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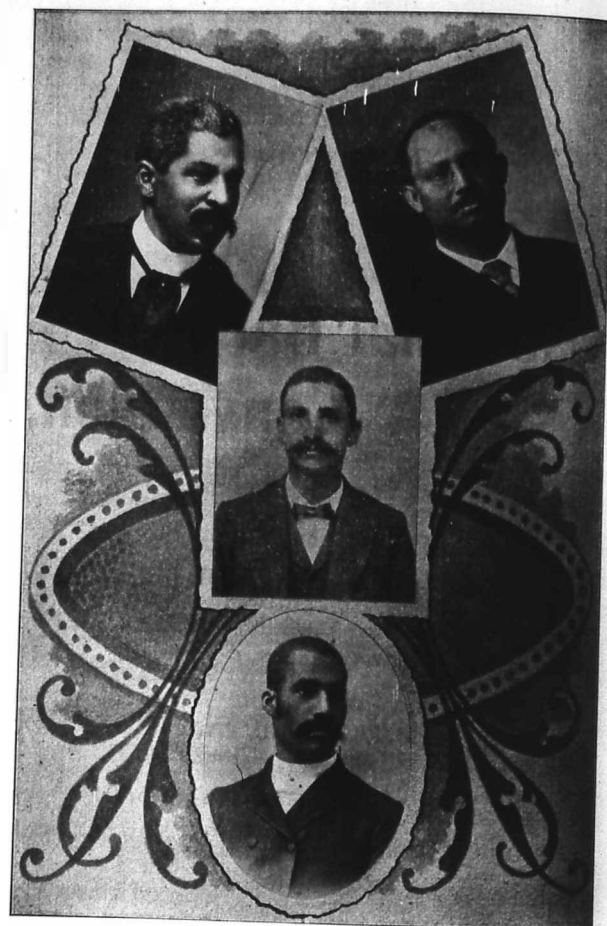
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:30. Called to order by the President. Devotional Exercises, Rev. S. W. Macate, Kansas City, Mo.; theme, "Leadership of the Spirit."
 10:00. Address of Welcome—Granting full possession of the church, Mrs. Annie Bell Ellis; on behalf of the State of Virginia, His Excellency Gov. J. Hoge Tyler; on behalf of the city of Richmond, His Honor Richard Taylor, John Mitchell, Jr.; on behalf of the denominations, H. Powell, D.D.; W. R. Gullins, D.D.; A. G. McGuire, D.D.; J. E. Gunby, D.D.; W. E. Pardee.
 11:00. Response, W. A. Credit, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. C. M. Wells, Montgomery, Ala.
 11:20. Annual Sermon; subject, "The Mind of Christ in Christian Workers," Rev. G. B. Howard, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.
 12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Beginning of Foreign Missions," Rev. J. P. Horton, D.D., Talladega, Ala.
 2:20. Report of Committee on Enrollment.
 2:30. Annual Address of President E. C. Morris.
 3:00. Report of Foreign Mission Board; Rev. J. H. Frank, chairman.
 4:00. Consideration of the same.
 4:30. An Address, "Our Achievements of the Past Year, and Three Important Factors in their Accomplishment," Rev. P. James Bryant, D.D., Atlanta, Ga.
 4:40. Address, "The Achievements of this Conventional Year Have Created a Demand for \$10,000; How Shall We Get It?" Rev. J. A. Booker, A.M., Little Rock, Ark.
 4:50. Address, "Our Needs at Home No Excuse for Disobeying Our Lord's Marching Orders. 'Go, Preach,'" Rev. P. R. Neal, Ardmore, I. T.
 5:00. Address, "Scattering Abroad and Increasing at Home," Rev. B. P. Fox, D.D., Salem, Va.
 5:10. Address, "Union of Effort and Sympathy of Purpose Necessary to Success," Rev. A. R. Griggs, D.D., Dallas, Texas.
 5:20. Address, "The Devil's Part in Foreign Missions," Rev. J. M. Riddle, Columbus, O.
 5:30. Collection; adjournment.



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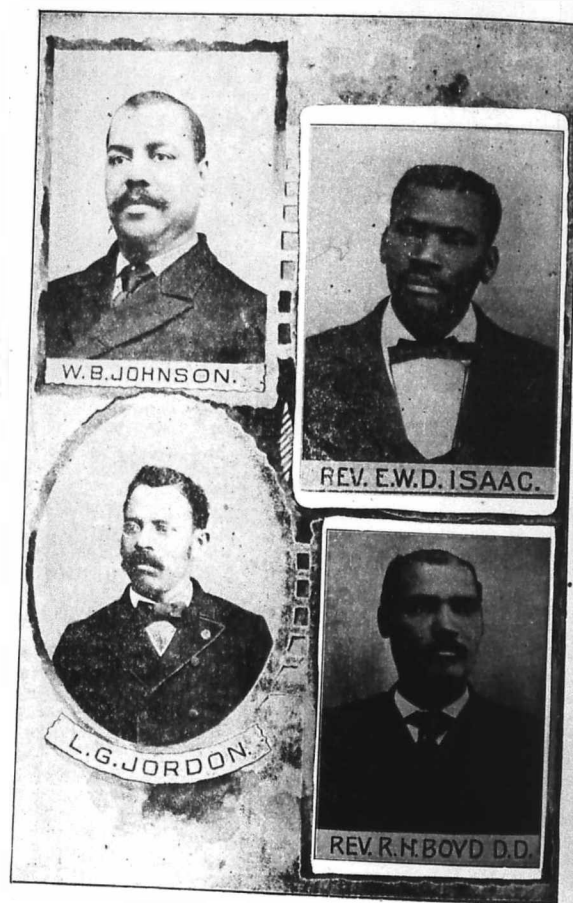
- 7:30. Devotional Exercises; theme, "Missionary Activity," S. T. Clanton, D.D., New Orleans, La.
7:50. Address, "Our Baptist Schools as Foreign Mission Agencies" (ten minutes), Prof. J. T. Wilson, Columbia, S. C.
8:00. Foreign Mission Sermon, Rev. A. M. Johnson, D.D., Vicksburg, Miss.
10:00. Collection; adjournment.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Gospel in All Lands," J. J. Durham, D.D., Savannah, Ga.
(The following addresses ten minutes each:)
9:30. Address, "Former Efforts of Negro Baptists in Foreign Missions during the Past a Guarantee for the Future," Rev. J. E. Ford, Denver, Col.
9:40. Address, "A Model Constitution for a Missionary Baptist Association," Miss F. C. Cobb, Charleston, W. Va.
9:50. Address, "How Leaders in our Churches, Conventions, Baptist Schools, Missionary Societies, and Young People's Organizations May Best Assist in Giving the Gospel to the Heathen," Miss F. C. Blunt, Wilmington, N. C.
10:00. Address, "The General Agent; or, The Greatest Need in Mission Work," C. L. Fisher, D.D., Birmingham, Ala.
10:10. Address, "The Claims of God upon the Churches of this Convention in Behalf of the Heathen World," C. S. Morris, D.D., West Newton, Mass.
10:20. Address, "The Visible Effects of Our Educational System with Reference to Foreign Missions (1) as Conducted by Missionary Pastors, (2) as Conducted by the Mission Herald and Other Religious Journals" (thirty minutes), Rev. A. C. Powell, New Haven, Conn.
10:30. Address, "Heathen Women: Their Condition," Mrs. L. A. Coles, Richmond, Va.
11:00. Address, "How Their Sisters in the Land of Light May Help Them," Miss N. H. Burroughs, Washington, D. C.
11:10. Address, "Cooperation: Its Relations and Effects upon Foreign Missions," Rev. H. C. Mahie, D.D., Boston, Mass.
11:25. Address, "Need of Cooperation in Foreign Mission Work," C. H. Parrish, D.D., Louisville, Ky.
11:40. Address, "How All Baptists May Cooperate in World-wide Missions," Rev. R. J. Willingham, D.D., Richmond, Va.
11:55. Special Prayer.
12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Nation's Safeguard," Rev. D. E. Murff, Galesburg, Ill.



SECRETARIES OF OUR FOUR BOARDS.

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- 2:20. Address, "The Growth and Needs of the Home Mission Board," Chairman J. P. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.
- Solo, Miss Lillie B. McGavock, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:40. The Annual Report of the Home Mission Board, by the Corresponding Secretary, R. H. Boyd, D.D.
- 2:55. Address, "The Need of a General Board to do Missionary Work in the United States," Rev. F. H. Kerfoot, D.D., Atlanta, Ga.
- 3:20. Address, "Why the States and Territories Should Cooperate with this Board in Doing Missionary Work," Rev. G. P. McKinney, Live Oak, Fla.
- 3:35. Address, "The Denominational Influence of a Strong Centralized Board," Rev. W. G. Parks, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 3:50. Address, "The Evangelization of the Newly-acquired Territory of the United States," Rev. R. Gillard, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 4:05. Address, "The Publishing Board and Its Work," Chairman C. H. Clark, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:20. Address, "The Relation that the Publishing House Should Sustain to the National Baptist Convention," Rev. C. S. Wilkins, D.D., Augusta, Ga.
- 5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Light of the Cross," Dr. George W. Lee, Washington, D. C.
- 8:00. Home Mission Sermon; subject, "The Home Mission Board," Rev. L. L. Campbell, Austin, Texas.
- 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Impregnable Rock," Rev. E. P. Marrs, Louisville, Ky.
- 9:15. General Business.
- 9:45. Address, "The Influence of Literature upon a Nation or Race," Rev. Robert Mitchell, D.D., Frankfort, Ky.
- 10:00. Address, "The Need of a Distinct Literature for the Negro," Rev. Harvey Johnson, D.D., Baltimore, Md.
- 10:15. Address, "The Literature of the Twentieth Century, and Who Shall Produce It," Rev. R. H. Bowling, D.D., Norfolk, Va.
- 10:30. Address, "The Need of a History of the Negro Baptist Churches," Rev. R. De Baptist, Elgin, Ill.
- 10:45. Address, "A National Baptist Text-book for our Pastors and Churches and Families," Rev. J. H. Kelley, San Francisco, Cal.
- 11:00. Address, "Children's Day: Its Intent and Purpose," Miss Fannie Dodd, St. Paul, Minn.
- 11:15. Address, "Bible Day: What It Should Be," Rev. William Beckham, Austin, Texas.

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- 11:30. Consideration of the Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board.
11:50. General Business.
12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Bible," Rev. Martin L. Harvey, Flushing, N. Y.
2:10. Reading Minutes; General Business.
2:30. Report of Corresponding Secretary of Educational Board, W. Bishop Johnson, D.D., Washington, D. C.
3:00. Address, "Why Negro Baptists Should Support Their Own Institutions," Rev. W. H. Sherwood, D.D., L.L.D., Covans, Md.
3:25. Address, "The Position of a Theological Course in Ministerial Training," Prof. William E. Holmes, A.M., Macon, Ga.
3:50. Five-minute Addresses by Representatives of Educational Institutions.
4:50. General Business.
5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Business Element in Religion," Rev. A. L. Hall, M.D., Memphis, Tenn.
7:45. "The Red Sea of To-day," Rev. H. D. Proud, D.D., Cincinnati, O.
8:00. Educational Sermon; subject, "Knowledge Essential to Ideals in Christianity," Rev. W. L. Grant, Kansas City, Mo.
10:00. Collection; adjournment.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "How to Secure Prosperity," Rev. J. C. Battle, Pine Bluff, Ark.
9:20. Address, "Negro Capabilities in the Conduct and Support of His Schools," Prof. G. W. Hayes, A.M., Lynchburg, Va.
9:25. Address, "Industrial Training: How Far Shall It Extend?" Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., Huntington, W. Va.
9:50. Five-minute Addresses by Educational Workers.
10:50. Consideration of the Report of the Educational Board.
11:50. Miscellaneous Business.
12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Praise Service, led by Rev. R. D. Phillips, Cincinnati, O.; subject, "Christ, Our Leader."
2:10. Music, "Loyalty to Christ," Fifth-street Baptist Church choir;
2:20. Address, "The Auxiliary Movement in Baptist Churches Conducive to Religious Expansion," Rev. G. W. Raiford, Pensacola, Fla.
2:30. Solo, Mrs. Josie Henderson, Nashville, Tenn.

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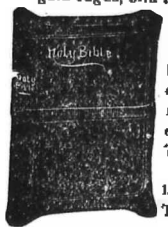
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- 2:35. Introductory Remarks, Rev. N. H. Pius, Memphis, Tenn., chairman N. B. Y. P. U. Board.
- 2:50. Report of B. Y. P. U. Board by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:10. Discussion of the Report, Prof. David Abner, Jr., Ph.D., Seguin, Texas.
- 3:30. Address, "The Popular Lecture as an Educator," E. H. Borden, Chicago, Ill.
- 3:40. Address, "Social Life in Our Churches, and How Our Unions May Conserve the Same," Rev. J. B. Pius, Austin, Texas.
- 3:50. Address, "Our Young People an Evangelistic Force," Rev. I. Toliver, Washington, D. C.
- 4:00. Paper, "The Twentieth Century Missionary Movement among Our Young People," Rev. John E. Wood, Danville, Ky.
- 4:10. Fraternal Greetings, "The Epworth League," Rev. I. Garland Penn, Atlanta, Ga.
- 4:30. "The B. Y. P. U. A.," Rev. E. E. Chivers, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
- 4:40. Paper, "Sowing and Reaping," Miss Hattie Eskridge, Atlanta, Ga.
- 5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:00. Praise Service, led by Rev. J. C. Jackson, Anderson, S. C.; subject, "Christ is All."
- 7:20. Address, "The Need of Disciplined Christian Workers," Rev. S. W. R. Cole, D.D., Galveston, Texas.
- 7:30. Solo, Miss F. L. Allen, Montgomery, Ala.; Address, "The B. Y. P. U. Badge and Its Significance," Rev. A. A. Corey, Clarksdale, Miss.
- 8:00. N. B. Y. P. U. Sermon; subject, "The Mighty Leader vs. the Chief Deceiver," Rev. M. W. D. Norman, Elizabeth City, N. C.
- 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:30. A Model Sunday School by Staton, John S. Trower, superintendent.
- 11:00. Sermon; subject, "Origin of the Baptists," Rev. E. C. Morris, D.D., president National Baptist Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 3:00. A Great Missionary Mass Meeting (to be arranged).

EVENING SESSION.

- 6:00. Model Union, conducted by Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Tuskegee, Ala.
- 6:35. Address, "The B. Y. P. U. a Connecting Link," Mrs. Janie H. Garnett, Brunswick, Ga.
- 6:50. "Our Educational System" (five-minute addresses):
 - (1) "Our Bible Readers' Course," Bennett J. Brown, Magnolia, Ark.

BIBLE DAY.

At the eighteenth annual session of the National Baptist Convention, which was held in Kansas City, Mo., in September, 1898, the necessity of setting apart one day in each year for the collection of money for the purpose of distributing Bibles and Testaments to the poor and needy, received careful attention. The result of said deliberation, may be seen in the resolution given below, which was unanimously passed during the session referred to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

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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, 528 North Market Street, Nashville, Tenn.

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- (2) "Our Conquest Missionary Course," Rev. W. H. Moses, Staunton, Va.
- (3) "Our Historical Department," Rev. J. J. Blackshear, A.M., Indianapolis, Ind.
- (4) "Our Doctrinal Department," Rev. C. O. Booth, D.D., Selma, Ala.
- (5) "Our Temperance Movement," Mrs. E. H. McDonald, New Bedford, Mass.
- 7:15. Address, "Our Junior Work," Mrs. Alice A. Bowie, Selma, Ala.
- 7:30. Address, "Our Paper, 'The National Baptist Union,'" Prof. W. H. Fort, Dyersburg, Tenn.
- 8:00. Sermon, Rev. R. D. Wynn, New York City.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17—MORNING SESSION.

9:00. Devotional Exercises.

9:30. Reading (selected), Madam Preston, Detroit, Mich.

9:50. Ten-minute Remarks from Presidents of State B. Y. P. U.:

Alabama.....A. J. Posey, Bessemer.

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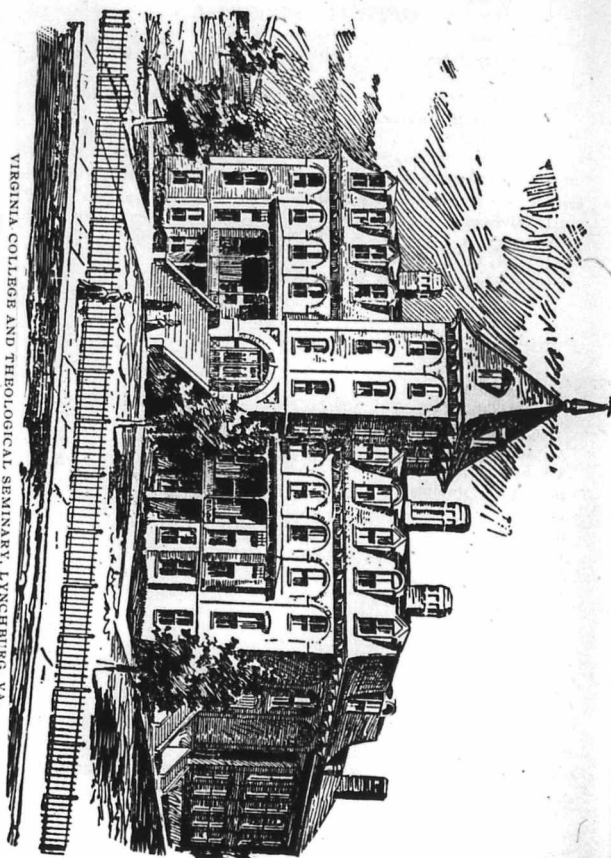
Tennessee.....William Harrison, A.M.

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12:00. Collection; adjournment.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises and Song Service.
- 3:00. Election of Officers.
- 4:00. Miscellaneous Business.
- 5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:20. Devotional Exercises.
- 7:40. Business.
- 8:00. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Washington, D. C.
- 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

- Rev. W. G. Parks.....Tennessee.
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CONSTITUTION
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WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Colored Baptists of the United States of America, convened in the city of Atlanta, Ga., September 24th, 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

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 amounts 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.

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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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:30. Called to order by the President. Devotional Exercises, Rev. S. W. Bocote, Kansas City, Mo.; theme, "Leadership of the Spirit."
- 10:00. Address of Welcome—Granting full possession of the church, Mrs. Annie Bell Ellis; on behalf of the State of Virginia, His Excellency Gov. J. Hoge Tyler; on behalf of the city of Richmond, His Honor Richard Taylor, John Mitchell, Jr.; on behalf of the denominations, H. Powell, D.D.; W. R. Gullins, D.D.; A. G. McGuire, D.D.; J. E. Gunby, B.D.; W. E. Partee.
- 11:00. Response, W. A. Credit, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. C. M. Wells, Montgomery, Ala.
- 11:20. Annual Sermon; subject, "The Mind of Christ in Christian Workers," Rev. G. B. Howard, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.
- 12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Beginning of Foreign Missions," Rev. J. P. Borton, D.D., Talladega, Ala.
- 2:20. Report of Committee on Enrollment.
- 2:30. Annual Address of President E. C. Morris.
- 3:30. Report of Foreign Mission Board; Rev. J. H. Frank, chairman.
- 4:00. Consideration of the same.
- 4:30. An Address, "Our Achievements of the Past Year, and Three Important Factors in their Accomplishment," Rev. P. James Bryant, B.D., Atlanta, Ga.
- 4:40. Address, "The Achievements of this Conventional Year Have Created a Demand for \$40,000; How Shall We Get It?" Rev. J. A. Booker, A.M., Little Rock, Ark.
- 4:50. Address, "Our Needs at Home No Excuse for Disobeying Our Lord's Marching Orders, 'Go, Preach,'" Rev. F. E. Neal, Ardmore, I. T.
- 5:00. Address, "Scattering Abroad and Increasing at Home," Rev. E. F. Fox, D.D., Salem, Va.
- 5:10. Address, "Union of Effort and Sympathy of Purpose Necessary to Success," Rev. A. R. Griggs, D.D., Dallas, Texas.
- 5:20. Address, "The Devil's Part in Foreign Missions," Rev. J. M. Riddle, Columbus, O.
- 5:30. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30. Devotional Exercises; theme, "Missionary Activity," S. T. Clanton, D.D., New Orleans, La.
 7:50. Address, "Our Baptist Schools as Foreign Mission Agencies" (ten minutes), Prof. J. T. Wilson, Columbia, S. C.
 8:00. Foreign Mission Sermon, Rev. A. M. Johnson, D.D., Vicksburg, Miss.
 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Gospel in All Lands," J. J. Durham, D.D., Savannah, Ga.
 (The following addresses ten minutes each:)
 9:30. Address, "Former Efforts of Negro Baptists in Foreign Missions during the Past a Guarantee for the Future," Rev. J. M. Ford, Denver, Col.
 9:40. Address, "A Model Constitution for a Missionary Baptist Association," Miss F. C. Cobb, Charleston, W. Va.
 9:50. Address, "How Leaders in our Churches, Conventions, Baptist Schools, Missionary Societies, and Young People's Organizations May Best Assist in Giving the Gospel to the Heathen," Miss F. C. Blunt, Wilmington, N. C.
 10:00. Address, "The General Agent; or, The Greatest Need in Mission Work," C. L. Fisher, D.D., Birmingham, Ala.
 10:10. Address, "The Claims of God upon the Churches of this Convention in Behalf of the Heathen World," C. S. Morris, D.D., West Newton, Mass.
 10:20. Address, "The Visible Effects of Our Educational System with Reference to Foreign Missions (1) as Conducted by Missionary Pastors, (2) as Conducted by the Mission Herald and Other Religious Journals" (thirty minutes), Rev. A. C. Powell, New Haven, Conn.
 10:50. Address, "Heathen Women: Their Condition," Mrs. L. A. Coles, Richmond, Va.
 11:00. Address, "How Their Sisters in the Land of Light May Help Them," Miss N. H. Burroughs, Washington, D. C.
 11:10. Address, "Cooperation: Its Relations and Effects upon Foreign Missions," Rev. H. C. Mabie, D.D., Boston, Mass.
 11:25. Address, "Need of Cooperation in Foreign Mission Work," C. H. Parrish, D.D., Louisville, Ky.
 11:40. Address, "How All Baptists May Cooperate in World-wide Missions," Rev. R. J. Willingham, D.D., Richmond, Va.
 11:55. Special Prayer.
 12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Nation's Safeguard," Rev. D. E. Murff, Galesburg, Ill.

- 2:20. Address, "The Growth and Needs of the Home Mission Board," Chairman J. P. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.
 2:35. Solo, Miss Lillie B. McGavock, Nashville, Tenn.
 2:40. The Annual Report of the Home Mission Board, by the Corresponding Secretary, R. H. Boyd, D.D.
 3:05. Address, "The Need of a General Board to do Missionary Work in the United States," Rev. F. H. Kerfoot, D.D., Atlanta, Ga.
 3:20. Address, "Why the States and Territories Should Cooperate with this Board in Doing Missionary Work," Rev. G. P. McKinney, Live Oak, Fla.
 3:35. Address, "The Denominational Influence of a Strong Centralized Board," Rev. W. G. Parks, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 3:50. Address, "The Evangelization of the Newly-acquired Territory of the United States," Rev. R. Gillard, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 4:05. Address, "The Publishing Board and Its Work," Chairman C. H. Clark, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.
 4:20. Address, "The Relation that the Publishing House Should Sustain to the National Baptist Convention," Rev. C. S. Wilkins, D.D., Augusta, Ga.
 5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Light of the Cross," Dr. George W. Lee, Washington, D. C.
 8:00. Home Mission Sermon; subject, "The Home Mission Board," Rev. L. L. Campbell, Austin, Texas.
 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Impregnable Rock," Rev. E. P. Marra, Louisville, Ky.
 9:15. General Business.
 9:45. Address, "The Influence of Literature upon a Nation or Race," Rev. Robert Mitchell, D.D., Frankfort, Ky.
 10:00. Address, "The Need of a Distinct Literature for the Negro," Rev. Harvey Johnson, D.D., Baltimore, Md.
 10:15. Address, "The Literature of the Twentieth Century, and Who Shall Produce It," Rev. R. H. Bowling, D.D., Norfolk, Va.
 10:30. Address, "The Need of a History of the Negro Baptist Churches," Rev. R. De Baptist, Elgin, Ill.
 10:45. Address, "A National Baptist Text-book for our Pastors and Churches and Families," Rev. J. B. Kelley, San Francisco, Cal.
 11:00. Address, "Children's Day: Its Intent and Purpose," Miss Fannie Dodd, St. Paul, Minn.
 11:15. Address, "Bible Day: What It Should Be," Rev. William Beckham, Austin, Texas.

- 11:30. Consideration of the Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board.
 11:50. General Business.
 12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Bible," Rev. Martin L. Harvey, Flushing, N. Y.
 2:10. Reading Minutes; General Business.
 2:30. Report of Corresponding Secretary of Educational Board, W. Bishop Johnson, D.D., Washington, D. C.
 3:00. Address, "Why Negro Baptists Should Support Their Own Institutions," Rev. W. H. Sherwood, D.D., LL.D., Govans, Md.
 3:25. Address, "The Position of a Theological Course in Ministerial Training," Prof. William E. Holmes, A.M., Macon, Ga.
 3:50. Five-minute Addresses by Representatives of Educational Institutions.
 4:50. General Business.
 5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30. Devotional Exercises; theme, "The Business Element in Religion," Rev. A. L. Hall, M.D., Memphis, Tenn.
 7:45. "The Red Sea of To-day," Rev. H. D. Prond, D.D., Cincinnati, O.
 8:00. Educational Sermon; subject, "Knowledge Essential to Ideals in Christianity," Rev. W. L. Grant, Kansas City, Mo.
 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises; theme, "How to Secure Prosperity," Rev. J. C. Battle, Pine Bluff, Ark.
 9:20. Address, "Negro Capability in the Conduct and Support of His Schools," Prof. G. W. Hayes, A.M., Lynchburg, Va.
 9:25. Address, "Industrial Training: How Far Shall It Extend?" Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., Huntington, W. Va.
 9:50. Five-minute Addresses by Educational Workers.
 10:50. Consideration of the Report of the Educational Board.
 11:50. Miscellaneous Business.
 12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Praise Service, led by Rev. R. D. Phillips, Cincinnati, O.; subject, "Christ, Our Leader."
 2:10. Music, "Loyalty to Christ," Fifth-street Baptist Church choir;
 2:20. Address, "The Auxiliary Movement in Baptist Churches Conducive to Religious Expansion," Rev. G. W. Raiford, Pensacola, Fla.
 2:30. Solo, Mrs. Josie Henderson, Nashville, Tenn.

- 2:35. Introductory Remarks, Rev. N. H. Plus, Memphis, Tenn., chairman N. B. Y. P. U. Board.
 2:50. Report of B. Y. P. U. Board by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. W. D. Isaacs, Nashville, Tenn.
 3:10. Discussion of the Report, Prof. David Abner, Jr., Ph.D., Seguin, Texas.
 3:30. Address, "The Popular Lecture as an Educator," E. H. Borden, Chicago, Ill.
 3:40. Address, "Social Life in Our Churches, and How Our Unions May Conserve the Same," Rev. J. B. Plus, Austin, Texas.
 3:50. Address, "Our Young People an Evangelistic Force," Rev. I. Toliver, Washington, D. C.
 4:00. Paper, "The Twentieth Century Missionary Movement among Our Young People," Rev. John E. Wood, Danville, Ky.
 4:10. Fraternal Greetings, "The Epworth League," Rev. I. Garland Penn, Atlanta, Ga.
 4:30. "The B. Y. P. U. A.," Rev. E. E. Chivers, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
 4:40. Paper, "Sowing and Reaping," Miss Hattie Eskridge, Atlanta, Ga.
 5:00. Collection; adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

- 7:00. Praise Service, led by Rev. J. C. Jackson, Anderson, S. C.; subject, "Christ Is All."
 7:20. Address, "The Need of Disciplined Christian Workers," Rev. S. W. R. Cole, D.D., Galveston, Texas.
 7:30. Solo, Miss F. L. Allen, Montgomery, Ala.; Address, "The B. Y. P. U. Badge and Its Significance," Rev. A. A. Casey, Clarksdale, Miss.
 8:00. N. B. Y. P. U. Sermon; subject, "The Mighty Lender vs. the Chief Deceiver," Rev. M. W. D. Norman, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:30. A Model Sunday School by States, John S. Trower, superintendent.
 11:00. Sermon; subject, "Origin of the Baptists," Rev. E. C. Morris, D.D., president National Baptist Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. A Great Missionary Mass Meeting (to be arranged).

EVENING SESSION.

- 6:00. Model Union, conducted by Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Tuskegee, Ala.
 6:35. Address, "The B. Y. P. U. a Connecting Link," Mrs. Janie B. Garnett, Brunswick, Ga.
 6:50. "Our Educational System" (five-minute addresses):
 (1) "Our Bible Readers' Course," Beckett J. Brown, Magnolia, Ark.

- (2) "Our Conquest Missionary Course," Rev. W. H. Moses, Staunton, Va.
 (3) "Our Historical Department," Rev. J. J. Blackshear, A.M., Indianapolis, Ind.
 (4) "Our Doctrinal Department," Rev. C. O. Booth, D.D., Selma, Ala.
 (5) "Our Temperance Movement," Mrs. E. H. McDonald, New Bedford, Mass.
 7:15. Address, "Our Junior Work," Mrs. Alice A. Bowle, Selma, Ala.
 7:30. Address, "Our Paper, 'The National Baptist Union,'" Prof. W. H. Fort, Dyersburg, Tenn.
 8:00. Sermon, Rev. H. D. Wynn, New York City.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17—MORNING SESSION.

- 9:00. Devotional Exercises.
 9:30. Reading (selected), Madam Preston, Detroit, Mich.
 9:50. Ten-minute Remarks from Presidents of State B. Y. P. U.:
 Alabama.....A. J. Posey, Bessemer.
 Arkansas.....R. M. Caver, Helena.
 District of Columbia.....
 Florida.....O. P. McKinney, Live Oak.
 Georgia.....P. S. L. Hutchins, Columbus.
 Illinois.....
 Iowa.....
 Kansas.....
 Kentucky.....
 Indiana.....S. C. Manuel.
 Louisiana.....
 Texas.....J. B. Plus, Austin.
 Mississippi.....Rev. W. H. Jernigan.
 Massachusetts.....
 Missouri.....
 Michigan.....
 Minnesota.....
 New Jersey.....
 Oklahoma Territory.....
 Pennsylvania.....
 South Carolina.....C. F. Holmes, Columbia.
 Ohio.....George Washington, Xenia.
 Texas.....T. I. Taylor, Seguin.
 Tennessee.....William Harrison, A.M.
 Virginia.....
 West Virginia.....
 12:00. Collection; adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises and Song Service.
 3:00. Election of Officers.
 4:00. Miscellaneous Business.
 5:00. Collection; adjournment.
 EVENING SESSION,
 7:30. Devotional Exercises.
 7:40. Business.
 8:00. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Washington, D. C.
 10:00. Collection; adjournment.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

- Rev. W. G. Parks.....Tennessee
 Rev. E. R. Carter, D.D.....Georgia
 Rev. G. W. Relford.....Florida
 Rev. P. R. Neal.....Indian Territory
 Mrs. W. H. Stewart.....Kentucky

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

- Prof. James A. Booker, A.M.....Arkansas
 E. B. Topp, D.D.....Mississippi
 E. W. Moore.....Pennsylvania
 B. F. Fox, D.D.....Virginia
 Mrs. C. R. McDowell.....Missouri

MINUTES

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

RICHMOND, VA., Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 1900.

The twentieth annual session of the National Baptist Convention convened with the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., pastor, on Wednesday, September 12, 1900, and was called to order at 10 a. m. by President E. C. Morris. Dr. W. H. Phillips, of Pennsylvania, lined hymn No. 703, "Am I a soldier of the cross." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Phillips, D. D., of Pennsylvania. Dr. C. O. Boothe, of Alabama, addressed the Convention on the subject, "Leadership of the Spirit." Prayer by Dr. C. O. Boothe, of Alabama. The Convention sang, "O for a closer walk with God." Prayer by Dr. D. A. Gaddie, of Kentucky.

By motion, the program prepared by the Executive Board was adopted by the Convention.

Addresses of Welcome were delivered in behalf of the Fifth Street Church by Mrs. Annie Bell Ellis; in behalf of the city of Richmond by Jno. Mitchell, Jr.; in behalf of the denomination by Rev. W. R. Gullens, D. D.; of the A. M. E. Church, Prof. D. W. Davis; Dr. J. E. Gunby, of the M. E. Church; Dr. A. G. McGuire, of the Episcopal Church; Dr. W. E. Partee, of the Presbyterian Church. Response in behalf of the Convention, by Prof. C. M. Wells, of Montgomery, Ala.

President Morris appointed the following committees:

Financial Committee—Revs. J. C. Battle, Arkansas; E. B. Topp, D. D., Mississippi; E. W. Moore, Pennsylvania; B. F. Fox, D. D., Virginia; Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Missouri.

Enrollment Committee—Revs. W. G. Parks, Tennessee; E. R. Carter, D. D., Georgia; G. W. Raiford, D. D., Florida; P. R. Neal, Indian Territory; Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Kentucky.

Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., preached the annual sermon from Philippians 2:5; subject, "The Mind of Christ in Christian Workers." Prayer by Dr. Harvey Johnson.

By motion, the following committee was appointed to express the sympathy of the Convention for the people of Texas, who are suffering on account of the recent flood:

Committee—Revs. R. P. Taylor, R. H. Boyd, C. H. Parrish, C. T. Walker, E. C. Morris, A. R. Griggs, I. Tolliver. Collection for the flooded district, \$19.20.

Benediction by Rev. R. DeBaptiste, D. D.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 3 p. m., Vice President A. N. McEwen, of Alabama, presiding. Devotional exercises. Theme, "The beginning of Foreign Missions, was led by Revs. J. P. Barton, D. D., and J. H. Eason, D. D. of Alabama. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A. H. Miller, of Arkansas, gave notice to the Convention of his intention to offer an amendment affecting Article IV. of the Constitution.

President E. C. Morris was presented to the Convention by Vice President A. N. McEwen, and delivered the following address.

Brethren of the Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the name of Jesus our Redeemer, and by the guidance of his kind providence, we meet in this historic city in another annual session of our Convention, to hand in our reports as servants in the Master's vineyard and to gather inspiration and means to push forward his cause into all the world. I confess that I feel a special joy at meeting so many of you at this time and place—in this grand old State which bears the honor of being the "Mother of Presidents," and which has the distinction of being one of the foremost in the Union in point of loyalty to Baptist principles. We are also reminded of our nearness to the place where the first of our race, so far as history gives account, were landed upon these shores two hundred and eighty years ago, not as men, but as goods and chattels. It is quite appropriate that we, the descend-

ants of that few who were landed at Jamestown, should meet here as men, having been lifted up by our contact with other peoples of this nation, and look back upon the scenes of the past to behold "what wonders God hath wrought."

Permit me to congratulate you, in the first place, upon the extraordinary prosperity enjoyed by the people in every part of this great country, and especially the success which has been achieved by the heralds of the Cross who are enlisted under that banner of which you are the representatives. As a great church organization, we can share in the unprecedented prosperity that, like a tidal wave, has swept over our country, and the successful conquests which our nation has waged against error abroad, setting before us an open door which no man can shut. Notwithstanding our nation has been engaged in bloody conflicts with foreign foes, there has been no period in the history of our organization that has been more prosperous than that of the present year. We have maintained our record of making steady increase both in numbers and property throughout the country. Perhaps the most notable evidence of this is found among the colored Baptists of the North and East, where there has been considerable emigration from the South, and where there is a large number of honest, earnest, devoted, consecrated ministers endeavoring to bring the people of their respective fields to a proper acceptance of the Word of God; and we may say also, that our organizations are not sectional, but in the language of the poet,

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run."

This exalted sentiment impels the leaders of the National Baptist Convention. In our effort to carry forward the work of the Convention, we have endeavored to keep in friendly touch with all the Baptist societies in the world. We recognize that while we have separate organizations, our cause is one—that we have one great aim in view, viz.: the giving of the Gospel of the Son of God to the world, without apology. In this we are glad to say that our relation has been fraternal and pleasant so far, and I think it is growing warmer each year. It is only when irresponsible bigots attempt to espouse the cause of the older societies that misunderstandings gain circulation and prominence. It is, in-

deed, unfortunate both for the societies and for us that these apparent differences gain circulation. Quite a lengthy article was given to the public in the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C., on August 1st, and given further circulation by the *Florida Evangelist*, under the caption, "Questionable Methods of Colored Baptists." The article was a severe arraignment of the Secretary of our Publishing Board. If the friends of the National Baptist Convention had not possessed a personal knowledge of the method and work of that department, they, perhaps, would have been influenced by it. We like criticism when it comes from friends having a view to correcting errors for the good of our race and denomination. But so far as this one is concerned, we are in a serious quandary as to whether the editor wrote it from a spirit prompted to benefit the colored Baptists, or whether he was influenced by some one who is an inveterate enemy of our publishing concern. We venture to say that, when the truth is known, some man of our own race, who ought to be rejoicing at its progress, will be found at the bottom of the whole affair. But be the matter as it may, I am glad to say that the reports of the respective Boards to the National Convention have met the hearty approval of the Convention, and convinced all the world not too biased to believe it, that the Negro Baptists are doing work now which gives opportunities and successes to the race which did not come to them when all their contributions went to, and all their work was being done by, the societies operated by the white brethren.

This has been a very busy year with the officers of the Convention. We have spared neither time nor money in a protracted effort to get every part of our denominational forces actively engaged in the support of our respective Boards in their great campaign against sin and error. We have put behind us the mutterings and contentions of those who would seek to stir up strife, and have endeavored to have harmony and unanimity in the work of the Convention. We have endeavored to exercise great patience and charity toward those who seemed to think a National Convention of Negro Baptists unnecessary, as we are sure that time and environment will be sufficient to convince them of the necessity of such an organization. To me, as the "heavens declare the glory of God," so do the signs of the times in church and in State

point to the fact that for the Negro to ever be received and given the place of a man in religion, in politics, in business, etc., he must accumulate, he must own, control, or manage enterprises for the development of the race and the blessing of mankind. And this condition of affairs will not give offense to any except those who would prefer to be agents, rather than owners, of such concerns.

You will permit me here to repeat what I have said on former occasions: that the conditions in this country have forced the Negroes to be separate in their churches, associations, and conventions, from their white brethren, and these smaller organizations have, by reason of the same conditions, been forced to form this national society. And since we have this National Baptist Convention, it is imperative that it have a high and noble object; and as this object has been clearly defined, it is unnecessary that I should again attempt to bring it before you.

The man or men who can not see the wisdom displayed in effecting this organization is indeed blind. Before the organization of the National Baptist Convention at St. Louis, Mo., in 1886, our denominational strength as to men and means was a thing unknown. But in the few years we have maintained the principles of our society, there has sprung into activity a spirit to do mission work, educational work, publication work, and the like, which is without a parallel in the history of our race, and which at the same time has developed an army of practical business men as well as inspired others to become great and useful as writers, bookkeepers, typographers, managers, theologians, etc. Since these things are true — and no one will doubt them — we would not emertain, by any means, even a suggestion to cease this onward march.

