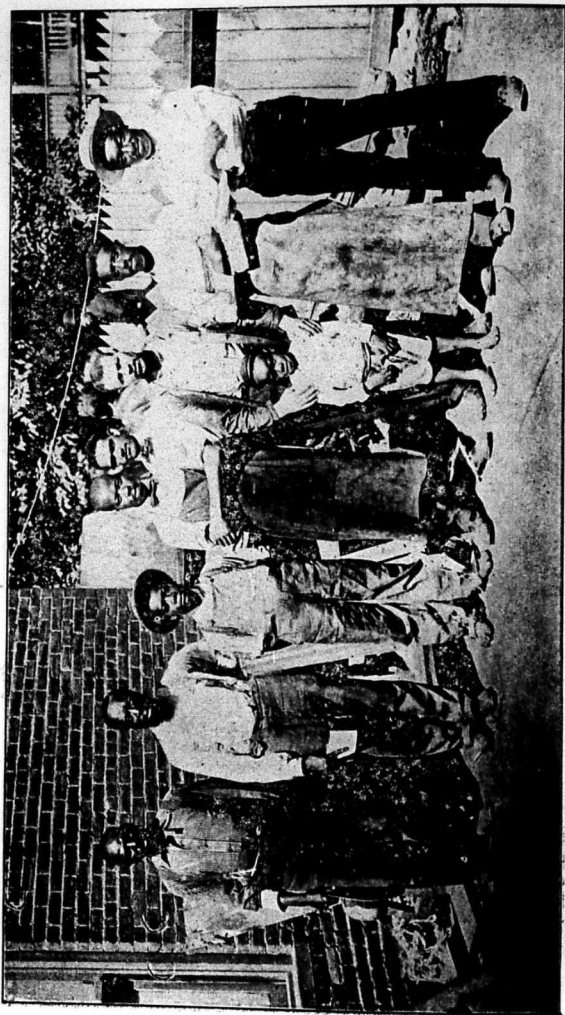
Rev. R. H. BOYD, (Secretary National
Baptist Publishing Board)
Wife and Baby.



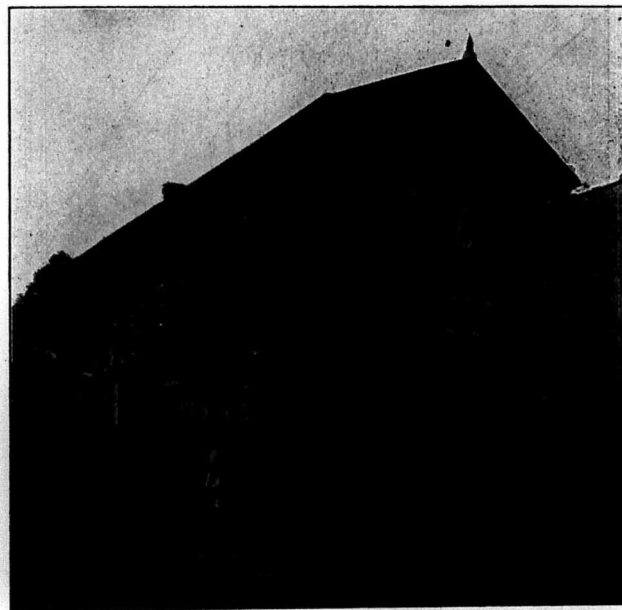
A GROUP OF OUR CLERKS TAKEN OUT IN THE FRONT YARD WITH BACKS TO THE
NORTH LOOKING SOUTH ON MARKET STREET.

THE GIRLS FROM OUR KINSEY GATHERED IN THE BACK YARD BETWEEN THE OFFICES AND PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

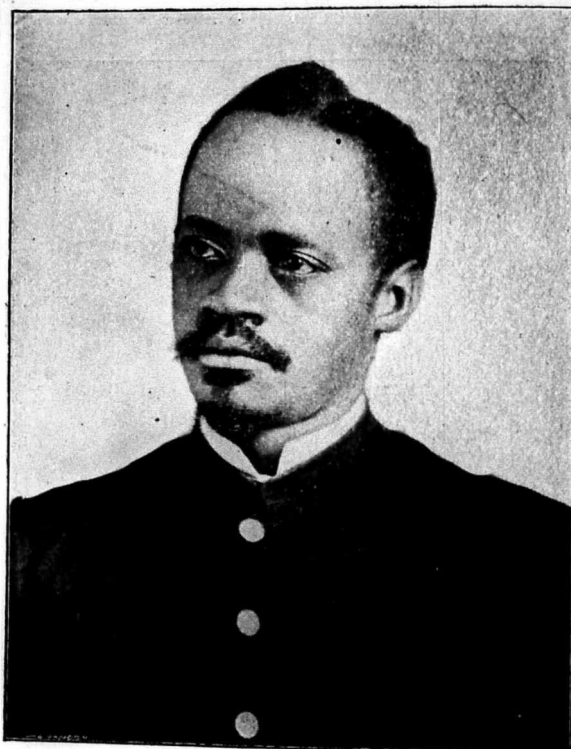




YOUNG MEN FROM OUR PRINTING AND COMPOSING ROOMS GATHERED IN THE YARD BETWEEN PRINTERY AND OFFICE.



THE PRINTING AND BINDING DEPARTMENT, A TWO STORY BRICK BUILDING, 25x45 FEET.



REV. E. K. LOVE, D. D.,
President of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Georgia,
and Pastor of First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.

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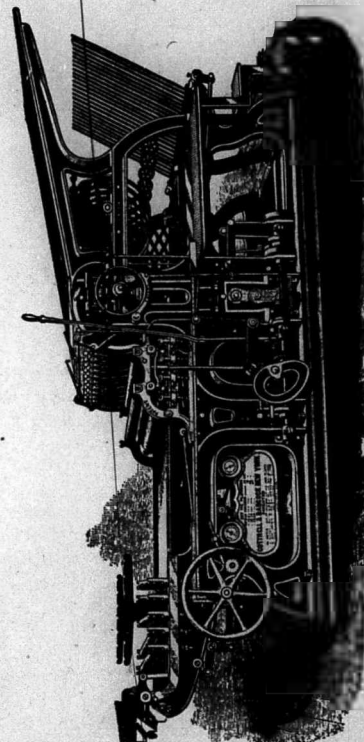
Six fonts Old Style Antique.....	30 00
Five fonts Jenson.....	25 00
Three fonts Model Black.....	15 00
Four fonts German Script.....	35 00
Eight fonts DeVlue Condensed.....	40 00
Twelve fonts Lining Gothic.....	48 00
Four fonts Victoria.....	20 00
Eight fonts Lining Gothic (wide).....	24 00
Seven fonts large wood poster type.....	125 00
Two fonts Remington Typewriter.....	15 00
Twenty-five lbs. Nonpareil Italic.....	16 00
Twenty-five lbs. Brevier Italic.....	14 00
Twenty-five lbs. Pica Italic.....	11 00
Fifty lbs. Long Primer Italic.....	23 00
Two hundred lbs. Nonpareil body.....	128 00
Two hundred lbs. Brevier body.....	104 00
Fifty lbs. 8 point Title.....	30 00
Two hundred lbs. Long Primer body.....	62 00
Two hundred lbs. Pica body.....	84 00
Fifty lbs. labor saving brass rule.....	60 00
One hundred lbs. assorted borders and ornaments.....	51 00
Fifty lbs. labor saving metal furniture.....	15 00
Fifty lbs. railroad metal furniture.....	15 00
Fifty lbs. improved metal furniture.....	15 00
Twenty-five lbs. Nonpareil leaders.....	3 50
Twenty-five lbs. Nonpareil figures.....	17 00
One cabinet labor saving leads.....	2 00
One cabinet labor saving furniture.....	10 00
Twenty-five lbs. Brevier leaders.....	13 00
Two hundred lbs. labor saving leads.....	20 00
Twenty-five lbs. 25-ems. 8 to pica leads.....	50 00
Two large cases miscellaneous cuts.....	100 00
One Giant lead cutter.....	12 00
One galtering machine.....	14 00
One saw and galtering box.....	2 00
Twelve book and job composing sticks.....	18 00
Two imposing stones.....	60 00
Ten double brass galleys.....	10 00
Two brass alien galleys.....	9 00
Sixteen single news galleys.....	32 00
Two planers.....	1 00
One proof plater.....	50
Two keys.....	1 00
Six job chases, fourteen book and news chases.....	120 00
Four news stands.....	20 00
One job stand.....	10 00
One cabinet.....	16 00
Sixteen news cases.....	12 00

Fifty-six job cases	60 40
Twelve job cases	8 40
One figure case	1 00
One furniture case	45
One bellows	1 25
Twenty patented blocks	80 00
Ten founts Aldine	30 00
Fourteen founts Aldine Condensed	40 00
Thirteen founts Gothic, five No. 8	85 00
Thirteen founts Astoria	40 00
Eight founts Gothic Condensed	60 00
Twenty-five lbs. 6 point, No. 10	13 00
Twenty-five lbs. 8 point, No. 14	12 00
Twenty-five lbs. 12 point, No. 4	11 00
One ten-inch grown stick	1 00
One eighteen-inch Grover stick	3 00
One Harris rule case	1 25
Five lbs. rule, No. 201	3 00
Five lbs. rule, No. 216	3 00
Twenty Nonpareil column rules	7 00
Two double stands	10 00
Three pair news cases	4 80
Sixty lbs. quads and spaces	24 00
Twenty-two Cal. job cases	19 80
Twenty-two job cases	19 80
One news stand	5 00
Two mallets	1 00
Two plavers	1 00
One form truck	3 00
Twenty-five feet border	8 00
Forty feet rule	4 00
Fifty brass foot slugs, 18 point	25 00

Total \$ 2,225 35

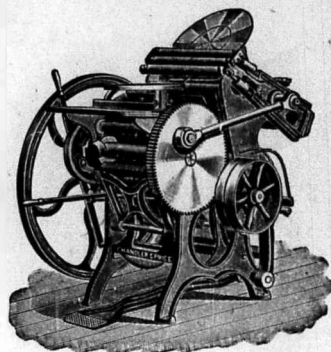
Letters received during the year	21,580
Orders filled during the year	15,296
Grand Total Receipts for the year	\$19,428 64
Grand Total Expenses for the year	18,899 39
Cash in hand, \$1,460.65; Credits, \$439.70.	
Grand Total in Cash and Credits	1,900 35
Grand Total Liabilities	4,568 37
Grand Total Assets	13,654 00
Grand Total Surplus	10,185 23

J. P. ROBINSON, Chairman Home Mission Board,
J. E. KNOX, Recording Secretary.
C. H. CLARK, Chairman National Baptist Publishing Board,
R. H. BOYD, Corresponding Secretary.

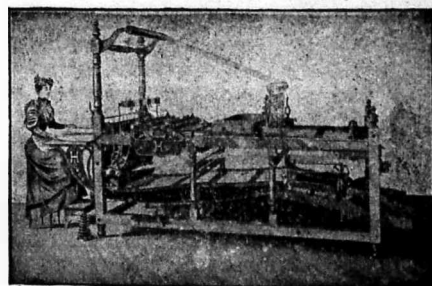


OUR TWO-REVOLUTION COTTRELL PRESS.

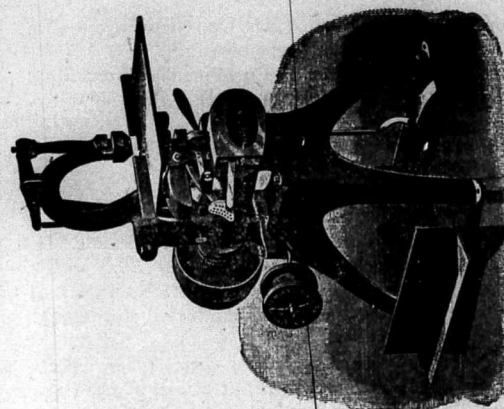
The Cottrell presses need no introduction. It is an established fact that these machines rank first among the best printing presses on the market. The bed of this press is 38x55 inches, and will print a sheet 36x48 inches, with 32 pages 7x4½ inches, the size of our Advanced Quarterly. The catalogue price for this press is \$4,700.