We can not afford to sit idly by for fear of criticism and permit other organizations among Negroes in this country to show the possibilities of the race by undertaking to do something in a way separate from their white brethren, and not do something ourselves in that way. When we can point to the fact that a Board representing the Negro Baptists in this country is successfully operating and supporting mission stations and missionaries in far-off Africa, in Cuba, and in South America, and that our Home Mission Board is supporting missionaries far out in the West, and

at the same time operating a publishing plant which is now doing a business of \$50,000 a year, supplying fully nine thousand of our Sunday schools with a literature which is acceptable to the very best; and then that we have as a result of separate effort, supplemented by the aid of friends at the North, such institutions as Selma University, Selma, Ala.; State University, Louisville, Ky.; Natchez College, Natchez, Miss.; Guadalupe College, Seguin, Texas; Central City College, Macon, Ga.; Howe Institute, Memphis, Tenn.; Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark.; Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.; and many others of equal importance to our people, we can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Already we lead all the other denominations among our people in the matter of progressive enterprise; only one thing remains to be done to place the Convention where it properly belongs before the world, and that is to establish and successfully maintain a great National University such as will command the support and respect of all peoples and races — a University which will be to the Negro Baptists what Brown University is to the white Baptists of the North, the Southern Baptist Seminary is to Southern white Baptists, or Wilberforce is to the African Methodists.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

For the first time in the history of our Convention, a step has been taken by the Foreign Mission Board toward cooperation with one of our great Baptist societies of the North. You will recall the fact that when we met one year ago at Nashville, Tenn., great enthusiasm was created by the reception of a letter from Rev. C. S. Morris, who was at that time in South Africa. He had been sent out by an organization of white Baptists in the North in cooperation with our Foreign Mission Board, for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing industrial missions in South Africa, and also, if possible, to settle the differences that existed between our Board and some of our missionaries in South Africa. On Brother Morris' return to this country, he at once set out to create a sentiment in favor of the mission work which he had planned to do before he left. I shall not speak of the work of that peerless ambassador, as he will come before you in person. But it was upon his suggestion that a conference was held in New

York last April between the representatives of the Missionary Union and our Foreign Mission Board, which conference resulted in an agreement to cooperate in the support of Brother Morris while he traveled in this country with a view to creating a wider sentiment and a greater desire to help in foreign missions. This is the beginning of systematic cooperation between the Northern societies and our Convention, and I think it will prove to be a wise project. As to this agreement, the Foreign Mission Board will report in detail, but enough is in evidence to show that our Convention is not hostile to Christian cooperation with other societies.

RETROSPECT.

A brief review of the past as relates to our race and denomination would not be out of place at this time. To look back to the days when our people had just been delivered from a cruel bondage, clothed with ignorance and superstition, having crude, unpolished ideas of religion, no schools or churches, no leaders — nothing but a helpless mass of humanity — it is revolting in the extreme. In those days of misery and extreme necessity, among the many agencies which God sent to redeem and lift up these people, was the American Baptist Home Mission Society. I speak of it particularly because of the fact that in this city, the old Lumpkin Jail, which held so many of the slaves for sale, became the seat of the first school for the training of our people under the auspices of that magnificent society. From that feeble beginning has come to us the beautiful Union University, which is, doubtless, the pride of every loyal Baptist in the land. Notwithstanding that it has been but a few years since the emancipation of our race, the distance which we have traveled is very great. We could not have made the journey or the marvelous progress which we have made, had we not been given the aid of such friends as those who foster the work of the Home Mission Society. I can not refrain from referring in this connection to the much revered and greatly lamented Dr. Corey, who spent many years of his noble life in this city, as President of the Richmond Theological Seminary. He was a prince of good men, and perhaps looks from his spiritual abode to-day, with glorious satisfaction, upon this gathering, and into the faces of many whom he trained or gave their first lessons in theology; and his noble spirit, like that of

John Brown, is still "marching on." The work of these grand and noble men is immortal, and if there were a disposition or effort on the part of any to destroy it, it would prove futile. But I can say without fear of successful contradiction that there is not the slightest enmity in the leaders of the National Baptist Convention against any of these good and great men or the work which they have done for the elevation of this race. But our method of showing our deep and abiding appreciation for what has been done for us has been misunderstood and misrepresented. The manly, cultivated, God-like ministers and laymen among us believe that the best method of showing their gratitude to those who have helped them is to do something to help themselves and others who are in need. We believe that every effort made for our people during the thirty-five years of the past by the friends of our race is an unanswerable argument that for every school, university, or other enterprise planted and supported by others for the benefit of the Negro Baptists, there should be one, as a supplement, planted and operated by ourselves. How else can we show our appreciation for the help we have received? Words alone will not do it. Deeds are immortal. As we look over the long list of the noble-hearted philanthropists, the hundreds of consecrated teachers and preachers who arose above social caste and associated themselves with our fathers in the days of their early trials in order that such a scene as I have before me be made possible, our hearts go out to them in loving remembrance, notwithstanding most of them have been gathered to their final reward. And so deep is my confidence in the Word of God, I am reminded to repeat the words of Paul, when he said, "Wherefore seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

But allow me to say that the supplementary institutions planted by the colored Baptists do not seek to supplant those formed by our friends, but rather to augment and enlarge the opportunities of and for our race. It is as necessary that there be mission boards, publication boards, educational boards, colleges, seminaries, academies, etc., owned and operated by the Negroes, as it is for them to own the houses they live in or to have newspapers, dry goods stores, grocery stores, farms, factories, or any other

enterprise necessary to develop the business side of the race. The National Baptist Convention, in this connection, stands for the complete development of the Negro as a man along all lines, beginning first with his religious life, and ending with the material, or business life. In these laudable objects we expect to have the sympathy and cooperation of all true men.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS.

The work of modern foreign missions is about a century old, while with us as a separate organization it is about twenty years old. And yet, the Son of God, who is an embodiment of missions, stood upon Olivet nearly nineteen hundred years ago and gave orders to his church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, giving in connection therewith the blessed promise, "I am with you alway." If any one thing more than another should cause the church to repent, it is the neglect of foreign fields. It is my conviction that in proportion as the command to publish the Gospel to the heathen world has been obeyed, prosperity has been brought into our Christian homes.

We no longer need to apologize for the work being done through our Foreign Mission Board, for in the face of the many discouragements and unwarranted thrusts made at its methods and plans, it is doing a remarkable work for the Master in South Africa and elsewhere. It appears to be a providential thing that South Africa has been selected as the base of our missionary operations on the dark continent. Rev. R. A. Jackson, who, through the mediatorship of Rev. C. S. Morris, has resumed work under our Board, is proving to be an instrument of marvelous results in our African mission work. Even the natives look upon him as a God-sent man and believe him to be the one who is to lift them out of the pit of sin and ignorance. The Foreign Mission Board has been able this year to be more punctual in the payment of salaries than in previous years. This was very fortunate, owing to the fact that prices for food were very high on account of the British-Boer war. The officers of our Board have been faithful to the trust imposed upon them, and not only have sought the cooperation and support of all who believe in the work of missions, but have taken time to study it both as it relates to the heathen and to the people of this country. All the officers of the Board attended the great Ecumenical Conference of Foreign

Missions, held in New York City from the 21st of April to the 2d of May, 1900, which meeting was an inspiration to them as well as to all who had the pleasure of attending it.

The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board has not ceased at any time to call loud to the Baptists of this country to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. He has gone from city to city and from State to State, and has succeeded in creating an interest in foreign missions hitherto unknown to colored Baptists. I must urge, in this connection, that greater respect be given to the appeals sent out by our Foreign Mission Board, for it sometimes occurs that conditions arise on the field that require immediate relief, and as we have no invested funds, we must depend wholly upon the contributions sent up from our churches, associations, and conventions, to meet these conditions. The Board is endeavoring to raise before the close of the century, forty thousand dollars for its foreign work. This amount has been apportioned to the various States, according to the number of Baptists in them. We sincerely hope that the leaders in the various States will see to it that the amount allotted to be raised by their States, if not sent in already, will be forthcoming.

HOME MISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS.

I confess that a special pride thrills me when I come to speak of our Home Mission Board, with its marvelous work of publication, partly because of the fact that it has undergone a greater degree of opposition and persecution than any of the Boards, and partly because of the material benefit it has been to the race. We do not conceal the fact that this Board has enjoyed a greater measure of prosperity than any of the rest, notwithstanding it has met with greater opposition. But since it has been so fully demonstrated that such an enterprise was a pressing necessity and the undertaking having proved a great success, we now venture to say that those who were its bitterest opponents will concede the wisdom of its beginning.

It was a hazardous undertaking, made, as it was, at the close of one of the most marvelous centuries since the dawn of creation, at a time when art, science, and literature were at their zenith and when the more advanced races were vying among themselves as to which could produce the best and most acceptable literature for

the vast army of Christian readers. For a people only thirty years from slavery to undertake such a project was indeed perilous. As was expected, criticism came thick and fast, but our manager, a man who lays no claim to an education, was well prepared to receive all that came. And permit me to say that to his indomitable courage, coupled with his vast store of common sense, is due much of the success of that enterprise. He has lived to see the time already when many who were his severest critics are glad to acknowledge his superiority. The same may be said of the contributors to our periodicals, none of whom lay claim to perfection; nor do we claim for this Board that it produces a literature equal to the best, but we do claim it to be equal to any produced by our race and superior to that of any other race having only one generation of thirty years of advantages and opportunities in which to prepare for such work. Allow me to say, also, that as our increasing Baptist family sees more and more of this work and falls in to help it on, so will the work improve in literary taste and mechanical construction. When fourteen thousand Baptist Sunday schools, instead of nine thousand, as we now have, are honest, faithful patrons of our Publishing Board, we will be prepared to remove even the little objections which are now raised. In this connection, I wish to say to the Negro Baptists of the world and to those of this State in particular, that if you would occupy a place in the sacred history of to-day which is to be read by unborn generations, you will have to ally yourselves with these distinct and separate enterprises, fostered and managed by the race; otherwise, the passing of your life will be like the duration of a meteor or shooting star, while your fellows who have endeavored to leave a distinct heritage will be as fixed stars in the gaze of future generations. Every race must make and write its own history. The work of the Publishing Board stands for all there is in the Negro Baptist family so far as Christian literature is concerned, and we predict that before the close of the first decade of the twentieth century, all will be in line to encourage and support this marvelous undertaking.

In addition to the publication work, the Home Mission Board is supporting in part two missionaries in the extreme West, co-operating with State and district Boards in the employment of fourteen other missionaries and colporters, and aiding other

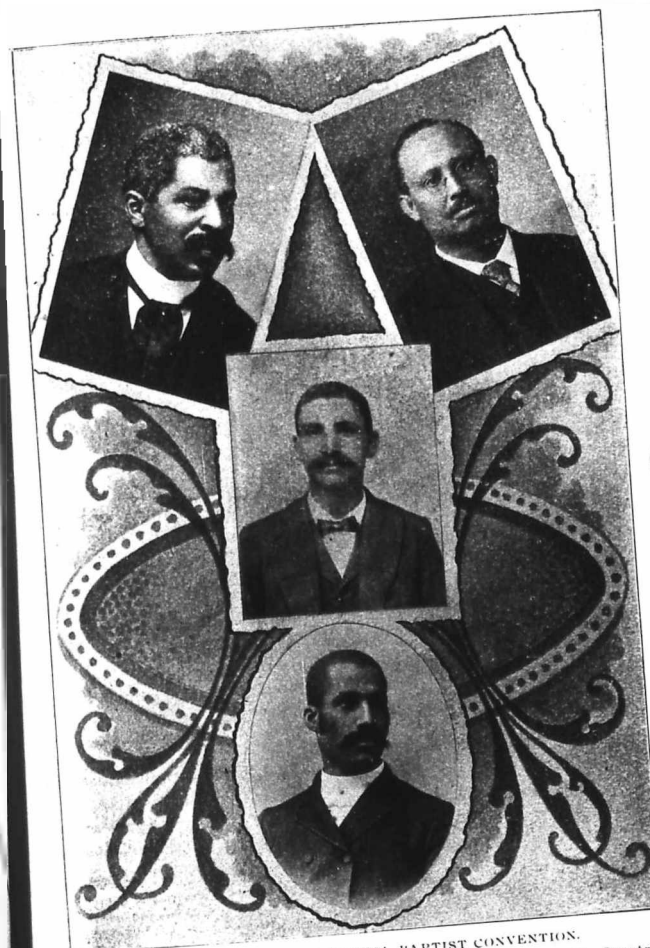
feeble points with gifts of books and Bibles and other literature. I feel sure that the Board's report for the year just closed will show most gratifying results. We must do our part of the work on the Home field, and must not neglect to give the Bible to all who will accept it. To this end we are endeavoring to do a Bible work, which should be supported on Bible Day by the entire Negro Baptist family.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

The work allotted to this Board by the National Baptist Convention has been looked upon by many with a somewhat suspicious eye, owing to the fact that the educational work among the Negro Baptists has been largely looked after by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. But I want to say here and now that there need be no apprehension by any that it is the purpose of this Board to antagonize the work of the Home Mission Society. It is, however, the purpose of this Board to seek to strengthen and aid the schools owned and managed by Negroes themselves and to plan for the building and support of a National University by this Convention, and to encourage, if allowed to do so, the Home Mission schools. None among us are so ignorant as to think for a moment that the colored Baptists are able to support all the educational work necessary for the religious training of our people. During the past year this Board has been active in an effort to get the schools owned by the race to associate themselves for mutual protection and benefit. So far it has succeeded in getting quite a number of our best schools to enter into the confederation. These schools are to receive the moral support of the Convention and whatever financial aid it can give them. It is expected that in the next twelve months all the schools owned by the Negroes will join the federation, thereby bringing themselves in the same relation with the National Baptist Convention as they sustain to other societies, that they may receive such aid as the Convention may be able to give.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

This new and heretofore untried department of our Convention work has been carried forward with a commendable degree of satisfaction and success. The work began with practically no-



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money; but with faith in God and confidence in His people, the Secretary of this department has aroused interest in the work, and stirred the hosts of young Baptists to such activity as they never had during the progress of our great denomination. He has been loyal to every department of the Convention's work, advertising the same with a measure of success that was marvelous in the eyes of all who bore witness to his labors.

The work of organizing the young people has been pushed with unusual rapidity. Hundreds of local unions have been organized, many districts and States have been put in organic touch with the Board and made acquainted with its system of education and work. An effort has been made to make these societies helpful to the churches. The course of instruction outlined by the Board has been especially helpful in teaching the young people that the special work of their societies is to provide the essential drill ground for the unfolding of Christian doctrines, and to develop the young people of the churches in the responsibilities and activities of Christian life. Signs of the good work being done by this movement are seen and acknowledged by many of the leading pastors. The special effort of the Corresponding Secretary to raise an organizing fund of five thousand dollars is both timely and commendable. In view of the valuable assistance rendered pastors by this organization in the training and development of the latent and otherwise dormant forces under them, it is the imperative duty of every pastor to lend a strong helping hand in the effort to more thoroughly organize and systematize the work.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. E. K. LOVE, D. D.

In the midst of this address you will permit me to pause to say a word concerning one of our fallen heroes, one of the brightest stars in the ministerial galaxy. Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., of Georgia, who was an ardent supporter of our National Convention and its work, and who was preeminently the leader in his State and who also at one time occupied the chief seat in this Convention, passed from labor to reward on the 23d day of last April. The news of his death was like an earthquake shock to his friends throughout the country. Notwithstanding the fact that he was in ill health at the last meeting of our Convention, and was only able to come in at times and drop a word of advice and encouragement, it was not thought by many of his admirers that he would

so soon be taken away. Men die, but principles never. His devotion to the principles of this organization was so strong that nothing but death could separate him from the work undertaken by it. But as his noble spirit looks down from the clouds, we would say to him that the cause which he so ably espoused and for which he laid down his life is still advancing. If I am correctly informed, he was standing at his post when the fatal arrow of death struck him down. "A veteran sleeping on his arms beneath the red cross shield." This Convention will doubtless adopt suitable resolutions and set apart a memorial page in the journal as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

As a religious organization representing more than half of the Negro race in this country, and in view of the record the race has made in the last past thirty-five years, it is but appropriate to ask, What of the future? Before the question can escape from our lips, many discouragements rise up to face us and throw a shadow on the road ahead. But when we consider the past history of our country and the environments of the race, we may reasonably conclude that such things might be expected. Our race and people in America are, like the unwary waters of the mighty deep, impatient, irrepressible, and determined upon the amelioration of their condition. We do not condemn this spirit of anxiety in them, but we should bear in mind that only thirty-five years have passed since the march to a state of cultivated citizenship and high Christian motive was begun. We all deprecate the fact that conditions have arisen to darken the future of the black man in this country. We all regret that racial conflicts have taken place in any part of this glorious land, and that the spirit to disregard the laws of the country has grown in the last decade to marvelous proportions. But such disregard for the law does not represent the best element of our citizens or the true spirit of Americanism. Crime should and must be punished, and I would feel humiliated to hear any member of my race say one word in extenuation of the crimes alleged against persons who belong to the race, but I insist that the strong arm of the law is sufficient to mete out justice to all violators. But there is no doubt as to the fact that the utter disregard for law and order has produced a feeling of unrest all over the country, which has presented a serious problem to both

the white and black races in the United States. This problem, however, is being considered in the counsel of both races by their wisest and best men, and it is my firm conviction that it will meet with satisfactory solution before another generation is passed. Many of our good and great men have suggested as a means to the solution of the problem rising out of the race conflicts such theories as African emigration, the industrial training of the Negro masses, colonization, etc. But it appears that none of the plans proposed meets the approval of a very large number of our people. The majority of the Negroes believe themselves to be American citizens by every right to which any can lay claim, and cherish the hope that pluck, energy, economy, and accumulation along material lines will eventually solve the problem. Racial prejudice can not be removed in a single generation, except in those cases where the religious nature dominates all others, and this, as you know, is a rare thing. What the black man can not understand is that for the first ten years after his emancipation, when he was least prepared for the enjoyment of his civil and political rights, he received these rights and the encouragement and apparent good will of all. But after having come in contact with the schoolhouse and the church, and begun to be more and more a man, there sprang up a unanimous action in the South to deprive him of those rights. There can not be the slightest doubt that many of the persons to-day who were born in slavery have improved every opportunity since their emancipation, to show themselves as men, and *nothing can come now to make them believe themselves less than men.* But having these things to face, is it not well to consider whether or not they are blessings in disguise? Do they not more and more tend to throw the race on its own responsibilities, and thereby establish the fact that it can be a race of resources? My brethren, these things mean to me that the Negroes are to be owners of farms, railroads, steamboats, factories, mills, banks, insurance concerns, dry goods stores, groceries; that we are to have grain dealers, cotton factors, and, in short, are to be actually associated with the business interests of the world. If we are permitted to judge the future by the past, so far as it relates to the race, it seems that nothing can be more hopeful than the future outlook of the Negro. When we take into account the outside agencies which God has at work in our behalf, coupled with the unprecedented

efforts being put forth by the race and denomination, we will enter the twentieth century under conditions which to me are most encouraging. Our ministers and churches are far better prepared now than they have been at any time in the past to undertake great things for God. They are seeing the imperative demands being made upon them daily, for better citizenship, a better and more practical Christianity, than they have ever seen before. Better men, better prepared men, in every part of the country, are forging to the front in all our denominational work, and will not leave a stone unturned in convincing the world that while they have brought a majority of the Negro Christians into Baptist churches, they have the ability to utilize this mighty host to the glory of God and the uplift of fallen humanity.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you very sincerely for the hearty and loyal support which you have given to the objects of this Convention, under my administration. And as I go down from the exalted station as President of your great and grand organization, it is with the consciousness that I have striven to do my whole duty. I, perhaps, have not been able to please all the brethren all the time, but I have endeavored to be charitable to those who have differed from me, and am glad to say that my heart goes out in love for one and all with the earnest hope that the time will soon come when there can not be a single person of prominence found among us that can be used for the disintegration of our Baptist organizations. And finally, permit me to say, if there was ever a time when our race (or perhaps I would better say the people of the world) should draw near to God, and when we should draw near to each other, that time is now. We should bear with patience all the indignities heaped upon us, by those who have apparently lost all respect for the fundamental laws of our great country. And yet, we should contend with manly courage, in a Christian way, for every right enjoyed by any other people under the flag of our nation. But allow me to insist that our greatest hope for the future lies in the fact that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations," for nothing short of the influence of that Gospel which was set in motion by the immaculate Prince of Glory, will bring us that time when there will be neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, but all will be one in Christ Jesus.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Waytes, of Alabama, the Convention, as an endorsement of President Morris' annual address, unanimously re-elected him as President.

By motion, the address was ordered to be given the Associated Press and the denominational papers for publication.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, presented the annual report of the Board:

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention—Fathers and Brethren in Service:

We beg to bring to you the twentieth annual report of your Foreign Mission Board.

Praise is due and hereby acknowledged to God, the Great Father, for His preserving care and for time, means and love for service. We are grateful to have the honor to subscribe ourselves the humble servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and friends of the heathen in darkness the world over, and that it is our privilege to suffer for His sake. Then, too, we deem it meet to say that the noble men and good women who have stood so loyally by us the last year are enshrined in our warmest affections--without their support what could we have done? To others, we appeal that they, too, identify themselves with this the greatest work that ever engaged the mind of man. No year since 1858 has meant so much for the onward march of our Master's cause.

That one year, 1858, may be selected as the annus mirabilis of modern miracles. During the year doors were opened, giving access to 1,000,000 of the human race. In that year, 1858, Great Britain, after two hundred years of exclusion, made her treaty with Japan. In that same year China, by the treaty of Tientsin, threw open not only her ports but her interior, and provided that any Chinese subject might embrace the Christian faith without molestation or persecution. In that same year India was transferred from the sordid East India Company to the British crown, and Victoria became the Empress of the Indies. In that same year the revolutionary changes in Papal Europe laid the basis of Free Italy. In that same year David Livingstone

sailed a second time for South Africa to complete his pioneer paths for missionaries. In that same year Benito Juarez, in Mexico, overthrew the monastic system, confiscated the estate and revenues of the Papal Church, and opened the way for Protestant missionaries to enter Central America. And the same year Elizabeth Sale, of Helensburg, Scotland, successfully penetrated the zenanas of Hindustan, and led the way in woman's work for woman!

"Was there ever such a year as 1858? Within less than a twelve month, doors of approach to from thirty to forty millions in Japan, three to four hundred millions in China, two hundred and fifty to three hundred millions more in India, including all her millions of women and girls, two hundred and fifty to three hundred millions more in Africa, besides the hosts in Papal Italy and Mexico."

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The greatest conference on foreign missions since the days of the Apostles was the conference held in New York city in May. Your Board was represented. 48 countries, 40 denominations, 115 Boards and societies, 15,000 delegates, 600 missionaries, and an expenditure of \$400,000 to accommodate the estimated attendance, 150,000 people, is that which marked a new epoch in foreign missions, in our churches and elsewhere, as there the people should be made to realize the reality of the unseen Christ, the fearless self-sacrificing spirit of Christ as seen in our missionaries, the triumphs won, the work yet to be done, and the simple irresistible rights of the advocates of missions to be heard and supported.

CO-OPERATION.

Your Board in common with those engaged in similar work, rejoices over the outlook for a union of Baptist forces in mission work. The spirit of brotherhood in missionary co-operation is shown in the following letter from the Missionary Union of Boston:

Rev. L. G. Jordan, 611 Sixth Street, Louisville, Ky.
Dear Brother Jordan:

Since the return of Rev. C. S. Morris from Africa it has seemed to us that the time might have arrived for some-

thing more practicable than has hitherto been in mind with reference to some plan whereby our colored brethren in the South may come into co-operation with the American Baptist Missionary Union with respect to at least a department of work in Africa. I understand that several leading men of your society are likely to be in New York at the coming Ecumenical Conference April 21 to May 1. If this is the case, a committee of the American Baptist Mission Union of three or four brethren may be coming to the Ecumenical Conference. I understand that Dr. Morris, Dr. Parrish and Rev. Jno. H. Frank, as well as yourself, are likely to be there. If that be the case I think it might be well for us to get together about Tuesday, April 24th at some place where we may arrange an after meeting, perhaps in a committee room of Dr. McArthur's church, which is near by Carnegie Music Hall. You can easily communicate with me, as I shall be among brethren on the platform, being a member of the committee, and I can thus be easily found. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible with reference to the feasibility of this.

Very fraternally yours,

HENRY C. MARIE.

On April 24th the meeting referred to was held in New York City, Dr. E. C. Morris presiding. There were four members of the Executive Committee of the Union present with Revs. Jordan, Morris, Parrish and Frank. After prayer and conference, the Union officers agreed to pay \$1,000 a year, as salary to Rev. C. S. Morris and our Board to be responsible for his expense. It was further agreed that Bro. Morris give eight months in the year to work among us and four months in the North. This plan to be in force one year, subject to renewal. The spirit shown by our brethren of the Union has done much to encourage us. The reception and contribution given Rev. C. S. Morris by the delegates of the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas, shows how heartily those among whom most of our people live, join the Missionary Union in their plans of co-operation.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of

the Women's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, kindly offered to instruct the officers of the women's societies in Southern Baptist churches to unite with our women in their efforts to know more about the work of missions.

OUR DISTRICT PLANS.

The district plan, inaugurated in 1896, to combine several states under the supervision of a District Secretary, has been kept intact. But the fact that such secretaries are on commission and not salary, has greatly impeded the progress of the work. The men selected by the Board to canvass the districts have not been able to get the work in line. It does seem that with such states as Georgia, Florida, Alabama and others combined with an energetic resourceful man as District Secretary on commission, he could meet enough associations, conventions, women's meetings and visit enough churches to net a salary of not less than \$50 per month, in addition to turning over to the Treasurer enough to greatly aid our needy cause. Men upon whom these mantles fall must originate as well as operate systematic work.

FOREIGN MISSION CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES.

Conferences and institutes held from church to church, from city to city, village to village, have been sources of financial help and proven blessings in the impartation of knowledge of the work in heathen lands. Conferences of this character are profitable to both pastors and people and should be encouraged and perpetuated in tracts and leaflets scattered among the churches that the people may know the needs on the field and their duty to God and humanity.

The dearth of information causes our work to suffer. Yet we are persuaded to believe that many of our brethren do not use the information they have at hand. Of the 420 or more associations, less than 100 contribute annually to foreign missions and too often, if someone representing our work is not there to get the little brought up by the churches, it is used for other purposes and can not be col-

lected. Many of our State Conventions and Associations make no provision in their annual letter for Foreign Missions. No Foreign Mission sermon is preached during their session and no collection is taken. (Of the 15,000 Baptist churches, less than 700 have contributed to the work this year. Of the 14,000 pastors, our books will show that less than 50 gave \$5.00; less than 400 gave \$1.00; less than 500 gave 50 cents, while thousands of those who live by the Gospel gave nothing to give it to others. Of this we are ashamed and grieved.) Much that is startling and very reflective might be said, but we are praying for friends to the heathens, co-workers with God, to be raised up in every association and convention. We have never sent out as much printed matter as in the past year. We believe it is the opinion of our pastors and people everywhere that much of the darkness in the home field is being dispelled through this agency. We have secured names from the Baptist year book, ministers of conventions and associations and have reached with letters, tracts and appeals 12,000 of the 15,000 of our pastors.

OUR RESERVE FORCE.

While money is an important factor in missions—consecrated men and women are more than money. Our Master said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." The greatest need is that of consecrated workers. These in hand, surely the Master will bless and the churches will help. The National Baptist Young People's Union, under the leadership of Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, our missionary pastors, and our great denominational schools, will furnish the reserve force for this work. It is to be regretted that so few of the students from our schools are interested in missions. Can it be that our schools give too little attention to this matter? The student volunteer movement is crowded with applications from the flower of our white churches to go to foreign fields, while many of our own young people after finishing school, speak disrespectfully of work among heathen people. We commend the young people's work and especially its missionary feature. God wants strong men and women in His service at home and abroad.

THE FIELD—AFRICA.

Liberia, West Coast: Rev. R. L. Stewart, who returned to Africa April, 1899, wrote: "Our school has gone * * . The boys have returned to their tribe." In another letter he says: "I am doing no school work, but engaged in evangelistic work." He has had 37 converts; he has not done as much as we had hoped. We are glad to report, however, as a representative of the Board, he is rendering good service in getting matters set right, as will be seen from his letter:

MONROVIA, LIBERIA, JULY 19, 1900.

Dear Bro. Jordan:

Yours of May 31st duly received and contents noted. I have just returned from a three weeks' trip throughout Grand Cape Mount section to look after our claims and interests there. Timely indeed was the trip, as our claims are almost forgotten, except by a few of the older citizens among whom is R. J. B. Watson, the superintendent of that section. Several attempts have been made to draw the land where the mission house stood, but Mr. Watson has refused to let it be drawn, on the ground that it was granted the Baptists of America for a mission site. A large native rice farm is made on it this year, and it will be ripe about September. I need not tell you, it is one of the finest locations I know on the coast and perhaps the best ground. If I had seen it first no doubt I would have been there to-day working. To lose it will be a loss to the denomination they will always regret. We have no deed on it and therefore no right to it, only the right of claim. This right can only be retained by keeping possession of it. The law is, all mission property given by the government must be held for mission purposes only, and if they fail to operate on it, it reverts to the government, time unlimited. This is true when you hold a deed from the act of legislation, which I can get in January 1901, by paying 30 cents per acre for surveying the land. But in case the Society wanted to sell it after years of improvement, it can be used only for mission purposes. The Rick's Institute has bought their 1,100 acres, fee-simple deed. Your Board cannot get a fee-simple deed, for you are not citizens of the Republic. I can get it for you,

and transfer it to you by gift or sale. This land will cost you \$1.30 per acre. What are the wishes of the Board respecting operation on it? (2) Respecting the deeds? (3) My reply to Superintendent Watson? I am at your service, to begin the work, with written instructions and ample means. An early reply is desired.

I am faithfully yours in His service,

R. L. STEWART.

SOUTH AFRICA.

In spite of the ravages of war, the cause of missions is still growing in South Africa. Including those coming to us from the native churches, we have in South Africa nineteen pastors, thirty-three churches and seventy licensed native preachers. [Many past difficulties have been removed by incorporating the Board under the laws of Kentucky.] During the year there have been more than three hundred and ninety baptisms in this part of Africa. Bro. Jackson still asks for the chapel. In a letter he says:

"Five years ago we came to the Cape of Good Hope and found none of our sect here. We organized the first work and opened the first Mission Station here for Negro Baptists September 20, 1894, and baptized our first converts November 7, of the same year. It has pleased Almighty God in His mercy to use us poor worms in His holy service as instruments for beginning a ministry from naught, which in five short years has grown to twenty-three ordained and fifty licentiates—a grand total of seventy-three Negro Baptist preachers. And where there was not one Negro Baptist station, we have to-day thirty-five. And whereas then we had no communicants, to-day we have more than 2,000 members. Unfortunately, we have been engaged in a dreadful war with the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, but that war is ended, and we ask one and all to rally to the Board, and thus enable it to redeem its promise of long standing, to build our "Capetown Chapel." If this could be done, the natives would take courage, and on dedication day, by having each station commemorate the occasion by making voluntary freewill offerings by themselves, to themselves, for

themselves, and in this way we shall soon have a neat little house of worship at each of our South African Stations. We therefore beg you to take a strong position and help use your influence in favor of Foreign Missions * * *

Rev. J. I. Buchanan sailed in February for his field, and has been greatly blessed since arriving. On arriving, an \$80 debt on one of his churches faced him. The matter was laid before our brethren at home, when Rev. G. W. Lee and his good people, of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., gave the amount, to the good of our work and the glory of God. He also opened the Fireside Mission. Sister J. P. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn., through her Fireside schools, pledges one hundred garments for the children, and \$25 per quarter for the support of a teacher.

He writes:

MIDDLE DRIFT, SOUTH AFRICA, June 16, 1900.

Officers and Members of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board:

"Grace unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever." The churches here at Middle Drift send their hearty greeting, praying that the Great Head of our churches may grant you a glorious and prosperous meeting at Richmond, and that He may endow you with sufficient wisdom in conducting your meeting that the results may be of lasting good for our denomination at large, and beneficial for the future welfare of our downtrodden and despised race everywhere. Our mission work at Middle Drift is, by the grace of God, steadily on the increase, notwithstanding the hard times we are experiencing out here, caused by this most cruel and brutal war, which has been and is still raging between Great Britain and the Boers. Space will not allow me to write about the outrages that are being committed on and among our people, and yet we have much to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for; for while we are in a land of subordination, discrimination and starvation, still our work is progressing. I hope the churches at home will be pleased with the report of the

work carried on in this corner of our Master's vineyard. You will remember my last year's report showed eight stations, with 310 members. We have added 105, making a total number of 415. We have lost through deaths and other causes 32, which leaves a balance of 383 members in good standing. We have three chapels completed, two of which have been dedicated, and the other will be dedicated September 10, if the Lord wills. We are now making bricks for the purpose of building the fourth chapel. We own two chapel bells. We have one day school supported by Miss J. P. Moore, of Nashville, Tennessee, and one school supported by the members alone. Three schools were obliged to close, owing to the hard times and our inability to pay our teachers. If our Board would give us a grant of \$150 per year, it would help us to keep these schools going. Truly God has blessed us in this great work. And when you remember that I was away for nine months from my work, you will say with me, God be praised for His manifold blessings that He is bestowing upon Darkest Africa. And now I can truly say that this year promises to be the greatest year of my mission history. And now let me render my most heartfelt thanks to the pastors, members and friends at home for their kind interest they have manifested in me during my stay in America.

Your humble servant,

J. I. BUCHANAN.

BRITISH EAST CENTRAL.

For church and school purposes, Rev. Chilembwe has secured ninety-three acres of ground in the name of your Board, and we have designated the following named persons to act as trustees of the Ajawa Providence Industrial Mission, near Bomo, British Central Africa: Rev. Jno. Chilembwe, pastor and superintendent; Revs. W. H. Brooks, D. D., District of Columbia; E. M. Cohron, Missouri; W. B. Johnson, Georgia; F. L. Lights, Texas; C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky; W. T. Dixon, New York; Mrs. H. Holman, Florida; L. G. Montague, Massachusetts; Mrs. Goodwine, California; Rev. J. F. Thomas, Illinois; Mrs. R. T. Pollard, Alabama.

In his last letter, he says: "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 27th. Glad you received Mr. Miller's letter, in which you got right information of our position on the Board of Trustees for the A. P. I. M. I am about to thank you for the trustees you appointed in America. I believe there were prayers on the day you appointed the Board. I am sure that the prayers and best wishes of all right thinking people will go out for the success of the mission in our benighted land, and I congratulate you on your faithfulness and zeal in the great cause of mission work. Also, you said you hoped I will see the importance of getting the land in your names. I am glad to say that the land is gotten in the name of the Board. We have about ninety-three acres, and I paid £25 18s. for it (this is about \$130 in U. S. money). We are working on it, making bricks for the school and church house; therefore you must know that I am doing something for the Lord and my people in your names. It is now a year since I left America. I am wondering where is the help promised by my friends. Sure, Bro. Jordan, I need some money as soon as possible. I have a number of workmen, who need to be paid. Pray for our country and fifteen souls whom I baptized.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHILEMBWE.

Mr. Miller, the Superintendent of the Zambesia Industrial Mission, the largest and most prosperous of its kind in the world, writes, strongly endorsing Bro. Chilembwe's course.

Rev. E. B. P. Koti, our missionary to Queenstown, came to America on his own accord to raise \$1,500 to build a chapel at his home. Sickness has impaired his health, and but little good has been done by him. He hopes to return in a few months. We ask the brethren to aid him.

SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION.

Plans were effected, and a call issued for the organization of our forces in South Africa into one general body, the South African Association. Our missionaries were instructed and money for expenses was furnished to convene

the Association on the 9th of August at King Williamstown. From this gathering we expect no little good to result.

CUBA.

The work at Santiago is at a standstill. Rev. D. N. E. Campbell, who came home in June, 1899, appeared before the Board at Nashville, but refused to account to the Board as requested at that time, and up to this writing, has not set himself right with the Board. Cuba being regarded as a home field, your Board has concluded to leave it to your Home Board, hoping they may see their way to undertake the work.*

BRITISH GUIANA, GEORGETOWN.

In this colony there are 144,617 Negroes, as we understand, until June, 1899, without a single Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Anderson organized the Bethel Baptist Church at Georgetown. The following is a letter from the officers of said church:

GEORGETOWN, B. G., July 31, 1900.

To the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., from the Bethel Baptist Church, Georgetown, B. G.:

Dear Brethren—We wish to make a few statements concerning the work here. Rev. J. W. Anderson came here in 1899 and began work for Christ and the Baptist denomination under many difficulties and without one member. He paid \$13 per month for a small room, 20x24, to preach in. Since under his leadership, beginning October 2, we built a church costing \$2,004.92, which was dedicated Dec. 24, of the same year. Our pastor baptizes the last Sunday in every month, and has done it for 12 months. We now have a membership of 284. Though you did not send Bro. Anderson to this colony, we can assure you that you could not have sent a more faithful minister than he. He loves

*NOTE.—At Richmond Dr. Campbell appeared before the Board, and after hearing his statement, the Board voted to pay him six hundred dollars in full of all claims, he signing an agreement acknowledging all claims settled, and a statement withdrawing all charges he had made. It was also agreed that his connection with the Board end.

JOHN H. FRANK, Chairman.

his denomination and works for it. We can assure you that we feel that we would not do without him unless he were called from labor to rest. We hope your Board will see their way to send us two other ministers, to join him in this colony, as one is required very much at Berbice, a city of 9,000 inhabitants, 69 miles from here, and one for E. Se-
guibo, which is 50 miles. Rev. Anderson ordained two men, W. C. Sargent and T. E. Smith, since coming here. We are expecting Secretary Jordan down here after the National meetings, and we hope you will not disappoint us in this.

We will send letters from the church, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. to the National Baptist Convention by the next mail. We are submissively yours for Christ and the Baptists,

BISMARCK MARSHALL, Secretary.
E. LINTON, Assistant Secretary.
JOSEPH GRIMES.
RICHARD J. WILCOTT, Deacon.
G. C. BAILEY.
W. T. McCLAIN.

In March, 1900, Rev. T. E. Smith and C. W. Sargent, who had been doing independent mission work in the colony, united with Bro. Anderson's church, and were by him set apart to the work of the Gospel. The Immanuel Baptist Church was organized at Ticher, West Coast Demerara, 15 miles away, with Rev. T. E. Smith as pastor, and later a second church, the Zion Baptist Church, was organized in Georgetown. Appeal after appeal has come from this field, but for lack of funds we have been able to do but little. The Second Church, New Albany, Ind., Rev. S. C. Manuel, pastor, and Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., Rev. W. H. Craighead, A. B., pastor, paid hall rent for Rev. Smith's people, and the Sunday schools of Louisville united in paying for a bell for Bethel Church. Your Board wishes and prays to be able to supplement the work already in progress in British Guiana next conventional year.

APPLICATIONS.

Brethren L. N. Check, of Mississippi, and T. W. Longwood, of Arkansas applied to your Board last year and were ac-



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cepted as candidates for African fields. They have spent the year among the churches, their object being to collect funds for their outgoing. Some success has attended their efforts. Miss E. B. DeLaney of Florida, a teacher of much experience, applied for appointment to Africa. The State Convention of Florida having recommended her appointment and pledged her support, the Board accepted her as a missionary to labor with Rev. John Chitembwe in East Central Africa. We have planned our annual Sunday afternoon mass meeting to gather money for those who are to sail after this meeting. One thousand dollars are needed for this purpose. Hereafter before approval and appointment by the Board, applicants will be required to pass an examination by a reputable physician. The reasons for this are obvious.

THE FUTURE.

The outlook was never brighter for an uprising of God's army for an onward march. We have planned a \$40,000 rally and apportioned the amount as follows:

Alabama.....	\$ 3,530 00
Arkansas.....	1,300 00
Colorado.....	100 00
California.....	200 00
Connecticut.....	380 00
District of Columbia.....	600 00
Florida.....	560 00
Georgia.....	4,360 00
Kentucky.....	1,560 00
Louisiana.....	1,440 00
Mississippi.....	3,980 00
Minnesota.....	50 00
Michigan.....	100 00
Maryland.....	200 00
Massachusetts.....	300 00
Missouri.....	560 00
North Carolina.....	2,640 00
New Jersey.....	150 00
New York.....	500 00
South Carolina.....	2,885 00
Tennessee.....	2,000 00
Texas.....	2,650 00
Virginia.....	4,600 00
West Virginia.....	175 00

Iowa.....	\$ 50 00
Kansas.....	300 00
Indiana.....	300 00
Indian Territory.....	100 00
Illinois.....	200 00
Ohio.....	200 00
Oklahoma Territory.....	120 00
Pennsylvania.....	500 00
Rhode Island.....	200 00

Our Secretary nor any other man can go and get this money, but the pastors, vice presidents of the Convention and members of our Foreign Mission Board in each State must co-operate in reaching the denomination. The whitening fields show the great need of reapers. Shall Negro Baptists lag?