This is a cut of one of our small Chandler & Price job presses of which mention is made in our report. These machines are handled by Barnhardt Bros. & Spindler, manufacturers of the celebrated Superior Copper-Mixed type and general dealers in printers' supplies, who have a reputation for carrying only what is first-class. Main office, Chicago.

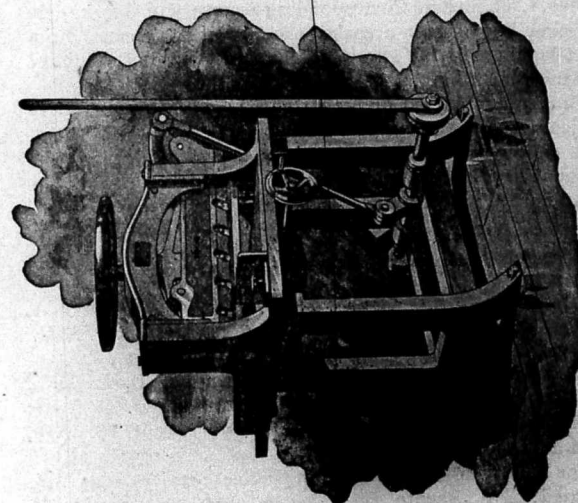


OUR W. D. HICKOK RULING MACHINE.—Price, \$300.



PERFECTION "C" WIRE STITCHER.

This machine will make a saddle or flat stitch one-fifth of an inch thick. Catalogue price, \$300. Sold by Barnhardt Bros. & Spindler.



OUR PEERLESS PAPER CUTTER.—Price, \$300.

At the conclusion of the report the Convention joined in singing, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

The report of the Committee on Enrollment submitted its report through Rev. E. P. Marrs, D. D., which was approved.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. P. Robinson.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 8 o'clock p. m., with Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., of Kentucky, in the chair.

Revs. W. A. Creditt, of Pennsylvania; E. K. Love, of Georgia, and I. Tolliver, of Texas, conducted devotional services.

Mrs. S. A. Northrup sang "Saved by Grace" very effectively, and Rev. S. A. Northrup, D. D., in behalf of the Baptist Ministers' Conference tendered a most cordial welcome to the Convention.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, then preached the missionary sermon from text Isaiah xxi. 11, 12: "Watchman, what of the night? the morning cometh." Theme: "The Day is Breaking."

Prayer was offered by little Charlie Stewart, the native African.

A collection of \$100.72 was taken and pledges to the amount of \$2,009.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 16, 1898.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock a. m., with Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President, in the chair.

Revs. W. H. Anderson, D. D., of Indiana and D. A. Gaddie, D. D., of Kentucky, led in devotional services.

The minutes of the session of Thursday, Sept. 16, were read and approved.

The following Committee on Divine Services was appointed: S. W. Bacote, H. Roberson, Jno. Morgan, R. N. Countee, E. A. Willson, J. R. Richardson, H. V. Plummer.

Consideration was resumed of the report of the Home Mission Board.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, and G. W. Lee, D. D., when the report was approved.

An invitation was accepted from Mr. H. C. Orr, General Passenger Agent to attend the Omaha Exposition, and the following committee was appointed to arrange for the trip: S. W. Bacote, H. B. N. Brown, D. Abner, Jr., J. C. Battle, A. W. Adams, Wm. H. Steward, I. Tolliver.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 3 o'clock p. m., with Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., in the chair.

Revs. J. W. Carr, of Indiana, and C. H. Payne, D. D., of West Virginia, led devotional services.

Miss Ellen T. Morris, representing the W. C. T. U. of Missouri; Mrs. Anna M. Dunning, of Kansas City, and Prof. W. T. Vernon, President of Western College, Quindaro, Kansas, were introduced and addressed the Convention.

Several resolutions were read and referred.

Revs. W. F. Graham, D. D., and R. H. Bowling, D. D., of Virginia, addressed the Convention relative to the attitude of that State toward the work of the Convention.

The Committee on Permanent Organization submitted its report through Prof. D. Abner, Jr., and the officers were elected as follows:

President—Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., Helena, Ark.

Secretary—Wm. H. Steward, Louisville, Ky.

Assistant Secretary—Rev. M. W. Gilbert, Savannah, Ga.

Treasurer—Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Richmond, Va.

Statistician—Rev. J. L. Cohan, St. Louis, Mo.

On motion the Secretary was directed to have the Minutes printed within sixty days, and a special committee was authorized to be appointed by the President to receive bids and award contract for the printing of the same.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. H. Miller, of Arkansas.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., of Kentucky, presided and Revs. H. B. N. Brown, of Louisiana, E. P. Marrs, D. D., of Kentucky, and J. D. Rouse, of Indiana, conducted devotional exercises.

Rev. W. H. Phillips, D. D., of Pennsylvania, read a paper on "Our Financial Puzzle."

Rev. J. C. Daniels, of South Carolina, preached a sermon from John iii. 30: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Theme—"The Increase of Christ and its Results."

Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., of Tennessee, offered prayer.

The Special Committee on the Trip to Omaha reported, and on motion of Rev. J. R. Bennett the Convention decided to visit the Omaha Exposition.

Several resolutions were read and referred.

The Committee on Divine Services submitted its report, making assignments for Sunday services, which was approved, as follows:

First Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. H. D. Prond, of Ohio.
 Second Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris; 3 p. m., mass meeting; 7:30 p. m., Rev. Dr. E. K. Love.
 Pilgrim Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. H. Smith; 3 p. m., Rev. P. J. Jackson; 7:30 p. m., Rev. I. Tolliver.
 Pleasant Green Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Carr; 7:30 p. m., W. M. Balay.
 St. Paul Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. E. B. Topp; 3 p. m., A. W. Moss; 7:30 p. m., Rev. James Thomas.
 Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. C. Daniels; 7:30 p. m., Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham.
 Ebenezer A. M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. R. H. Bowling; 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. W. Bowen.
 Vine Street Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. C. T. Walker; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Carr.
 Highland Avenue Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. A. N. McEwen; 3 p. m., J. W. Carr; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. P. Robinson.
 Greenwood Baptist Church—11 a. m., E. E. Ware; 7:30 p. m., Rev. Dr. W. H. Anderson.
 Westport Baptist Church—11 a. m., H. C. Owens; 3 p. m., A. W. Adams; 7:30 p. m., W. T. Webb.
 Second Baptist Church, Argentine, Kas.—11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Rev. A. L. Sled.
 First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kas.—11 a. m., Rev. I. Tolliver; 3 p. m., Rev. E. W. D. Isaacs; 7:30 p. m., Rev. E. C. Morris.

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kan.—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. C. H. Parrish; 3 p. m., Rev. Dr. S. E. Smith; 7:30 p. m., Rev. Dr. W. B. Johnson.

Sung "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. E. B. Topp, of Mississippi.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 17, 1898.

The Convention met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., with Rev. A. N. McEwen, of Alabama, Vice President, in the chair.

Revs. D. A. Gaddie, D. D., of Kentucky; P. S. L. Hutchins, of Georgia; Chas. Williams, of Georgia, and Jas. Thomas, of Illinois, conducted devotional services.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

A communication from the Negro National Exposition, Richmond, Va., was read and the project endorsed.

The report of Mr. John S. Trower, Treasurer, was then read by Rev. W. A. Creditt, of Philadelphia, and approved as follows:

JOHN S. TROWER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH NATIONAL CONVENTION.	
DR.	
To Receipts at Boston Convention.....	\$1,454 47
Balance from R. DeBaptiste, ex-treasurer.....	205 40
Total.....	\$1,659 87
CR.	
To Foreign Mission Board.....	\$1,125 90
" E. C. Morris, Pres., postage and expenses.....	14 00
" S. N. Vash, Statistician.....	25 00
" Baptist Magazine—15 shares of stock.....	75 00
" L. L. Campbell, services.....	5 00
" W. H. Steward, Sec., services.....	50 00
" S. T. Clanton, Asst. Sec., services 1896.....	10 00
" J. H. A. Cyrus " " " 1897.....	10 00
" A. Cole, sexton and ice.....	9 00
" New England Passenger Association.....	17 00
" E. C. Morris, President, travelling expenses.....	44 50
" Board of Education.....	29 27
" Home Mission Board.....	50 00
" Minutes.....	150 00
Total.....	\$1,614 67
Received.....	\$1,659 87
Disbursed.....	1,614 67
Balance.....	\$ 45 20

On motion the balance in the Treasury was ordered paid to the Foreign Mission Board.

Resolutions offered by Revs. H. B. N. Brown and A. H. Miller were read and referred.

Rev. G. W. Raiford, of Florida, read a paper on "Paying Life's Fare."

Rev. W. F. Graham, of Virginia, who was elected Treasurer, submitted his resignation, which was accepted, and upon his recommendation Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, of Virginia, was elected to the position.

Rev. S. N. Vass, Statistician, submitted his report, which was approved.

The President then announced the following Committee on Contract for Printing Minutes: S. E. Smith, C. H. Parrish, L. G. Jordan, J. H. Frank, W. H. Craighead.

The Woman's Symposium was held and the following addresses were delivered, "Woman in the Church," Mrs. M. E. Steward, of Kentucky. "Woman in Mission Work," Miss Sadie McLane, of Missouri. "Woman in Music," Mrs. D. Abner, Jr., of Texas.

Mrs. A. A. Bowie, of Alabama, upon invitation addressed the Convention.

Upon motion of Rev. A. T. Stewart, of Mississippi, the papers were approved and the National Baptist Magazine was requested to publish the same.

Mrs. C. R. McDowell, of Missouri, presented a petition from some of the women of the Sixth Missionary District, requesting that a day be allowed on the programme in the future for the women. The matter was referred to a special committee.

Rev. A. W. Adams, of Boston, Mass., whose church entertained the Convention last year, made a short address, recalling the pleasure the meeting had given him and the favorable impression made by the Convention and the good results following.

Rev. R. L. Stewart, the returned missionary from Africa, gave a most interesting address on the African Mission work. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. W. Lee, D. D., of the District of Columbia.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 3 o'clock P. M. with Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., of Arkansas, President, in the chair.

Revs. W. G. Parks and A. L. Hall, of Tennessee, conducted devotional exercises.

A collection of \$7.46 was raised for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home of Kansas City, Mo.

The Committee on President's Recommendations submitted its report, which was approved:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) That this Convention appoint a commission composed of not less than two persons, whose duty it shall be to go to Africa and make a thorough examination of the mission fields and the charges alleged against the Board by Rev. R. A. Jackson. Said commission before leaving this country, which shall be not later than January, 1899, shall make thorough examination of the books, vouchers and accounts of the Foreign Mission Board.

(2) That the Foreign Mission Board publish a weekly journal, not less in size than a six-column folio; that the Corresponding Secretary of the Board be required to devote his entire time to the publication of the journal and other office work of the Board; that the matter of meeting associations and conventions be left entirely to the District Secretaries. And that, if practicable, the Board arrange to use one of the newspaper plants already owned by some member of the Convention.

(3) That two prominent brethren be appointed by this Convention to go to the Island of Cuba, not later than December 25th, if conditions at that time will admit, with a view of establishing a Baptist mission there.

(4) That the Convention endorse and pledge its moral support to any minister who will make an effort upon his own responsibility to enter any of the islands recently occupied by our Government, for the purpose of preaching the Gospel.