Report of Rev. Chas. S. Morris, Commissioner of Foreign Mission Board of National Baptist Convention to Africa, published in accordance with resolution of National Convention and Foreign Mission Board:

The National Baptist Convention at its session in Richmond, having unanimously requested me to submit a brief summary of my recent trip to South, Southeast and West Africa, as its special commissioner, I have the honor and pleasure herewith to submit the following:

I sailed from New York on the American Line S. S. St. Paul, June 28th, accompanied by Rev. John Chilembwe, who, having spent two years at Virginia Seminary, was returning to the seven tribes in East Central Africa who sent him out to find and enter into co-operation with the colored Baptists of the United States. We arrived in London July 5th, and staid there ten days, during which time we visited the ever memorable grave of Africa's greatest benefactor, David Livingstone, who tore her dark bosom open and riddled her with light. I secured for Brother Chilembwe promise of a grant of land and free transportation up the Zambesi, thus saving \$30.00. August 1st I stood awestruck at the tip end of the mighty Continent where civilization began; where Abraham sojourned; where Moses learned wisdom; where the baby feet of the Son of God fled for refuge. As I looked up at the hoary old Continent and thought of all it had seen and suffered, an overwhelming impulse mastered me to go to some quiet spot and pour out my emotions in the ear of God.

My first duty in Cape Town was to get Bros. Tule and Jackson together, and get the differences, that had well-nigh destroyed their usefulness, settled. This, I am happy to report, was accomplished. My next duty was to make peace between Bro. Jackson and Bro. Jordan. This also was accomplished, although at first Bro. Jackson regarded me with some suspicion and fear, thinking I might not be able

to appreciate his side of the case. I soon proved to him that I had come to learn the facts and to act accordingly and that I would be absolutely impartial and just to him. After winning his confidence the rest was easy, as Bro. Jackson never intended really to be insubordinate. It was quite clear that he had a just grievance, in that we had practically destroyed his reputation by publishing that a chapel at Cape Town was in the course of erection, when in fact such was not the case and we had not given him any money to erect one. The refusal of Bro. Jordan to correct this damaging statement led to nearly all of Bro. Jackson's trouble and to all his publications and acts of insubordination. I publicly corrected the statement in Cape Town; thereupon Bro. Jackson at once retracted his statements, recalled his pamphlets and wrote a Christian letter to the Board requesting forgiveness, whereupon I reinstated him, to take effect August 1st, 1899. This experience ought to teach us a lesson to be exceedingly careful not to say we have anything or are doing anything on the foreign field unless we absolutely know it to be a fact and we can furnish proof, if challenged. I conducted a week's revival for Bro. Jackson at Cape Town. I saw Commissioner of Native Affairs in the interest of Bro. Tule and our other missionary, who are not recognized by the government, and, therefore, not allowed to perform the marriage ceremony.

While in Cape Town I, accompanied by Bro. Jackson, called upon the great gold and diamond magnate, Cecil Rhodes. Mr Rhodes was greatly impressed with my errand. He offered me land and support if I would commence an industrial mission among the Hottentot people on his fruit farm about forty miles from Cape Town, and intimated that if the work was successful he might donate an entire fruit farm, worth anywhere from \$2,500 to \$4,000, for mission purposes. Bro. Jackson and myself drove out to his farm, being met at the station by his magnificent Cape cart and driven over to his old Dutch manor house where we dined with his agent. The climate of that part of South Africa is simply superb; thousands of broken down Europeans come out here as to a health resort. Mr. Rhodes also gave me a pass both ways over his entire line and told me to select a piece of ground up in Rhodesia among the notables; no matter if it were thousands of acres in extent, and he would have it granted to me. The Boer war breaking out and the Boers having seized the railroad, I was unable to use the pass; but as it is unlimited as to time, I hope some day to return and use it. Perhaps, by then, he will have succeeded in his daring dream (one-third of which is realized) in building a railway all the way from Egypt to the Cape of Good Hope, five thousand miles. Talk about God guiding Cyrus of old—God never displayed his Providence more signally than in sending this weak-lunged consumptive out from England, almost a pauper, giving him unlimited mines of gold and diamonds, the gifts of Sheba and Seba, and then smiting him with the daring dream that is fast becoming a steel reality, in throwing up a highway in the desert for our God. This friendly relation entered into with this mightiest force in all South Africa may be of inestimable

service to the Baptist cause in the years to come. The A. M. E. Church has not sought to conciliate the powers that be and out of this unfortunate policy has arisen much of the opposition to which they have been subjected. We ought, in all proper ways, be subject unto the higher powers and do all we can to win their confidence and respect, to the end that our work arouses no needless opposition. I addressed several large bodies of citizens of Cape Town, and heard on all sides earnest requests to come over and build a chapel and school. Many of the Malay Mohammedans assured me they would send their children to our schools if we would but establish one.

After spending three weeks with Bro. Jackson at Cape Town, I set sail for Port Elizabeth, about five hundred miles distant.

PORT ELIZABETH—A RARE OPPORTUNITY—SHALL WE SEIZE IT?

Brother Mfozwe, converted at Cape Town by Bro. Jackson's preaching, went to Port Elizabeth and started a revival, which resulted in the conversion of some twenty odd souls, and the formation of a Baptist Church subsequently. Rev. Wilson, of Kentucky, went to Port Elizabeth and on his arrival was filled with great joy. The people flocked around him and the prospects seemed bright for a large, self-supporting Baptist church; but Bro. Wilson was a weak man, and after trampling his own and our good name in the mire he was compelled to hastily leave; but the gates of hell no more prevail against Christ's church in South Africa than they can against His church in America, and so, in spite of difficulties the little church at Port Elizabeth still lives. When I was there I ordained three deacons, and the service is carried on regularly every week with prayer meetings during the week. We have a splendid opportunity at Port Elizabeth to expand into a large self-supporting work that would be successful from the very start. The native people have a location on the summit of the hill in the heart of the city. They live here in all sorts of houses. The city council has determined to move them out three miles back from the city proper. The Congregational and the Methodist denominations have built at the edge of this location two large churches. The Methodist church is especially well appointed, having besides a large brick church, a parsonage and chapel capable of seating 200 (an admirable place for a school); besides all this, there is as much unoccupied ground as all the buildings occupy. This can be bought, so the clerk of the council told me, for \$15,000, about one-half what it cost. When the married people all move back, this will leave a large number of young men and women and families living outside the location without any church to worship in, as the two denominations are going to sell out and rebuild farther out by the location.

The city council will lease this building with the privilege of buying. If we went into that church, the people from all parts of the city, having no place to go would flock to our church and we, not only would carry the crowd, but we would hold them, and they would pay off the debt on the church and give us one of the largest and finest

pieces of property in South Africa. Will the natives help pay for them? They now, out of their own earnings, support both of those churches: they pay one minister \$1,600 a year, another \$1,000 and another \$1,500.

The fact is, if we were wise enough to make a payment sufficiently large to secure control of a church building in any one of the cities of South Africa, the natives would soon pay the debt. The great thing there as here is to get them housed—get a place where we can assemble a large number of them together and they will do the rest. I know one white missionary in Port Elizabeth, who has been there sixteen years and who gave this beautiful testimony concerning the young women of his congregation: "I have been pastor of this church sixteen years and during all that time I have never known one of my girls to go wrong." While speaking of this matter I might say the Kaffirs or natives of South Africa, unlike the Hottentots, consider it a deep disgrace for one of their women to marry a European. During all my travels in South Africa, I never met, to my knowledge, but one native woman of the Kaffirs, who was the mother of a mulatto child. As for the infamous crime of rape, it is simply unknown. Millions of natives surround the Europeans on all sides. There are 500,000 Zulus living in Natal with 50,000 English. English, French and German missionary families go out into the great heart of Africa, where there are a thousand natives going and coming all the while; yet, out of the 2,000 missionaries, most of them with wives and daughters, most of them far from civilization, surrounded by native people, no charges of this kind are ever made. Strange as it may seem, it is nevertheless true, that a lone, helpless woman is safer in the heart of heathen Africa than in New York, Chicago, Atlanta or New Orleans. If, as prejudice charges, the Negro is addicted to outrage, it certainly did not inherit from his African ancestors. It is far more likely that he has, in too many cases, followed the terrible example set—not by all—but by not a few degraded masters on the plantations of the South. Such people as these are worth saving; they are too noble for us to allow to die without God and without hope in the world. Now at the close of the dying century is the time. Let every church *do its duty, never mind about the others*, and at the end of the year the money will be raised. Where we, as a denomination fail, is that we are depending too much on the large churches in the cities. Our real strength lies in the *ten thousand small churches out in small towns, villages and the country*. God says, "Let every one lay by him *id store* according as God has prospered him." If every little church were to collect *ten cents* from each member for foreign missions and send it to our Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Parrish, Eckstein Norton University, Cane Spring, Ky., we would be able to buy this church in Port Elizabeth and begin this noble work, which would soon take care of itself.

QUEENSTOWN—A MEMORABLE CONFERENCE—A GREAT BAPTISM—THAT DAY THERE WERE ADDED TO THE CHURCH OVER A THOUSAND SOULS.

Leaving Port Elizabeth, I wired Bro. Jackson at Cape Town to meet me at Queenstown. On my arrival he and Bro. Koti met me at

the train and escorted me to Bro. Koti's neat and comfortable little home. While here I ordained Bro. Koti and witnessed the baptism of four of his converts. Coming from the river, I went to attend the great conference with the leaders of the African Native Church. It seems that some three years before, Bro. Jackson heard of Bro. Goduka's movement and began writing to Bro. Goduka to study the New Testament on the subject of baptism. Bro. Goduka did begin to study and as a result of his study he came to the conclusion that the New Testament plainly taught immersion. When he heard that I was coming to South Africa, he summoned the ministers and deacons of his church to meet me in conference with a view to having them vote to join the great Baptist family, the largest body of Negro Christians in the world. To those who think all Africans are stupid, this conference would have been a revelation for its intelligence and decorum. Bro. Goduka presided. After a brief address by him he called upon me to make an address. After the speechmaking they asked certain questions about their property, and well they might, for they own seventeen churches. Upon being assured we would not take their churches from them, all their questions being answered satisfactorily, they voted unanimously to join the Baptist Church. Of course, this meant that they must be immersed. I accordingly appointed September 18th (Sunday), as the day on which I would perform the great ordinance as commanded by our Lord. On that day the river banks were thronged with people, who came from everywhere, in all sorts of ways. It was a crowd composed of all sorts and conditions of men—heathen and Christian, white, yellow and black. Finding that I could not preach well from the shore I waded into the river, and standing waist deep I preached a sermon on baptism. At its conclusion the ministers, Rev. Goduka leading and the others following, came down to me and were immersed. Having baptized the leaders and a few of the members, 29 in all, I commissioned them to go back and baptize their congregations. While at Queenstown an amusing incident occurred, which shows how general the discussion of baptism had become. I was visiting the home of a colored Dutch woman. She called her little boy to come by me to get some clean clothes on. The little fellow began to dig his fists into his eyes and cry. "Come here, Johnnie, and get your clothes on. What is the matter with you?" "I am afraid to come by that preacher, for fear he will baptize me." "It was all I could do to persuade Johnnie that we Baptists do not baptize children, unless they know what they are doing and mean by it a public confession of Christ."

NATAL—AMONG THE ZULUS.

I was in Natal among the Zulus during all of October. The war broke out while I was there. I left Rev. Mfozwe there, and understand since, that he went to Colenso soon after the Boers abandoned it, and now, I understand, he has a church of some forty members awaiting baptism.

AT DURBAN, NATAL.

At Durban, Natal, Bro. Mfozwe and I preached the first Sunday after our arrival and two converts was the result, while six held up hands for prayer. I preached at the Zulu Congregational Church and the entire congregation voted to be baptized, but as they belonged to another denomination, I did not feel free to baptize them without consultation and consent of their leaders. When I was preaching my farewell sermon to them, the entire congregation arose, and cried out in Zulu: "Come back. Oh, come back to us!" I preached in a large Zulu church at Inanda. When I had finished, the Superintendent of Missions, a white gentleman representing the American Board, Rev. Barker, came forward and said, "I see, as I have never seen before, the part the American Negro is to take in the redemption of Africa. He can do a work no white missionary can possibly do." Then he asked all those who wanted to have them come over to rise to their feet, and nearly the entire audience arose.

MIDDLEDRIFF.

I stopped a week with good Sister Buchanan at Middledrift and conducted a revival there. The work of Brother Buchanan is second to none done in the foreign field. He has baptized a larger number, I believe, than any of our missionaries. He has built his own chapel, or chapels, for now he has two. A native prophet, who must have been divinely inspired years before the white man came to that region, uttered this remarkable prophecy: "There is going to come a long haired people with hair like a cow's tail. They are going to build wagon roads and iron roads and take your land away from you. After them there is coming a black people from across the sea. They are going to talk to you out of a great book and tell you of the true God, and when they come you must hear them." I think something of the phenomenal success of Bro. Buchanan is due to the vast influence of that strange prophecy, especially as he began his work under the shadow of the mountain where Tsevana uttered this remarkable prophecy.

Riding over on my bicycle to Lovedale, from Middledrift, I had a most interesting interview with Rev. Mzimba, the leader of another independent movement similar to that of Rev. Goduka. Rev. Mzimba did not believe in baptism when I called upon him, but I think he does now. I showed him passages of Scripture to convince him, and then, as he is a Greek scholar (though a native), I referred him to his Greek lexicon. He went and got his lexicon, and turning to *baptizo*, he found all the meanings were to immerse. He turned to my friend who accompanied me and said, "He almost has persuaded me to be a Baptist."

WEST AFRICA.

But South Africa, with all its opportunities, did not seem to me to be the region that made the strongest and most imperative call for us Baptists to do mission work. It is already a half civilized region; the needs never will nor can be as great there as in the desolate West

Coast region, teeming with its benighted millions, who never will get much help, except it comes from their own race. It would be brilliant to go to South Africa and do some splendid spectacular thing, but that is not what the true missionary desires. He does not want to meet Jesus Christ on the Day of Judgment with nothing but leaves. He wants to go where the destitution is the saddest, where the need is the greatest, and where it is likely to remain so. It is inevitable that all South Africa will be civilized and Christianized. England alone has half a dozen great denominations at work there. But, alas, poor little Liberia, just because it is a black man's republic, is sadly neglected, and likely to remain so for all time, unless the consecrated Negro Christians lay their means and their prayers on the altar for her redemption. I accordingly determined to go to Liberia and give my life for her uplifting. I sailed from Cape Town, Nov. 23, and arrived at Darker West Africa, Dec. 16. Dec. 19, I set up a little church there of the unchurched Christians of the place. Dec. 23, I landed at Cape Mount, back of which lies the grave of that fair young missionary martyr, Sister Hattie Presly. The grave is overgrown with tropical foliage, but the Angel of Resurrection knows the spot. Christmas day I went to the hospitable home of Bro. Stewart, where he and his good wife did all possible for my comfort. Bro. Stewart is a good missionary. He had just finished a revival, when some twenty-nine were converted. The most important thing done in Liberia was not the nightly preaching in some of the many Baptist churches, but the entering into a plan of co-operation with the Liberian Baptists, by virtue of which we all agree to work together and build up a great industrial missionary training school. They have 1,100 acres of fine, fertile land. They agree to let the Baptists of America, white and black join hand in hand in planting this with crops that will make it well-nigh self-supporting. Each branch of the great Baptist family is to furnish so much towards its maintenance. This, in my judgment, is the only way to do effective mission work among the millions on the West Coast. We must train them to become their own evangelists. The territory is so vast, the needs so great, we never can send out enough missionaries to do the work. All we can hope to do is to have a strong and well-equipped industrial school—an African Tuskegee. There we ought to try to gather several hundred native boys and girls and raise food enough to feed them off the soil, and give them a thorough training in clothes-making, food-raising and soul-saving. Then they will go out among their people and do a work under our oversight we could not possibly do ourselves. This is a far wiser plan than to drop the poor missionary down in a dense mass of heathenism and ask him to convert it all himself. Jesus took twelve natives at one time and seventy at another, and having trained them, he sent them out. I earnestly hope and fervently pray that at our next Convention I may secure the adoption of a plan of co-operation with all our Baptist brethren in America and West Africa, by means of which we may build up a great central lighthouse and life saving station on the Coast

of West Africa. There is the greatest need—there we can do a work no one else can or will do so well as we. There we ought to concentrate all our energies, trusting in Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the brethren for their confidence, so freely expressed, in my work: for the cordial welcome to their church. I thank the Board for the \$235 appropriated for my trip, and I wish to say I am earnestly engaged in helping Bro. Jordan and the Board to raise \$40,000 this year for a twentieth century fund, and I hope every pastor will send in to the rooms the amount his church will pledge this year. Just look at these figures and see how easily it could be done: 100 churches give \$100, \$10,000; 200 churches give \$50 \$10,000; 400 churches give \$25, \$10,000; 1,000 churches give \$10, \$10,000—1,700 churches could give \$40,000 and not feel it.

It is left with you, brethren. There is a sad, imperative need. I have been to the field and seen it. If every Sunday school were to give from \$1.00 to \$10.00; every B. Y. P. U. (and Bro. Isaac says they will be responsible for Rev. Koti's chapel) were to give from \$1 to \$10, and every church from \$10 to \$100, angels would rejoice, the Son would see the travail of his soul, and the Father, who loved these heathens so well that He gave His only Son to redeem them, would be well pleased. We have displeased God in so many things, let us try to please him in this. He can get along without us in creation, but He asks our assistance in redemption. Let us be co-workers together with God.

Yours for the success of our great work at home, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

CHARLES SATCHELL MORRIS.

SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY REV. CHARLES SATCHELL MORRIS, COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, IN SOUTH, SOUTHEAST AND WEST AFRICA, DURING THE YEAR 1899.

Differences between Rev. R. A. Jackson and Rev. L. G. Jordan adjusted. Bro. Jackson restored.

Church at Port Elizabeth visited. Three deacons ordained. Splendid offer of large church, chapel and parsonage secured for 15,000.

Met citizen's committee of twenty-five, who would be responsible for teacher if we would send one.

King Williamstown.—Received Rev. Peter Lisa into church with 12 members. Ordained him.

Middle Drift.—Conducted revival for Bro. Buchanan. Arranged for African choir. Held conference with chief. Raised \$25 for Bro. Jackson.

Held conference with Hon. Cecil Rhodes, the great gold and diamond magnate. Arranged with him for Industrial Mission, he to furnish grounds and buildings. Received railroad pass over his entire system.

Held conference with Rev. Mzimba, leader of 2,000 Christian natives. It is probable he will join the Baptist Church.

Secured free transportation for Bro. Chilembwe up Zambezi, saving him \$30. Also enlisted interest of the members of British Parliament to secure him grant of land.

Sailed from East London to Durban among the Zulus, taking Rev. Johnson Mfowwee with me as interpreter. Ordained him at Durban. He now has forty converts among the Zulus at Colenso ready for baptism.

Received into the Baptist Church an entire denomination, formerly known as African Native Church. Changed their name to African Baptist Church. Baptized 48 of leading ministers, deacons and members and received them into Baptist Church. By this one act our Baptist cause received the following additions: 17 churches, 13 ordained and 5 unordained ministers, 817 full members, 444 members on trial. Rev. Jonas Goduka, the leader of the movement, writes that he is busy baptizing the others, 50 in one place, 41 in another, 30 in another, and so on until all are baptized.

Rev. E. B. P. Koti ordained at Queenstown.

Nineteen baptized at Rodero, 50 miles back from Queenstown.

Visited Zululand. Entire people rose and begged me to come back. White missionary rose after an address at Inanda among Zulus, and said: "I see now, as I have never seen before, the work the American Negro can do that we white missionaries cannot do."

Sailing for South Africa, Nov. 28, I arrived at Darker West Africa, Dec. 16. Established church of 17 souls there.

Sailing 600 miles south, arrived at Liberia Christmas day. Preached at all stations up St. Paulo River. Entered into plan of co-operation with Liberia Baptists to conduct, with their assistance, Industrial Mission of 1,000 acres, each of three Boards to co-operate: 1st, Liberian Baptist, 2nd, Missionary Union of the North; 3rd, National Baptist Convention. There is the greatest possibilities of good in this plan.

Returning to America, entered into plan of co-operation with Missionary Union of the North and National Baptist Convention.

Visited Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs and was most cordially received, and given a generous collection, which I turned over to our Foreign Mission Board.

In company with Dr. E. C. Morris, Rev. Jno. Frank, Rev. C. H. Parrish, Rev. L. G. Jordan, I attended the great Ecumenical Conference in New York, and spoke several times.

OUR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board for five years, has the confidence of your Board, and we note with gratification that he is growing in his work and is more and more winning the support of the denomination. No member of our Convention better knows than does the Board the greatness and complex nature of the

task involved in the prosecution of foreign missions, especially under our irregular and spasmodic way of giving support. We concur in the kindly sentiments expressed in the following letter from our able missionary in Africa, Rev. J. I. Buchanan.

"MIDDLE DRIFT, SOUTH AFRICA, JULY 16, 1900.

"As things are going, our beloved Corresponding Secretary, Rev. L. G. Jordan, whom I only know to love and to praise for his zeal and untold courage in mission work, can only be equaled but not surpassed. Indeed he should be called the father of missionaries as conducted by Negro Baptists. I do not know what we, the missionaries, would do if it were not for his great generalship and the sympathetic speeches that he makes in our behalf. May God give him the ears and hearts of all friends of the poor heathen and oft neglected missionaries. My sincere hope is that our Board will let him visit our mission field; the trip will inspire our missionaries and do untold good to our mission field. Again, it will be beneficial to our Board and churches. Rev. Jordan is the right man in the right place, and would be the right man to set things right out here. We are all anxiously looking for him to come out. Do please let him come. I will have some great meetings for him. I now close with best love to all from us all."

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR BY STATES.

Alabama.....	\$ 267 55
Arkansas.....	720 82
California.....	32 73
Connecticut.....	29 71
Colorado.....	7 59
District of Columbia.....	142 84
Florida.....	228 43
Georgia.....	216 87
Indiana.....	134 67
Illinois.....	53 60
Indian Territory.....	50 83
Iowa.....	3 20
Kentucky.....	317 56
Kansas.....	33 91
Louisiana.....	74 00
Maryland.....	19 75

Minnesota.....	\$ 1 30
Mississippi.....	691 13
Michigan.....	75 00
Missouri.....	224 16
Maine.....	1 00
Massachusetts.....	22 26
New York.....	163 30
New Jersey.....	89 60
North Carolina.....	83 10
Ohio.....	166 20
Oklahoma Territory.....	14 94
Pennsylvania.....	455 58
Rhode Island.....	9 00
South Carolina.....	208 71
Tennessee.....	132 82
Texas.....	73 11
Virginia.....	309 42
West Virginia.....	103 61
Washington.....	1 01

Total by States..... \$5,244 25

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Brought forward from 1899.....	\$ 145 15
Received at the Convention.....	1,322 24
Turned over by Ex-Treasurer, Dr. Gaddie.....	45 00
Received by loan in April.....	100 00
Received of N. E. States.....	203 00
Received of N. E. Sunday Schools.....	10 00
Received of the States for the year.....	5,244 25

Total..... \$ 7,069 64

N. B.—Of the amount given above Rev. C. S. Morris reported \$415.30.

EXPENDITURES.

September.

Missionaries.....	\$ 938 33
Printing.....	100 20
Herald.....	2 60
Traveling.....	26 30
Postage.....	3 15
Expressage.....	1 18
Field.....	2 89
Salaries.....	312 45
Rent.....	21 00

Total..... \$ 1,408 10

October.

Missionaries.....	\$ 50 81
Printing.....	17 65
Herald.....	24 00
Traveling.....	23 00
Postage.....	3 27
Expressage.....	5 22
Office.....	5 52
Field.....	24 00
Salaries.....	7 00
Rent.....	
Total.....	\$ 218 20

November.

Missionaries.....	\$ 292 00
Printing.....	39 05
Herald.....	41 38
Traveling.....	3 26
Postage.....	4 50
Expressage.....	32 50
Office.....	7 00
Field.....	
Salaries.....	
Rent.....	
Total.....	\$ 441 16

December.

Missionaries.....	\$ 41 30
Printing.....	40 80
Herald.....	23 00
Traveling.....	25 62
Postage.....	18 18
Expressage.....	4 02
Office.....	12 26
Field.....	3 27
Salaries.....	48 00
Rent.....	
Total.....	\$ 216 45

January.

Missionaries.....	\$ 138 00
Printing.....	73 85
Herald.....	25 00
Traveling.....	31 05
Postage.....	11 40
Expressage.....	4 50
Office.....	5 15

Field	\$ 9 81
Salaries	29 95
Rent	14 00
Total	\$ 332 71

February.

Missionaries	\$ 305 24
Printing	8 30
Herald	23 00
Traveling	53 05
Postage	7 39
Expressage	1 07
Office	3 05
Field	6 83
Salaries	34 75
Rent	7 00

Total

March.

Missionaries	\$ 30 55
Printing	104 29
Herald	23 00
Traveling	26 70
Postage	68 18
Expressage	7 28
Office	6 05
Field	3 12
Salaries	39 10
Rent	7 00

Total

April.

Missionaries	\$ 58 30
Printing	57 92
Herald	25 00
Traveling	32 82
Postage	30 56
Expressage	2 38
Office	3 00
Field	7 94
Salaries	35 50
Rent	7 00

Total

May.

Missionaries	\$ 516 84
Printing	297 50

Herald	\$ 25 00
Traveling	27 09
Postage	11 47
Expressage	25
Office	14 95
Field	3 05
Salaries	16 35
Rent	15 00

Total

June.

Missionaries	\$ 170 85
Printing	4 00
Herald	23 00
Traveling	33 00
Postage	14 59
Expressage	1 59
Office	3 74
Field	25 00
Salaries	
Rent	

Total

July.

Missionaries	\$ 73 15
Printing	10 00
Herald	25 00
Traveling	38 41
Postage	28 07
Expressage	1 25
Office	11 50
Field	4 46
Salaries	18 00
Rent	

Total

August.

Missionaries	\$ 684 95
Printing	176 30
Herald	28 00
Traveling	34 75
Postage	17 73
Expressage	3 07
Office	4 85
Field	2 96

Salaries.....	\$ 754 52
Rent.....	
Total.....	\$ 1,707 13

TOTAL EXPENSES CLASSIFIED.

Missionaries.....	\$ 3,297 53
Printing.....	919 86
Herald.....	246 60
Traveling.....	426 79
Postage.....	245 94
Expressage.....	31 53
Office.....	76 87
Field.....	58 09
Salaries.....	1,480 92
Rent.....	85 00

Total expenses..... \$ 6,869 13

Received from all sources..... \$ 7,069 64

Expended..... 6,869 13

Balance on hand..... \$ 200 51

LIABILITIES.

Due Secretary on salary..... \$ 515 24

National Baptist Publishing Board on printing..... 100 00

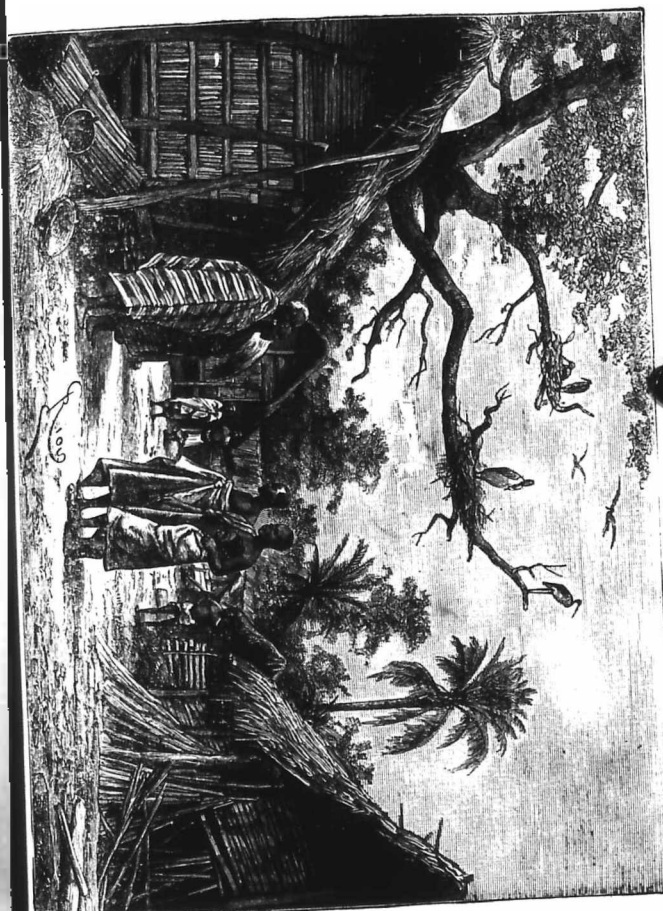
RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That a Baptist Women's Missionary League, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, be arranged among our women, with chairman and all the officers necessary to the successful operation of such an organization.

2. Our April rally be made a specialty for 1901, with a view to running a twentieth century fund.

3. That the Board be authorized to appoint its Corresponding Secretary or other suitable person or persons to visit mission stations when the best interest of the work demands such visits.

Truly, the day is breaking when we remember Liberia on the West Coast of Dark Africa, with 3,000 Baptists led on by Dr. R. B. Richardson and others; Lagos, 1,000 miles further southwest, with eight churches and 1,500 Baptists, led on by Rev. Majola Agbebi, A. M. Ph. D., a native; 300 miles northward of him is Rev. Mark C. Hayford, at Gold Coast Castle, with 500 Baptists; and yet further southward, at Accra, is Rev. Tago at work; then in South Africa are our





REV. CHARLES S. MORRIS.

own Jackson, Buchanan, Koti and Goduka, with sixteen other pastors and seventy licensed preachers; 200 miles away from Cape Town, up the Zambezi is our "Lone Star" Industrial Mission Station, with Rev. Jno. Chiembwe in charge. With all these bands of Negro Baptists—links in the chain that will belt the dark, neglected Continent—federated and under one Board, surely the sons of Africa and their descendants can be used of God in helping to bring "princes out of Egypt, and Ethiopia shall suddenly stretch out her hand unto God." For this we pray, and ask all who love our Lord to join us.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The Board does not claim perfection in the management of the work under them. Perhaps there are errors of judgment that can be charged against us. We claim, however, that all that has been done was done for the good of all concerned, as we understood. Honesty, economy and loyalty to the denomination and love for the heathen have been the propelling motives with us. We are happy to report that the receipts are \$1,956.94 over last year; that \$569.58 more has been sent to the heathen than last year; that the expenses in the operation have been proportionately less than last year.

"Soon may the last glad song arise
Through all the myriads of the skies;
That song of triumph which records
That all the earth is now the Lord's.

"Let thrones and powers and kingdoms be
Obedient, Mighty God, to thee;
And over land and stream and main
Now wave the sceptre of thy reign."

JNO. H. FRANK, Chairman.

S. E. SMITH, Recording Secretary.

C. H. PARRISH, Treasurer.

L. G. JORDAN, Corresponding Secretary.

By motion, the report was accepted, and the financial portion placed in the hands of the following committee for auditing: Prof. C. M. Wells, Alabama; Rev. I. Arlington Wilson, Kansas; Rev. E. W. Moore, Pennsylvania.

The Committees on Nomination of Officers, Temperance and Time and Place were then announced as follows:

ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

Alabama, Prof. R. B. Hudson; Arkansas, W. A. Moseley; District of Columbia, Wm. J. Taylor; Colorado, J. E. Ford; Florida, L. N. Robinson; Georgia, J. J. Durham, D. D.; Illinois, E. H. Borden; Indiana, C. C. Goins; Iowa, J. H. Nichols; Indian Territory, T. S. E. Brown; Kansas, J. R. Richardson; Kentucky, S. J. Leavell; Louisiana, J. B. Green; Massachusetts, Jesse Harrell; Maryland, Elijah B. Reid; Mississippi, William Hightower; Missouri, J. Goins; North Carolina, Caesar Johnson; New Jersey, N. A. Mackey; New York, R. I. Gaines; Ohio, H. H. Harris; Oklahoma Territory, W. C. Howell; Pennsylvania, G. B. Howard, D. D.; Rhode Island, J. H. Pressley; South Carolina, A. R. Robinson; Tennessee, W. S. Ellington; Texas, F. G. Davis; Virginia, W. H. Moses; West Virginia, A. P. Straughter; Massachusetts, C. S. Morris; Nebraska, F. Lomack; Texas, J. B. Davis, M. D.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Alabama, J. C. Leftwich; Arkansas, W. A. Holmes; Colorado, W. E. Gladden; District of Columbia, W. H. Brooks, D. D.; Florida, T. G. Ewing, Jr.; Georgia, N. B. Williams; Illinois, Mrs. Anna M. Peyton; Indiana, J. D. Rouse; Indian Territory, D. Wilson; Missouri, E. M. Cohron; Kansas, Mrs. M. D. Jones; Kentucky, E. W. Reed; Louisiana, A. T. Sumter; Massachusetts, A. D. Adams; Maryland, John H. Ballou; Mississippi, N. C. Wicks; North Carolina, R. R. Cartwright; Nebraska, F. Lomack; New Jersey, E. Jenkins; Ohio, E. W. B. Curry; Oklahoma Territory, P. R. Neil; Pennsylvania, Alexander Gordon; Rhode Island, H. N. Jeter; South Carolina, T. L. Jones; Tennessee, Wm. Haynes; Texas, Mrs. M. M. Buckner; Virginia, D. L. Whitley; West Virginia, Prof. J. W. Scott; Michigan, R. Gillam.

ON TIME AND PLACE.

Alabama, S. M. Fisher; Arkansas, J. B. Bennett; Colorado, W. E. Gladden; District of Columbia, W. H. Brooks; Florida, L. N. Robinson; Georgia, E. R. Carter; Illinois, E. H. Borden; Indiana, J. D. Rouse; Missouri, H. N. Bouey; Kentucky, G. W. Ward; Louisiana, R. Taylor; Massachusetts, C. S. Morris; Maryland, J. H. Ballou; Mississippi, E. B. Topp; North Carolina, S. W. E. Burke; Nebraska, F. Lomack; New Jersey, E. Jenkins; New York, J. S. Waters; Ohio, A. M. Thomas; Oklahoma Territory, W. C. Howell; Pennsylvania, J. L. Barksdale; Rhode Island, H. N. Jeter; South Carolina, J. W. Boykin; Tennessee, R. J. Petty; Texas, C. R. Rodgers; Texas, E. H. Branch; Virginia, J. M. Powell; West Virginia, C. H. Payne; Kansas, A. E. Edwards; Indian Territory, ———.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. J. Anderson Taylor.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 8 p. m., Vice President Dr. R. H. Bowling presiding. Singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." The 19th Psalm was read by Rev. J. Madison Young, of Louisiana. Prayer by Rev. H. C. Cotton, of Louisiana. Music by the choir. Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Rev. D. Stratton, of West Virginia, addressed the Convention on the subject, "Missionary Activity."

Rev. A. M. Johnson preached the Foreign Mission sermon from text, Rev. 3: 8, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." Theme, "The Church's Opportunity." Prayer by Rev. Robert Johnson, of District of Columbia.

The following resolutions presented by Dr. C. T. Walker, of New York, were adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. Chas. S. Morris accomplished such a wonderful and unprecedented work during his recent visit to Africa, in that he baptized 39 leaders, 13 of them being ordained preachers of another denomination, five of them being unordained, bringing into our denomination 817 members and 444 converts; and also entered into a plan of co-operation with the Liberian Baptists, representing 3,000 communicants and 30 churches, by which they offer us 1,100 acres of land to build an Industrial School in connection with themselves; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Morris traveled extensively in Africa, suffering great hardships, and several times falling a prey to the terrible African fever, yet greatly stimulating the work, and feeling called of God to return to the Dark Continent; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express to him our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude for his successful and consecrated work in Africa.

Rev. E. B. P. Kofi, of Queenstown, South Africa; Miss Emma Delaney, Florida, and L. M. Cheek, Mississippi, were introduced to the Convention. Prayer by Rev. C. S. Morris. Collection for Foreign Missions, \$13.08; collection for flood sufferers, \$5.13; total, \$18.21.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 9 a. m., Vice President Dr. J. J. Durham, Georgia, presiding. Devotions. Theme, "The Gospel in all Lands," conducted by Dr. J. J. Durham, Georgia. The Convention adjourned for fifteen minutes, to allow the State delegations to organize. At the expiration of the recess the Convention listened to the following addresses and papers:

Address: "Former Efforts of Negro Baptists During the Past a Guarantee for the Future," Rev. J. E. Ford, Colorado.

Paper: "Our Needs at Home no Excuse for Disobeying the Lord's Marching Orders—'Go Preach,'" Rev. P. R. Neale, Indian Territory.

Paper: "How Leaders in our Churches Conventions, Baptist Schools, Missionary Societies, and Young People's Organizations May Best Assist in Giving the Gospel to the Heathen," Miss F. C. Blunt, North Carolina.

Paper: "How the Sisters are Hindered From Helping," Miss N. H. Burroughs, District of Columbia.

Address: "Need of Co-operation in Foreign Mission Work," Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky.

Address: "How All Baptists May Co-operate in World-Wide Missions," Rev. R. J. Willingham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention.

Collection for Foreign Missions, \$100. The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. S. Morris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 3:30 p. m., Vice President Dr. W. G. Johnson, of Georgia, presiding. Prayer, Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Georgia. Minutes read and approved. A telegram from Bishop A. Walters, President of the Afro-American Council, was read. Dr. R. DeBaptist, Revs. J. R.

Bennett, Alex. Gordon, Jno. Mitchell, Jr. and S. E. Smith, were appointed to answer the same.

A series of resolutions presented by Rev. Robt. Mitchell, and J. C. Leftwich were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The resolution presented by W. R. Tolliver was referred to the Special Committee on Flooded Districts.

Rev. J. P. Robinson, of Arkansas, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Convention on "Growth and Needs of the Home Mission Board."

Solo, by Miss Lillie B. McGavock, of Tennessee.

Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, presented his annual report, which was well received by the Convention.

REPORT.

Brother President and Messengers of this Twentieth Annual Session of our National Baptist Convention:

It is a great source of pleasure to us to render to you to-day, as representatives of the sixteen thousand Negro Baptist Churches of America, an account of our stewardship of the trusts committed to us by your votes. Allow us to express our heartfelt thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His spiritual guidance and manifold blessings, in this, our labor of love. We are not unmindful of the great confidence that you reposed in us, as your servants and representatives, when you sent us forth to execute in your name the great command of our King, Great High Priest, only Law Giver and Elder Brother, Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," etc.

During the past twelve months of our stewardship, we have sustained some bereavements, a few discouragements, together with a little apparent opposition and hindrance; but when we compare the blessings and encouragements in business circles, the unparalleled success and spiritual guidance of our missionaries on the field, together with the hearty support and brotherly cooperation of our pastors, churches, and Sunday school workers in our publication work, they seem too small and insignificant to mention. For the benefit of those who are not so well acquainted with our

plan of work, manner of reports, and general management of affairs, allow us to state here that your Home Mission Board is managing its business partly by constitution, partly by a resolution adopted by you in 1896, and partly by the custom of its past five years.