(5) That the Constitution of the Convention be so amended as to make the President of the Convention *ex-officio*, a member of each of the three Boards.

(6) That in order to raise means to pay the expenses of those who are to go to Africa and to Cuba, an appeal be made to our churches at once, and each of them be asked to give one dollar for this purpose, and all money realized above the necessary amount to pay said expenses be turned over to Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board to be used for missions.

1st. That instead of sending a committee to Africa, which would be burdensome and expensive, that this matter be referred to the Foreign

Mission Board and that three brethren be appointed from this body whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board in the final settlement of the whole matter.

2nd. That the publication of the Foreign Mission Herald be continued as a medium of communication in doing our Foreign Mission work.

3rd. That three brethren, viz.: Revs. A. J. Stokes, D. D., E. K. Love, D. D. and E. C. Morris, D. D., be appointed by this Convention to visit Cuba as suggested by the President, as soon as practicable, having due deference for peace relations and disease.

4th. That the fourth recommendation made by the President be adopted as the sense of this Body.

5th. That the fifth recommendation be endorsed.

6th. That the sixth recommendation be adopted.

Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., of Georgia, offered a resolution encouraging the organization of a Woman's National Baptist Convention, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of E. K. Love, D. D., J. A. Dennis, D. D., A. T. Stewart, W. B. Johnson, D. D., A. J. Smith, C. H. Parrish, D. D., A. W. Moss, John Goins, J. L. Cobran and James Thomas.

The report of the Educational Board was read by Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, and approved as follows:

The hope of the Christian Church lies in the intelligent direction and development of its forces. The Apostle to the Gentiles comprehended this fact, when he set the seal of unity in the words of inspiration, "Add to your faith, knowledge." Christianity itself is a systematic arrangement of truth based upon the great principles of God. It advances most where its claims are most intelligently placed before men. The humble Nazarine emphasized this fact when he said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." To give the world this uplift of Christ, so that his standard may, like a magnet, draw all the elements of scattered humanity to it, is the work of the Church.

In every age of church history this fact has been conceded. The Church has been the firm friend of knowledge, and contributed more to the magnificent civilization that surrounds us than any other force among men. Religion has made every branch of knowledge its handmaiden, and still sits as a queen among the nations, directing its administration and hastening the period when "Knowledge shall fill the earth." Baptists of every age and clime have always been the steady friend of education. Their peculiar doctrine and polity make them dependent upon an intelligent membership and administration of its affairs. Wherever we have planted the standard of our denomination, a Christian school has followed, with its fountain of knowledge send-

ing forth streams of blessings to dignify and exalt humanity. But to no people is the demand more imperative for Christian schools and colleges than to that contingent of our denominational family known as Negro Baptists. During the last quarter of a century much money and consecrated brain have been expended in elevating and refining our race by Northern philanthropy; and a glorious fruitage is seen in the thousands of consecrated men and women among us, who, like a mighty army of invasion, are driving back the black hosts of ignorance, immorality and vice, and occupying the territory for the Lord and His Christ, with a host of men mighty in word and doctrine and strong to deliver from ignorance and sin. Able and scholarly preachers, erudite professors in every branch of science, successful financiers and business men, stars of the first magnitude in the literary firmament, towers of strength as leaders in the moral and political arena, pure and consecrated motherhood in the home, with its angel presence and heavenly influence; beautiful and magnificent church edifices, scattered all over this country of ours, which have exhausted the architecture of the ancients and stolen the witcheries of the earth, sky, and sea in its efforts to magnify that God who delivered us out of the house of bondage. Great congregations intelligently worshipping God with heavenly anthem accompanied by the rolling volumes of the pipe organ, the sweet strains of the orchestra, or the soul-stirring choruses of the redeemed, singing with spirit and understanding the songs of praise unto Him who loved us and redeemed us unto God. These, and a thousand other witnesses, testify of what Christian education may do for a people who lately emerged from the withering and blighting shades of human bondage.

It was the hope of the organizers of the National Baptist Educational Convention that it might become the instrument in so unifying and concentrating our efforts for the educational work of Negro Baptists, that we might show to the world how much could be accomplished by us along this distinctive line. Since its organization mighty questions have been thrust upon us to a large extent, setting this part of the work in the background for a time, until these interests could get sufficient foothold to work harmoniously with us in whatever policy of operation we might adopt. The Convention added upon us, first, the publication of a quarterly magazine, which taxed all our energies and used up all our limited resources, making it necessary to partially abandon the legitimate effort of fostering educational work in maintaining this high grade periodical, which the press, white and black, secular and religious, and an enlightened public sentiment has pronounced a grand success, putting the magazine among the finest literary periodicals published among the Negroes of this country.

That we have not accomplished more since our existence is no evidence of signal failure. We have been in a constructive stage, gathering material, getting into position for the launching of plans which we trust will be productive of great results in the near future. We turn our faces toward the future with the hope of co-operating all our

forces in the educational work, and building a superstructure of which we shall not be ashamed. We have published the National Baptist Magazine quarterly since 1893 without losing an issue. It has contained ably written articles and sermons, interesting biographical sketches and beautiful poems from over two hundred and fifty contributors, scattered all over the country. Over eighteen thousand copies, containing an average number of seventy pages per issue, printed upon first-class book paper, clear and clean type and artistic make-up, have been printed. The Convention has contributed during this period the sum of \$262. The other moneys have been raised from stockholders, subscribers, etc.

We have our own plant, worth at least \$2,000, and upon which there is an incumbrance of \$106, which we hope the Convention will either assume or help us to pay off.

Our subscription list covers thirty states, two territories, Canada, Africa, West Indies and Scotland. The Magazine is anxiously sought after by those of other denominations and races, and has done much to give us standing in the literary parliament of the world. Your Board asks that the brethren actively engaged in educational work keep in touch with us, making known their necessities and thus helping us to make intelligent appeals to the people. We have decided to establish a fund for the support for a chair of theology in each one of our denominational schools, to secure a bureau of employment for the graduates of our schools, and we request respectively an annual report from each institution among us, giving a general statement of the condition of the same, furnishing statistics and data, which may be used in fostering this great work.

We pray that the attention of the brethren may be directed to us during the coming year, so that we may accomplish the work before us.

We also ask the Convention to donate to us \$50 to assist the Magazine.

J. A. TAYLOR, Chairman.

W. BISHOP JOHNSON, Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee on the State of the Country submitted its report, which was approved as follows:

Christianity should have an opinion about all that pertains to the interest of man morally, intellectually and materially. It should give shape as far as may be consistent to the sentiment of a community, a State or a nation. Believing this, the National Baptist Convention in session in the city of Kansas City, Missouri, this 17th day of September, 1908, gives utterance to the following:

We hail with pleasure and interest the brighter dawn that seems to be breaking upon the country in the Union and greater co-operation of the North, South, East and West. The recent war with Spain has served not only the purpose that our Government had for beginning the war, viz., the independence of Cuba and the evacuation of this Continent by Spanish authority, but the bringing into closer relations

the heretofore sectional feelings that existed. Neither will the Negro be worsened by this changed condition, if he will watch opportunities and ride in on the waves of success.

The patriotism displayed by the Negro in volunteering into the United States service as soldiers, notwithstanding the discrimination shown against him in some States, has already opened to him new possibilities. His patriotism is no longer doubted; his bravery was signally displayed at El Cane, and his power of physical endurance has created a demand for his exceptional service. We admire the willingness of the Negro to enter the war, notwithstanding he was discriminated against; and while we recognize the injustice done by this discrimination, yet we believe that the advantages to the race caused by these volunteers from among the Negroes are and will be greater by far than the evil which they suffer from the discrimination.

We deplore the fact that the continued reports of lynching and rape give nothing encouraging to hope for; and the saddest feature of it is that it seems that the government is unable to cope with the conditions. The Richmond Planet, Richmond, Va., in the issue of September 3, 1898, gives the list of lynchings from January, 1897, to August 21, 1898, as being 216 persons. We would not condone the cause or causes for which lynching is done, the most prominent of which is rape; but when persons are taken and lynched on mere suspicion of rape, and often for other things for which the criminal should be tried by a court of justice, we are forced to believe that these vile mobs must be stopped or else the swift retribution of divine justice will fall upon our government.

The appeal to the sense of justice in the bosom of the civil authorities as well as to the sense of gospel obligation on the part of the white ministry of this country, and the love of good citizenship in the breast of many good men and women, for rescue from the degrading and barbarous practice of lynching. We believe that each State should enact laws holding each county responsible for the lynching done in the county, and if the guilty party is not tried and convicted, the county should pay an indemnity of so much money to the wife or near relatives of the person lynched.

We cannot close our eyes to the evil practice of useless Sabbath railroad excursions conducted to the detriment of our people in the South, and often led by ministers of the gospel. Besides the desecration of the Christian Sabbath, these excursions tend to lower the moral tone of the race, putting our girls, wives and boys in a compromising position before the world.

We are sensible to the evils of intemperance that continue to menace the prosperity and development of our race, but it is a recognized fact that the race has made steady advance in temperance and in other substantial ways.

The Convention then took a recess until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7 o'clock p. m., with Rev. W. J. White, D. D., of Georgia in the chair.

Rev. H. D. Prowd, of Ohio, Rev. W. F. Lake and Prof. J. R. E. Lee, of Texas, conducted the opening exercises.

The first part of the session was devoted to the National Baptist Press Association, and the following addresses were delivered: "What the Baptist Press Owes the Denomination," Rev. L. L. Campbell, The Herald, Austin, Tex.; "The Educational Value of the Baptist Press," Rev. J. A. Booker, The Baptist Vanguard, Little Rock, Ark.; "What the Denomination Owes the Baptist Press," Rev. G. L. P. Taliaferro, D. D., The Christian Banner, Philadelphia.

At the close of the Press Association programme, Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., resumed the chair.

Mr. W. W. Morgan, a merchant of the city, and Prof. J. H. Jackson, of the Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., were introduced and addressed the Convention.

The Committee on Time and Place, through Rev. A. N. McEwen, submitted its report, recommending that the nineteenth annual session of the Convention be held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., commencing Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1899. Adopted.

The special committee on Women's Work submitted the following report, which was approved:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 17, 1898.

Your committee to which was referred the matter of Women's Work recommends:

1st. That one sister shall be placed on each of the Boards of the Convention.

2nd. That our sisters shall sustain the same relation to this Convention as other members, having all the rights, privileges and immunities as any other *bona fide* member of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. SMITH, Secretary.

E. K. LOVE, Chairman.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted its report, which was approved.

Mr. President, Members and Officers of the National Baptist Convention.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit this report:

After carefully examining all resolutions referred to us, we recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, with the suggestion that Resolution No. 1 first gets the approval of the Foreign Mission Board.

The resolution referring to the Publishing House, offered by Dr. J. H. Oden, we referred to the Publishing Board. Also the resolution of Dr. A. H. Miller was referred to the Committee on Time and Place.

The Pollard resolution, requesting the continuance of Rev. L. G. Jordan as Corresponding Secretary, was referred to the Foreign Mission Board with a request that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. STOKES, Chairman.

J. M. CARTER, Secretary.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, with the chairmen of the three boards of the Convention and one member selected from the floor, shall constitute the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention.

It shall be the duty of said Board to arrange for the annual meetings of the Convention, apportion Convention money to the several Boards, pay just claims, have minutes issued and act for the Convention in all matters demanding attention during the intervals of its sessions and not assigned to other Boards. Annual Reports shall be submitted to the Convention.

J. H. FRANK.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

WHEREAS, The National Baptist Convention, under the superintendence of its Publishing Board, has circulated religious literature in thirty-seven States of the Union, and is cognizant of the fact that there is still a large territory which has not been covered; and

WHEREAS, In our opinion there should be a day, to be known as "Bible Day," set apart for raising money for the free distribution of Bibles to needy Sunday schools and persons who cannot afford to purchase them; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the first Sunday in November of each year be designated "Bible Day," and that the collections for that day be forwarded by each Church and Sunday School, together with what subscriptions may be raised for the purposes named above, to Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, 523 North Market Street, Nashville, Tenn.