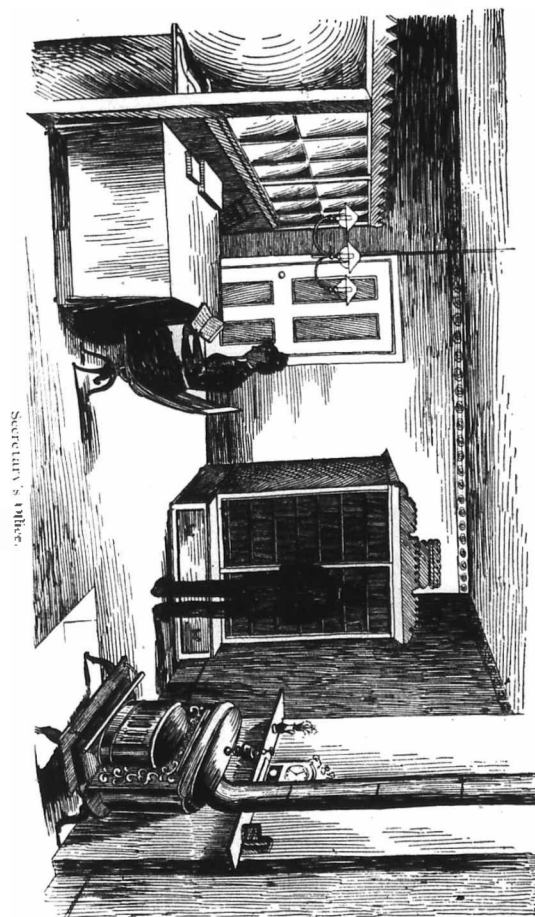
Your Home Board was created in 1895 by Article VI in the Constitution, under the head of Management, and is supposed to consist of fifteen members. By resolution of 1896, adopted at St. Louis, Mo., a Publishing Committee, or Board, was created, which was to have charge of the Sunday school periodicals, religious and denominational books, etc., to be located and chartered in some central State, to be amenable to, and report to, this Board through its Secretaries and Managers, who, in turn, are to make annual reports to your Board; the Secretary, Treasurer, and General Manager makes his report quarterly to this Publishing Board. After being passed upon by the Publishing Board, by an auditor who is elected by the Home Board, a copy is forwarded to the executive committee of the Home Board, at Little Rock, Ark., is approved or rejected, and filed with the Recording Secretary; the books of the entire concern are placed annually into the hands of the auditor of the Home Board, who in turn makes such an aggregate of the whole as would be of interest to the members at large; and at the same time not exposing the internal commercial relations and legal transactions of the Publishing Board.

The Secretary, Treasurer, and General Manager, is required to keep on file in the Courts of Davidson County, Tennessee, a lawful and well-secured bond to cover all funds intrusted to his care.

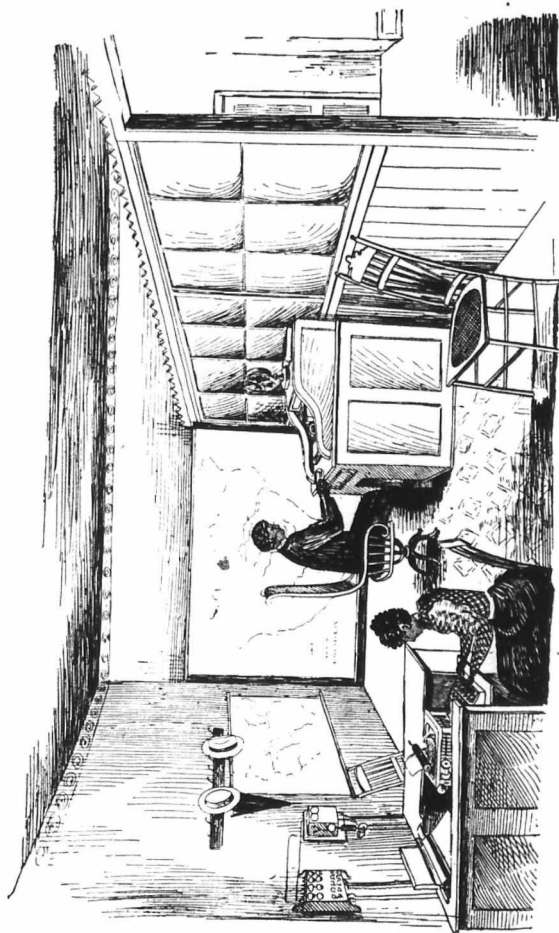
OUR BEREAVEMENTS.

Your Board sustained, in the death of Rev. Emanuel K. Love, D. D., a loss such as would seem to human intellect beyond reparation; and yet we should bow to the supreme will of Him who "doeth all things well," and encourage ourselves with the thought of one of the poets of old --

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face."



SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



Secretary's Private Office.

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Our lamented brother, Dr. E. K. Love, departed this life on the 24th day of April, 1900. He was known, loved, and honored from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from the Lakes to the Rio Grande; his advice was sought far and wide, his counsel was considered sound, and he was surely one of God's appointed leaders; he was unwavering in his faith in the Baptist Church, labored for his people, and spent his life for their elevation. However, he was a convert to the Negro Baptist Publishing House idea, having from 1890 to 1895 opposed every step that was taken, notwithstanding he was one of the four members of the editorial staff who had been sacrificed to the wrath of the "gods of colorphobia." In 1896, when appointed by the programme committee to write a paper on the subject of "Negro Baptist Publishing House," it was thought by the friends as well as by the enemies of the project, that a great blow towards its destruction in the minds of the people would be struck; but after months of careful investigation, a paper was prepared and read before the National Convention at St. Louis, Mo., that so completely swept away every evidence of opposition, that the matter was unanimously referred to your Board, with power to act. Your Board believes that the paper of Dr. E. K. Love should go into history, as the great cornerstone upon which this great project was built.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

We have, during the year, enjoyed many encouragements along all lines; many who have steadfastly opposed the idea of self-reliance on the part of the National Convention have become strong supporters; many missionaries have offered their services, and all who have been appointed have been successful. Business houses, banks, and commercial institutions in general, have continued to express and show their confidence in the enterprise. Newspapers, churches, Sunday schools, associations, and conventions have fallen into line. Newspapers and magazines have about ceased their criticism and opposition; national organizations have begun to recognize the work as being "God appointed" and for the general development and benefit of the race and denomination.

THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

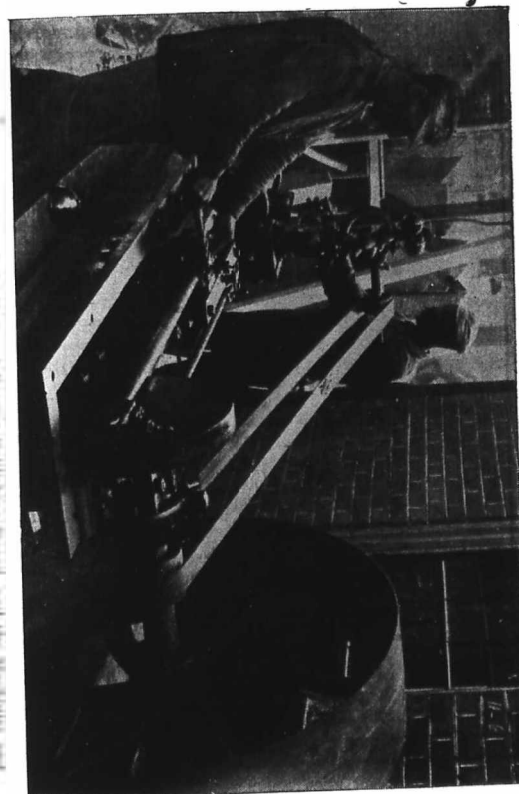
Notwithstanding the great rise in material, the increase of wages, and other disadvantages that would seem under any condi-

tions to hinder progress and check financial achievements in our work, yet the year has been the most prosperous and most profitable in the history of our organization. We have increased our missionary clerical force, increased our corps of skilled laborers, increased our Bible work; made great increase in the circulation of our Sunday school periodicals, and have increased in the number of books, tracts, and pamphlets published and sent forth. We have succeeded in establishing a better acquaintance with the general business public; we have established confidence in the minds of the general public, both in this and foreign lands. We are sending our periodicals to British America, Mexico, Cuba, Hayti, British Guiana, South and West Coast Africa, and the Philippine Islands. Wherever our missionaries have planted the old banner of King Emmanuel, "One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism," we have been able to fortify their work with the "book of books," the Word of God.

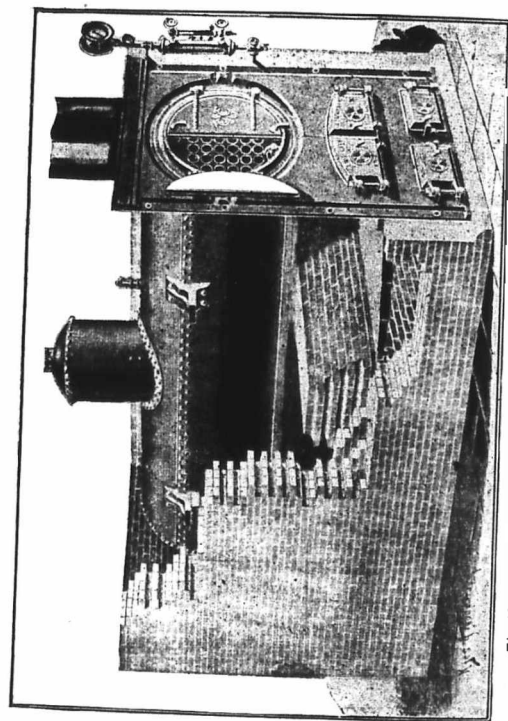
We have also supplied them with ammunition, such as Sunday school periodicals, tracts, song books, etc., sufficient to keep well regulated Sunday schools in operation. We have been able to meet all of our financial obligations, thereby keeping our banner unfurled to the breezes.

(1) OUR GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS.

We thought two years ago that our plant had a sufficient capacity to accommodate all demands; but to our great surprise, the coming together of all messengers of our body at Nashville, a thorough investigation of the plant and the work being done by the Publishing Board, fired the hearts of the brethren and sent them to their homes so full of enthusiasm that they in turn electrified the whole Baptist denomination, causing the growth and increased demands to come forth beyond our greatest expectations. The demands for supplies have been so much greater than our capacity that it has forced us to make general changes and additions in every department. We have been compelled to enlarge our quarters by making more additions to the building and by adding office fixtures; we have been compelled to increase our clerical force in numbers to meet the demands of the increase of business. The machinery of three years ago would be, we supposed, sufficient to do the work for the next five or ten years; but as the increase this year has made it impossible to do the work with the



The New Steam Engine of the Tennessee Baptist Publishing Board, and the Machinery and Engines which attend the same.



The New Boiler of the National Baptist Publishing Board just before the furnace was completed.

present machinery, though we run it all day and part of the night, we have disposed of a part of our second-hand machinery and supplied the place with better and more improved machinery and have increased the number of machines; we have increased machinery this year to the amount of about five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, and will still have to put in another large printing press and put up some other machinery in our binding department. The variable climate of Nashville is such that we have been compelled to change our heating capacity from grates and furnaces to steam heating radiators. We have learned from watching other well-regulated book making concerns that in order to get good results from paper, ink, paste, glue, gold, and other chemicals necessary to be used in regular book making establishments, that the rooms must be kept at one temperature; it is very necessary also that a well-regulated temperature should be kept in the office for the protection of the health of the clerical force.

Our Board hesitated long before undertaking such gigantic improvements and financial risks; but, after careful and prayerful deliberation, we could see the worth of skilled laborers; could see that the health of our best scholars, with the reputation of a great denomination, were at stake. We could not measure these by dollars and cents; hence this outlay and expenditure.

Besides the improvements upon printing, we have put in a large brick furnace, a large sixty-horse-power steam boiler, 22 feet long by 54 inches in diameter, with a chimney 60 feet high to carry off the smoke and soot; we have run steam pipe under ground, return waste pipe and water pipe, a distance of 90 feet; we have bedded a large twenty-horse-power steam engine, shafting, and belting sufficient to work with the other machinery. We have supplied our building with a large power emery-stone and steam fixtures, with a special capacity of eighteen hundred revolutions per minute, for grinding and polishing purposes. We have had to put in our bindery a large standing book press shaping machine, and an improved signal bundling press, a large hook saw machine, together with a number of other binding instruments sufficient to carry on a well regulated bindery. We have also had put in one of the latest improved book folding machines. This machine has a capacity of folding twenty-four hundred 32-page magazines per hour, and can be operated by one person. The scarcity of floor

room in our building, the large circulation of the Sunday school magazines, and the urgent demand for the prompt filling of orders, makes this machine indispensable, and in order to compete with other institutions doing like work, we were compelled to purchase this machine at a great cost; and yet, we feel sure that it is economy in the end. The fitting up of the office and printing house rooms with steam pipes and radiators, the wiring of the house for electric lights and bedding the dynamo, is not yet complete, but the workmen promise them by October 1st. Allow us to say that all the machinery, shafting, wiring, piping, belting, and all mechanical and machinery work, including the steam gauging work, drafting, printing, planning, and architectural work, were done by our own Negro mechanics and machinists.

OUR BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

This, of all others, is to be guarded with more interest and care along all lines, for, as a rule, the Negro has not been entrusted with business responsibilities. He has not come very largely into contact with the business world, and is, therefore, not conscious of responsibility, and is unacquainted with the gems of business success.

(1) THE PUBLISHING AND MANUFACTURING.

The Publishing House is divided into the following departments: the counting room, the shipping and mailing department, the composing room, the press room and bindery. The care of all these is entrusted to a responsible chief clerk bureau or foreman. The correspondence, advertising, etc., are carried on under the personal inspection of the Secretary or by his private clerk or stenographer.

The counting room is under the supervision of the book-keeper. In this department the mail is received and opened; the money and bills are accounted for: all checks are made out and carried to the Secretary for his personal signature, and all items are kept by number.

The composing room, press room and book bindery, are known as the manufacturing department, and are under a general foreman, who must be in every way an experienced workman, printer, and book maker. The shipping and mailing department is under a chief clerk, who has charge of filling all orders, buying books

from other wholesale houses, ordering supplies, keeping up with the filling of orders, and making daily reports of the condition of things to the Secretary, but in the absence of the Secretary, has full power to act.

(2) THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING AN EXPERIENCED AND EFFICIENT CLERICAL FORCE, TOGETHER WITH A SCARCITY OF SKILLED LABOR, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF TEACHING THE UNSKILLED.

This is the most trying ordeal through which our Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager has to pass. It is quite easy to find a scholar and gentleman or a lady who has just graduated from some well-regulated institution of learning; the schools have well named the days on which these diplomas are granted "commencement" days, for every business man well knows that a young man making application for a position with a diploma is only making a commencement, and sadly needs experience along these lines. The young man or young woman who has had theory in a college is unable to put in practice the real business idea, in the way of competing with those in practical business circles. Skilled mechanical labor is still more difficult to obtain. As labor unions are formed, Negro boys and girls are prevented from obtaining skilled knowledge. Parents, having no well regulated idea of the condition of things, and of the necessity of skilled labor, feel that it is a disgrace for their son or daughter, after graduation from a college or university, to enter a manufacturing institution as a mere apprentice. Labor unions and organized societies among skilled white laborers have made it a point to shut out Negro boys and girls from entering these places as apprentices. The modern discoveries and mechanical inventions have made the need of skilled hand labor in printing and bookbinding almost a thing of the past.

We are, therefore, compelled to take young men and women and train them to the use of machinery, and at the same time compete in both workmanship and prices with the best manufacturers and institutions; this is, indeed, a difficult task.

(3) THE FRIENDLY RELATION EXISTING BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OTHER PUBLISHING HOUSES.

Notwithstanding the white institutions of this country have their Chambers of Commerce, Publishing Associations, Printers'

Unions, Typographical organizations, and Bookbinders' associations, yet we have been able to do business here in the South, and buy at the same wholesale prices as other publishers and printers, and they are ready to deal with us on the most liberal terms, and seem inclined to favor us rather than hinder us. They cooperate with us; keep us posted on the general prices and customs, according to us all the courtesy that is due from one publisher or printer to another. The wholesale book houses give us the advantage of the best wholesale prices and of their catalogues, send out goods under our label, and treat us in every way as regular commissioned merchants.

(4) OUR CREDIT AND GENERAL STANDING IN COMMERCIAL CIRCLES.

Forced into business as our Board was, in December, 1896, without experience, unknown, and not a dime in the world, it has had an up-hill business, to say the least of it, in commercial circles. Be it said, to the credit and honor of our Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager, whatever he may not be, he has about convinced men that he is a thorough, efficient, and strict business man. His caution in dealing, his carefulness in business transactions, his promptness to meet obligations, together with business integrity, with the confidence and cooperation of your Board, has brought to us to-day a credit in commercial circles equal to any institution of the kind in the United States. The orders of our institution for ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars are filled by manufacturers and wholesale men without question. The paper of your Publishing Board, properly signed, is accepted in commercial circles at par, and all of the commercial agencies report our institution as "gilt-edged," and the banks handle our checks and notes as collateral.

OUR MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.

This department of our work depends exclusively upon our ability to secure and manage skilled labor; to obtain and operate machinery, together with our ability to find consumers for our productions or a market for what we make. History repeats itself, and the same difficulty that the colonists had when they were liberated from Great Britain confronts the Negro Baptists or the Publishing House of to-day. Those who are acquainted with history know that Europe had been the place of manufactory, and that America had been the consumer. American manufacturers could

only succeed when protected by tariff; therefore, wise statesmen among the American colonists made laws by which the American manufacturers could obtain better prices for their goods than European manufacturers; larger prices could be furnished them, thereby allowing them an advantage over their competitors; increasing machinery and factories and giving greater employment to American mechanics, thereby giving encouragement to American invention. If the Negro Baptists of to-day would throw the same safeguard around their institution, and our pastors would make earnest argument that they could afford to pay more for articles manufactured by their own sons and daughters, then our own institutions would bloom and flourish like a rose.

(1) OUR PRESENT CONDITION.

At present we are only undertaking to produce a very small portion of the literature consumed by our churches and Sunday-schools; we are only furnishing a few of the periodicals, such as Magazines, Lesson Leaflets, etc. As yet, we are sending out no modern illustrated papers; still our people are calling for them. We are supplying only a few (five in number) of the song books for our Sunday schools; a few magazines, a few record books, a few maps and charts, and other standard books; but a large portion remains yet to be produced. But if our pastors, missionaries, and Sunday school workers, could be able to see the importance of having their people use in their churches and Sunday schools our own song books, and read only literature manufactured and handled by ourselves; if our able writers could see the need of supplying our churches with substantial denominational text-books, theological doctrines, and their own religious and secular books, it would not be long until our Publishing House would be a great factor in the denominational and religious work.

(2) BOOK MAKING.

This field is comparatively unknown to Negroes. Negroes have learned of late to write newspaper articles; a number have learned to set type as newspaper compositors, a few have learned to print papers, but our Negro institution, the National Baptist Publishing Board, is the first Negro institution known to us on American soil to enter upon the task of real book making. We have thousands of applications from brethren, desiring their books

to be made by us and put upon the market. We have hundreds of applications from others desiring that we should take their writings and make them into books; sell enough to pay ourselves, and turn over the remainder of the money to them. If we could make books in this way, and could find ready sale for the same, we would be, without question, the most gigantic book concern on American soil.

The great cost and care that is required in book making is unknown to the average man; proper judgment as to such material for a book as will catch the popular tide and be a profitable source of merchandise, has more to do with the success of books than the care of making them. The demands along these lines of our work have been increasing so rapidly that some special additions and improvements will be necessary during the next year in the continuation of the publishing of the following books:

Select Sermons, by Rev. Chas. B. W. Gordon, D. D.

This book is the first of the kind published by a Negro Baptist preacher. It contains rich thought and is worthy of a place in all well regulated libraries. Dr. Gordon is a fine reasoner and his sermons are full of practical ideas, which will be of lasting benefit to the reader.

Sanctification vs. Fanaticism, by Rev. J. H. Eason, D. D.

Is a compilation of a series of lectures by one of our ablest writers. Every page is teeming with quotations and citations from the Blessed Word.

Sermons Outlined, by Rev. S. W. R. Cole, D. D.

These skeletons are verbatim outlines of sermons delivered by its author. Just the thing for our ministers.

Boyd's Catechism,

Is intended for Sunday school use. It is just the thing for young people.

Davidson's Catechism, by Rev. F. J. Davidson, of New Orleans, La.,

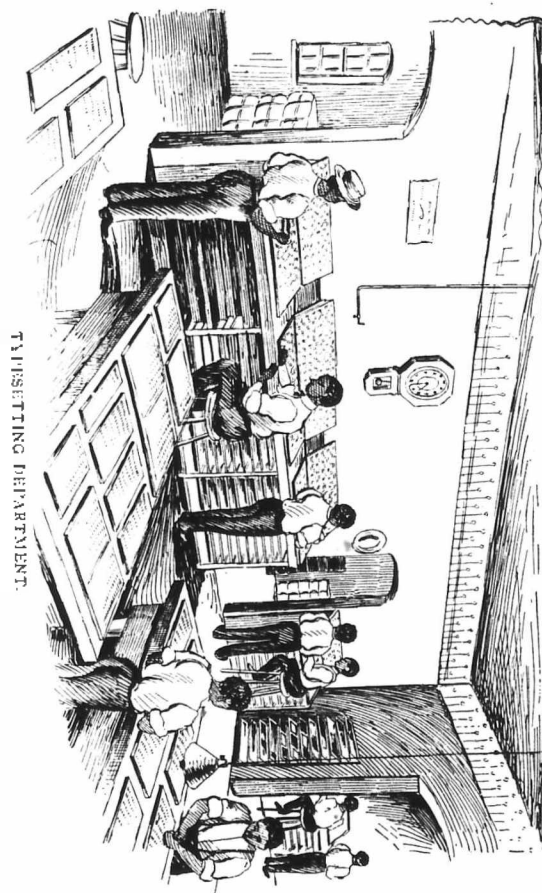
Is worthy of our attention. It is well written, and suited for our Sunday schools.

Boyd's Record, Roll and Minute Book and Boyd's National Baptist Class Book.

Are two necessary adjuncts to the Sunday school.

The National Tidings of Joy,

Is a choice selection of hymns, and contains the rudiments of music.



TYPESETTING DEPARTMENT.

The National Gospel Voices.

Is an excellent book for Sunday school and prayer meeting use. It is full of good music.

Celestial Showers, by Prof. Wm. Rosborough,

Is another excellent Sunday school music book. We cheerfully commend this excellent work.

The National Harp of Zion or B. Y. P. U. Hymnal,

Is a new book worthy of the consideration of all music lovers and B. Y. P. U. workers.

Choice Songs.

Is a collection of hymns, prepared for those who may want a cheap singing book.

The National Baptist Easy Lesson Primer,

Is an extremely fine book for beginners and infant classes in our Sunday schools.

Sermons and Sermonettes by Rev. J. P. Robinson, of Little Rock, Ark.,

Is now in press. This book abounds in solid food for the mind. It is a worthy contribution to the literature of the Negro Baptist.

Notes and Outlines of Sermons, by Rev. A. T. Stewart, D. D., of Helena, Ark.,

Is also in press. Rev. Stewart is a thoughtful and earnest writer, and this work promises to be an excellent addition to our ministerial helps. We recommend it to the Baptist ministry of this country.

Dont's and Woman's Influence, by Mrs. Janie Brown Garnett.

Two 12 mo. paper back pamphlets that will repay any one for reading them.

"The Progress of the Negro,"

Is another treatise worthy of consideration. It comes from the pen of one of our most learned men, Rev. Robt. Mitchell, A. M., of Kentucky.

Annual Address to the Missionary Baptists of Georgia,

Is a masterly speech by our late lamented brother, Dr. E. K. Love, Savannah, Ga.

Short Talks on the Word of God, by Rev. C. N. Pryor.

A worthy pamphlet, by one of our leading ministers.

Life and Doings of Rev. Aaron Ware.

A sketch of one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of Tennessee.

Beacon Lights of Tennessee,

Contains short sketches of prominent ministers and Baptist leaders in Tennessee.

N. B. Y. P. U. Roll and Record Book by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac,

Is arranged in such simple style that any one with a reasonable knowledge of affairs can keep an accurate record of each meeting.

N. B. Y. P. U. Catechisms, by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac.

A valuable work for Young People's Unions.

An Appeal for Central City College, by Mrs. Janie Brown Garnett.

A 12 mo. pamphlet published in the interest of the above named school at Macon, Ga.

Boyd's National Baptist Pastor's Guide and Parliamentary Rules.

It is a complete guide for Baptist ministers and deacons, the appendix containing a complete set of parliamentary rules for the government of conventions, associations, young peoples' societies, churches and other religious deliberative bodies. This book is the only distinctive Baptist work of its kind in print.

MANUSCRIPTS, COPYRIGHTS, AND OWNERSHIPS.

We have had presented to us during this year for publication, thirty-two manuscripts, the most of which we have been unable to examine or make any kind of proposition for publishing them. Each author of a manuscript imagines that his book is just what the world is waiting for, and that the subject matter is the missing link in the minds of the reading public; and as soon as the publication is announced, the reading world will rush to the front with money in hand, crying, "Eureka! Eureka!" Another difficulty to encounter is the ownership of the copyright. Our Board as yet has owned no copyright, and has thereby placed no responsibility upon the denomination for bringing out questionable or un-questionable literature; therefore, each author has thus far been required to be responsible for his own book, defend its doctrine, and take the consequences. We have always made it a rule to advertise, handle, and assist in the selling of books published by us;

a majority of the books, however, that we have handled in this way, were brought out by the special request of the Board or by the pen of the Secretary; but in such cases the copyright is held by the individual; thus, it will be seen, that in this we are printers and not publishers.

(4) PAMPHLETS AND OTHER SMALL BOOKS.

It has been said by a recent writer that "the world is in a hurry." This is especially true in the case of books; experience is daily teaching us that large and soggy books are of slow sale and are seldom read. The reading public of to-day seems to be craving for small and pointed books; the reader desires to take in the whole subject matter in a short time. The five and ten-cent pamphlets, twenty-five and fifty-cent books, have surpassed all others in sale.

TRACTS AND CIRCULARS.

These, next to our Sunday-school periodicals, seem to be the most needed in disseminating moral and religious doctrines. All denominations, especially the Negro Baptists, are in more need to-day of tracts and circulars that will give pointed information along all lines, that will give religious and denominational instruction, than of any other form of literature.

Our Board has continually hoped that some generous-hearted philanthropist, male or female, among us; that some noble band of workers, would be organized somewhere, that would raise money and place it to our credit, for the execution of this work. The Board would recommend the raising of a tract fund, offering inducements of honor to any person or persons who would donate money to be used in this way; the interest and profits to be given away, and the principal kept in the hands of the Board, to carry on this work.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE, ADVERTISING, AND OTHER CIRCULATING MATTER.

We have received more complaints from this department of our work than all the others together. It is very annoying for persons to write and ask for information on any subject, and be treated with profound silence. Each person desiring to know something

about our work expects to write the Corresponding Secretary and receive an immediate answer. It is but natural that each correspondent thinks that no one is writing but himself, and, therefore, the Corresponding Secretary is sitting in perfect idleness in his office, and when his or her letter is received, he has nothing to do but take up his pen and proceed to answer question by question, and give full details and answer to every question asked. If this is not done, he or she is disappointed, and hence come complaint and dissatisfaction.

(11) OUR RECEIPTS AND ANSWERS TO FIRST-CLASS MAIL MATTER.

As the success of the business is mostly depending upon this, it is at all times under the immediate inspection and direction of the Secretary, in person, or by his special private clerk, or some one who represents him.

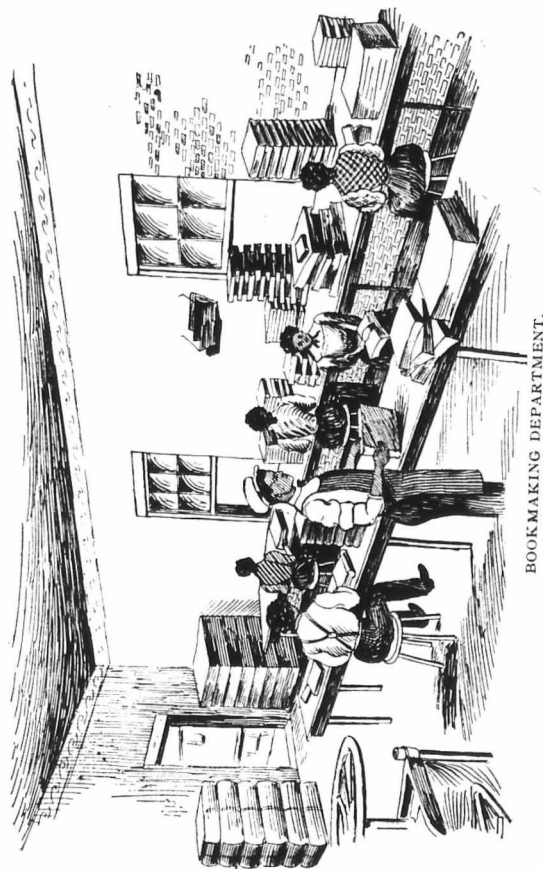
At the arrival of each mail, it is first counted, then recorded in a well-bound book; the hour of the arrival and the number of letters received. These letters are then opened, date of receiving is stamped on the margin of the letters, and record is made of their contents, and each sent to whatever department it belongs. For an example: if there are four letters received, one asking something concerning accounts, it is referred to the bookkeeper's room; the second, concerning literature, is referred to the mailing and shipping room; the third, about printing, is referred to the foreman of the printing department; and the fourth, about some special missionary work, or some general subject of the concern, is referred to the Secretary or his private clerk. In this way, the mail is dispatched for the day, and each letter is supposed to receive prompt attention. In order that the messengers of this body may have some correct idea of the magnitude of this portion of the work, we give the number of first-class letters received from September 1, 1899, to August 31, 1900, as follows:

Fourth Quarter, 1899 — September, 4,384; October, 2,990; November, 1,577; total for the fourth quarter, 1899, 8,951.

First Quarter, 1900 — December, 2,292; January, 4,199; February, 2,048; total for the first quarter, 1900, 8,539.

Second Quarter, 1900 — March, 5,813; April, 2,347; May, 3,726; total for the second quarter, 1900, 11,886.

Third Quarter, 1900 — June, 7,651; July, 4,633; August, 2,224; total for the third quarter, 1900, 15,508, making a grand



BOOKMAKING DEPARTMENT.

total for the year, 44,884. It is well known that the postoffice is closed on all legal holidays, and, therefore, we only receive mail on regular working days.

The Secretary handles and disposes of, on an average, 150 letters per day. If he should work fifteen hours every day, and give only five minutes of his time to each letter, without stopping to eat or drink, he would do nothing but read and dispatch letters. But, besides this, the record shows that from the correspondence carried on, there have been over five thousand first-class personal letters written and sent out during this fiscal year, besides the telegrams and telephone messages attended to

(2) SENDING OUT SECOND-CLASS LETTERS, CIRCULARS, PRICE LISTS, AND OTHER ADVERTISING MATTER.

Besides the first-class letters, we have what we term second-class letters. These letters are printed in two colors, imitating typewriting, with stereotype, which is in every way a *facsimile* of the Secretary's signature; and they take the place, in almost every particular, of first-class letters, except they are sent out through the mail with one-cent postage stamp. These letters are sent out once a quarter for general information to all patrons, who get their regular supplies from this house, and is special information to those whom we desire to be informed on different subjects.

We have sent out during the year something over 40,000 of these second-class letters. We also send out third-class letters or circulars, together with self-addressed envelopes, order blanks, and catalogues or price lists. These serve a twofold purpose. They serve, first, as advertising matter to give our patrons and the general public an idea of the work carried on, the progress being made, the class of articles manufactured and handled, together with such other helpful information as will best serve to promote an interest and the well-being of the work; secondly, they are intended to give our patrons the exact prices of articles for sale, also the exact form of making out their orders, so as to enable our clerks to best arrive at the wishes of our customers, as well as to help the post-office authorities and clerks in dispatching the letters to prevent delay, avoid loss, and the sending of communications to the dead-letter office. This we have found very valuable in our work; and

we believe that a large portion of our success depends upon the advertising.

We have sent out during the year over 60,000 of these letters. Then, it will be seen, that while we have received 44,886, we have sent out 105,000, making a grand total of 159,886 handled during the year in our correspondence department.

(3) NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES, TOGETHER WITH OTHER
STANDING ADVERTISING MATTER.

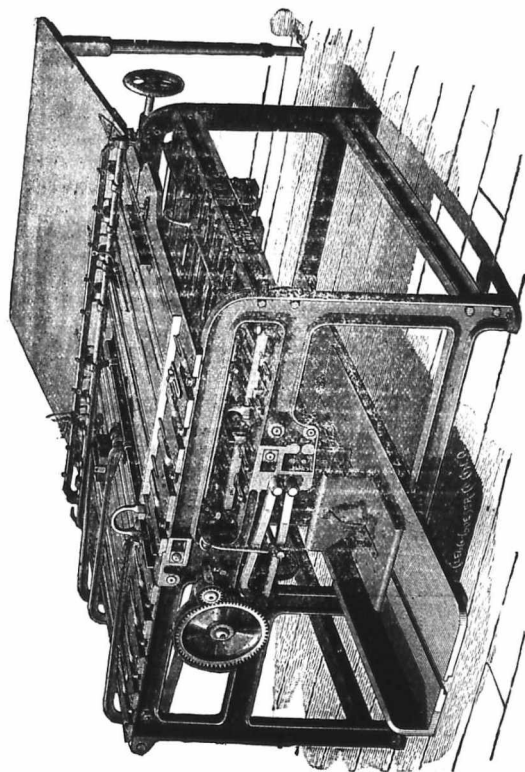
This belongs, also, to the corresponding department, and so very much depends upon it, that it must be managed under the personal supervision of the Secretary. In the early stage of our existence, a majority of our newspapers opposed us; but as our work grew in favor with the people, the newspapers have slackened in their criticisms. During the time of the most severe newspaper criticisms, those newspapers friendly to us and our work were very loud in their defense of our position, and have kept their columns open to us as often as we felt disposed to reply. Some of our editorials and other articles were of such great importance to our work, that the Board would buy extra copies and circulate them, free of charge, as advertising matter. Another profitable and yet expensive means of advertising has been the printing and giving away of minute books, with the privilege of putting our advertising matter on the same.

We have had a very large demand, indeed, for this class of work, and in some few instances, we have had more than we could supply. We think, however, that while this has been an expensive medium of advertising, it has at the same time been a profitable source of giving information to a certain class of people.

PERIODICAL AND EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

This department of our work was at first the entire solar system, around which the energy and work of our Board revolved; it was the great wedge that first severed our literary and publication interest from that of our Northern white brethren, who had done so much for us and whose names we delight to honor. The great question of what our children shall read, has for the last thirty years disturbed the breast of every thinking Negro Baptist. As much as we may regret it, there is no denying the truth of the

existing circumstances, that from the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln, in 1863, to the present day, racial prejudice on one side and racial ambition and biasness on the other, between the Caucasian and African races in this country have continually increased, until there has grown up one of the most perplexing problems that confronts the American people. The Negro's patient endurance as a slave, his profound devotion and childlike obedience to his Caucasian master, together with his unwavering faith in the justice of Almighty God, and his religious superstition, won for him during his two hundred and fifty years of slavish persecution legions of sympathetic and life-giving friends throughout the length and breadth of this country, who continue to memorialize public opinion through the newspapers, magazines, books, novels, pamphlets, and tracts; their voices were heard from stages, pulpits, platforms, and on public highways. Men and women willingly sacrificed their lives and made their sons and daughters martyrs, until their blood moistened the ground of hundreds of battlefields. When the smoke of battle had cleared away, public opinion had been forced by the sword to declare that Chief Justice Taney was mistaken. The Negro did have rights that the Caucasian must respect. But, to their sorrow and regret, they found that two hundred and fifty years of cruel slavery had produced upon American soil, four and one-half millions of impoverished, ignorant, harmless, nameless human beings: without name, without the sustenance of life, without knowledge or experience of development; without knowledge of self, domestic, parental, or municipal government. They knew only to move or crouch at the crack of the slave-driver's whip. In this condition they were turned loose in the same place, among and against the will of the same people who had so cruelly enslaved them. These God-given benefactors, who had done so much to change public opinion and liberate these persecuted slaves, clamored for a better opportunity for them in their emancipated condition. Politicians attempting to keep in favor with growing public opinion, ushered these bewildered slaves from superstitious slavery to a mockery of citizenship, without any well-regulated laws to sustain them. What was true politically was true religiously. The religious and educational benefactors sacrificed their time, talents, and money, in every possible way known to them, to



OUR NEW FOLDING MACHINE

equip these people with a sufficient religious and educational knowledge to meet the emergencies. To the astonishment of the slave master and his sympathizers, these impoverished people made rapid strides toward religious and educational, moral and financial development, so much so, until the Southern white's greed for pecuniary benefits were changed into fear of political and social equality, while the Northern sympathizer had changed to commercial and political expectations; but the emancipated Negro was still "the bone of contention." The Southern writer no longer pleads his worth as a commercial factor for pecuniary gains; the sympathetic pen and press of the Abolitionist writer ceased to plead at the bar of public opinion. Therefore, if the Negro would have a hearing at the bar of public opinion, and would lay down a well-beaten path of tradition to his children, or would have the world to know his religious and educational development, together with his financial worth, he must tell them himself, he must provide his children with a literature; he must furnish his Sunday schools with religious knowledge, his choirs with music, and his firesides and parlors with wholesome literature, written and manufactured by his own energy.

(1) EDITORIAL STAFF.

The most earnest care should be exercised in the selection of an editorial staff to prepare correct religious periodicals to be used in our homes and churches. These men and women are to be selected with three qualifications. First, they must be men and women of unquestioned moral and religious piety, that their characters may be pointed to as an index to direct, shape, and mold the habits of the race. Second, they should be chosen for their profound biblical knowledge, together with their unwavering faith in the doctrines and practices of the Baptist Churches; men and women who at all times and under all circumstances would give their very lives to the defense of that doctrine. Thirdly, a strict care should be taken to select men and women who have clear and eminent scholarship and educational ability; men and women well versed in literature, and who will give time and energy in making thorough researches to bring out the very richest of the deep-hidden treasures of literary sciences. These men and women can not be expected to do this work gratuitously. "Brain is always

valuable." The Negro churches of to-day are not in need of cheap literature. It is not quantity that we want; it is quality. The value of a sound, wholesome, well-regulated religious literature for the development of our children can not be measured by dollars and cents. And, notwithstanding the frequent assertions of a number of people to the contrary, the literature that is best for the Caucasian of to-day is not always best for our children, under the present crises.

GRADING OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

We have attempted to grade our literature to the needs of our Sunday-schools. We are willing to admit that there is need of more experience and earnest religious writers. There is a twofold danger in this grading process: first, there is danger in having too few grades, and secondly, there is danger of having too great a variety of grades.

When we come to think of simplifying the Word of God, both by word and pictures, so as to be grasped by the tender mind of the infant, and at the same time to magnify and dignify the same passage to be passed upon and taught by the most learned and profound critics of our time, we find it indeed a task. We have formed our Sunday school periodicals into five grades; we are producing and publishing a monthly journal for the benefit of our teachers. We have divided the scholars' grades into Advanced, Intermediate, Primary, and Little Ones' Quarterlies, and have published during the year the following copies:

	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	TOTAL.
Teacher.....	21,000	53,000	65,000	84,800	223,800
Advanced Quarterly...	65,000	190,000	277,000	416,000	948,000
Intermediate.....	35,000	85,000	141,000	175,000	436,000
Primary.....	45,000	123,000	190,000	275,000	633,000
Lesson Leaflets.....	165,000	327,000	505,000	557,000	1,554,000
Picture Lesson Cards...	165,000	728,000	1,240,000	1,560,000	3,693,000
Bible Lesson Pictures.	4,500	10,450	30,800	33,800	69,550
N. B. Concert Quarterly	20,000	75,000	150,000	250,000	500,000
Child's Gems.....		3,300	5,000	6,000	14,300
	520,500	1,545,150	2,593,800	3,366,600	8,026,050

DOCTRINAL SOUNDNESS.

This may mean a great many things. It is true that whatever is taught in the Sunday schools of this generation, will be the doctrine of the church in the next generation. The Sunday school scholars of this generation will be the mothers, fathers, pastors, and deacons of the next. Therefore, it is one of the most important missions of the National Baptist Convention to see to it that the literature that is prepared for the children of this denomination should be thoroughly doctrinally sound, the right biblical ideas should be thoroughly impressed, correct doctrinal ideas should be so clearly brought forward from the Bible that there would be no question that when a boy or girl has grown up in a Baptist Sunday school, he or she will be an everlasting defender and protector of Baptist Church doctrine. In this literature there should also be brought out clear ideals of the obedience which should be rendered unto law and government; so correctly should these laws be emphasized, that men and women would be better citizens for having been brought up in our Sunday-schools.

SUITABLE BIBLICAL AND MODERN ILLUSTRATIONS FOR OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

It is well said by a recent Sunday school writer "that these are days of pictures as well as days of steam and electricity." It is a well-settled fact that picture writings has the first place in all of our literature, both secular and religious; that it forms the greater part of the advertisements in commercial circles. While the writer acts upon the mind's eye, the artist takes hold of the eye itself, and there is nothing that makes such interesting and lasting impressions as the real photograph. Expert penmen draw vivid pictures of the man with illustrations, but it is not the real man. We may read long biographies of a great man, and may meet him and not know him, but when we have had the photograph of a man continually before us, there is no mistake about his identity, and while there is great benefit in religious and biblical illustrations, there is also great danger. The child that reads about the baptism of Jesus and is continually shown the picture of a man pouring water upon his head, can easily be made to believe it. The same is true of the passage, "Suffer little children to come unto me," etc. The mother who is continually given this passage, with

the illustration of Jesus with little children in His arms, a fountain of water by Him, and He sprinkling their little foreheads, can easily be led to have her babe christened, believing that she is doing God's service. What is true of these is also true concerning heaven and angels; the child that is continually shown beautiful pictures of Caucasian characters with golden wings, and are continually told that these are holy beings, that they inhabit the heavens; and a group of black figures in African style, and are continually told that these are the demons that inhabit the lower regions; it is easy to make them believe that the latter belong to an inferior creation. This being true, we can not be too careful to thoroughly impress on our children the correct idea of biblical illustrations.

MODERN ILLUSTRATIONS.

It is the duty of the Negro Baptists of this country to see to it that all periodicals going into the hands of their children should be well illustrated with a correct idea of modern people. All model boys and girls should not be white, neither should all worthless, piteous, or inferior illustrations be black, but correct illustrations of renowned greatness should be drawn from among the people as they exist, regardless of color.

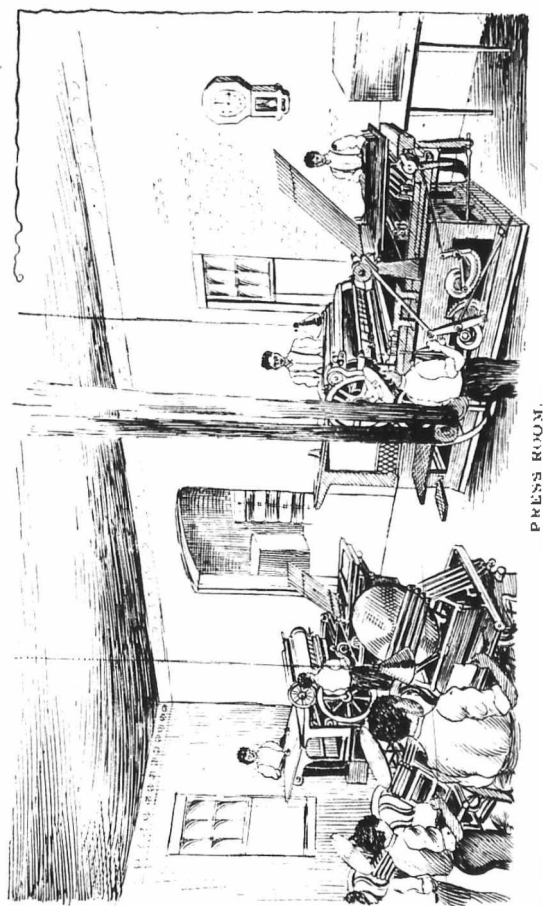
BRANCH HOUSES, DEPOSITORIES, BOARDS, AND AGENTS.

This department of our work is giving us considerable trouble. Other large denominational publishing concerns among white people, who have been endowed with large sinking and emergency funds, and who have in their possession large bequests and legacies with which to carry on certain publications, using only the interest for designated purposes, and having continual use of the principal to operate their business, have set a precedent that causes our people to feel that all denominational publishing concerns should follow out this particular line, or that they are unworthy of consideration. The large profits given to agents by publishers of cheap, unknown, unmerited subscription books, has created an idea that there are large profits to be made by all publishing houses, and that each publishing concern that published standard, denominational literature should flood the country with agents, make branch houses and depositories in every State or district, and employ agents and managers at lucrative standing salaries. Our

State and district Boards believe that large quantities of books should be furnished them on unlimited time, with large profits, to handle the same. These difficulties are giving us considerable trouble. The question of branch houses can not be settled for some years yet, for the reason that the business has not grown to that magnitude that would justify such a division of the work. We have in some instances arranged with Boards upon such terms that their missionaries can handle our books and Bibles at an advantage to their work. We have also begun the appointment of colporteurs and agents in cooperation with State and district Boards, but as yet we have made no depositories. A number of our brethren in various States have been continually memorializing us on this subject, and feel that it could be made profitable to our House and helpful to our Sunday schools and churches; but a careful observation of older and more experienced houses, operated with more capital, and who have a better advertised credit than ourselves, has thoroughly convinced us to the contrary, and we have, therefore, steadfastly refused all propositions.

PRICES AND DISCOUNTS.

This is another vexatious problem with which we are compelled to grapple. We publish a few books of our own, but as yet have no regular advertised catalogue. We are compelled to get our books from some regular, standard, authoritative Baptist publishers or wholesale book concern. We have continually hoped, and do now recommend, a standard catalogue to be issued by the National Convention, under the supervision and management of the National Baptist Publishing Board. In this way books from warranted authors and from different publishers, having been examined by a committee, could be placed in this catalogue; our missionaries, colporters, pastors, and superintendents could assure their congregations that the books to be found upon the pages of this catalogue were both sound and wholesome, and could be handled with safety in their community. This would, indeed, greatly assist in solving the question of prices and discounts to our missionaries and colporters; we could then, like other people, come into the wholesale market, and buy on as good terms as any other wholesale or retail concern.



PRESS ROOM.

TIME AND CREDIT.

These are, indeed, very vexatious problems with which a publishing or wholesale institution, doing business among our people, has to contend, as well as the sharp competition that is now being carried on among publishers and wholesale and retail book dealers, together with the earnest appeals that are being made by the other Baptist institutions to control the periodical and retail book trade among our people. As yet, our Board has never offered a complaint, but has been willing to go into the market before the denominations alone on its merit. We wish to say here that the question of gratitude has been wrongfully thrown into this competition. Allow us to say that our Board has never at any time or under any circumstances attempted to control the white trade of the denomination; they have never attempted to advertise among white churches and Sunday-schools; they have never sent agents or advocates among them. But the white institutions have their own people without competition on our part, and then come into our midst and compete with us for the trade and patronage of our own people. As they have seventy-five years of advantage in experience, with a capital of millions behind them, we feel that it would be ignorance and suicidal on our part to attempt to compete with them in prices, and that it is very unbrotherly, if not unjust, on their part, to criticise us for our inability to do so. As to discounts—what has been said as to prices and competition may be repeated as to discounts. After our Convention had endeavored in every known way to secure proper representation in the manufacturing, clerical, and editorial departments of our white Baptist publishing concerns, and utterly failed, we were thereby forced to begin a publishing house of our own. These institutions began to make overtures to certain members of our Boards, in the way of discounts. With their unlimited capital and credit, skilled mechanics and improved machinery, together with their uncompleted-for patronage among their own people, they can readily come into the market and give advantageous discounts and longer time than it is possible for our Board to do. The fact of extending credit is another potent factor. Our Boards, agents, pastors, and superintendents have even complained because we are not prepared to extend unlimited credit to those who feel disposed to ask for it. One of the surest roads leading to failure and bankruptcy will be

the attempt to extend credit along this line. Our Board has, therefore, instructed the Secretary to carry on strictly cash dealings with customers, except in cases of State and district Boards, with whom we are cooperating in carrying on the mission work.

OUR MISSIONARY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, COLPORTER AND BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

This department of our work, though very important, was for the first two years almost entirely neglected, as our Board was at sea, because of the unsettled condition that existed among various other denominations doing missionary work upon the field. It was soon found, however, that it would be impossible to accomplish the objects aimed at in our publication, Sunday school, and Bible work without carrying on the whole of it, since these four objects are inseparable. Taking this matter into consideration, the Home Mission Board last year turned over all missionary work in the United States to the Publication Board, and decided for many reasons to carry on these in connection with each other, and is to-day more convinced than ever of the wisdom of blending this work. This year more attention has been given to the missionary work -- not that we have done more, possibly, but we are paying more attention to the work done on the field, and the money given to those with whom we are operating in doing missionary work.

(1) THE POLICY OF THE BOARD IN DOING MISSIONARY WORK.

It has been the policy of our Board to work in cooperation with State and District Boards, in the employment of missionaries and colporters doing missionary work. From careful observation we are convinced that it is not best for all concerned to have independent missionaries to work in the territory of any organized body, as these missionaries, colporters, or agents, will soon come in contact with missionaries employed by the district and State Boards, thereby causing confusion and dissatisfaction. At the same time it is very dangerous and hurtful to make promiscuous donations or grants or to aid in destitute communities without the consent and cooperation of the local missionary organization doing work in that territory. We have at this time at work on the field in the different States, in cooperation with other State and district organizations, seventeen missionaries, colporters, and agents.

We do not pay or guarantee the entire salary of any of these. We pay only a part, we require the Conventions cooperating with us to pay a part, and the missionary is expected to collect a part on the field. We hope to give more time to this missionary work in the future. But this body will bear in mind that all other missionary organizations attempting to do missionary work have special appropriations, donations, legacies, bequests, or appropriations made to them for doing special missionary work, but our missionary work depends upon our own efforts and the profits arising from our business; our books will show that fully one-tenth of the gross incomes has been given exclusively to missionary work.

(2) SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK, COLPORTER AND BIBLE WORK.

This part of our work has been very encouraging. The Publishing Board has made it a rule to help needy Sunday schools. This is done in three ways: First, by helping newly organized Sunday schools. When a new Sunday school is first organized, the Board has made it a rule that upon applications properly endorsed to give them their periodicals for the first quarter, and after this to donate a part until the school becomes self-supporting. Secondly, missionary schools. We find throughout the country that where a mission station is planted, the first and best thing to do is to organize a missionary Sunday school. This missionary Sunday school is invariably under the supervision of some church, city, county, district, or State Board. In this case, whenever an application is made to the Board, properly endorsed, the Secretary places them on the books as missionary Sunday schools, and gives them all or a part of their Sunday school periodicals, so long as they are under the supervision of that Board. It further helps them, if necessary, with gifts of record books, teachers' books, class books, song books, and sometimes Bibles and Testaments. Our third way of helping needy schools is by making personal donations, grants, and gifts. These are sometimes made as gifts in whole; sometimes only as part, and the rest are paid for; and sometimes by extending them credit until they are prepared to raise the money. If it is found that they are totally unable, it is finally given to them. In these three ways, the Publishing Board has made gifts this year to about \$2,000 (two thousand dollars). Our Bible and colporter work has not been very satisfactory this

year for several reasons, one of which is the sudden rise in all Bible material, so that we could not handle Bibles at the prices which they are furnished by institutions who have in their possession large legacies or gifts to be used for Bible purposes. These institutions having these gifts in hand can afford to make and distribute Bibles for less than the cost of the same, and take the remaining expenses from the Bible fund in hand. As yet, the Baptists of the National Convention have never had a Bible fund in hand, and this has caused us quite an annoyance, as our uninformed brethren think that we should in some way compete with other institutions in furnishing these cheap Bibles. We therefore recommend to the Board that this Convention will put into operation some method by which this much needed work can be supplied.

Our Missionaries Colporters and Agents who have been working for us in part or all this year in co-operation with State and District Boards.

ALABAMA. C. M. Wells, Montgomery. Rev. W. H. Weatherspoon, Birmingham.

ARKANSAS. Rev. B. J. Brown, Magnolia. Rev. A. Redic, Little Rock.

FLORIDA. Rev. A. L. James, Madison.

MISSISSIPPI. Prof. O. G. Granderson, Greenville. Rev. Wm. Ward, Greenville.

NEW JERSEY. Rev. J. N. Burton, Newark.

NORTH CAROLINA. Rev. R. R. Cartwright, Belcross.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Rev. H. M. Raiford, Columbia. Rev. C. Whitehead, Columbia.

TENNESSEE. Rev. A. O. Kenney, Nashville. Rev. W. T. Nicholson, Columbia.

TEXAS. Rev. William Beckham, Austin.

WASHINGTON. Rev. B. J. Prince, Seattle. Rev. J. B. Beckham, Spokane. Rev. E. Harris, Seattle.

(3) THE RELATION WE SUSTAIN TO OTHER ORGANIZED PUBLISHING AND BOOK CONCERNS DOING BUSINESS OR MISSIONARY WORK AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

Our Board has endeavored to sustain a friendly relation with all other district, State, or National Missionary, Publication, or



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book concerns doing business among the Negro Baptists of the United States, and has succeeded in this to a certain extent. There was, however, at first, some little feeling of misapprehension on the part of older institutions who had occupied his sphere of work and had exclusive control over the same prior to the beginning of the work of our Board. It was but natural that they supposed that our Publishing or Missionary Board had no right to exist except as an auxiliary to themselves; therefore, they considered our Board intruders. Our Secretary filling, as he did, a twofold office, being Secretary of the Home Mission Board and Secretary of the Publishing Board, exercised great caution and coolness in dealing with these bodies, and while he has made several mistakes, and said some things that he might have left unsaid, upon the whole, our Board has unanimously endorsed what he has done, and feel that he was God's appointed servant, and his steps were ordered of the Lord.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention seemed to be the first to grasp the situation, and we want here to record, and we hope that it will never be forgotten, our heartfelt gratitude to that grand organization. Though in its infancy, struggling for its own existence, it came nobly to our rescue, and like God's servants, said, "Silver and gold have we none; but such as we have, we give." In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk. It was at their friendly solicitation our Publishing Board was located in Nashville; it was by their friendly aid and advice and recommendations that our Secretary has been able to carry on business and secure credit unequalled by any Negro institution on American soil. We also rejoice to know that a friendly correspondence has begun between our Secretary and the Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; that it is the beginning of a better day for the Negro Baptists, especially in the South. We are sorry that as yet no definite understanding has been reached between the Secretaries of the American Baptist Home Mission and Publication Societies and our Secretary; however, there is existing to-day to a certain extent a better relation than there was in the past. Our Secretary made a friendly fraternal visit to the May meetings last May, but he reports to us that for some unknown reason he was not fraternally introduced to the Body. However, there has been some valuable

communication on the part of the district Secretary (Rev. S. M. Vass) and our Secretary, by which a more friendly relation may in the near future be put into operation.

OUR NEEDS.

Our Board has never asked the Convention for an appropriation, and is in reality to-day the only publication institution under the supervision of a church denomination ever put into operation without any appropriation or gifts. Our Publishing concern has not only had to be self-supporting from the beginning, but it has had to supply its own machinery and quarters, which it has done, and is paying a dividend of at least ten per cent of its gross earnings as profits, to missionary work. There has never at any time been one dime given to it by this body for its work since its organization, but, on the contrary, it has turned over to the Convention each year from one to four thousand dollars as dividends by mission work done, and besides this, has a large plant to the credit of the denomination. A good brother writes this year that he would be one of one hundred preachers to raise an emergency fund of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), or one of one hundred to raise \$5,000 (five thousand dollars). This would require fifty or one hundred dollars from each pastor. We recommend that this Convention would allow its Board to make an effort during this Conventional year to raise a twentieth century emergency fund, placing the donations into three classes: Class "A," \$100.00; Class "B," \$50.00; and Class "C," \$25.00. We also ask that a special effort be made to raise a Bible fund. We believe that it is to the everlasting shame of the National Convention that we should hold the Bible so sacred, and declaring ours to be the only denomination teaching the Bible without notes or comment, and yet have no Bible fund for the distribution of that Book upon which we must depend for existence. We also recommend that a tract fund be started, and with the consent of this body, the Secretary shall put this into operation during the next year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending August 31st, 1900:

RECEIPTS:	
Balance on hand September 1, 1899	\$ 1,731 89
Receipts from Periodicals, Merchandise, Printing and other General Cash Business	38,275 48
Sent in for Home and Foreign Missions by Conventions, Associations, Churches and Sunday schools	381 59
Total Cash Business Transactions	\$ 40,389 96
Helps to Poor Sunday Schools and Destitute Communicants by Periodicals	95 88
Helps to Mission Stations and Mission Sunday Schools by Donation of Periodicals	201 33
Receipts by Donations to Sunday Schools, Churches and Individuals by Books and Bibles	545 72
Receipts by Credit on Printing and other Job Work, Uncollected	835 22
Receipts from Co-operative Collections of Missions, Missionary Collectors, Agents, their territories applied to salary, traveling expenses at time of Collection	1,425 00
Receipts by Printing, Binding, Paper and other Material to the National Baptist Young People's Union	1,107 19
Receipts by Printing Paper, Money Gatherers and other Material to Foreign Mission Board	288 99
Receipts by Money, Books, Bibles and other Literature given Missionaries and Colporters on Mission	1,981 19
Receipts by Money Paid, Books, Bibles and other Literature given to Foreign Missions	127 36
Receipts by Advertisements, Printing Minute Books for Associations and Conventions, printing Circulars, Letters, and Pamphlets for Advertisement for our use and for the use of Missionaries and Colporters	1,350 50
Total	\$ 8,920 41
	\$49,309 37

DISBURSEMENTS:

For Manuscripts Editorial and Other Miscellaneous and Incidental Expenses	\$ 16195 43
For Printing Paper, Material, Merchandise, Freight, Drayage, Board of Horse and Manufacturing Incidental Expenses	13071 40
Machinery, Improvements and Repairs	2812 57
Insurance, Water Tax, Rents, etc.	806 46
Stamps, Mailing, Expressage, Traveling Expenses, Telegrams and Telephones	4502 79
Lights, Power, Ice and Fuel	681 63
Helps to Poor S. S. by Donations	957 88
Gifts to Mission Schools and States	202 35
Grants, Gifts and Donations, in Books, Bibles, etc.	545 72
Advanced to the B. Y. P. U. Board	1107 19
Advanced to Foreign Mission Board, Printing, Money Gatherers, etc.	288 99
By Uncollected Accounts in our Books	835 22
By Books, Bibles and Money Paid on Salaries of Missionaries and Books still in Their Hands	1981 19
Paid by Money Collected in the Field and Paid in Co-operation with Other Organizations	1525 00
Paid by Advertisement, Stationery, Printing Circulars, Letters, Minute Books for own Purposes, together with Printing for Missionaries and Colporters	1350 50
Paid to Foreign Mission Board in cash from Missionary Funds Collected	71 91
Paid to the Foreign Mission Board by Donation of Periodicals, Song Books, Bibles, and other Literature by sending direct to Cuba, South America, West and South Africa	75 45
By deficit left unreported September, 1899	494 53
To Balance	1803 16
	\$ 49,309 37

The following is a privilege clause in the riders attached to all our insurance policies.

"Privilege to work overtime; to make necessary alterations and repairs; to keep on hand five gallons of gasoline for cleaning type and stones and running engine, and to use

gasoline engine for running machinery; and also a total concurrent insurance of \$20,000."

R. H. Boyd,
Secretary National Baptist Publishing Board.

To the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, United States of America:

Dear Brethren:—This certifies that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Corresponding Secretary, R. H. Boyd, General Manager of the National Baptist Publishing House, for the year ending August 31, 1900. I find the books accurately kept and the accounts O. K. This examination has been made at the end of each quarter, this year, with the same result.

Respectfully,

W. L. CANBELL, Auditor.

The report was discussed by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 7:30 p. m., Vice President Dr. Geo. W. Lee, of Washington, D. C., presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. Lee. Theme, "The Light of the Cross."

Rev. L. L. Campbell, of Austin, Texas, preached the Home Mission Sermon, Proverbs 30:28. Theme, "The Home Mission Board." Prayer by Dr. C. T. Walker.

Rev. C. S. Morris addressed the Convention on his visit to South and West Africa.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. C. S. Morris.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 9 a. m., Vice President R. C. Fox, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. P. Marrs. Theme, "The Impregnable Rock." Minutes read and approved. The Convention listened to the following papers and addresses:

"The Influence of Literature upon a Nation or Race," R. Mitchell, D. D., Kentucky; address, "The Need of a Distinct Literature for the Negro Race," Harvey Johnson, D. D.,

Maryland; address, "The Need of a History of the Negro Baptist Churches," R. DeBaptist, D. D., Illinois; address, "The Negro Baptists Before the Nineteenth Century," Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., Washington, D. C.

The resolution presented by Rev. A. T. Stewart, of Arkansas, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A letter was read from Miss Joanna P. Moore, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RELIEF COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF TEXAS SUFFERERS.

Resolved, That the National Baptist Convention, now assembled, is in hearty sympathy with the sufferers of Texas, in full accord and cooperation with the Governor and citizens of Texas to help rescue the suffering; and greatly bereaved over the loss of the thousands of human lives.

Resolved, Second, That a special donation be sent from this Convention to the Governor to assist the distressed.

Resolved, Third, That we do now call upon all Baptist Churches in the United States and all other denominations to render immediate aid.

Resolved, Fourth, That we pledge ourselves to assist the pastors of Texas who still survive to rebuild their houses of worship which have been destroyed in the recent cyclone.

Resolved, Fifth, That special service of twenty minutes be spent invoking God's blessing upon all who have sustained loss.

Resolved, Sixth, That from 12 to 12:30 be devoted to this special prayer service for suffering Texas, led by Rev. I. Toliver, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Texas.

Committee: R. F. Taylor, Missouri, Chairman; R. H. Boyd, Tennessee; A. R. Griggs, Texas; E. C. Morris, Arkansas; C. H. Parrish, Kentucky.

Rev. I. Toliver presented the sad condition of the Texas sufferers to the Convention. Collection for the same, \$263. The same was sent by the Relief Committee to the Governor of Texas.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 2:30 p. m., President Morris presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. Bird of New York City, and Rev. L. M. Check of Georgia.

The President introduced Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, who made the following report of the Educational Board.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

Dear Brethren:

A great philosopher and poet once said, "The proper study of mankind is man." Man, the master-piece of creation, "noble in reason; infinite in faculty; in form and moving admirable; in action like an angel; in apprehension like a God."

Man is the central point in the scheme of salvation by grace. For his redemption and development every system of religion and philosophy has been conceived and operated. The Negro, being a man, endowed by Heaven with faculties and susceptibilities as other men, he congratulates himself that he is included in every divine purpose and human effort looking to the entire evolution of the human race to the highest and best civilization. "For God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell upon the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation."

Every student of history will admit that the American Negro is passing through the most critical period of his existence as a freeman. It is the hour of trial that has come to all races some time during their history. If they have proven themselves in possession of the sterling qualities of manhood that enables them to rise above and outlive these crucial tests, then they earn their right to live and be regarded as an element in the parliament of thought and action. If they quail and faint before the hot fires of persecution, unwilling to bare their breasts to the shafts of enmity hurled by a relentless foe, unable to survive the wreck of matter and the deep conspiracy that seeks their destruction, then they ought to die, unwept and unsung.

Three forces are in the Negro's possession, that have always played an essential and important part in the perpetuation of race identity and power, viz.: religion, education and wealth. These are the triple agencies that will ultimately make him invincible. Their influence and power must always be felt and acknowledged. They are the *open*

sesame to all the mysteries of the present and the solution to every problem with which the future may confront him.

Your Board congratulates the Negro race upon the unparalleled religious record it has made; upon the educational heights it has attained, and upon the magnificent and soul-inspiring revelation the present census makes to the civilized world as to its material worth. He cannot die, for eternal life abides in him.

We thank God for a year of unusual prosperity, which has helped us to do much toward organizing our forces for effectual work in the future. During the year we have federated many of our schools, owned, controlled and managed by Negro Baptists, with a view of helping our people to realize that they are our schools, and stimulating pride in their support. We have found a number of institutions, such as high schools, academies, seminaries, colleges and universities, scattered throughout the country, maintaining themselves by their own individual efforts, receiving no help outside of their own States, and supported by contributions from Negro Baptists alone.

We believe it to be our imperative duty to take under our nurture and control such institutions. The time has come when these schools must be made to feel that the great Baptist family extends to them a helping hand, and has them under its fostering care. There is no reason why we should not begin now to take care of our own educational institutions, as well as our own publishing house.

We have found it difficult to get each State to contribute through our Board, since in each State there is a local Educational Board that has for its special object the support of its own State schools, and is not inclined to send money outside of its confines, merely to pass through a national channel. In these cases we ask that whatever moneys are raised, the amounts be reported to us, so we may know what is the actual amount of educational money raised by Negro Baptists during the year.

We have held educational conferences in the following cities: Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pa., and Pittsburg, Pa. These meetings consisted of the pastors and five delegates from the churches in the respec-

tive cities. The exercises consisted of papers, addresses and sermons on education, followed by pledges and cash contributions for the work. At each meeting a resolution was passed, promising to hold these meetings annually in the interest of our Board and the National Convention. Much good has been accomplished in this way. We hope the various State delegations, in making their nominations for members of our Board, will give us brethren who are interested in education, and who have sufficient influence to wheel their States in line with our work.

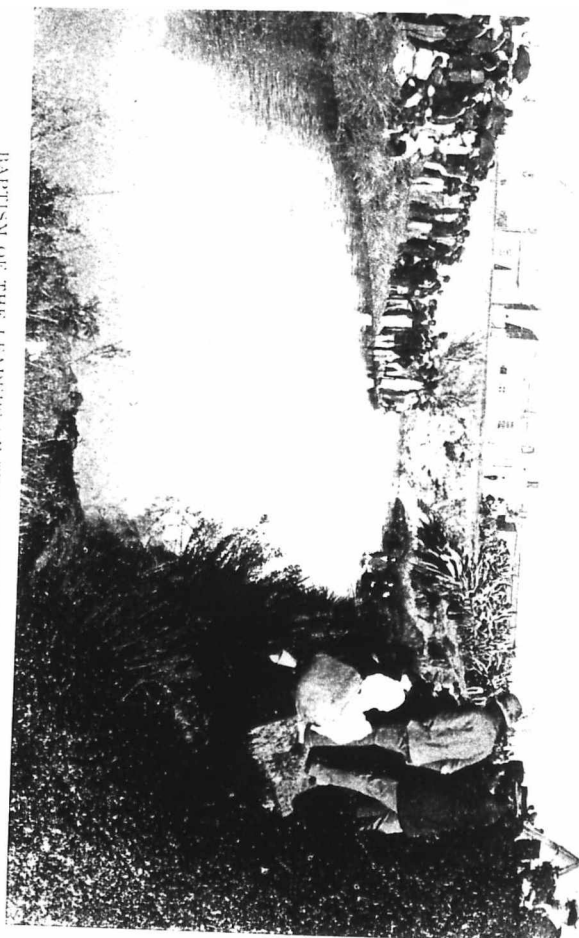
The Board decided to make Virginia Seminary, located at Lynchburg, Va., the National Theological University for Negro Baptists. This institution has property valued at \$50,000, and has already been adopted by the New England Convention, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia State Conventions, as well as the Baptists of Washington, D. C. We hope the churches all over this country will rally to our support in making this institution what its name implies—a National Theological University. The financial report hereinafter made, includes moneys actually raised for education—not board and tuition of students, but contributions sent by churches, conventions, associations and individuals for the support of institutions owned by colored Baptists.

In the cases of a few schools, viz.: Baptist College, Arkansas; Howe Institute, Memphis, Tenn., and State University of Kentucky, between ninety and ninety-five per cent of all money necessary to run the schools has been raised by Negro Baptists. We find one school worth \$30,000, and raising \$7,000 annually for running expenses, receiving \$1,000 from other sources, and being counted as one of the schools of another society. The Baptists in that State lose the credit in the eyes of the casual observer, of raising any thing much, while it is a fact they raised every cent for the purpose of the site and the erection of a magnificent building. In another case \$500 is donated for the support of teachers, and \$1,500 by Negro Baptists. The property valuation is \$20,000, yet this institution is in the list of schools in another society. Now if this is the consideration that makes school prop-



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erty, your Board is of the opinion that we should raise these amounts, pay them to these and kindred institutions and enroll them upon our lists as our schools.

The following entered the Federation of Negro Schools:

Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia; Guadalupe College, Seguin, Texas; Central City College, Macon, Georgia; Albermarle Training School, Edenton, North Carolina.

The following are owned and controlled by Negro Baptists:

Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas; Arkadelphia Academy, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Brinkley Academy, Brinkley, Arkansas; Magnolia Academy, Magnolia, Arkansas.

Alabama Baptist University, Selma, Alabama; Anniston Normal College, Anniston, Alabama; Eufala Baptist Academy, Eufala, Alabama; Marion Baptist Academy, Marion, Alabama; Opelika High School, Opelika, Alabama; Thompsonville Academy, Thompsonville, Alabama.

Central City College, Macon, Georgia.

Western College, Macon, Missouri.

Roanoke Institute, Elizabeth, North Carolina; Albermarle Training School, Edenton, North Carolina; Bertie Academy, Windsor, North Carolina.

Natchez College, Natchez, Mississippi; Gloster High School, Gloster, Mississippi; Central Mississippi College, Kosciusko, Mississippi; Zion Grenada High School, Winaona, Mississippi; Meridian High School, Meridian, Mississippi; Ministerial Institute, West Point, Mississippi; Nettleton High School, Nettleton, Mississippi.

Hopkinsville College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Cadiz Normal and Theological College, Cadiz, Kentucky; Polytechnic Academy, Danville, Kentucky; Glasgow Normal School, Glasgow, Kentucky; State University, Louisville, Kentucky. Guadalupe College, Seguin, Texas.

Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Howe Institute, Memphis, Tennessee; Nelson Merry College, Mossy Creek, Tennessee.

Total, 31.

The foregoing is only a partial list of our schools. We hope during the year to secure them all for our Federation

of Negro Schools. Your Board asks that every effort be made at this meeting to raise as much money as possible for Christian Education, and that during the year we make a strong and long pull to wheel every school in line with our work.

For six months or more the Baptist Magazine has not made its appearance owing to the sickness of the Managing Editor, which covered a period of nine months. The publishing was done in Nashville, under the supervision of Dr. Boyd, who was also handicapped on this account. We have decided to publish it at Washington as heretofore. Our Corresponding Secretary, who has been restored to health, will take personal control of it and bring out the first issue the 15th of October. Under this new arrangement all subscriptions must begin anew, except those paid during 1899 and 1900.

Your Board will be governed by the list which will be furnished by Dr. Boyd. We hope every loyal Baptist will send in his subscription at once and thus help this worthy periodical to live.

Your Board has made special contributions to the following institutions during the year.

Howe Institute, Memphis, Tennessee; Montgomery Institute, Montgomery, Alabama; Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia; Albermarle Institute, Edenton, North Carolina; Guadalupe College, Seguin, Texas; State University, Kentucky.

The valuation of school property owned, controlled and managed by Negro Baptists is as follows:

Tennessee	\$ 23,000 00
North Carolina	5,000 00
Arkansas	44,500 00
Kentucky	38,000 00
Mississippi	43,900 00
Alabama	42,100 00
Georgia	21,000 00
Virginia	50,000 00
Missouri	15,000 00
Texas	55,000 00
Total valuation	\$ 337,500 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Your Board has received the following amounts from the different States.

RECEIPTS.

Tennessee	\$ 1,900 00
North Carolina	4,000 00
Arkansas	11,250 00
Mississippi	10,100 00
Alabama	17,700 00
Georgia	9,500 00
Virginia	14,059 00
Maryland	250 25
Missouri	2,755 70
Texas	5,000 00
District of Columbia	300 00
Kentucky	5,319 31
Virginia Seminary, Federation Fee	2 00
Central City College, Federation Fee	2 00
Collections, Washington, D. C. Educational Conference	9 50
Cherry Street Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00
Monumental Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	43 00
North Street Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.	6 50
Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00
E. W. D. Isaac, for Howe Institute, Memphis, Tenn.	110 00
Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00
Baltimore Educational Conference	14 00
Pittsburg Educational Conference	85 00
E. W. D. Isaac, for Montgomery Institute, Montgomery, Ala.	62 00
State Sunday School Convention, of Pennsylvania	36 00
R. H. Boyd, for Virginia Seminary	25 00
Second Baptist Church, Nicetown, Pa.	12 00
E. W. D. Isaac, for Virginia Seminary	25 00
G. W. Lee, for Virginia Seminary	25 00
G. W. Lee, for Albermarle Institute	25 00
W. Bishop Johnson, for Virginia Seminary	25 00
Guadalupe College Federation Fee	2 00
Albermarle Training School	2 00
W. Bishop Johnson, for State University, Kentucky	5 00
Annie Brown, Hanover, N. H.	1 00
W. A. L. Morton, Washington, D. C.	1 00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.	3 00
Third Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.	2 00
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.	1 10
Rehoboth Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.	66
Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.	33
Eighth Street Baptist Church, Wilmington, Del.	2 00

Baptist Church, Rev. W. H. Holliday, Wilmington, Del.	\$ 3 65
S. A. Crozier, Chester, Pa.	10 00
S. Kann, Washington, D. C.	3 00
William Hahn	2 00
Nineteenth St. Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., for Virginia Seminary	35 00
Total	\$ 82,680 00

EXPENDITURES.

Tennessee	\$ 1,900 00
North Carolina	4,000 00
Arkansas	11,250 00
Mississippi	10,100 00
Alabama	17,700 00
Georgia	9,500 00
Virginia	14,050 00
Maryland	250 25
Missouri	2,755 70
Texas	5,000 00
District of Columbia	300 00
Kentucky	5,309 31
Correspondence	10 85
Telegrams	1 75
Virginia Seminary	360 00
Rev. M. Sparks (Commission)	10 50
Howe Institute, Tennessee	110 00
Montgomery Institute, Montgomery, Ala.	62 00
R. P. Andrews and Co.	3 94
Albermarle Training School, North Carolina	25 00
Traveling Expenses, (Philadelphia and Return)	4 50
State University, Kentucky	5 00
Clerks' Hire	10 00
Francis Riley's Commission	26 99
Total	\$ 82,760 80

Balance Due Board \$ 80 80

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. CREDITT, Chairman.

W. B. JOHNSON, Corresponding Secretary.

His Excellency, Gov. J. Hodge Tyler, of Virginia, entered while the report was being made, and was loudly cheered.

The Rev. Henry C. Mabie, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Missionary Union, was introduced, who

made a very few remarks and yielded to His Excellency, Gov. J. Hodge Tyler, of Virginia, who addressed the Convention in a very interesting and suitable speech, in which he bade the Convention welcome. Dr. Mabie then addressed the Convention. Dr. W. A. CREDITT responded in behalf of the Convention to the addresses of His Excellency, Gov. J. Hodge Tyler and Dr. H. C. Mabie.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following officers: Recording Secretary, W. L. Cansler, A. M., Tennessee; Assistant Recording Secretary, M. W. Gilbert, D. D., South Carolina; Statistical Secretary, J. L. Cohron, Missouri; Treasurer, J. H. A. Cyrus, Virginia. The rules were suspended and the above officers elected by acclamation. The Resolutions presented by Prof. R. B. Hudson, A. H. Miller, S. E. Griggs, P. R. Neale, were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The following Committee on Divine Service was appointed: W. F. Graham, J. Andrew Booker, D. Webster Davis, A. R. Smith, J. H. Burkes, E. D. Tart, G. W. Hayes.

Benediction by Rev. J. L. Barksdale.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 8 p. m., President Morris presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. A. L. Hall, Tennessee. Theme, "The business element in religion." Minutes read and approved. Rev. H. D. Prowd, D. D., Ohio, read a paper on "The Red Sea of To-day." Rev. W. L. Grant, Kansas, preached the Educational Sermon from 1 Timothy, 2:15. Theme, "Knowledge essential to ideals in Christianity." Dr. A. J. Stokes, of Alabama, gave a brief account of his trip to the Holy Land.

Benediction by Dr. E. C. Morris.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 9 a. m., Rev. S. E. Smith, of Kentucky, presiding. Devotions were conducted

by Rev. J. C. Battle. Minutes were read and approved. By motion the regular program was suspended and the report of the Auditing Committee on Foreign Mission Board Report was adopted. By motion the report of the Foreign Mission Board was also adopted. Dr. A. E. Dickerson, of Virginia, Editor of the Religious Herald, was introduced and addressed the Convention. Rev. W. L. Taylor, President of the Grand Fountain of True Reformers, addressed the Convention.

The Convention took a recess for the purpose of having a photograph taken of the Convention.

The report of the Educational Board was adopted, with the exception of the clause referring to the adoption of Virginia Seminary as a National Baptist University and Theological School. Said section was referred to a committee consisting of one member from each State.

The following addresses were made: Rev. Cyrus S. Wilkins, D. D., of Georgia, on "Science and Religion;" Rev. P. James Bryant, of Georgia, on "Our Achievements of the Past Year, and Three Important Factors in their Accomplishments;" Dr. W. H. Sherwood, of Maryland, spoke on the subject, "Why Negro Baptists Should Support their Own Institutions." The report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, was presented and referred to the Auditing Committee. By motion it was decided that the Baptist Magazine be published monthly.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. J. Durham, D. D.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 3 p. m., Vice President Everett, Ohio, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. R. D. Phillips; subject, "Christ Our Leader." Minutes read and approved. Rev. Peter Fossett, of Cincinnati, O., was introduced to the Convention.

The Committee on Time and Place reported that a cordial invitation had been extended by the Baptist churches of Cincinnati, O., to the Convention to hold its next annual meeting in that city, and that the committee had decided to recommend that place for the meeting in 1901.

By motion, the Convention adopted the report, and Cincinnati was selected for the next place of meeting.

The resolution presented by Rev. M. W. Gilbert was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Dr. R. H. Boyd made a short address on the B. Y. P. U. work, and introduced Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, Corresponding Secretary of the National B. Y. P. U., who presented to the Convention the annual report of the Board.

REPORT.

Pursuant to a very positive order of the Board, the Corresponding Secretary undertook to begin the work assigned to him without creating the smallest degree of friction. The effort to make a separate and altogether different series of literature for the young people's societies was discouraged, and the Board agreed unanimously in the opinion that no changes or departures would be made from the courses followed by the B. Y. P. U. A., unless such changes were necessary to the maintenance of harmonious and friendly relations between the two Boards.

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT.

It was thought that the best way by which to prosecute this order was to endeavor to secure cooperation with the Chicago Board. Pursuant to this intention, many communications passed between the Secretaries, of the colored and white Boards, respectively, resulting in an agreement to hold a council with the Chicago Board and agree upon a line of procedure that was mutual. This conference was held on the 15th of December, with the following results: After a very lengthy conference, in which, in response to numerous inquiries, the history of our movement and the general outline of our work were given their committee, an application was made for financial assistance in the organization of the work, with the understanding that such assistance would be applied on the salary of your Corresponding Secretary. Their committee

expressed regret that they could not render us financial assistance, and proposed to assist us by furnishing us supplies for our local Unions, as follows: first, to print a new cover for their paper, *The Baptist Union*, styled *The National Baptist Union*, insert therein additional matter, such as we might send them, with reference to the work among our people, and furnish us their paper in this modified form at a reduction.

Second, to let us have their literature series, bearing our imprint, at greatly reduced rates.

Third, to sell us buttons at a discount of fifty per cent, the same containing designs suggested by your Secretary.

Fourth, to furnish us wall charts at a discount of twenty per cent, retaining the imprint of the B. Y. P. U. A. on the same.

These propositions were submitted to the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting, which was held in Nashville, Tenn., January 18, 1900, and after deliberate investigation, the Committee decided that it was not best to accept the proposed terms of co-operation, and a committee, composed of Revs. N. H. Pius, J. J. Blackshear, and the Corresponding Secretary, was appointed to draft and submit resolutions which would contain a suitable declination of the tender of assistance thus made. Pursuant to this instruction, the committee drafted and submitted to the Executive Committee of the B. Y. P. U. A. the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this committee, through its Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, that in response to our application for assistance in the development of our B. Y. P. U. work, the Executive Committee of the B. Y. P. U. A., of Chicago, from which we had contemplated receiving such help, is at this time unable to render the kind of assistance which we most need; and

WHEREAS, The said Executive Committee of the B. Y. P. U. A., as an expression of their interest in us and a manifestation of their willingness to help us in some way or other, have formulated and submitted the above; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding our high appreciation of the generous spirit which prompted this tender of assistance, and our substantial recognition of the pecuniary benefits which we might derive from the same, our most liberal construction of the spirit, intents, and purposes of our general Board is, that it desires us to

undertake, however hazardous and perilous the attempt, to do as much of our clerical and mechanical labor as possible; promoting thereby the growth of our own business institutions, and encouraging the acquirement of greater business competency and self-reliance, by providing as rapidly as we can, employment for the men and women of the Negro race; therefore, be it

Resolved, First: That since, in pursuit of these intentions, our Corresponding Secretary has been able to locate friends and business institutions that are willing to encourage this effort by enlarged contributions and extension of business credit, so as to enable us to carry out the spirit of the General Board and the pronounced policy of the Baptist Convention, the committee is agreed in the opinion that it is neither wise nor expedient to accept the kind of assistance proposed by the authorities of the Baptist Young People's Union of America.