W. M. BECKHAM,
J. A. DENNIS, D. D.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

WHEREAS, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, of New

York, has proven a constant and steadfast friend, a strong advocate of the civil and political rights and true manhood of the Negro race; and,

WHEREAS, In the establishment and maintenance of the various universities in the United States of America, the Society has endeared itself in the hearts of the Negro Baptists of this great country; and,

WHEREAS, Many of the leaders of our race owe a great deal to these schools for their qualifications as leaders; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this National Convention tender its heartfelt thanks to this great Christian organization for the efforts it has put forward in the intellectual and spiritual advancement of our race during the past thirty years. [It is, however, the sense of the Convention that we do not approve the aspersions cast upon the officers and representatives of the Convention in the August number of the Home Mission Monthly, and ask that hereafter publications from the Society breathe the Christian spirit so often exhibited by its past and present writers.] Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York, as an expression of the sentiment of this National Baptist Convention.

Respectfully,

H. B. N. BROWN.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.

WHEREAS, In the recent conflict with Spain our country was victorious; and

WHEREAS, The raising of the United States flag is the signal of religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, It is our duty, in obedience to the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," to plant the banner of the Gospel wherever mankind exists; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the authoritative backing of this Convention be given to any regular Baptist minister who will voluntarily go to any of the islands captured by the United States and do mission work, provided said minister has the appointment or approval of the Foreign Mission Board.

A. H. MILLER.

The Convention then adjourned with benediction by the President.

SUNDAY SERVICES—MORNING.

The Sunday school services were conducted by Revs. W. M. Beckham, of Texas, and J. H. Frank, of Kentucky.

At 11 o'clock Revs. J. H. Hoke, of Arkansas; C. H. Clark, D. D., of Tennessee, and L. G. Jordan conducted devotional services.

Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., of Arkansas, preached the denominational sermon from text Rev. vii: 14; subject, "These are they which came out of great tribulation." Theme, "The indelible marks which prove the perpetuity of the Baptist Church." Rev. P. Jones, of Texas offered prayer.

Rev. J. R. Bennett, of Arkansas, presented the Publishing Board a paper weight, a Bible made from a stone taken from a quarry in Hot Springs, Ark., which Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., accepted in a short address.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. J. R. Bennett.

On motion of Prof. J. R. E. Lee, of Texas, it was expressed as the sense of the Convention that all the papers and sermons which have been delivered during this session, together with cuts of the speakers, the officers, the local committee and the Church in which this meeting is held, should be printed in the minutes of this session.

A collection of \$50.66 was raised, when the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.

AFTERNOON.

The Missionary Mass Meeting was held at 3 o'clock, when Rev. G. B. Howard, of Pennsylvania, presided.

Revs. W. A. Creditt, of Pennsylvania, and R. H. Bowling, D. D., of Virginia, conducted devotional services.

Short addresses were delivered by Revs. G. B. Howard, of Pittsburg; E. B. Topp, of Mississippi; W. A. Creditt, of Philadelphia; I. Tolliver, Texas; L. G. Jordan, Foreign Mission Secretary, and J. H. Frank, of Kentucky, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board. The audience was delighted with a short talk from little Charlie Stewart, the native African boy.

At the conclusion of the exercises a collection of \$155.48 was raised.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. N. Bouey, of Missouri.

EVENING.

Vice President Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., of West Virginia, presided, and Revs. P. Diggs, of Texas, and W. G. Johnson, of

Georgia, conducted devotional services at this session.

Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., of Georgia, preached the closing sermon from text Exod. iv: 2: "What is that in thine hand?" Theme: "Small things made mighty by the touch of infinite power."

Rev. W. G. Johnson, of Georgia, offered prayer and a collection of \$30.70 was raised.

On motion of Rev. W. G. Parks, of Tennessee, the excellent work of Rev. S. W. Bacote in Kansas City for the denomination was warmly commended, and \$20 was appropriated for the purpose of making him a life member of the Convention.

The following resolution by Rev. M. W. Gilbert, of Georgia, was read and unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

WHEREAS, The Second Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., has entertained this Convention in a very hospitable, generous and fraternal manner, thus contributing to the pleasure and comfort of us all; and

WHEREAS, The Calvary Baptist Church, of this city—a congregation of white Baptist brethren—together with other Baptist Churches, etc., have come nobly to the assistance of the Second Baptist Church in caring for the delegates; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are extended to the energetic pastor and members of the Second Baptist Church and all other hospitable citizens of this city who have contributed to our entertainment.

Resolved, Second, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to the Calvary Baptist Church, of this city, and to the efficient committee appointed by them to assist Bro. Bacote in our entertainment, consisting of Brethren T. M. James, N. J. Smith and William Rodman, for the exemplary Christian hospitality evinced by them.

Resolved, Thirdly, That we take pleasure in holding up the conduct of the Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor as worthy of all imitation in exhibiting in so charming and unusual a way the spirit of true Christianity.

Resolved, Also, That our thanks are hereby tendered to our Methodist and Pedobaptist Churches for hospitality rendered.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the various transportation companies for favors rendered to the delegates in the reduced fare granted to the Convention.

Resolved, That we thank the press for the publicity given to our proceedings.

The Finance Committee submitted its report, showing the total receipts of the meeting to be \$1,118.73, which was approved.

The following appropriations were then made:

Wm. H. Steward, Secretary, services.....	\$ 50 00
M. W. Gilbert, Assistant Secretary, services.....	5 00
J. H. A. Cyrus, Assistant Secretary, services.....	10 00
S. N. Voss, Statistician.....	25 00
Andrew Jackson, sexton.....	7 50
Western Passenger Association.....	11 00
American Baptist, for programmes.....	9 00
American Baptist, for enrolling cards.....	3 00
Express charges.....	5 05
Wm. H. Steward, Secretary, for distributing Minutes, 1897..	15 00
Wm. H. Steward, Secretary, for postage stamps and postal cards.....	6 25
E. C. Morris, President, traveling expenses.....	13 80
E. C. Morris, President, office expenses.....	15 25
Chas. Stewart, stenographer.....	25 00
Minutes and distributing same for 1898.....	2 00

The Convention then by motion adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., to meet at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 13, 1899.