Second: That, on behalf of the kindness, generosity, and brotherly feeling manifested on the part of our brethren of the Executive Committee of the said B. Y. P. U. A., by proposing to do the very best for us that they were able to do, we hereby express and record our gratitude and willingness to cooperate with them in the extension of the B. Y. P. U. work in any manner that may be mutually helpful and profitable.

Third: That our declination to accept this tender of assistance is wholly void of feeling, and intended to be promotive only of the well-defined policy of the great and growing constituency which we are now serving.

The Board then undertook to publish the needed literature, and to carry forward the work upon its own responsibility. It is simple justice to state that but for the business ability and commercial standing of the Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, by which unlimited credit was extended to our Board, the B. Y. P. U. barque would have found sailing on rougher seas. On the contrary, all of the literature needed by the young people's societies for the practical operation of the work among them has been published in large quantities and furnished promptly and satisfactorily.

Several additions have been made to the supply list, which were greater necessities than novelties, by means of which the authorities and workers in the local Unions have found the routine work

less difficult of solution and operation. Notable in this connection are the B. Y. P. U. Catechism and the Record and Roll Book. The first is the most concise, unique, and convincing declaration of the principles embodied in the movement. It emphasizes the fact that the local Union is an auxiliary to the church, and a special department of it, instituted for the purpose of indoctrinating the young people and developing them in the responsibilities and activities of Christian service. That it is intended to cultivate its members along Devotional, Evangelistic, Stimulative, Educational, Missionary, and Evangelical lines; and render them subservient by a promulgation of the doctrine that the church is supreme; that within it resides the authority for the existence of all the auxiliary organizations. The latter, in addition to its being a guide for the Secretary of the local Union, calls up the various phases of labor as previously partitioned, and requires a strict account of the manner in which duty has been performed or neglected. We have received much tangible and substantial evidence of the manner in which these additions have been helpful to the authorities and leaders of the local Unions in the development and extension of the work. It might be comfortable in this connection to state that we have in process of preparation a little volume, to be entitled, "The B. Y. P. U. Guide," the circulation and use of which will simplify the work of organization and operation of the B. Y. P. U. movement in all of its various stages. This volume will contain a draft of the constitution for local, city, county, district, and State organizations, with orders of exercises for the same.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST UNION.

The young people's paper was regarded as a rigid necessity in the maintenance of the educational system and the propagation of the general work. Consequently, it was determined to carry forward the whole of the U. C. C. courses in its columns. A strong staff of department editors was selected, and the various branches of this department assigned them. While this service has not been perfect, it has been stimulative, inspiring, and helpful.

The department editors have received the highest (?) wages of any contributors to a great weekly anywhere in the country. With this large (?) salary they have not only been content, but have given assent to a renewal of contract at the same exorbitant wages.

IGNORANCE OF THE WORK.

It is needless to state that a great majority of the young people of our churches, and what is more alarming, many of our pastors, knew very little concerning the real nature of the work. Many intelligent pastors could not so much as call the name of the organization. At both ends of the ladder of intelligence, erroneous opinions could be easily detected. Aged members regarded the Union as an old-fashioned covenant meeting, and felt called upon to improve every opportunity to relate their experience of grace, and to talk of the more marvelous discovery that they were once in Christ and never out. Younger members construed it to be an excellent opportunity to display literary ability, and to cultivate the gift of oratory and music. The latter opinion was erroneous like unto the former, and conspired in a greater measure to destroy the spiritual life and devotional aspirations of the membership. Ignorance is the one sin that never sees its fault. It increases the pride that goes before destruction; and when, perchance, it has purchased a small degree of honor, it can not wield it. Having possessed many of our pastors, they were unfriendly to the work, and had their minds made up to oppose it. A single visit of your Secretary, together with an explanation of the work, has removed a vast deal of opposition of this character, and enlisted many opposing pastors heartily in the work. Officers and leaders have been instructed in the way of doing the work, and received new inspirations concerning it.

KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS NOT BAPTIST.

In many of the Baptist Churches, especially in the North and East, there have been found auxiliary organizations which were not of Baptist origin, neither under the influence and control of Baptist Churches. It became the painful duty of the Secretary to undertake the disbanding of such organizations and the consequent supplanting of them with Baptist Young People's Unions. Several conditions conspired to make this an eventful and irksome task for the Secretary. On the one hand, there was a vast amount of prejudice against the B. Y. P. U., on account of discriminations that had been made or allowed to be made by the white B. Y. P. U. organization in entertaining the Negro delegates at their annual

meetings. As a sort of rebuke for these discriminations, many Unions had been disorganized with the firm and solemn agreement that those holding membership in them at the time of the dissolution would never attach themselves to another. On the other hand, many of the churches had organized Christian Endeavor Societies, which had acquired prestige and popularity to such an extent that there was a loud demand for the perpetuity of them. Many pastors who were most favorably inclined toward their own auxiliary movement, felt that revolutions too sudden and too uncertain as to results might follow too closely in the wake of such transformation, and, in consequence of such dread, declined to render the assistance required in making the change. In all cases of this kind, the Corresponding Secretary has urged that he be permitted to speak, and to undertake the reform, on the condition that the pastor would bear witness while he expounded the young people's creed.

Another remarkable fact is, that some of the leading Baptist Churches throughout the country have kindred Peco-Baptist auxiliaries in them, and their pastors will not so much as discuss the proposition to change them. Present indications are that the timidity of some of our most able pastors, in this particular respect, will be the provocation for an indefinite suspension of any and all effort to place their young people under the unmodified tutelage, discipline, and influence of the great Baptist family with which they are connected. Reason suggests the necessity of contention here. The Christian Endeavor is wholly unable to conform its educational system to the fulfillment of the fourth object contained in the B. Y. P. U. chart — in a knowledge of Baptist history and doctrines. If the whole army of evangelical Christians should become so liberal that they could find justification in the failure to indoctrinate their young people, Baptists can not: for unto them, as if out of Sinai's smoke and thunder, comes the admonition of the prophet, "Inquire ye for the old way," etc. It is suggested by the Bible itself that "all Scripture is profitable for doctrine"; consequently, wherever Baptists have regarded the significance of this suggestion, unbounded prosperity has attended their efforts. Wherever they have ignored it has come spiritual bankruptcy and a decline of the faith which was as intolerable as it was injurious.

THE TRAVELING SECRETARY.

In the development of any new phase of denominational work, the Secretary is by far more of a traveling than a Corresponding Secretary. If he remains in his office, and calculates that his department of the work will organize and develop itself, he lives to enjoy the sacredness of disappointment and the solitude of failure. There is an almost universal demand for his presence. Go he must! The marvelous success which has attended this work is largely attributable to the thorough manner in which the Secretary has traversed the country, and improved the opportunities to organize. The greater number of the States cooperating with this convention have been recipients of the presence and services of the principal officer of the Board, which has resulted in the organization of the States and an extension of a knowledge of the work. These visits have been made without reference to the cost or technical consideration of the financial burdens sustained thereby. The Secretary believed that by the terms of his commission and the nature of his work, he was both required and commanded to go into all of the world, and strengthen the cords of the tents in Zion; and he has proceeded to obey the command. Some valuable assistance has been rendered by the organizers appointed by the different State Boards; by reason of whose labors, it is reasonable to presume that the itinerary services of the General Secretary will be lessened in a happy and helpful degree. Such extensive traveling and continuous absence from the office have sometimes retarded business, therefore, it is very desirable that a greater portion of the Secretary's time should be spent in the office. The strain that accompanies such extensive traveling is exceeding great and potent in the wreckage of health of body and soundness of mind. The wreck has been avoided in this case by the exercise of discretion on the part of the Secretary. He has endeavored to do honorable, reasonable, commendable service; proceeding on the principle that the work which he represented and the cause advocated by him would all last longer than he, and that as truly as all great bodies move slowly, great reforms are not instituted in a single day.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

Recognizing the necessity for organization, we at first undertook to carry forward that feature of the work too rapidly. An

effort was made to get in touch and cooperation with the Boards and missionaries of district associations throughout the country. Letters introducing and urging cooperation on this wise were sent to very many of such Boards. Upon receipt of favorable replies from many of them cooperation began, but it was soon discovered that the plan was impracticable and unprofitable. It was abandoned, and for it was substituted the organization of the States and the joint appointment of State organizers who devote the greater portion of their time to the work of organizing. Such cooperation is now in force in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and both conventions in Texas.

Under this arrangement the work of organizing has progressed rapidly and interest in the work has increased daily.

We have been enabled, by the help of God and the cooperation of our brethren, to accomplish the following:

Days labored	365
Miles traveled	23,380
Lectures delivered	653
Local Unions organized	325
District Unions organized	10
City Unions organized	6
State Unions organized	7
Letters written	6,560

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

From papers sold	\$ 9 23
From subscriptions to <i>The Union</i>	120 32
From advertisements	164 18
From borrowed money	175 00
From merchandise	1,600 05
From contributions	945 13
B. Y. P. U. rally day	10 05
From State Organizers	240 00
Total	\$3,263 96

Expenditures.

Editorial service	\$ 11 90
Telegrams	12 66
Expressage	21 35
Interest and exchange	27 50
Commissions to agents	81 17
Printing	403 02
Postage	204 15
Merchandise	246 66
Salaries	376 35
Traveling	457 64
For Missions	780 01
For Salaries of Agents and Organizers	240 00
Miscellaneous	103 99
Balance	297 56

Total

\$3,263 96

Out of the expenditures suggested above, the Board has been provided with the following in the nature of office equipments and printing plant:

1 office desk	\$ 27 50
1 Manhattan Typewriter	65 00
1 Typewriter cabinet	25 00
2 office chairs	9 00
1 waste basket	75
11 files	2 75
1 stock case	7 50
1 safe	75 00
Electro cuts, etc.	103 68

Total

\$ 316 18

The value of this plant, considering the immense circulation of the paper, *The National Baptist Union*, and the rapidly increasing patronage to the business, is fully two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars. The denomination can easily congratulate itself upon getting in hand a plant of such immense proportions within so short a time.

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LIABILITIES.

The liabilities of the Board are as follows:

To National Baptist Publishing Board	\$ 704 17
To Whitehead, Hoag & Co., merchandise	63 00
To Borrowed money	190 00
To H. A. Myers & Co.	25 00
Total liabilities.....	\$ 982 17

ASSETS.

Outstanding accounts	\$ 253 49
421 Catechisms @ 05c.	21 05
67 Gold-rimmed buttons @ 25c.	16 75
40 Plain buttons @ 10c.	4 00
7 "Object" charts @ \$1.00	7 00
13 "Pledge" charts @ \$1.00	13 00
3,937 "Pledge" cards @ 01c.	39 37
31 Record and Roll Books @ 50c.	15 50
1,772 Order of Exercises @ 01c.	17 72
249 Junior Pledge cards @ 1/2c.	12 45
877 Local Constitutions @ 1/2c.	4 28
1,463 Bible Readers' cards @ 1/2c.	7 31
Total.....	\$ 411 92

From the above it may be seen that this infant department has succeeded in paying nearly seventy per cent of all its expenses during the first year of its existence.

For the initial year, this is, in our opinion, a magnificent prophecy of what is in store for the denomination, by reason of this popular and progressive movement among its young people.

THE FUTURE.

Experiences of the past enable us to make a few suggestions with reference to the work of another year, which we trust will be heeded by the pastors and devoted workers in this very worthy movement. We submit, therefore, the following recommendations:



MRS. S. W. LAYTON, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
President of the Woman's National Baptist Convention.



MISS N. H. BURROUGHS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Corresponding Secretary Woman's
National Baptist Convention.



MRS. V. W. BROUGHTON,
NASHVILLE, TENN.,
Recording Secretary Woman's Na-
tional Baptist Convention.



REV. C. H. PARRISH, D. D.,
Treasurer of Foreign Mission
Board.



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(1) That united and strenuous efforts be made by the friends of the movement to organize a local Union in every Baptist church in the country.

(2) That special attention be paid to the manner in which the work is performed; and the strictest contention be made that officers and leaders follow the outlines and courses of study adopted by our National B. Y. P. U. Board.

(3) That urgent demands be made upon the pastors of Baptist churches to speedily supplant all societies of Christian Endeavor with organizations of Baptist Young People, thereby placing the auxiliary movement among Baptists under the control and influence of that denomination which gave birth to the distinctive denominational idea.

(4) That Baptist pastors be requested to obtain literature and to organize Unions, when it is impossible for the National or State Organizer to call and superintend the organization.

(5) That pastors preach special sermons to their young people, at stated times, defining the nature of the work, and enlisting the sympathy and cooperation of the older members of the church.

(6) That the B. Y. P. U. rally day (the fourth Sunday in July), be observed by all of the churches and local societies, and collections for the missionary work be taken and sent to the National B. Y. P. U. headquarters.

(7) That the pastors and leaders cooperate most heartily with the State Organizers and district workers in the establishment and development of the work.

(8) That the appeals of the General Secretary be regarded as a voice from the denomination, and met with a liberal response.

(9) That united effort be made to raise the organizing fund of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, for which constant appeals have been made during the year.

(10) That friends to the young people's movement be earnestly requested to render some volunteer service in the work of organizing local Unions in the churches near them, and report such organizations to the headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee.

UTILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

There can be no doubt that the Lord means to use the young people's movement greatly in the future. Our chief concern is

whether or not it will rise to the full measure of its possibilities under God.

This can not be done except by the most active and unselfish participation in the services of the church. The church is the great training school, the great and mighty scaffold on which the Lord's workmen stand for the completion of His Kingdom.

It is absolutely useless, yea, sinful, to talk "loyalty to Christ" in a church where the majority of the young members absent themselves from the church service.

Our motto must be fulfilled, not exploited. While our young people cheerfully sing "Encamped along the hills of light," they must sing also of the prosaic duties of the valley, where lonely hearts await the healing of a kindly ministry, where heavy burdens are to be borne, and where even it may be demons mutter and scoffers scowl. The Baptist Young People's Union will succeed only as it translates Christ into the life of each succeeding generation, by living out His life as well as testifying to His doctrine.

Fraternally,

E. W. D. ISAAC,

Corresponding Secretary.

By motion, the Convention unanimously recommended Rev. E. W. D. Isaac to the B. Y. P. U. Board for re-election to the position of Corresponding Secretary of said Board for the ensuing year.

Rev. I. Garland Penn, fraternal messenger from the Epworth League, addressed the Convention.

The following report of the Committee on Divine Services was adopted:

DIVINE SERVICE, SUNDAY.

Second Church, Manchester—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Crenshaw, D. D., Pennsylvania; 8 p. m., G. B. Howard, D. D., Pennsylvania.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Harvey Johnson, D. D., Maryland; 8 p. m., Rev. A. N. McEwen, Alabama.

Fifth Street Baptist Church—9 a. m., Model Sunday School, John S. Trower, Pennsylvania; 11 a. m., Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., Arkansas; 8 p. m., Rev. R. D. Wynn, New York.

Fifth Baptist Church, Sidney—11 a. m., Rev. Wilbanks; 8 p. m., Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D., District of Columbia.

Tabernacle Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. M. Hayes; 8 p. m., Rev. J. W. Walters.

Twentieth Street Baptist Church—8 p. m., Rev. I. T. Simpson, Alabama.

Moore Street Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., Pennsylvania; 8 p. m., Rev. H. P. Watkins.

Mt. Zion—11 a. m., Rev. W. L. Grant, Missouri; 8 p. m., D. H. Harris, Illinois.

Guildfield, Petersburg—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Preasley, Rhode Island; 8 p. m., J. L. Barksdale, Pennsylvania.

Tabernacle—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Eason, D. D., Alabama; 8 p. m., G. W. Raiford, D. D., Florida.

Bate Street Baptist Church, Norfolk—11 a. m., Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D.

Riverview—3:30, Rev. J. P. Robinson, Arkansas.

Zion Baptist Church, Manchester—11 a. m., Rev. O. T. Redd, D. D.; Rev. — Hill, Arkansas.

Ashbury Chapel—11 a. m., Rev. T. L. Jones, South Carolina; 8 p. m., Rev. N. B. Williamson, Georgia.

Leigh Street Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. James A. Dennis, Texas; 8 p. m., Rev. Alex. Gordon, D. D., Pennsylvania.

Third Street Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky; 8 p. m., Rev. W. L. Dickson, Texas.

Episcopal—11 a. m., Rev. H. D. Prowd, D. D., Ohio; 8 p. m., Rev. W. T. Dixon, D. D., New York.

Presbyterian—11 a. m., Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., South Carolina; 8 p. m., J. R. Bennett, Arkansas.

Sharon Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, D. D., District of Columbia; 8 p. m., Rev. R. T. Pollard, Alabama.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. C. Taylor.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 8 p. m., Rev. E. W. D. Isaac presiding. Devotions conducted by Rev. J. C. Jackson Anderson, South Carolina; subject, "Christ is All." Minutes were read and approved. The following papers were read: Paper, "The Twentieth Century Missionary Movement Among Our Young People," Rev. John E. Wood, Kentucky; Paper, "The Auxiliary Movement in Baptist Churches Conducive to Religious Expansion," Rev. G. W. Raiford, Florida; Rev. M. W. D. Norman, North Carolina, preached the N. B. Y. P. U. Sermon, from James 4:7, 8; subject, "The Mighty Leader vs. the Chief Deceiver." Prayer by Rev. G. W. Dudley. A telegram was received from Gov.

James D. Sayers, of Texas, acknowledging the receipt of \$263.00, as a contribution from the Convention for the Texas sufferers.

The resolution of Rev. A. N. McEwen was deferred until Sunday night. By motion it was agreed to give \$10.00 from each collection on Sunday to the Fifth Street Baptist Church. Prof. C. M. Wells presented Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, in behalf of the Florida delegation, with a crayon portrait of himself.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report:

BROTHER PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit this report as follows: After a thorough consideration of the resolutions presented to us, we recommend them in their order.

1st. Resolution by John C. Leftwich, on encouraging our people to buy homes, was adopted by striking out section 3 and a part of section 4, without changing the sentiment expressed.

2nd. Resolution by R. B. Hudson, encouraging the people all over the country to organize business leagues, was adopted.

3rd. Resolution by Rev. A. T. Stewart, that a special committee be appointed to examine the manuscripts read before the Convention, before being published in pamphlet form. We recommend that the same be referred to the Publishing Board with power to act.

4th. Resolution by Rev. P. R. Neale, on educating two of Rev. R. A. Jackson's boys, was referred to the Educational Board with power to act.

5th. Resolution by Rev. Sutton Griggs, on the adopting of the Pastor's Hand Book, by Rev. R. H. Boyd, be accepted and put into use, was adopted.

6th. Resolution by Rev. M. W. Gilbert, on Arrangement of Program, be adopted.

7th. Resolution on the right of suffrage, was adopted.

8th. Resolution by Rev. A. H. Miller, on the amendment of the Constitution of the Convention, so as to appoint a general superintendent and one vice president at large, was rejected.

Your Committee,

J. H. EASON, Chairman.

F. L. JONES, Secretary.

WHEREAS, We have noted with a great deal of pride and interest that part of the President's Annual Address to this Convention, which refers to our becoming worthy citizens, by the purchasing of homes, lands, stocks and material interests in general. And,

WHEREAS, It has been thoroughly demonstrated that no race can make any substantial and profound history in the annals of civilization, unless that race is possessed with religion, education and property, which are the centrifugal and centripetal forces that tend to enwrap any race with splendor and the highest achievements of mankind, and,

WHEREAS, In many places throughout the breadth, we are deprived of our constitutional rights and civil liberty; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That this National Baptist Convention take due notice of that part of the address of our President which relates to the business feature of our race.

Resolved, Second, That the delegates attending this Convention shall urge the colored citizens in their respective communities to buy and build model homes, also to purchase land wherever they can, to erect factories, run stores, establish banks and buy stocks in all enterprises wherever possible.

Resolved, Thirdly, That this National Convention sends greetings to the Negro race of the world, and urge that we stand united on all questions that tend to civilize, christianize and elevate our people in morals, education and wealth.

JOHN C. LEFTWICH.

We view with pride and pleasure the great success our race has made in the financial, mercantile and business pursuits within the last thirty-five years, as demonstrated in the National Negro Business League, held in the city of Boston, Mass., on the 23rd and 24th of August, last, of which Prof. Booker T. Washington, of Alabama, is President, and Giles B. Jackson, of Virginia, is Vice President. We congratulate these gentlemen and their association in the work they have commenced in promoting, organizing and encouraging the Negro in business throughout the country, by organizing local business leagues, who are entitled to representation in the National League that will meet annually in accordance with their plan of organization to report the annual progress of the race in business, that the world may see and understand from year to year, the financial condition and accumulations of the Negro in this country.

We, the National Baptist Convention, now assembled in the city of Richmond, Va., this 14th day of September, 1900, believing as we do in the Negro accumulating property and wealth by industry and economy, pledge our support to the National Negro Business League of the United States, and urge upon our brethren throughout this country the necessity of organizing local business leagues in the various localities where the business of our race warrants such organization, that when the National League meets next year, that every dollar of capital invested by our race may be represented, to show to the world our capacity as a business factor in this country.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HUDSON.

Brother President and members of the National Baptist Convention: WHEREAS, In these days of art and science, the Negro Baptists of

this country have become publishers of periodicals and tracts, and authors of good books; and

WHEREAS, It should be the aim of this great Baptist family to put in print the works of its great men and women, in order that the many readers of this day may drink from the spring of intellect digged by our own people. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of scholarly men, of this Convention, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine thoroughly both as to rhetoric, grammar and doctrine, the manuscript coming to the Publishing Board for publication, and if found to be unsound they shall reject the same. Be it further

Resolved, That all writings so recommended by said committee be, and is hereby regarded, as standard and worthy of being placed in our denominational schools; and that all such manuscript may be purchased by the Publishing Board if deemed best to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. STEWART.

WHEREAS, Rev. R. A. Jackson, who has laid the costly stones in the foundation of the Negro Baptists in South Africa and who is now giving his time, his money and his influence in solving the problem of expansion so far as it deals with the militant kingdom of Christ, and

WHEREAS, His children are deprived of such educational advantages as can be accorded to our youths in America; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention take two of Bro. Jackson's boys and place them in some institution in America, as the Executive Board of the Foreign Mission Work shall suggest; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention pledge its support to all of its regular authorized missionaries in securing educational advantages for their children, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our missionaries in foreign fields.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. NEIL.

WHEREAS, Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, has prepared and put in book form a National Baptist Pastor's Guide and Parliamentary Rules, and,

WHEREAS, There is special need of encouraging Negro authorship along all useful lines; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Boyd's National Baptist Pastor's Guide and Parliamentary Rules receive the endorsement of this Convention and be heartily commended to our constituency as full worthy their attention.

SUTTON E. GRIGGS.

We feel it to be a question of supreme concern for the race to protest against the nullification by fundamental enactment of the suffrage provision of the Federal Constitution by the States of Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana and North Carolina and the schemes of manipulation by other states to disfranchise the Negro by means of isquitos

Election Laws, which are unjust and unfair, both in conception and operation. We regard such enactments as a crime against the very fundamental principles of our government. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Baptist Convention assembled, denounces as outrageous, unchristian and unpatriotic all such legislations and that it serves to alienate from the government many of its most loyal and patriotic citizens, who have not only demonstrated the same in times of peace, but on fields of battle. Be it further

Resolved, That all liberty-loving citizens, North and South, be evoked to raise up in their might, to stop this wholesale disfranchisement, which is directed against the foundation stone of our republican institutions.

Third, That we regard it as a base and unprecedented construction of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution, to covertly seek to rob thousands of citizens of their right to vote, and have it counted as cast, by State constitutions.

Fourth, That we urge upon the members of our race, North and South, to support only those who aspire to be officeholders who are friendly to our race.

Fifth, That pressure be brought to bear upon the highest court of the land to test the constitutionality of these state constitutional amendments that aim at the disfranchisement of the race.

Sixth, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President of the Convention, to confer and co-operate with any other organization whose purpose is to test the constitutionality of these suffrage clauses in many of the State constitutions.

Seventh, That said Committee will have the moral and financial support of the Convention in whatever wise, patriotic and praiseworthy course it may pursue, and that its progress be reported to the next annual sitting of the Convention.

All the above resolutions, as recommended by the Committee, were adopted by the Convention, with the exceptions of the resolutions presented by Dr. M. W. Gilbert, of South Carolina, and A. H. Miller, of Arkansas, which were tabled.

The following report of Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, Treasurer of the Convention, together with the Auditing Committee's report, was adopted by the Convention.

J. H. A. CYRUS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Dr.

To Balance, Sept. 12, 1899.....	134 51
To receipts at Nashville Convention.....	1,896 23
To receipts from Dr. R. H. Boyd, after Convention adjourned,.....	79 70
Total receipts.....	2,110 44

Cr., Sept. 16, 1899, by amount disbursed:	
To the Foreign Mission Board.....	\$ 1,321 74
To the Home Mission Board.....	16 78
To the Educational Board.....	39 20
To the B. Y. P. U. Board.....	13 85
To the National Baptist Publishing Board, for printing....	95 18
To Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President, traveling expenses....	9 50
To Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President, office expenses.....	28 75
To W. H. Stewart, Secretary, for services.....	50 00
To Rev. J. L. Cochran, Statistician.....	25 00
To Rev. M. W. Gilbert, Assistant Secretary.....	10 00
To Mr. Chas. Stewart, stenographer.....	40 00
Donated to aged ministers.....	18 75
To Treasurer, traveling expenses.....	20 00
To Sexton, Mt Olive Church.....	7 50
To ice bill.....	2 65
Oct. 3, 1899, to Jas. Mitchell Jr., for printing.....	12 50
Oct. 5, to Nat. Bap. Pub. Board, part payment on minutes....	200 00
Dec. 28, to National Baptist Publishing Board on same.....	17 00
Dec. 29, to Foreign Mission Board.....	34 65
Dec. 29, to Home Mission Board.....	10 45
Dec. 29, to Educational Board.....	13 82
Dec. 29, to National Baptist Publishing Board.....	20 78
June, 1900, to Rev. E. C. Morris, President, office expenses....	25 00
July 3, 1900, to Rev. E. C. Morris, President, traveling ex- penses to Executive Board in Philadelphia, Pa.....	29 75
Treasurer's expenses in transmittals.....	59
Total disbursements.....	\$ 2,062 94
Balance.....	\$ 47 50

J. H. A. CYRUS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee after careful examination of the Treasurer's accounts find them correct to date.

COMMITTEE: C. M. Wells, J. J. Blackshear, E. Arlington Wilson.

Convention adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. L. Grant.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

September 16, 1900.

The Convention assembled at 9 a. m. Model Sunday School conducted by Deacon John S. Trower, of Pennsylvania. Scripture lesson by Rev. Robert Mitchell, of Kentucky. Mrs. L. A. Coles spoke on Primary Work. Prof. D. W. Davis discussed the lesson for fifteen minutes.

Addresses were made by John C. Leftwich, of Alabama; Miss Fannie Dodd, of Minnesota; Rev. Wm Beckham, of Texas; Dr. L. B. Tefft, President of Hartshorne Memorial College, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. R. H. Boyd, Secretary National Baptist Publishing Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

11 a. m. Music, choir. Devotions, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac.

President Morris preached from John 1: 2. Subject, Origin of Baptists. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Parks, of Tennessee.

Collection \$12.48. The Convention adjourned with benediction by President Morris.

MASS MEETING, 3:00 P. M.

The mass meeting of the National Baptist Convention assembled in the auditorium of the Richmond, Virginia, Exposition Building and was called to order by President Morris. An invitation was read from the Virginia Union University to visit their new buildings. By motion of Rev. W. H. Anderson of Evansville, Ind., the invitation was accepted and the following committee was appointed to represent the Convention: Drs. E. J. Fisher, J. A. Taylor, C. H. Payne, W. H. McAlpine, Caesar Johnson.

The choir sang a chorus. Rev. W. G. Parks, of Chattanooga, read the opening hymn, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me." Rev. W. H. Anderson, of Indiana, read Matt. 25: 1-15; Matt. 28. Rev. W. T. Dixon, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., offered prayer. "Ye Christian Heralds," was sung by the choir. Rev. S. W. Baker offered the following resolutions which was adopted:

Having learned that a special rate of \$1.00 (round trip) for members of this Convention, has been arranged for a visit to Hampton, Virginia; be it

Resolved, That we accept the invitation of Rev. T. H. Short, D. D. and members of the First Baptist Church of that city, to hold to-morrow's session in their church.

Respectfully, S. W. BAKER.

The following Missionary program was then rendered, under the direction of Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding

Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. "The Obligation of Missionaries," by Rev. J. C. Jackson, Anderson, South Carolina. "Duty of those Who Stay at Home to those Who Go," Rev. C. S. Morris, Missionary to Africa. Rev. P. J. Bryant, A. B., Atlanta, Ga., spoke in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board. "I Feel Like Going On," was sung by the congregation, led by the choir. Prof. Leftwich, of Alabama, spoke of the Baptists' missionary work in our new possessions. Rev. T. W. Longwood, of Arkansas, missionary, spoke farewell words, also Rev. L. N. Cheek, of Macon, Miss., and Miss E. B. DeLauey, of Florida. Rev. E. B. P. Koti, of Africa, spoke on experiences among his friends in America. Dr. E. J. Fisher pronounced the benediction.

Cash from mass meeting..... \$213 30
Cash for Rev. Koti..... 10 75

Total..... \$ 224 05

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Harvey Johnson	\$ 100 00
M. Sherwood	40 00
E. B. Topp	25 00
Wife of Mississippi	500 00
W. L. Dixon	25 00
C. S. Morris	100 00
A. J. Stokes, monthly	100 00
G. B. Howard, quarterly	40 00
M. W. Gilbert, monthly	40 00
J. H. A. Cyrus	25 00
Rev. Love	25 00
Rev. E. H. Borden	20 00
E. M. Brawley	50 00
A. T. Owens, annually	20 00
Rev. Warfield, annually	10 00
P. R. Neil's church	10 00
D. C. Washington, annually	10 00
J. C. Taylor, annually	20 00
S. S. Broadenox, every 2 months	25 00
Robert R. Smith, annually	25 00
S. W. Tims	25 00

L. M. Smith, Africa only, annually	5 00
Rev. J. B. Jackson, Africa only, annually	5 00
W. C. Owens, quarterly collection	
N. P. Anderson, annually	20 00
Rev. W. N. Morton, Messiah Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	1 00

Benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 6 p. m., Rev. E. W. D. Isaac presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. L. L. Campbell, of Texas. The following addresses were made "Our Educational System" (five-minute addresses):

1. "Our Bible Reader's Course," Bennett J. Brown, Magnolia, Ark.
2. "Our Conquest Missionary Course," Rev. W. H. Moses, Staunton, Va.
3. "Our Historical Department," Rev. J. J. Blackshear, A. M., Indianapolis, Ind.
4. "Our Doctrinal Department," Rev. C. O. Boothe, D.D., Selma, Ala.
5. "Our Temperance Movement," Mrs. E. H. McDonald, New Bedford, Mass.

Address, "Our Junior Work," Mrs. Alice A. Bowie, Selma, Ala.

Address, "Our Paper, 'The National Baptist Union,'" Prof. W. H. Fort, Dyersburg, Tenn.

Addresses were also made by Prof. E. H. Borden and John S. Trower.

Madam Mildred A. Cross, one of Richmond's sweetest and most noted singers, by special request, favored the Convention with a solo.

Rev. R. D. Wynn, New York, preached from 3 John 1: 3. Prayer by Rev. C. P. Hunter.

The following resolution by L. L. Campbell was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have been informed of the burning of the home of Rev. A. W. Smith, pastor Second Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, while here at the Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sympathy and prayers of this Convention are hereby extended to himself and family.

Second, that we commend to him the favorable consideration of book concerns in replacing his library.

By motion, the President appointed the following committee on Obituary: M. W. Gilbert, A. J. Stokes, T. S. Sandifer, P. S. L. Hutchins, W. W. Whitton, Wm. Haynes, W. A. Credditt, Mrs. A. A. Bowie, E. W. D. Isaac.

Collection, \$1.29 The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. E. M. Colbron.

MONDAY MORNING.

HAMPTON, VA., Sept. 17, 1900.

The Convention assembled in the Queen Street Baptist Church, Hampton, on the above date, and was called to order by Vice President A. N. McEwen, of Alabama. Prof. E. H. Borden, of Missouri, was chosen Secretary. Rev. S. W. Bacote, Missouri, read the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. S. A. Rivers, of Mississippi.

The pastor, Rev. T. H. Short, in a short address, welcomed the Convention to Hampton.

Rev. John J. Blackshear, A. M., Indiana; Mrs. Janie Brown Garnett, Georgia, Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Alabama, addressed the Convention on the National B. Y. P. U. work.

The following resolutions presented by Rev. S. W. Bacote were adopted:

WHEREAS, The able and thorough going Rev. Dr. Short and his generous members of Queen Street Baptist Church, of Hampton, Va., so kindly welcomed the delegates and visitors of the National Baptist Convention during the few hours' stay in their city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates, tender Pastor Short and his good people our thanks for the same.

Resolved, That we commend the good work of Rev. Short and his members of Hampton, to the confidence of our friends everywhere.

Benediction by Rev. W. G. Parks.

Monday Night, Sept. 17, 1900.

The Convention was called to order at 8 p. m., President

Morris presiding. Devotions conducted by Revs. Wm. J. McMichael and S. E. Griggs. Minutes read and approved.

An original poem was read by Miss Rosa Miles, Alabama.

Dr. C. T. Walker presented to Dr. W. F. Graham a gold headed umbrella in behalf of the Convention. Rev. Graham responded in a brief speech and thanked the Convention for the gift.

By motion of Rev. A. N. McEwen, an invitation was extended to all the Baptist ministers of Richmond and Virginia to attend our next annual meeting in Cincinnati, O., in 1901, assuring them kind treatment and good homes.

Dr. W. J. White presented the following report of the Committee on State of the Country.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your committee begs leave to submit report as follows:

We regard it as a matter of sincere gratitude to Almighty God, that after a long season of general depression, extending in greater or less degree to all sections, that our country is now enjoying a more prosperous condition, in which increasing thousands find remunerative employment; and hence the greater happiness and contentment of the people. On this respect, we are glad to note that colored men are more largely beneficiaries than in the past, and yet we find that in many avenues of employment, race prejudice keeps the doors closed against colored laborers, mechanics and artisans. Our earnest hope and prayer is that the time will soon come when every hindrance, which tends to deprive the colored man of a fair chance in the race of life may be removed. We ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is a source of great joy that the colored people of our country are making such rapid progress along religious lines of activity as is evidenced by the increase of churches among us, the intellectual and moral improvement of our ministry, and the greatly increased contributions made to the cause of Christian missions and education. These evidences are, in our opinion, potent factors in the solution of all racial, national and international problems.

Resolved, That we regret the prevalence of war, which now agitates our own and other nations, and our prayer is that this state of affairs may be overruled by an all-wise Providence, for the advancement of Christianity and a higher civilization.

Resolved, That we deprecate the alarming increase of lawlessness

and disorder in our country. We emphatically declare ourselves as opposed to the commission of any and all crime, and desire to put ourselves on record as being both ready and willing to do our part in the suppression of crime, and also to bring criminals before the courts for trial.

Resolved, That we denounce mob violence and lynch law as subversive not only of law and order, but also of the fundamental principles of good government. Instead of suppressing crime, mobs and lynching really increase the criminal class and lead thousands to disregard human life and property rights.

Resolved, That the disfranchisement of a large class of American citizens, as has been done in a number of States, and threatened by others, is a flagrant violation of the Constitution of the United States and a reversal of the principles upon which our government was established—this policy is taxation without representation, and a governing of the people without the people's consent. Such a policy was repudiated by the men who inaugurated and successfully waged the Revolutionary War.

Resolved, That we regard "Jim Crow" laws and all other such laws as class legislation, repugnant to our sense of justice and derogatory to civil rights and the highest interests of the American people.

Resolved, That we urge the ministry of our country to do all in their power to restrain the people from the commission of crime, the cultivation of habits of temperance, industry, frugality, thriftiness, and the acquisition of education.

COMMITTEE: R. Dellaprist, Illinois; A. W. Adams, Massachusetts; Wm. J. White, Georgia; J. M. Riddle, Ohio; J. L. Barksdale, Philadelphia, Pa.; C. T. Walker, New York City, N. Y.; J. E. Knox, Arkansas; Harvey Johnson, Missouri; W. H. Brooks, District of Columbia, A. J. Stokes, D. D., Alabama, chairman.

Rev. J. Anderson Taylor preached the Doctrinal Sermon from Matt. 22: 42, "What think ye of Christ?" Prayer, Rev. A. W. Smith.

By motion Dr. R. H. Boyd was instructed to prepare a Hymnal for the use of the churches.

Dr. Jones, of Richmond, Va., was introduced to the Convention.

Short addresses were made by Drs. Graham, Brooks, Boyd, Isaac and Jordan.

The following, presented by Rev. C. S. Morris, was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have been royally entertained by Rev. W. F. Gra-

ham, D. D., and his splendid people who have served us with such unwearied attention, and with such true Virginia hospitality, and

WHEREAS, The great success that has attended the efforts of the Fifth Street Baptist Church in providing for the comfort of upwards of ten hundred delegates has been made possible by the good assistance rendered by the Leigh Street and Asbury, the M. E. and A. M. E. Church, the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the following six Baptist churches: Fifth Street Church, Macedonian, Mt. Oliver, Tabernacle, Zion Manchester and Second Baptist Manchester.

Resolved, That we tender to this brave, loyal, peerless pastor and prince in Israel, this expression of our heartfelt and earnest gratitude for the splendid care he has taken of the Convention, for his tireless kindness, his unfailing courtesy.

Resolved, That we thank the members of the church, from the sexton to the cook—the committee who, like Martha, served at the tables; the choir who sang in strains of almost angelic sweetness—for the labor of love they wrought with so much patience for our comfort.

Resolved, That we tender to the noble Committee of Reception, who rallied so loyally around their leader and wrought with such great success to prove that the world-wide fame of Virginia hospitality is not a myth, but a magnificent reality. Such love and beautiful acts of Christian courtesy not only merits our thanks, but must meet the approbation of Him, one of whose last prayers uttered under the deep and dreadful shadow of the cross was, "That we all might be one, as he and the Father are one."

C. S. MORRIS.

The report of the Statistician, Rev. J. L. Cohran, was read and the same was approved. (See report.)

Collection \$10.75 for B. Y. P. U. work; \$3.75 for the Fifth St. Church. Total \$14.50.

The Finance Committee reported total cash collected from all sources during the Convention, \$2,887.56.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was adopted:

Bro. President and Members of the Convention:

Your Committee has carefully considered the reports of our various boards, together with that of the Treasurer of this Convention and find them correct to date.

Respectfully,

C. M. WELLS.

E. A. WILSON,

J. J. BLACKSHEAR.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. A.

W. Smith, to meet in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday before the third Sunday, in September, 1901.

E. C. MORRIS, President.

WM. L. CANSLER, Secretary.

OUR BOARDS.

Home Mission Board, located at Little Rock, Arkansas: Rev. J. P. Robinson, Chairman, Little Rock, Arkansas. Prof. John E. Knox, Recording Secretary, Little Rock, Arkansas; Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Pauline Green, Treasurer, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Educational Board, located at Washington, District of Columbia: Rev. W. A. Crediti, D. D., Chairman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Washington, District of Columbia.

Foreign Mission Board, located at Louisville, Kentucky: Rev. John H. Frank, Chairman, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Treasurer, Louisville, Kentucky.

OFFICERS OF THE B. V. F. H. BOARD.

Rev. N. H. Pius, Memphis, Tennessee, Chairman; Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, Nashville, Tennessee, Corresponding Secretary; Miss F. H. Dodd, St. Paul, Minnesota, Recording Secretary; Rev. O. T. Redd, Macon, Missouri, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Alabama, W. H. McAlpine; Arkansas, J. E. Knox; Colorado, John E. Ford; District of Columbia, W. Bishop Johnson; Florida, G. W. Rainford; Georgia, W. E. Holmes; Kentucky, C. H. Porce; Louisiana, B. C. Cotton; Mississippi, A. A. Cooley; Maryland, Harvey Johnson; Massachusetts, A. W. Adams; Missouri, Prof. E. L. Scruggs; North Carolina, Caesar Johnson; New Jersey, Elijah Jenkins; New York, W. T. Dixon; South Carolina, G. W. Bailor; Tennessee, C. H. Clark; Texas, Wm. Beckham; Virginia, A. R. Griggs; West Virginia, G. W. Hayes; Wisconsin, C. H. Payne; Iowa, J. H. Nichols; Kansas, E. A. Wilson; Indiana, W. H. Anderson; Illinois, P. R. Neill; Ohio, D. H. Harris; Oklahoma, H. D. Prowd; Oklahoma, C. E. Howell; Pennsylvania, Alexander Gordon; Rhode Island, H. N. Jeter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Brother President:

In accordance with the following request, we recommend that this Convention meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, before the third Sunday in September, 1901.

Richmond, Va., Sept., 16th, 1900.

The following churches of Cincinnati, Ohio, represented by their pastors, hereby and very cordially invite the National Baptist Convention to meet with them in the year 1901:

Zion Baptist Church, H. H. Harris; Calvary Baptist Church, J. J. Jackson; Antioch Baptist Church, G. W. Wyatt; Cumminsville Baptist Church, P. F. Fossett; Ebenezer Baptist Church, W. C. Young; First Baptist Church, Walnut Hills, R. D. Phillips; Bethel Baptist Church, L. W. Gray; New Hope Baptist Church, G. W. Watkins; Corinthian, Fairmount and East End Baptist Churches, G. H. Jackson; College Hill Baptist Church, J. S. Broils; Union City Baptist Church, H. D. Prowd.

Respectfully,

Alabama, S. M. Fisher; Arkansas, J. R. Bennett; Colorado, W. E. Gladden; District of Columbia, W. H. Brooks; Florida, L. N. Robinson; Georgia, E. R. Carter; Illinois, E. H. Borden; Indiana, J. D. Rouse; Indian Territory, Missouri, J. R. Richardson; Kentucky, G. W. Ward; Louisiana, R. Taylor; Massachusetts, C. S. Morris; Maryland, J. H. Bailor; Mississippi, E. B. Topp; North Carolina, S. W. E. Burke; Nebraska, F. Lomack; New Jersey, E. Jenkins; New York, J. S. Waters; Ohio, A. M. Thomas; Oklahoma, W. C. Howell; Pennsylvania, Rev. J. L. Barksdale; Rhode Island, H. N. Jeter; South Carolina, J. W. Boykin; Tennessee, R. J. Petty; Texas, Rev. C. R. Rodgers; Texas, E. H. Branch; Virginia, J. M. Powell; West Virginia, C. H. Payne; Kansas, A. R. Edwards.

The following paid the amount opposite their names to Foreign Missions.

J. R. Davis.....	\$ 1 00	H. H. Hardy.....	\$ 1 00
James H. Brooks.....	1 00	Julia A. Patterson.....	1 00
C. P. Harris.....	1 00	Pollie Dawson.....	1 00
M. Prude.....	1 00	Mrs. Delina Creamer.....	2 00
W. S. Jackson.....	1 00	L. F. T. O'Bryan.....	1 00
W. L. Diakson.....	1 00	Felix James.....	1 00
W. L. Toliver.....	1 00	B. W. Whitlaw.....	1 00
Mrs. Anna Seeds.....	1 00	J. B. Reece.....	1 00
Mrs. Henrietta Black.....	1 00	W. T. Jackson.....	1 00
L. C. Jones.....	1 00	P. S. L. Hutchins.....	1 00
M. Harris.....	1 00	W. J. Robinson.....	1 00
S. M. Duke.....	1 00	E. J. Fisher.....	1 00
James Hamilton.....	1 00	Rev. C. H. Young.....	1 00
Geo. E. Morris.....	1 00	Rev. J. R. Richardson.....	1 00
A. R. Griggs.....	1 00	Rev. John C. Leftwich.....	1 00
W. L. Croft.....	1 00	Rev. Y. H. Shorts.....	1 00
S. M. Hall.....	1 00	Rev. J. M. Suggs.....	1 00
R. T. Pollard.....	1 00	Rev. D. T. Golley.....	1 00
T. J. Turner.....	1 00	Rev. N. H. Huckby.....	50

J. M. Owens.....	1 00	Miss L. C. Crittenden.....	1 00
Rev. J. M. Harris.....	1 25	W. W. Floyd.....	1 00
Rev. Harvey Johnson.....	1 00	R. J. Petty.....	1 00
Rev. L. F. Jackson.....	1 00	W. H. Williams.....	1 00
Rev. Wm. Gray.....	1 00	Win. Ward.....	1 00
R. J. Willingham, D. D.....	1 00	B. A. Edwards.....	1 00
Mrs. Mattie Bleadsoe.....	1 00	G. M. Spratling.....	1 00
Dr. C. T. Walker, N. Y.....	1 00	E. Green.....	1 00
H. B. M. Brown.....	1 00	J. L. Rowland.....	1 00
J. H. Sims.....	1 00	J. W. Lewis.....	50
C. H. Phillip.....	1 00	A. F. Owens.....	1 00
W. G. Parks.....	1 00	C. C. Bates.....	50
H. N. Bowey.....	1 00	R. P. Winn.....	1 00
S. Buford Weyeross.....	1 00	W. W. Harris.....	50
H. N. Flemming.....	1 00	G. W. Winn.....	1 00
G. H. Thompson.....	1 00	R. Lawson.....	1 00
W. H. Johnson.....	1 00	A. W. Moss.....	1 00
N. A. Clark.....	1 00	D. E. Stratton.....	1 00
J. A. Carter.....	1 00	John W. Leeks.....	1 00
J. Horald.....	1 00	G. W. Kaiford.....	1 00
R. B. Williams.....	1 00	P. R. Neal.....	1 00
A. Terrell.....	1 00	A. W. Smith.....	1 00
E. B. Topp.....	1 00	C. T. Stamps.....	1 00
P. Hunter.....	1 00	Rev. A. J. Allen.....	1 00
C. S. Collins.....	1 00	Dr. A. Gordon.....	5 00
Wm. Blakely.....	1 00	Miss E. B. Delany.....	1 00
B. Tyrrell.....	1 00	E. C. Morris, D. D.....	1 00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

ALABAMA.

F K Kenney, Anniston	James Riley, Birmingham
N N Nealy, Montgomery	Miss Hardie S Martin, Montgom-
D T Gully, Evergreen	ery
G B Johnson, Courtland	Miss Susan C H Foster, Mont-
William Madison, Uniontown	gomery
James Hamphra, Leighton	Mrs Sallie L Duncan, Montgom-
J H Eason, D D, Anniston	ery
C O Boothe, D D, Hollywood	Mrs Mary Elmore, Montgomery
Augustus A Battle, Anniston	A J Stokes, D D, Montgomery
A N McEwen, Mobile	N P Anderson, Birmingham
A N DeYampert, Talladega	P H Hughes, Pratt City
J B Miller, Biecton	John C Leftwich, Montgomery
J R Scott	Thomas Bellerger, Montgomery
William Barrett, Giltmore	C J Davis, Selma
W E Barrett, Jonesboro	W H Howard
Mrs A A Bowie, Birmingham	A F Owens, Mobile
C L Fisher, Birmingham	Miss Rosa A Miles
W Justin Wayten, Marion	C S Dinkins, D D Selma
J P Barton, D D, Talladega	R T Pollard, Eufala
C M Wells, Montgomery	Miss M G Gibbs, Mobile
Mrs C M Wells, Montgomery	W H McAlpine, D D, Montgomery
K H Hudson, Selma	J Q A Wilhite, Birmingham

ARKANSAS.

Mrs J H Blount, Forrest City	W M Locks, Newport
B H Alexander, Augusta	J B Dolden, Pine Bluff
J M Owens, Augusta	J M Harris, Texarkana
W A Holmes, Helena	A H Miller, Helena
J W Wilkerson, Crawfordville	Pollie Dawson, Haynes
G W Winn, Little Rock	Mrs Sarah Cox, Pine Bluff
O R King, Little Rock	O E Williams, Texarkana
W E Barrett, Jonesboro	M C Williams, West Memphis
Z R Reeves, Hope	Mrs Eliza A Phillips, Lagrange
William Nassy, Marianna	Miss E J Brown, Magnolia
D Brown, Marianna	Mrs Pauline Green, Little Rock
W W Booker, Luna	T J James, Riceville
William Blakely, Helena	Thompson Foster, Grayson,
William Barrett, Giltmore	J W Stout, Ashvale
Mrs Rosa McJinkins, Little Rock	Mrs S Shanks, Pine Bluff

J R Jamison, Miniola
B H Haynes, Redemption
Mrs L S Blutte
L B Benny, Surrounded Hill
J P Robinson, Little Rock
B W Alexander, Cotton Plant
I W Waters, Palestine
M Proffit, Helena
W A Holmes, Helena
O R King, Little Rock
Dr P W Clark
T P Helm
J B Bowling
Mrs Ella Gilmore, Little Rock
M Dorich, Helena
A H Miller, Helena
T P Hilliard, Texarkana
J L Roland, Crawfordville
J E Knox, Little Rock
E C Morris, D D, Helena
O R Keoney
J C Bell, Forrest City
S A Mosely, Pine Bluff
H Weston
J C Battle, Pine Bluff
N E Asa
R M Caver, Helena
J R Bennett, Hot Springs
Miss Maria Brooks, Pine Bluff

N M Moore
J J James
J Payne
F L Jones, Arkadelphia
J H Sims, Wampoo
W Paul, Pine Bluff
Mrs Ruth L Marsh, Hot Springs
A J Steele, Scott
Miss Rachel Ison, Fort Smith
W W Booker, Little Rock
B W Whitlow, Malvern
L E Avant, Forrest City
Edward Green, Fordyce
C J Jeffrey, Tilton
M Prude, Vincent
J S Drew, Helena
D D Davis, Lonoke
A T Stewart, Helena
I G Bailey, Pine Bluff
Miss M R Bailey, Pine Bluff
W H Hill, Forrest City
J M Suggs, Forrest City
J W Lyons, Luxoria
T S Sandifer, Gordon
C B Brown
R W Haynes
R W Guy, Jonesboro
Miss Mandie Bailey, Pine Bluff

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J E Ford, Denver
W E Gladden, Colorado Springs

CONNECTICUT.

Mrs G W Tyler

CUBA.

D N E Campbell, Santiago de Cuba

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Robert Johnson, Washington
Walter H Brooks, D D, Washington
M C Maxfield, Washington
I Tolliver, Washington
J A Taylor, D D, Washington
W B Johnson, D D, Washington

George W Lee, D D, Washington
A Willbanks, Washington
Wm P Robinson, Washington
W H Hickerson, Washington
Wm J Tyler, Washington
Wm E Cause, Washington

FLORIDA.

G W Ratford, Pensacola
J W Westfield, Eded
L W Roberson, Palatka
N W Ellison, Belleview
J B Maubay, Milton
A R Welsh, Gainesville
A J Brown, Gainesville
J M Trammell, Jacksonville
C J Hardy, Pensacola
J N Stokes, Jr, Orlando
C Brewer, Sanford
H C Williams, Jacksonville
H Holmes, Tampa
Mrs Julia A Paterson, Tampa
Mrs M E Sea, Eufaula
H Holman, Tampa
Mrs A Scott, Tampa
Miss F B Delaoy, Tampa

S Brown, Martin
M R H Stanley, Tampa
R Kemp, Fernandina
Miss L Holzendorf, Fernandina
J B Reese, Tampa Springs
J A Davis, De Land
J McClain, New Augustine
W D Johnson, Jacksonville
E M Brawley, D D, Palatka
H M Flemings, Fernandina
O B Brown, Reddick
L C Griffin, Belleview
W H Tuggles, Jacksonville
A C Cook, Pensacola
P L Sloan, Macclenny
N T Hinton, Cocoa
T G Ewing, Jr, Jacksonville
Miss Maria Brooks, Pine Bluff

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W H Tuggle, Atlanta
W L Jones, Atlanta
W W Floyd, Atlanta
N H Whitmore, Savannah
P R Mifflin, Darien
J H Johnson, Apalaka
M J Maddox, Savannah
F M Simmons, Covington
J W Williams, Augusta
G W Griffin, Savannah
P V White
W E Williams, Carrollton
J K Rogers, Waycross
Dr C F Thompson, Boston
A D Williams, Atlanta
W J White, D D, Augusta
E R Carter, Atlanta
C S Williams, Augusta
N G McCall, Dublin
W M Gray, Savannah
Charlie Williams, Augusta
W D Johnson, Macon
W T Conan, Augusta
Lewis Williams, Washington
H Hall, Macon
J J Durham, D D, Savannah

W M Williams, Macon
J S Kelsey, D D, Columbus
Robert K Smith, Columbus
C H Young, Anniston
H G McCall, Dublin
D W Cannon, Social Circle
Miss L M Austin, Atlanta
Miss Addie Dupree, Atlanta
Miss S C Bryant, Atlanta
R Smith, Columbus
J L Laster, Griffin
J H Moore, Griffin
Miss Sarah Fisher, LaGrange
P James Bryant, D D, Atlanta
Mrs H Hammonds, Atlanta
Mrs Ann Sledge, Atlanta
Miss S E Del Lamotta, Atlanta
Mrs S C J Bryant, Atlanta
Mrs R J Blount, Atlanta
G H Dewelle, Augusta
W J Wheeler, Augusta
G W Wheeler,
Willis Murphy, Atlanta
John Graham, Leliaton
John W Jackson, Cuthbert
N B Williamson, Marietta

Mrs S Scott, Washington
R March, Macon
L C Pierce, Carlisle
A J Allen, Cuthbert
Miss Hattie G Eskridge, Atlanta
Miss Julia Vaughn, Atlanta
Mrs Hattie Mangham, Atlanta
B W Williamson, Marietta
John William, Brunswick
Miss Lula B. Mitchell, Dalton
Mrs Viola M Allen, Macon
I. F. O'Bryan, Columbus
J H Carter, Columbus
G M Spratt, Brunswick

J Anthony Josey, Atlanta
M J Morris, Cardele
J C Ross, Savannah
P S Hutchins, Columbus
W R Fowler, Macon
A B Murden, Athens
S S McFall, Savannah
H R Harrison, Atlanta
J B Davis, Thomasville
W S Beaufort, Waycross
C A Johnson, Leesburg
E J Fisher, Atlanta
J R Willis, Dawson

IOWA.

P W Jones, Centerville
P Louack, Des Moines

D J Tate, Evans
J H Nichols, Keokuk

ILLINOIS.

Mrs Annie M Poston, Chicago
R DeBaptist, D D, Chicago
Charles Stewart, Chicago

D H Harris, Chicago
E H Borden, Macomb

INDIANA.

J W Carr, D D, Indianapolis
W H Anderson, D D, Evansville
J J Blackshear, A M, Indianapolis
T C Terrell, A M, Marshall
C C Goins, Rockport

J D Rouse, D D, Evansville
B Farrell, Indianapolis
B Hillman, Indianapolis
Mrs Annie Griffin
S C Manual, New Albany

MICHIGAN.

R Gillard, Ann Arbor

MISSISSIPPI.

P R Neil, Ardmore

T S E Brown, Ardmore

KANSAS.

P W Barker, Topeka
E Arlington Wilson, Kansas City
Thomas Harding, Council Grove
W L Grant, Kansas City

J R Richardson, Kansas City
W D Jones, Kansas City
A E Edwards, Topeka
Mrs M D Jones, Topeka

KENTUCKY.

Mrs Mamie E Stewart, Louisville
J H Perdue, Louisville
W H Craighead, Louisville
Riley Meadows, Louisville
E P Marrs, D D, Louisville

Robert Mitchell, D D, Frankfort
G H Thompson, Leitchfield
S H Prewitt, Owensboro
C C Bates, Louisville
S J Leavell, Cadiz

J Jacobs, Harrods Creek
G W Ward, Eminence
J W Lewis, Louisville
G L Britt, Louisville
Wm Johnson, Louisville
Miss L C Crittenden, Louisville
Mrs Clara P Frank, Louisville
E J McCray, Louisville
C G Fishback, Bowling Green
A A Russell, Shelbyville
C M Hammonds, Louisville
C L Purce, D D, Louisville
C H Parrish, D D, Louisville
D A Gaddie, D D, Louisville

E W Reed, Louisville
C P M Bigbee, Newport
John E Wood, Danville
J H May, South Carrollton
W. H. McRidley, D D, Cadiz
R H Fauntelroy, Louisville
S E Smith, D D, Owensboro
Miss Alice Alexander, Louisville
Miss M Alexander, Louisville
W R Richardson, B D, Louisville
J M Caldwell, Smithfield
J H Frank, Louisville
Win H Stewart, Louisville

LOUISIANA.

S E Piercy, New Orleans
H C Cotton, Belle Alliance
H H N Brown, Alexandria
J M Young, New Orleans
J B Livingston, New Iberia
A B Flood, Delhi
L C Simon, Opelousas
A R Butler, Arnaudville
A J Horton, New Iberia
J B Green, Shreveport
I A Carter, Shreveport

W M Hamilton, Monroe
W B Paris, Pelican
C S Collins, Houma
O F Smith, Fairmount
S A Coston, Tilden
A T Sumpter, Shreveport
J L Campbell, Washington
R Taylor, Shreveport
John M Payne, Patterson
S T Clanton, D. D., New Orleans

MARYLAND.

Mrs Rebecca Reynolds
Mrs Lula A Drewsy
Miss F Green, Baltimore
Miss Mary E. Reid, Baltimore
Miss E B Reid, Baltimore
James H Reid, Baltimore
J H Ballou, L L D, Baltimore
W H Sherwood, D D, Baltimore
Milton M Sparks, Baltimore
Harvey Johnson, D D, Baltimore
Daniel Crigler, Baltimore
R F Taylor, Columbia
James Watkins, Baltimore
Taylor Johnson, Baltimore

J H Burley, Baltimore
E W Russell, Baltimore
John W Jones, Baltimore
M A Kyle, Baltimore
W H Holmes, Baltimore
R T Winn, Baltimore
Geo O Washington, Baltimore
John W Williams, Baltimore
Alexander Johnson
C Taylor, Waverly
Mrs Rosa Davis, Baltimore
Mrs Sarah F Smith, Baltimore
Mrs Victoria Brooks, Baltimore
Mrs Nettie Lacey, Baltimore

MASSACHUSETTS.

L C Parrish Boston
A W Adams, Boston
Josie Harrell
E H McDonald, New Bedford

C S Morris, Boston
Mrs C S Morris, Boston
Mrs E H McDonald, New Bedford

MINNESOTA.

Miss F H Dodd, St Paul

MISSISSIPPI.

R G Moody, Lexington
William Gibbons, Rosedale
W H Higgins, Holton
I C Williams, Yazoo
S Henry, Yazoo
L M Cheek, Canton
A M Johnson, Vicksburg
C P Person, Coffeeville
M Grayson, Coffeeville
A A Hamilton, Vicksburg
S A Rivers, Meridian
Nelson Harris, Meridian
A Johnson, Coffeeville
J Yancy, Coffeeville
R H S Thompson, Kosciusko
N W Wallace, Greenwood
J C Lambert, Canton
H C Warfield, Shelby
S M Duke, Columbus
Miss R A Hunter, Arcola
Ella Rollens, Kosciusko
John Agers
E B Topp, D D, Jackson
R T Sims, Canton
J J Payton, Water Valley
D B Cleveland, Smeedes
H Watson, Kemper Springs

MISSOURI.

J L Cohron, St Louis
E Calvin Cole, St Louis
O T Redd, Palmyra
J Gains, Jefferson City
J H Oden, St Louis
E M Cohron, St Joseph
S W Nacote, B D, Kansas City

NEW JERSEY.

E E Jackson, Plainfield
George Elkins, Morristown
Jeremiah P Grayson, Haddonfield
E Jenkins, Atlantic City
George E Morris, B D, Morristown
Wm A Harris, Cranford
S W Smith, D D, Princeton

W H Jernagin, Okolona
J M Lewis, Columbus
William Hightower, Cleveland
A A Cosey, Clarksdale
C P Hunter, Natchez
J H C Henry, Natchez
Prof S W Brown, Lexington
E W Brown, Lexington
C F Stamps, Edwards
J W Ayers, Edwards
I M Mission, Columbus
K C Anderson, Pickens
A J Johnson, Jackson
M C Adams, Columbus
Miss M L A Wheeler, Kosciusko
Miss A Newman, Jackson
F Wallace, Valley Park
A Williams, Oxford
William McCay, Duncan
E W Brown, Itoma
N C Wicks, Stacksville
S H Henley, Yazoo City
Mrs Bettie F Hunter, Arcola
J J Peyton, Water Valley
R G Moody, Lexington
F S Randall, Rosedale

H N Bouey, Macon
H F Taylor, Macon
E L Scruggs, Macon
N S Jenkins, Macon
J H Nichols, Macon
E C Cole, Macon

J C Love, Mountclair
E W Roberts, New Brunswick
N A Mackey, Elizabeth
R Burke, Burlington
G P Gregory, Haddonfield
S Wallace, Plainfield
H C Hewlett

NEW YORK.

John L Watson, New York City
Benjamin F Poole, New York City
C T Walker, D D, New York City
F W Jackson, New York City
John L Waters, New York City
W T Dixon, Brooklyn
S W Timms, Brooklyn
Miss A Tucker, New York City
G W Bailey, New York City
R D Wynn, New York City
M L Harvey, Flushing

NORTH CAROLINA.

Cesar Johnson, Raleigh
Mrs C Fannie Blount, Wilmington
W E Burke, Edenton
C L Forbes, Greenville
L F Sharpe, Edenton
M Cartwright, Severe
C Forbee, Greenville
R Cartwright, Belcross
P Knight
W D Norman, Elizabeth City

OKLAHOMA.

S S Jones, Guthrie
D Wilson, King Fisher
W C Howell, Langston
T W Hall, Chickasaw
Miss Bell W Butler, Chickasaw
H E Darrington, Chickasaw
E E Ware, Oklahoma City
J C Johnson, Guthrie
Wm Surcer, Oklahoma City
J W Capers, Guthrie

OHIO.

W M Balay, Jamestown
A M Thomas, Jamestown
Samuel Jackson, Richmond
Peter Everett, Xenia
P Fossett, Cincinnati
J J Jackson, Cincinnati
R D Phillips, Cincinnati
H H Harris, Cincinnati
L N Gray, Cincinnati
J M Jackson, Cincinnati
J M Riddle, Columbus
H C Randolph, Chillicothe
Prof E W B Curry, Urbana
G D Smith, Lorain
C M Williams, Oberlin
H D Prowd, Cincinnati
J W Byrd, Cincinnati

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs Mary Baxton, Philadelphia
J W Pierson, Philadelphia
Mrs Mary Pierson, Philadelphia
G B Howard, D D, Pittsburg
Mrs D F Brown, Philadelphia
C A Edwards, North Wales
Clarance Parrish, Philadelphia
J D Brooks, Germantown
Alexander Childs, Philadelphia
L C Garland, Williamport
Wm H Phillips, D D, Philadelphia
E W Moore, Philadelphia
John S Trower, Philadelphia
Alex Gordon, D D, Philadelphia
J K Wells, Philadelphia
G L P Talliaferro, Philadelphia
Mrs G L P Talliaferro, Philadelphia
W A Creditt, D D, Philadelphia
Miss Annie M Willis
J L Barksdale, Philadelphia
P R Bynes
W E Terrell
M Winston, Germantown

J W Ford, Wayne
J E Randolph, Philadelphia
I L Jones, Philadelphia
C A Edwards, Philadelphia
S J Jones, Philadelphia
E K Cregler, Philadelphia
Mrs B F Morris, Philadelphia

E W Johnson
Mrs — Brown
George Fisher, Philadelphia
Mrs L B West, Philadelphia
P R Berkeley, Philadelphia
Mrs Sadie Layton, Philadelphia

RHODE ISLAND.

Henry N Jeter, Newport

J H Pressley, Providence

SOUTH CAROLINA.

J W Boykin, Camden
N C Nix, Orangeburg
E M Glover, Winston
C D Sallery, Orangeburg
J C Tobin, Greenville
C F Holmes, Columbia
T H McNeil, Ridgeway
F R Wallace, Newberry
Paul Guntham, Sumter
J C Jackson, Anderson
T S Gilmore, Rock Hill
P Simmons, Frogmore
H Donaldson, Greenville
John E Harmon, Sumter
W D Hoode
J F Marshal, McCormick
I W Simmons, Columbia
John W Leak, Cross H-H
A P Dunbar, D D, Charleston
T L Jones, Orangeburg
P W Simmons
E T White, Ninety-Six

S Oliver, Storeville
R W Baylor, Columbia
A R Robertson, Greenville
James H Walker, Greenville
C T Goodwin, Greenwood
P P Watson, Beaufort
E V Gassaway, Beaufort
D C Washington, Frogmore
J C Daniel, Columbia
I P Brockerton, Darlington
G Kirkland, Orangeburg
A R Robinson, Greenville
W H Hagood, Denmark
R D Rice, Lees
M C Dillard, Clinton
B M Lodge, Frogmore
C Whitehead, Columbia
W H Calhoun, Coronaca
J K Wilson, Abbeville
G. W S Kennedy, Orangeburg
M W Gilbert, D D, Charleston

TENNESSEE.

N J O'Neal, Memphis
R Branch, Memphis
A G Church, Memphis
G B Spratlin, Ripley
W H Hammonds, Dalton
J B Miller, Lewisburg
Sister Sallie Wright, Nashville
T J Story, Marfreesboro
B Y Young, Enning
J O Bowers, White Station
W M Simmons, Decherd
D L Davis, Shelbyville

L A Murrell
J O Oldum, Mason
A Parr, McKenzie
Sutton E Griggs, B D, Nashville
B H Bell, Memphis
Robert Page, Nashville
J Levister, Memphis
R J Petty, Memphis
P J Jackson, Memphis
A L Bartlett, Memphis
T H Scott and S Scott, Memphis
J C Bradley, Memphis

Mrs Josie Henderson, Nashville
J W Clay, Memphis
Miss Lizzie Dozier, Memphis
Miss Nannie West, Memphis
C Moore, Jackson
J F Crawford, Jackson
N H Pius, Memphis
W W Whitton, Memphis
W J McMichael, Memphis
William Haynes, Nashville
W S Ellington, Nashville
E M Lawrence, Nashville
R H Boyd, D-D, Nashville
W H Hurd, Memphis
L C Moore, Memphis
H Smith, Brownsville
H C Owen, Brownsville
T J Townsend, Decherd
D Ingram, Memphis
P H Flemming, Memphis
H C Swayne, McKenzie
A D Hurt, Nashville
G W Lacey, Toulon
A G Sims, Memphis
Mrs Aliceo Barbour, Memphis
Mrs M H Flowers, Chattanooga
I C Clardy, Chattanooga
G W Ward, Chattanooga
Sam Nolen, Nashville
Mrs Mattie Haddox, Nashville
Mrs Emma Alford, Nashville
T H Malone, Memphis
P H Hurd, Germantown
A Coburn, Eads

William Walker, Chattanooga
W R Brown, D D, Knoxville
C A Bell, Knoxville
R Banks, Knoxville
Mrs E L Banks, Knoxville
W Hamsby, Knoxville
P W Dodson, Knoxville
A Manney, Nashville
P D Dennis, Guthrie
M Hayes
T W Parrish, Clarksville
Mrs Laura Johnson, Nashville
Miss Mattie E Boyd, Nashville
E M Ward, Nashville
Mrs Lucy Carter, Knoxville
Mrs M E Hamilton, Knoxville
Mrs P E Dodson, Knoxville
Mrs V W Broughton, Nashville
E C Carter, Memphis
F Thomas, Memphis
J C Brody, Germantown
Wm M Morgan, Memphis
M Davis, Memphis
N S Sanders, Memphis
J M Harris, Chattanooga
D V Bohannon, Henderson
T J Searcy, Memphis
W L Cansler, Nashville
W H Fort, Dyersburg
H E Clemmons, Memphis
W G Parks, Chattanooga
A L Hall, Memphis
T G Ewing, Nashville
C H Clark, D D, Nashville

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION TEXAS.

J A Dennis, D D, Waco
D L Whitley, Columbus
J G Simms, Marshall
A R Griggs, D D, Dallas
J F Teamer, Winfield
A L Moore, Dallas
C N Rogers, Jefferson
O A Scott, Marshall
P W Wesley, Texarkana
A M Moore, Marshall
J F Thompson, Jonesville
F G Davis, D D, McKinney

R Curry, Sherman
T W Dailey, Marshall
T Taylor, Houston
S C Smith, Lagrange
J B Pius, Austin
Miss Lucy Tyler, Dallas
A Ransom, Waco
H Strather, Dallas
Mrs E N Ransom, Waco
Mrs O McRoy
Mrs Lucy Davis, Longview
Mrs Amanda Wells, Ft. Worth

W L Dickson, Dallas
W Drake, Dallas
R B Francis, Ennis
Felix Jones, Bonham
A W Moss, Gainesville

L White, Houston
J A Dennis, Waco
O A Fuller, Marshall
A Terrell, Montgomery
Geo W Dudley, D D, Texarkana

TEXAS GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

L L Campbell, D D, Austin
Mrs M M Buckner, Austin
Mrs Lizzie Pollard, Austin
Mrs Ella Campbell, Austin
M Hurd, Austin
William Beckham, Austin
J B Davis, M D, Austin
J H Allen, McKiesville
E H Branch, Hearne

J B Jackson, Cartwell
A L King, Hearne
I W Waters, Palestine
S F Floyd, New Eulem
K H Boyd, D D, San Antonio
A L Sledge, Chapel Hill
Mrs Eliza Watson, San Antonio
M F Flourney, Cameron

VIRGINIA.

T Churchill, Norfolk
H Powell, D D, Richmond
A Gray, Essex
T H Sports, Hampton
C H Phillips, Beaver Dam
John Mitchell, Jr, Richmond
A A Galvin, Staunton
L W Wales, Williamsburg
W T Hall, Danville
W B Woods, Bedford
J B K Butler, Norfolk
E R Jackson, Abertown
B F Fox, D D, Salem
Mrs Eliza P Fox, Salem
E W Gould, Norfolk
Wm H Harrison, Norfolk
J C Thompson, Bumpass
J M Powell, Berkley
S Todd, Sparta
J S Minor, Spottsylvania Court
House
S R Harris, Shores
W H Brown, Roanoke
D Webster Davis, Richmond
T H White, Harrisonburg

Mrs L M Terrell, Lynchburg
G C Coleman, Manchester
R A Clarkson, Lynchburg
B A Watkins, East Radford
E Radford
E L Chapman, Carolina County
J H A Cyrus, Port Royal
N S Jackson, Corbin
T J Turner, Corbin
J B Smith, Haaadiah Association
W R Fry, Staunton
Bernard Tyrrell, Lynchburg
D M Kay, Carolina County
J R Fortune, Carolina County
C S Coleman, Scottsboro
Miss Lizzie C Hall, Danville
Richard Coleman, Milford
Miss Lucy Henry, Lynchburg
Miss W J Thompson, Hewlett
Mrs L H Bowling, Norfolk
Miss Annie Graves, Danville
M Dozier, Gertie
Miss P H Smith, Lynchburg
W H Johnson

WASHINGTON.

J P Brown, New Castle

WEST VIRGINIA.

J W Scott, Huntington
Mrs Mary M Stratton, St Albans
D Stratton, St Albans
N A Smith, Irontown

B F Moss, Fayetteville
C A Payne, D D, Huntington
Mrs C H Payne, Huntington

N. H.—Many of the messengers failed to enroll, and therefore the committee could not get their names and addresses. The failure to find many names in the minutes is due to this.

W. L. CANSLER, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ALABAMA

NAME AND POST OFFICE	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. F. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual Members.	Total.
Rev. C. L. Fisher, Birmingham	\$10.00	\$ 5.00							\$ 15.00
Miss Rosa Miles, Birmingham					5.00				5.00
Rev. Jas. Riley, Birmingham	5.00								5.00
Rev. W. C. Owens, Birmingham	1.00	1.00	50	1.00	1.00	50			1.00
Rev. A. A. Battle, Spring Association	5.00								5.00
W. Justin Warrles, Marion								1.00	1.00
Rev. J. P. Boston, D. L., Talladega								1.00	1.00
Rev. J. B. Miller, Blocton								1.00	1.00
Mr. C. D. Boothe, Hollywood	1.00					2.00		1.00	4.00
Miss H. S. Martou, Montgomery	10.00	2.00		2.00	4.00	2.00			20.00
Rev. J. E. Scott, New Bra State Conv'n	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	50				3.00
Rev. J. H. Enson, Anniston	5.00	1.00	1.00						7.00
G. B. Johnson, Courtland							1.00		1.00
F. K. Kennedy, Anniston	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00				6.00
N. N. Nealy, Montgomery								1.00	1.00
W. T. Gully, Evergreen	50	25	25	25	50	1.25			3.00
Rev. Jas. Hampton, Leighton								1.00	1.00
C. C. Forbes, Sycamore	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	1.50				10.00
Rev. A. N. McEwen, Mobile	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.00	2.50			12.50
J. B. Miller, Blocton	5.34			8.45					13.79
Miss B. C. V. Foster, Montgomery						1.00			1.00
Rev. J. W. Goddard, Talladega						1.00			1.00
Mrs. E. M. Arnsstead	1.50	1.50							3.00
Mrs. Alice Hawkins, Montgomery						50			50
Rev. A. J. Knight, Montgomery						1.00			1.00
Rev. J. R. Barney, Talladega						1.00			1.00
Rev. U. Savage, Muford						1.00			1.00
Rev. W. N. Cunningham, Talladega						1.00			1.00
Rev. C. T. Simpson, Opelika						1.00			1.00
Rev. C. T. Simpson, Auburn	2.50	2.50							5.00
Rev. D. James, Birmingham						1.00			1.00
P. W. Wallom, Woodlawn						1.00			1.00
W. S. Rivers, Anniston					5.00				5.00
W. T. Jackson, Anniston					3.00				3.00
R. C. Rivers, Talladega					1.00				1.00
Rev. C. S. Dinkins					1.00				1.00
Rev. W. H. Alpine, Montgomery	2.50	2.50							5.00
Franklin St. Bapt Church, Mobile	10.00								10.00
Rev. A. A. Scott, Birmingham					25				25
Rev. H. S. Thompson						1.00			1.00
State B. Y. F. U.						3.00			3.00
Rev. L. F. Jackson, Mobile						1.00			1.00
Rev. G. M. Coleman, Cramptonia					50				50
Rev. W. H. Reddick, Greensboro						1.00			1.00
R. B. Hudson, Selma						1.00			1.00
Prof. R. B. Hudson, Dist. S. S. Conception	2.50	2.50							5.00
Rev. R. F. Schell, Bufala								1.00	1.00
Rev. E. Moon, Union Springs									1.00
Rev. E. M. Fisher, Birmingham				5.00					5.00
Prof. B. W. Night, Birmingham	3.25	3.25							6.50
Miss M. Gertrude Gibbs, Mobile					5.00				5.00
Rev. W. I. Howard, Birmingham								1.00	1.00
Miss C. M. Mills, Montgomery								1.00	1.00
Prof. J. C. Leftwich	1.00		1.00	50	2.00	50			54.00
Rev. A. T. Owens, Mobile								1.00	1.00

ALABAMA—CONTINUED.

NAME AND POST OFFICE.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual members.	Totals.
S. M. Hall, Birmingham	2 50	2 50							5 00
Mrs. R. R. Pitts								4 00	4 00
Rev. W. H. Holloway, Birmingham								1 00	1 00
Rev. J. O. A. Wilhite	2 50	2 50						1 00	6 00
Rev. B. B. Young, Mobile									
Rev. A. W. DeLamper, Talladega			5 00						5 00
Rev. J. J. Johnson, Union Springs								1 00	1 00
Rev. J. R. A. Wilson, East Lake								1 00	1 00
Rev. F. R. Kennedy, Anniston	3 00	3 00						1 00	7 00
Rev. J. B. Brown, Wetumpka			25						25
Rev. Moses Davis, Wetumpka								1 00	1 00
First African Church, Eufaula	1 00							1 00	2 00
Class 5 of 10th St. Bap. S. S., Birmingham	1 00							1 00	2 00
Rev. P. H. Hughes, Pratt City	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00			5 00
Rev. N. P. Anderson, Johns	1 50	1 50	50	1 00	50				4 50
C. L. Fisher, Birmingham				5 00					5 00
James Riley, Birmingham	5 00								5 00
Rev. J. B. Brown, Wetumpka	50								50
Total	250 00	250 00	119 50	255 70	135 75	130 75	1 00	423 00	1 000 20

ARKANSAS.

NAME AND POST OFFICE.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual members.	Totals.
Rev. W. E. Barrett	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1 00	1 00
Rev. J. B. Brown, Wetumpka	13 08							1 00	14 08
Pauline Dawson, Haynes						1 50			1 50
O. R. King, Little Rock								1 00	1 00
Rev. W. E. Barrett, Crawfordville	2 00	2 00	1 00						5 00
Rev. W. E. Barrett, Camden and Monroe As.									
Wm. J. B. Brown, Helena	120 00								120 00
J. B. Bolden, Pine Bluff	1 00	2 00	50	50	50	50			350 00
J. M. Harris, Texarkana	1 00								1 00
J. M. Harris, Texarkana					3 65				3 65
Rev. A. H. Miller, Helena	5 00							1 00	6 00
Rev. T. F. Hillard, Texarkana						1 00			1 00
Rev. M. Dorch, Helena						1 00			1 00
Mrs. Sarah Cox, Pine Bluff						1 00			1 00
Mrs. Ella Gilmore, Little Rock						1 00			1 00
Rev. J. L. Roland, Jericho	1 00	1 00	1 00						3 00
Sister Maude Bailey, District Ass'n	21 00								21 00
Mrs. S. Shanks, Pine Bluff						1 00			1 00
Rev. S. A. Mosely, Pine Bluff	1 00	2 00	1 00	50	50				3 50
Z. L. James, Arkadelphia	25	25	25	25					100
Rev. W. Masser, Valley District Ass'n	5 00								5 00
Rev. W. Masser, Little Rock	1 00								1 00
Thompson Foster, Gretna						1 00			1 00
R. A. Alexander, Augusta						1 00			1 00
J. M. Owens, Augusta						1 00		1 00	2 00
J. H. Sims, Wagoner						1 00			1 00
A. J. Steele, Scott						1 00			1 00
Rachel Leon, Ft. Smith	1 00								1 00
L. E. Avant, Forrest City	20	20	20	20	20				100
Rev. M. Prude, Vincennes						1 00			1 00
J. S. Drew, Helena					2 00				2 00

ARKANSAS—CONTINUED.