E. C. MORRIS, President.

WM. H. STEWARD, Secretary.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1898.

ALABAMA.

A. J. Stokes, D. D., Montgomery.
 Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Birmingham.
 A. N. McEwen, Mobile.
 J. Q. A. Wilhite, Birmingham.

ARKANSAS.

T. S. Sandefur, Gurdon.
 J. C. Rogers, Pine Bluff.
 S. A. Moseley, Newport.
 J. P. Robinson, Little Rock.
 T. P. Hilliard, Texarkana.
 S. L. Short, Hot Springs.
 G. W. Lowe, Holly Grove.
 W. M. Moore, Texarkana.
 A. H. Miller, Helena.
 L. W. Thompson, Layton.
 I. H. Hawkins, Arkadelphia.
 E. C. Morris, D. D., Helena.
 W. A. Holmes, Helena.
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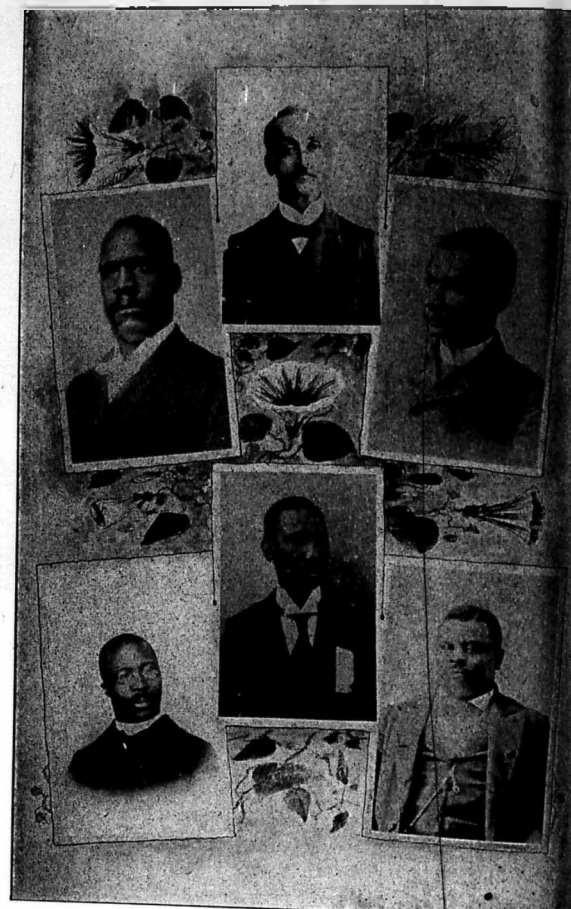
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				INCREASED BY			DECREASED BY					Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Bible and Publication.	Education.	Miscellaneous.	Sunday school Expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Total Contributions.						
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience and Restored.	Death.	Letter.	Exclusion or Erasure.																	
Alabama.....	1342	73	53	2821	661	1867	1339	4701	170029	170029	\$ 32673	\$ 470	\$ 470	\$ 470	\$ 1731	\$ 1140	\$ 1573	\$ 461	\$ 46059	1	1	1				
Arkansas.....	109	29	53	2044	1132	711	509	1091	44672	105499	8539	362	362	362	177	130	650	50	13067	1	1	1				
Florida.....	72	11	1434	3400	5440	2515	3062	6060	211000	1507279	20000	2110	340	362	1530	4000	2700	190	107640	1	1	1				
Georgia.....	504	15	450	3030	600	1000	700	500	632	75239	49035	75400	75400	110043	30000	75400	75400	1000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1		
Kentucky.....	26	2	20	152	31	122	40	11	1248	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1	
Louisiana.....	1041	41	14	5320	870	1400	674	400	1248	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1	
Maryland.....	210	10	2	400	650	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Mississippi.....	1100	30	7	4000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
North Carolina.....	822	30	5	1497	200	155	300	100	100	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
South Carolina.....	419	19	500	1000	100	27	111	117	617	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Texas.....	1200	32	1000	920	105	584	111	117	617	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Virginia.....	1291	30	712	6055	111	2500	1500	3500	173	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
West Virginia.....	62	3	200	200	100	100	100	100	100	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
New England Con.....	111	2	100	521	100	50	50	50	50	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Pennsylvania.....	28	2	100	400	50	50	50	50	50	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
District of Columbia.....	44	2	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Illinois.....	70	1	100	400	117	405	110	60	204	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Ohio.....	140	3	200	400	101	500	150	90	452	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Oklahoma.....	141	4	200	710	101	500	150	90	452	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Minnesota.....	10	2	5	14	2	1	1	1	1	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Indiana.....	10	2	70	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
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Oklahoma.....	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Michigan.....	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Nebraska.....	18	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
California.....	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Colorado.....	17	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
Iowa.....	17	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	1	1	1
TOTAL.....	14462	440	10100	55240	11052	28240	8042	7100	20446	1771620	1771620	\$ 796531	\$ 470	\$ 470	\$ 470	\$ 1731	\$ 1140	\$ 1573	\$ 461	\$ 46059	24	24	24			

It seems next to impossible to secure correct statistics of our strength and work. In some cases, no doubt, the figures are exaggerated, while in others underestimated; but the figures here given are as correct as the Secretary has been able to secure. Sunday school statistics are not reported in a great majority of the minutes published, and rather than take the chance of appearing to misrepresent, the Secretary deems it best to elide such statistics altogether. Any discrepancy between this and the previous report of last year is due either to the figures found in the latest minutes or to typographical errors in last report, some of which have been noticed.

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