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D. D. Davis, Lonoke	25	25	25	25	25				125
A. P. Stewart, Helena	5 00								5 00
W. H. Hill, Forrest City	15 00			5 00					20 00
I. C. Hill, North Association								1 00	1 00
Rev. O. E. Williams, Texarkana								1 00	1 00
M. C. Williams									
Ebra A. Phillips, LaGrange	20	20	20	20	20				100
B. J. Brown, Magnolia				1 00					1 00
Mrs. J. H. Blount, Forrest City				1 00	1 00				2 00
L. G. Bailey, Pine Bluff		2 00	1 00						3 00
Rev. A. W. D. Tampest, Pence		1 00		2 00	2 00				5 00
Mrs. Rosa McJunkins, Little Rock	5 00								5 00
L. D. Bundy, Surrounded Hill	2 00	50	1 00	50	2 00				250
G. W. Wayne, Little Rock	14 00	12 00	6 00	5 00	1 50				38 50
Rev. Edward Green, Hardiges	1 00								1 00
Rev. J. K. Jamison						1 00			1 00
J. W. Stott, Ashall						1 00			1 00
Wm. Binkley, Helena	5 00	5 00	4 00						15 00
T. S. Sander, Helena				1 00					1 00
R. M. Caver, Helena						1 00			1 00
Rev. J. W. Lyons, Luxora				1 00					1 00
R. W. Whitlow, Malvern						1 00			1 00
I. R. Bennett, Hot Springs						1 00			1 00
Mrs. R. L. Marsh, Hot Springs	2 50	2 50	2 50		2 50				10 00
Woman's State Association	2 50			2 50					5 00
Young Men's School Convention									
W. M. Luck						5 00			5 00
D. D. Davis						1 25			1 25
Rev. A. T. Steward, Helena						5 00			5 00
M. C. Williams						5 00			5 00
H. W. Weston						1 00			1 00
O. E. Williams						1 00			1 00
I. C. Hill, Pine Bluff						1 00			1 00
North Arkansas Association	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50				20 00
Central Association		5 00							5 00
North-east Association						1 00			1 00
Dr. P. W. Clark						1 00			1 00
T. P. Heldear						2 00			2 00
R. V. P. P.						1 00			1 00
Prof. J. E. Knox, Little Rock						10 00			10 00
E. G. G.	5 00	5 00				1 00			11 00
W. M. Blocky						1 00			1 00
Woman's District P. L. and M.	5 00	5 00							10 00
First Baptist Church B. Y. P. U.						6 00			6 00
M. Proffitt						1 00			1 00
Miss Rachel Isam, Fort Smith						5 00			5 00
E. G. G.						1 00			1 00
R. Lawson						1 00			1 00
Dr. E. C. Morris, Helena		3 00							3 00
C. B. Brown						1 00			1 00
P. S. Sander, Little Rock						1 00			1 00
I. W. Hegons						1 00			1 00
N. M. Moore						1 00			1 00
Z. L. Jones, Riceville						1 00			1 00
I. Payne						2 50			2 50
B. G. G. Association	2 50					1 00			3 50
Mrs. L. S. Hunt						1 00			1 00
Rev. Brown, Mannans						1 00			1 00
B. H. Haynes, Redemption	25	25	25	25					100

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ARKANSAS—CONTINUED.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. V. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund.	Capetown.	Annual Members.	Totals.
Rev. Alexander, Cotton Plant.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 5
Total	\$247 73	\$46 65	\$21 65	\$23 65	\$26 80	\$101 35	\$ 2 50	\$ 6 00	\$ 476 3	

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D. N. E. Campbell, M. D., Santiago.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1 00	
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Rev. W. H. Brooks, Washington.....	\$56 06	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 56 06	
Rev. M. C. Maxfield, Washington.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	
Rev. J. A. Taylor, Washington.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	
Rev. Robert Johnson, Washington.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	
Rev. W. B. Johnson, Washington.....	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	
Rev. M. C. Maxfield, Washington.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	
Rev. J. Tolliver, Washington.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	
Rev. Robert Johnson, M. D., Washington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
Total	\$60 06	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 77 06	

FLORIDA.

Rev. H. C. Williams.....	\$ 3 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 5 00	
Robert H. Stanley, Tampa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	
G. W. Ralford, Pensacola.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	
Rev. E. N. Robinson, Pulaski.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
Rev. J. N. Stokes, Orlando.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	1 00	1 50	
Rev. J. B. Murray, Milton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
Rev. N. W. Ellison, Bellview.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
Rev. A. B. Welsh, Gainesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
Rev. J. M. Trammell, Jacksonville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
C. J. Hardy, Pensacola.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	
J. W. Westfield, Eden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	
H. Holman, Tampa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	
C. Cremer, Sanford.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	
Rev. N. T. Hinton, South Florida Ass'n.....	5 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	
Rev. J. B. Reese, Tarpon Springs.....	50	2 50	50	25	25	.....	.....	.....	2 00	
Rev. H. Holman, Tampa.....	75	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	1 50	
Miss Delaney, Tampa.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	
Rev. A. B. Welsh.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	
W. D. Johnson, Jacksonville.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	
Rev. J. H. McClain, St. Augustine.....	50	50	50	50	50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	
E. P. M. Kinney, Live Oak.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	
Mrs. Julia A. Patterson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	
J. A. Davis, DeLand.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	
Rev. R. Kemp.....	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00	
Bethel Baptist Sunday School, Tampa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	
E. M. Brawley, D. D., Mt. Tabor, Palatka.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	
Total	\$28 25	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 6 75	\$23 00	\$ 6 50	\$.....	\$ 8 00	\$ 78 50	

GEORGIA.

NAME AND POST OFFICE.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual Members.	Totals.
Rev. N. B. Williams.....	\$ 5 00							\$ 1 00	\$ 6 00
Prof. J. C. Ross, Savannah.									
Prof. John Graham, Lebanon.									
J. W. Jackson, Cuthbert.									
Miss Abbie L. Johnson.....									
Charles White, Augusta.									
Wm. Gray.....									
G. M. Devill, Augusta.									
R. J. Blunt, Atlanta.									
S. C. DeLamatta, Atlanta.									
Mrs. B. Hammond, Atlanta.									
Rev. P. James Bryant, Atlanta.									
Mrs. Sarah Fisher, Lagrange.									
Rev. J. H. Moore, Griffin.									
Rev. J. P. Foster, Griffin.									
Mrs. Addie Dupree, Atlanta.									
W. W. Williams, Macon.									
G. M. Spratling, Brunswick.									
Rev. A. B. Marden.									
Rev. W. R. Forbes, Macon.									
Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, Columbus.									
Rev. W. T. Cowan, Augusta.									
Rev. D. W. Cowan.									
Rev. C. W. Young, Americus.									
Miss Julia Vaughan, J. A. Josey, L. M. Ann.									
Robert K. Smith, Columbia.									
Rev. L. P. O. Bryan.									
Rev. John Williams.									
Rev. Willis Murphy, Atlanta.									
Rev. J. A. Josey, Atl.									
Rev. J. B. Davis, Thos.									
Rev. J. B. Davis, Thos.									
Rev. J. B. Davis, Thos.									
G. W. Wheeler.									
Lula B. Mitchell, Griffin.									
W. H. Anderson, Evansville.									
Rev. J. W. Carr, Indianapolis.									
Rev. J. D. Rouse, Evansville.									
Rev. J. T. Williams, Grandview.									
G. W. Griffin, 1st Bap. Ch., Savannah.									
W. E. Williams, Carrollton.									
Lewis Williams, Carrollton.									
H. Hall, Macon.									
J. J. Durham, D. D. Savannah.									
Mrs. S. Scott, Washington.									
Rev. R. Murren, Macon.									
Rev. L. C. Pearce, Carlisle.									

GEORGIA—CONTINUED.

NAME AND POST OFFICE.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual Members.	Totals.
A. J. Allen, Cuthbert.....	\$ 1 54	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 50	\$ 46	\$ 25	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 50
Rev. S. Buford, Waycross.....	50	50	35	25	25				2 00
Rev. C. A. Johnson, Leesburg.....	1 00								1 00
E. J. Fisher, Atlanta.....	1 00								1 00
C. S. Wilkins, B. D., Augusta.....	25	25	25	25					1 00
Rev. J. K. Rogers, Waycross.....	50								50
Rev. J. R. Willis, Dawson.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. Dr. C. P. Thompson, Boston.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. A. D. Williams, Atlanta.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. E. R. Carter, D. R., Atlanta.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. H. K. Harrison, Atlanta.....	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00					10 00
Rev. S. S. McFall, Savannah.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. J. S. Kelsey, D. D., Columbus.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. M. J. Morris, Cordele.....	1 00								1 00
Viola M. Allen, Macon.....									
Totals.....	\$127 69	\$ 6 25	\$10 50	\$14 75	\$11 75	\$12 21	\$ 4 00	\$ 187 15	

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Rev. P. R. Neil, Chickasaw.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00
B. Y. P. Ardmore.....	1 00								1 00
New Hope Baptist Church, Ardmore.....	5 00								5 00
Rev. P. R. Neil, Chickasaw Bap. S. S. Con.	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00					4 00
Rev. P. R. Neil, Chickasaw Bap. Ass'n	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00					4 00
Total.....	\$ 8 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 00			\$ 17 00

INDIANA.

W. H. Anderson, Evansville.....	\$ 3 50								\$ 3 50
Rev. J. W. Carr, Indianapolis.....	7 09								7 09
Rev. J. D. Rouse, Evansville.....	1 00								1 00
Rev. J. T. Williams, Grandview.....	12 09								12 09
Total.....	\$ 23 68				\$ 2 00	\$ 50		\$ 1 00	\$ 27 18

ILLINOIS.

D. H. Harris.....	\$ 2 00			\$ 1 50					\$ 3 50
Mrs. Annie Peyton, Chicago.....	10 00			2 50	2 50				15 00
D. S. Harris, Chicago.....	2 00			1 50					3 50
Total.....	\$ 14 00			\$ 5 50	\$ 2 50				\$ 22 00

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IOWA.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual Members.	Total.
D. J. Tate, Evans	\$ 50	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 50
P. W. Jones, Centerville				4 00		1 00			5 00
Total	\$ 50	\$	\$	\$ 4 00	\$	\$ 1 00	\$	\$	\$ 55 00

KENTUCKY.

J. H. May, South Carrollton	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
J. Caldwell, Smithfield								1 00	2 00
Dr. Robert Mitchell, Frankfort	3 00							1 00	4 00
E. W. Reed, Louisville								1 00	1 00
W. R. Richardson, B. D., Louisville								1 00	1 00
Maggie Alexander, Louisville								1 00	1 00
Abree Alexander, Louisville								1 00	1 00
R. H. Fauntleroy, Louisville								1 00	1 00
W. H. McKidley, D. D., Cadiz								1 00	1 00
G. H. Thompson, Leitchfield	15							1 00	1 25
S. H. Prewitt, Owensboro	10 00							1 00	11 00
S. J. Leavell, Cadiz	25	25						1 00	50 00
J. B. Wood, Danville			25					1 00	1 25
C. G. Fishback, Bowling Green	5 00							1 00	6 00
P. M. Hammond, Louisville								1 00	1 00
D. A. Gaddie, Louisville	1 00				1 00				2 00
C. P. M. Bigbee, Newport	8 75								8 75
Total	\$28 25	\$ 25	\$	\$ 25	\$ 1 00	\$ 25	\$	\$11 00	\$ 42 00

KANSAS.

W. L. Grant	\$ 4 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$	\$	\$ 5 00	\$ 20 00
Rev. W. L. Grant, Kansas City	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				5 00
Bock Creek Bap. Ch., Council Grove									1 00
Mrs. M. D. Jones, N. Topeka	1 00				1 40				1 40
Total	\$ 6 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 40	\$	\$	\$ 5 00	\$ 27 40

LOUISIANA.

S. E. Preicy, New Orleans	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5 00
J. B. Livingston, State Convention	25 00				5 00				30 00
L. C. Simon								1 00	1 00
A. R. Butler								1 00	1 00
A. J. Horton								1 00	1 00
J. B. Green								1 00	1 00
J. A. Carter								1 00	1 00
W. M. Hamilton					5 00				5 00
W. B. Pervis								1 00	1 00
C. S. Collins, A. B.								1 00	1 00
O. F. Smith								1 00	1 00
S. A. Costan								1 00	1 00
A. T. Sumpter								1 00	1 00
L. J. Campbell								1 00	1 00
R. Taylor								1 00	1 00
H. C. Cotton					5 00				5 00

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LOUISIANA - CONTINUED.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Capetown.	Annual Members.	Total.
J. M. Payne									\$ 1 00
H. C. Cotton, Baptist State Convention				5 00					63 00
The Bureau Baptist Association, First District Association, Rev. S. T. Clanton, New Orleans	4 00			4 00					8 00
Total	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 16 00	\$ 10 00	\$	\$	\$133 00

MARYLAND.

M. N. Sparks, Baltimore	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
W. H. Sherwood, Baltimore			5 00					1 00	6 00
Mrs. Mary R. Reid, Baltimore				2 00		5 00			7 00
Mrs. F. Green, Baltimore									5 00
Dr. Harvey Johnson, Baltimore				5 00					5 00
James H. Reid, Baltimore									10 00
R. F. Taylor, Columbus			5 00					1 00	6 00
Mary E. Reid, R. B. Reid, Baltimore									5 00
Total	\$	\$	\$10 00	\$	\$ 7 00	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 3 00	\$ 25 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. Dr. A. W. Adams, Boston	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
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MISSISSIPPI.

N. Grason, Okemore	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
N. H. Henley, Yazoo City								1 00	1 00
N. C. Weeks, Starksville									1 00
Belle F. Hunter, Arcola									1 00
J. H. C. Henry, Natchez									1 00
P. C. Hunter, Natchez									1 00
A. J. Hamilton, Vicksburg	1 00								2 00
A. M. Johnson, Vicksburg									1 00
J. Williams, Yazoo City									1 00
J. Brown, Lexington			1 50						1 50
H. C. Wardfield, Shelby	1 00								1 00
R. C. Anderson, Pickens									1 00
P. H. Thompson, Kosciusko									1 00
E. Johnson, Coffeeville									1 00
W. H. Bernadin, Okolona	4 00								4 00
M. C. Adams, Columbus									1 00
R. Moody, Lexington									1 00
B. Watson, Kemper Springs	1 00								1 00
C. P. Person	2 00								2 00
E. M. Lewis, Columbus	1 00								1 00
I. Perton, Water Valley									1 00
A. V. Cossey, Clarksville									1 00
D. B. Cleveland	1 00								1 00
I. W. Ayers, Austerlitz	1 00								1 00

MISSISSIPPI—Continued.

NAMEs AND POST OFFICES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. F. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cape Town.	Annual Members.	Totals.
J. M. Mieson, Columbus.	\$ 1 00			\$ 50				\$ 1 00	1 00
W. H. Higginne, Holton				50					1 00
S. M. Duke, Columbus.				50					1 00
E. W. Brown				1 00					1 00
Mrs. McCahey, Duncan.					1 00				1 00
J. C. Lumberi, Canton.							1 00		1 00
R. T. Sims, Canton.									1 00
A. J. Johnson, Jackson									1 00
E. S. Topp					50				1 00
C. T. Stamps, Edwards.									1 00
McCahey, Duncan								1 00	1 00
Bethlehem Sundry School, Shaw									1 00
S. A. Rivers, Meridian									1 00
N. W. Wallace, Greenwood.									1 00
F. Wallace, Valley Park.									1 00
Wm. G. Henson, Rosedale									1 00
Aaron Tatterback Bap. S. S., Rosedale.									1 00
Total	\$21 38	25	3 25	25	\$11 25	2 75		\$12 00	\$44 00

MISSOURI.

A. R. Edwards, Topeka.....	\$	2 50		\$	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 50
E. Calvin, St. Louis.....		10 00		2 50			5 00
J. Golis, St. Louis.....		5 00					10 00
B. M. Coburn, St. Joseph.....		50					1 00
J. H. Oden, St. Louis.....				1 50		1 00	3 00
J. H. Oden, St. Louis.....						1 00	1 00
Total.....	\$	25 00		\$ 2 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00

NEW JERSEY.

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NEW YORK.

John L. Waters	13 00	12 00	2 00	1 80	2 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Benj. D. Poole					2 00				3 00
C. T. Walker, D. D., and others		2 50					10 00		3 00
Rev. S. W. Timma, Brooklyn	10 00								20 00
Total	113 00	4 50	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	110 00		20 00

NORTH CAROLINA.

Names and Post Offices.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. & F. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund.	Capt. Town.	Annual Meeting.	Total.
R. R. Cartwright, Belcross.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00				\$ 6 00
C. M. Cartwright, Belcross.....	50	10	10	10	10	10				1 00
Caesar Johnson, Raleigh.....	1 00									1 00
Mrs. D. Dunn, Raleigh.....										50
G. Pannik Hunt, Wilmington.....	1 00									1 00
W. B. Burke, Blenton.....			50			50				1 00
C. C. C. Forbes, Greenville.....				1 00		1 50				2 50
L. P. Sharpe, Blenton.....				1 00		1 00				2 00
Rev. J. R. Brown, New Castle.....	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00				13 00
Total.....	\$ 6 20	\$ 2 10	\$ 6 00	\$ 4 10	\$ 1 10	\$ 1 10				\$ 28 20

OKLAHOMA.

Rev W.C. Howell, Langston	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.			\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
D Wilson, Kingfisher								1.00	1.00
E E. Ware, Oklahoma City								5.00	1.00
Total	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00			\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00

OHIO.

Names and Post Offices.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. V. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Cynthiana.	Annual Members.	Totals.
J. M. Riddle, State Con.	\$ 50 20		\$ 4 00					1 00	63 20
C. M. Williams, Oberlin	1 00								1 00
Chili State Convention, — Peter Everett	\$3 00	\$ 4 00							62 00
First Baptist Church, Richmond	70	50			1 00				3 00
George D. Smith, Lorain	1 00								1 00
A. M. Thomas	2 00			\$ 1 00					3 00
H. C. Randolph, Chili						\$ 1 00			1 00
Total.	\$121 70	\$ 4 50	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00		\$ 9 00	\$135 20

PENNSYLVANIA.

J. W. Pierson, Philadelphia	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Deborah Brown	3.00	0.00
J. D. Brooks, Germantown	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00

PENNSYLVANIA—CONTINUED.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. F. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Capetown.	Annual Members.	Total.
C. A. Edwards, North Wales						\$ 5 00			\$ 5 00
Dr. Wm. H. Phillips, Philadelphia								1 00	1 00
Alex. Childs, Philadelphia						2 00			2 00
John S. Trower, Philadelphia	2 50	\$ 2 50							5 00
John S. Trower, Pennsylvania Baptist Sunday School Convention, Philadelphia	2 50	2 50	2 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 00				10 00
Dr. W. A. Creditt, Philadelphia	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50					10 00
E. W. Moore, Philadelphia	10 00				5 00	1 00			\$ 14 00
Dr. J. L. Barksdale, Philadelphia									30 00
P. B. Byrd	2 00	2 00	2 00		50	50	3 00		10 00
L. C. Garland, Williamsport	25 00								25 00
J. W. Ford, Wayne						5 00			5 00
Sunday School Second Baptist Church, Wayne						5 00			5 00
Clarence Parrish, Philadelphia						2 00			2 00
Total	\$ 46 50	\$ 9 50	\$ 11 00	\$ 9 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 27 00	\$ 14 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 123 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Henry A. Jeter, Newport	\$ 5 00								\$ 5 00
J. H. Presley, Providence	5 00						\$ 10 00		15 00
Total	\$ 10 00						\$ 10 00		\$ 20 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

J. W. Leak, Cross Hill								\$ 1 00	1 00
C. W. Wakeland								1 00	1 00
T. F. Marshall, McCormick			\$ 5 00						5 00
P. Simon									1 00
M. W. Gilbert, Charleston	\$ 7 00					\$ 1 00			8 00
T. L. Jones, Orangeburg	50	\$ 25	25						1 00
Dr. A. P. Dunbar, Columbia	25	25		\$ 25	\$ 25				1 00
S. Oliver, Stoneville	1 00								1 00
C. T. Godwin, Greenwood	25	25							50
R. W. Baylor, Columbia	1 00	1 00				25			2 25
M. C. H. Dillard, Clinton	25	25							50
J. W. Leak, Cross Hill								1 00	1 00
P. W. Simmons, Frogmore	1 00	1 00							2 00
J. F. Marshall, McCormick			5 00						5 00
F. R. Wallace, Newberry	50	50							1 00
C. Whitehead, Columbia								1 00	1 00

SOUTH CAROLINA—CONTINUED.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. F. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Capetown.	Annual Members.	Total.
John W. Leak	5 00								5 00
B. M. Lodge, Frogmore		50							50
D. C. Nix, Orangeburg	50		25	25					1 00
E. M. Glover, Winnsboro						1 00			1 00
C. B. Soley, Orangeburg									1 00
J. C. Tabin, Greenville	25	25							50
D. P. Holmes, Columbia					1 00				1 00
T. H. McNeel, Ridgeway					1 00				1 00
D. C. Washington, Frogmore	1 00	50	50	50	50				3 00
J. W. Simons, Columbia	2 50			2 50					5 00
J. F. Marshall, McCormick	2 00	50	1 00						3 50
John I. Harmon, Sumter	25	25	25	25	50				1 50
Knights of Wise Men, Frogmore	25	25	25	25					1 00
T. S. Gilmore, Rock Hill	25	25	30	30	25	25			1 60
F. A. Gossaway, Anderson	50				25	25			1 00
J. C. Daniel, Columbia	1 00	25	25	25					2 00
J. W. Eakin, Camden	25	25	25	25					1 00
H. Donaldson, Dunklin	1 00								1 00
A. Robertson, Greenville	25		25	25	25	25			1 00
J. W. Eakin, Greenville	25		25	25	25	25			1 00
P. P. Watson, Moultrie	25	25	25	25					1 00
D. C. Jackson, Anderson	2 00	25	25	50	2 00				5 00
Paul Grantham, Sumter	25	25	25	25	25				1 25
I. P. Brockenton, Darlington	1 00								1 00
G. Kirkland, Orangeburg	1 00								1 00
A. R. Robinson, Greenville									1 00
W. H. Hagood, Denmark	25	25	25	25					1 00
D. V. Eads, Frogmore	25	25	25	25					1 00
W. H. Kennedy, Orangeburg	25	25	25	25					1 00
Total	\$ 33 50	\$ 8 25	\$ 17 05	\$ 7 30	\$ 7 25	\$ 4 00		\$ 6 00	\$ 83 35

TENNESSEE.

H. Clark, Nashville								\$ 1 00	1 00
Nashville, A. M. A.								1 00	2 00
G. W. Word	\$ 1 00				\$ 2 50				3 50
J. C. Cherry, Chattanooga								1 00	1 00
T. C. Ewing								1 00	1 00
Wm. Haynes, East Fork								1 00	1 00
H. H. H. H.	9 00				3 00				12 00
F. F. R. C. Fleming, Memphis	50	\$ 50	\$ 50	50	2 00	\$ 2 00			5 00
H. H. H. H.	1 00	1 00	1 00						3 00
V. H. H. H.	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				5 00

VIRGINIA—CONTINUED.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	National Baptist Publishing Board.	National B. Y. P. U. Board.	General Expenses.	Chapel Fund, Capetown.	Annual Members.	Total.
Dr. H. Powell, Richmond.								1 00	1 00
A. Green, Yorktown.	2 00		1 00						3 00
Georgia Creekmen, Norfolk.	5 00								5 00
Miss P. H. Smith, Lynchburg.					3 00			1 00	4 00
Mrs. Lizzie C. Hall, Danville.							2 00		2 00
C. S. Coleman, Spotsburg.								1 00	1 00
E. C. Thompson, Rumpas.								1 00	1 00
Lynchburg, Terrell.								1 00	1 00
Richard Coleman, Milford.								1 00	1 00
Thos. H. White, Harrison.						1 00			1 00
G. Mancheson, R. D.	2 00								2 00
D. W. I. A. M., Richmond.									
W. W. Brown, Roanoke.	20	20	20	20	20				100
S. Todd.	4 00								4 00
E. R. Jackson, Alexandria.	20 00			1 50					21 50
Total.	2 00	2 20	3 00	11 50	30 00	6 75	4 00	16 00	171 50
WASHINGTON.									
B. J. Prince, New Castle.									13 00
Total.									13 00
WEST VIRGINIA.									
N. Smith.								5 00	5 00
Mary M. Stratton, St. Albans.								1 00	1 00
S. Stratton, St. Albans.								1 00	1 00
Sunday School Con.	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	50				50
Second Baptist Church, Fayetteville.						1 00			1 00
C. H. Payne, D. D. Huntington.	5 00								5 00
Total.	7 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00			7 00
STATES.									
Alabama.	\$ 20 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 10 50	\$ 25 70	\$ 53 75	\$ 90 50	\$ 1 00		
Arkansas.	247 75	26 55	21 65	21 65	26 60	101 35	2 30		
District of Columbia.	60 00	2 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	2 00			
Florida.	28 25	4 00	3 00	5 75	13 00	6 50			
Georgia.	127 60	6 25	10 50	14 25	16 75	13 00			

STATES—CONTINUED.

Illinois.	24 00			8 00	5 00				37 00
Indiana.	18 50				2 00			1 00	22 00
Indian Territory.	8 00	2 00	2 00		1 00				17 00
Iowa.	7 50			4 00	1 00				5 50
Kansas.	7 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 40			27 40
Kentucky.	28 25	25		25	1 00	25			42 00
Louisiana.	78 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	16 00	10 00		13 00	120 00
Maryland.	1 00		10 00		9 00	5 00		3 00	25 00
Massachusetts.									1 00
Mississippi.	22 36	25	3 25	25	11 25	2 75		17 00	57 11
Missouri.	18 00				2 50	1 50		3 00	25 00
New Jersey.	22 00	4 00					10 00		36 00
New York.	13 00	4 50	2 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	10 00		33 50
North Carolina.	6 20	3 10	6 60	4 10	5 10	1 10			20 20
Ohio.	122 20	5 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		2 00	137 20
Oklahoma.	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			3 00	8 00
Pennsylvania.	46 50	9 50	11 00	9 50	2 50	27 00	14 00	3 00	123 00
Rhode Island.	10 00								10 00
South Carolina.	33 50	8 25	17 05	7 30	7 25	4 00		6 00	85 35
Tennessee.	56 50	5 60	10 10	8 55	23 70	31 50		11 00	146 05
Texas.	4 50	75	1 00		2 75	1 00		1 00	11 00
Virginia.	96 55	2 20	2 05	11 50	20 87	6 75	4 00	26 00	171 82
West Virginia.	12 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00		2 00	18 00
Special Collection.									
Public Collection.	100 00								100 00
Mission and Night Collection.									
Mt. Olive Baptist Church.	42 38	1 50							43 88
D. T. Gully.	25	25	25	25	25	25			1 50
Texas Sufferers' Collection.									235 31
Mass Meeting.	213 30								213 30
Total.	\$1492 93	\$191 93	\$138 35	\$144 05	\$221 97	\$261 34	\$51 50	\$147 00	\$2884 38

MONEY SENT TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD FOR NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Anderson, Ohio.									
David Pettiford.	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25						\$ 90
Hopwell Baptist Church, Tennessee, H.									
E. Pennington.	25	25	25	25					1 00
Brookville Baptist Church, Campbell, Va.	50	50		50					1 50
B. W. Leftwich.									
New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Kendrick, Fla.	25		25	25				25	1 00
Rev. W. E. Edwards.									
Little Zion Baptist Church, Broxton, Ga.	20	20	20	20	20				1 00
L. Randolph.									
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Twin Lake, Fla.	25	25	25	25	25	25			1 50
George Ravel.									
Sim's Chapel Baptist Church, Michigan City, Miss.	50	50	50	50	50	50			2 75
Mrs. A. M. Harris.									
First A. B. Baptist Church, Kingsland, Ga.	10	10	10	10	10				50
Matt. Denard.									
Union Baptist Church, Oakland, Fla., A. C. Gemon.	13	13	13	13	13	13			78
Austin, Tex., J. H. Hollis.	25		20	25					1 00
Flat Rock Baptist Church, Good Hope, Ala.									
Emma Barton.									56
Melanton St. Baptist Church, East Orange, N. J., S. C. Ewing.									1 00
Salt Brick Baptist Church, Reagan, Tex.									
A. G. Salter.		10	15	15					50
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Scott's, Ark., W. E. G.	50	25	25						1 00
Missionary Baptist Church, Sunflower, Miss., R. B. Miles.	25	25	50	1 00					2 00

MONEY SENT TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD FOR NA-
TIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION—CONTINUED.

First Baptist Church, St. Charles, Ky.,	25	25	25	25	100
J. W. Davis.....	25	25	25	25	100
Second Baptist Church, K. K. Owens.....	25	25	25	25	100
Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ga., D.	25	15	25	25	100
Washington.....	25	15	25	25	100
J. W. Witherspoon.....	25	15	25	25	100
Center Point Baptist Church, Conway,	05	05	05	05	20
Tenn., S. M. McLaurine.....	25	25	25	25	100
First Zion Baptist Church, Percy Creek,	25	25	25	25	100
Miss., E. Caine.....	25	25	25	25	100
Zion Baptist Church, Weisman, Ga., J.	1 00				100
Scott.....	1 00				100
Gallie Baptist Church, Spring Ridge, La.	75	1 00			175
Wm. Caldwell.....	75	1 00			175
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Cloy, Ga. J.	40	10	10	10	100
S. Scott.....	40	10	10	10	100
Alix Leaf Baptist Church, Suffolk, Va., J.	25	25	25	25	100
T. Jordan.....	25	25	25	25	100
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Mound	25	25	25	25	100
Bayou, Miss., P. R. Gipson.....	25	25	25	25	100
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Murfreesboro,	25	25	25	25	100
Tenn., Wm. Shanes.....	25	25	25	25	100
St. Paul Baptist Church, Barfield, Ark.	70				70
W. W. Coleridge.....	70				70
Missionary Baptist Church, Pine Bluff,	1 00				100
Ark., Martin Sanders.....	1 00				100
Missionary Baptist Church, Wabbaseka,					100
Ark., H. W. Walker.....					100
St. Joe Baptist Church, Galloway, Ark.	50	25	25	25	100
W. E. Gray.....	50	25	25	25	100
Williams' Grove Baptist Church, Rose-					100
mead, N. C., I. Newsom.....					100
First Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky., An-	25	25	25	25	100
nie Campbell.....	25	25	25	25	100
First Baptist Church, Rubyville, Tenn., G.	25	25	25	25	100
W. White.....	25	25	25	25	100
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Eureka, S. C.	05	05	05	05	20
P. M. Mackey.....	05	05	05	05	20
Baptist Church, Georgetown, Ohio, Miss					100
Clara F. Yates.....					100
Zion Baptist Church, Roxie, Miss., E. N.					60
Bryant.....					60
Oak Field Baptist Church, Brent, Fla.,	50	25	25	25	125
Roxie Jerralds.....	50	25	25	25	125
Walda, Fla., W. J. Walker.....	50	25	25	25	125
Total.....	\$ 7 63	\$ 7 58	\$ 8 04	\$ 8 38	\$ 2 63

MONEY SENT TO THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Mt. Carmel Association.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 97	\$ 10 97
Sharon Sunday School, Big Island, Va.,	2 80					2 80
Total.....	\$ 7 80	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 97	\$ 13 97

MONEY SENT TO THE NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD, NASHVILLE, TENN.

The State B. Y. P. U. Convention, Mississippi.....	\$ 20 00
The Enon B. Y. P. U., Childersburg, Ala.....	1 00
The St. Paul B. Y. P. U., Emmet, Ark.....	1 00
The St. Paul B. Y. P. U., Felder, Ala.....	50
The First Baptist B. Y. P. U., Stillmore, Ga.....	1 50
The New Mt. Pisgah B. Y. P. U., Equality, S. C.....	1 00

Rev. J. B. Robinson, Trussville, Ala.....	\$ 60
The New Hebron B. Y. P. U., Egypt, Miss.....	3 00
The St. John B. Y. P. U., Tiptonville, Tenn.....	1 50
The Grayson Chapel B. Y. P. U., North End, Ind. Ter.....	1 00
The Macedonia B. Y. P. U., Valdosta, Ga.....	3 00
The Dexter Ave. B. Y. P. U., Montgomery, Ala.....	5 00
First African Church B. Y. P. U., Savannah, Ga.....	1 00
N. J. Penn, B. Y. P. U., Talladega, Ala.....	11 00
Alabama State B. Y. P. U.....	1 00
Hattie Eskridge, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00

Total.....\$ 53 77

After carefully examining the report of the Finance Committee and that of the Treasurer, I find that they do not tally in respect to the total amount raised at the last session of the Convention. This difference seems to have been brought about by some messengers reporting what they paid during the year for conventional purposes, and the same, by mistake, has gotten into the report of the Finance Committee. Every effort was made to correct the error, but it seemed impossible to rectify this one. This matter will be given to the Executive Board.

W. L. CANSLER, Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

EMANUEL K. LOVE, D. D.

There is no land to which death is a stranger; no home which it is powerless to invade; no giant whose strength it cannot weaken; no nation whose power it cannot conquer. Truly, "death rides in every flower, and lurks in every breeze." Only in death, however, hath the righteous final reward: for such a one death has no sting; neither has the grave any victory. Referring to the demise of Rev. Emanuel K. Love, D. D., of Savannah, Ga., the Negro Baptists of the United States of America, who sustain the most grievous loss by reason of his departure, have great reason to rejoice that a righteous life, a faithful trust and a loyal service gave him complete mastery over the grave and its terrors; over death and all the miseries which follow in its wake. He was a proud thinker; a fearless combatant in debate; a logician of rare and pleasant accomplishments; an untiring student of men and events; a courageous, manly man, who never dared to desert a friend or retreat from an approaching foe. He loved the Lord and praised Him with his whole heart; he believed fully in the doctrines enunciated by the most rigid advocates of Baptist principles and defended them fearlessly and without compromise; he believed firmly in the possibilities of the humble race which he represented, and encouraged every enterprise that was established for the development of the latent powers of his people.

Two decades passed over his head while he engaged in the arduous and difficult task of pastoring the First African Baptist Church—the largest Negro Baptist church in the world—during which a model pastoral service was performed and a proud, loyal and faithful constituency developed into a mighty engine of spiritual warfare.

Many years at the head of the Baptists of Georgia, in the capacity of president of the Baptist State Convention, he led the brilliant hosts from victory unto victory. Under his gallant leadership their victories were so complete that while his ashes rest beneath the peaceful shades of the weeping boughs, hanging over the "place of tombs" hard by Savannah, Ga., his unconquered and unconquerable spirit lives and cheers his comrades to the highest and noblest deeds of daring.

He is lost to us and the cause for which he gave his life; but the innumerable host of the saints above has welcomed the departed spirit to joys untold, to blisses eternal, to peace unending and to happiness unspeakable. He is forever at rest with the Lord.

In that happy land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Where perpetual day excludes the night
And pleasures banish pain.

COMMITTEE: M. W. Gilbert, A. J. Stokes, I. S. Sandifer, P. S. L. Hutchins, W. W. Whitton, Wm. Haynes, W. A. Credit, Mrs. A. A. Bowie, E. W. D. Isaac.

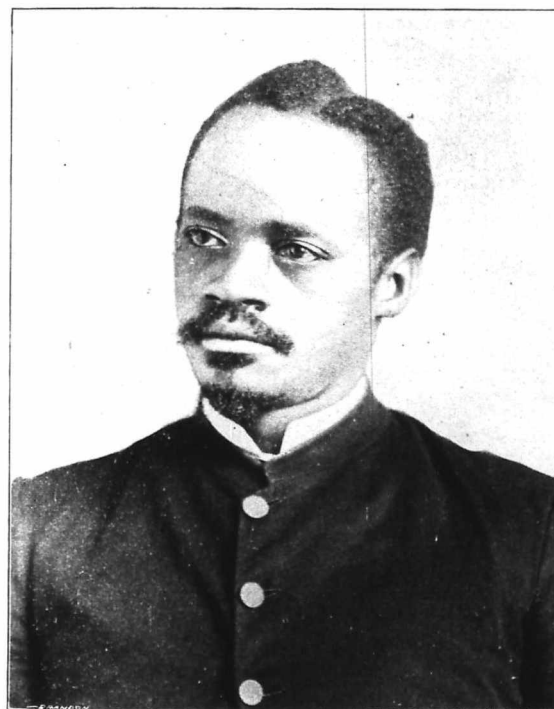
The above report was approved by the Convention.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

REV. J. L. COHRON.

Mr. President and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

It is through the kind providence of God that we are spared to meet in another Annual Meeting, for which we should be thankful to our Heavenly Father. Your statistician has found it quite difficult in arousing an interest in various brethren of different States so as to have them forward him the facts that they might be included in his report. We have urged upon the brethren throughout the United States of America the absolute importance of assisting him in gathering these truths regarding the Baptists in their great work for the Lord. A request from him was printed in the minutes of the National Baptist Convention asking the clerks of churches and secretaries of Associations and Sunday School Conventions to send him minutes and annual reports that he might compile the statistics. We are glad to say that some of our brethren have complied with our request, while others have remained silent. We also sent out blanks to be filled out by the different State secretaries and asked them to forward to us at once. Some have done so, while others have not. Some have handed them to us since the sitting of this Convention, which has made it impossible for us to give facts according to their reports. We have had to make an aggregate according to the reports we had in hand. Yet these very tardy



REV. E. K. LOVE, D. D.,
Late Pastor of First African Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.

brethren will come to the Convention, looking to the Secretary for an elaborate report concerning the great number of Baptists in America. We should like to mention the names of the first copies of minutes we received in the early part of the year 1900, namely, Afro-American Baptist Association of New Jersey, and the Baptist State Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina. We thank these brethren heartily for being the first to furnish us with a copy of their minutes and we trust that many more will catch the spirit of promptness in rendering their assistance to the Secretary.

We furnished last year in our report a list of the Associations of the States as best we could; this list is incomplete, of course. We regret very much that the State of Illinois was omitted entirely in our report last year; but in the general footing Illinois was included. We should be very glad if those who are in possession of the information needed would forward the same to the Secretary after the adjournment of this Convention and we will gladly include it in our report. We are also preparing the list of ordained ministers of the United States: you can help us with this list, for it is incomplete. Each State should see to it that she is properly reported, but it cannot be done without State help. Hence, we suggest that every State appoint a man at this meeting whose duty it shall be to inform your Secretary of the statistics of his State. It would be well, perhaps, to publish this list in our minutes, so that the Secretary would know with whom to correspond.

In the January issue of 1900, the great religious journal, the New York Independent, in making comparisons of the religious growth and decrease of the various denominations struck from our report 300,000 communicants: and one of our Negro Baptist papers took us to task for the bunglesomeness of our report, assigning this as the reason for the writing of the editor of the Independent. This is not the first time the editor of the Independent has seen fit to run his pencil through the statistical report of the Negro Baptists of America. He is an independent man, and besides he is a white man; therefore he is desirous of showing that his white Baptist brethren are increasing, notwithstanding it is at the expense of their black brethren. At the suggestion of Rev. E. C. Morris, our President, we asked the good editor, who took us to task for our bunglesomeness, to publish in his paper a statement from us correcting it, but, to our surprise, as we have always considered that editor a straightforward Christian gentleman, it either escaped our notice or he did not publish it. We are a subscriber to this paper, too. We trust, however, that he meant no intentional wrong. It is an undeniable fact that there are some Negro Baptists in all the states and territories that we did not have a report from last year, but the Independent counted them as white Baptists. Why then did the editor of the Independent deny these facts when he accepted our figures as to the number that he should subtract from our total if we were correct? He puts us down as numbering 1,555,324, while we reported our number to be 1,855,324. We might as well count them

Black Baptists as for him to count them White Baptists. Rev. R. DeBaptist, D. D., of Chicago, who was once the Statistician of this Convention, wrote me that it was the custom of the editor of the Independent to do this kind of a thing, hence it was nothing new.

Some of our leading brethren have suggested to us the advisability of making a year book out of our statistical report. We gladly accept the suggestion and think it a good one if the Convention will order it done. We have been gathering some facts with the view of doing this. It would naturally incur a greater expense, but with proper assistance from State secretaries and others we could be compensated by the information given.

We have missionaries operating in South Africa. Rev. R. A. Jackson, our General Superintendent, of Cape Town, South Africa, has corresponded with us regularly during the year. He promised to furnish us with the statistics for this Convention, but they had not reached our office when we left home. He is having a hard struggle to maintain our work there, yet he is hopeful for better days. He has quite a band of helpers around him who are laboring in the Lord's vineyard with great sacrifice. He gave us the names of nineteen ordained native preachers and eight licensed preachers, but we dare not attempt to call their names. These men are dependent upon the 1,864,600 Baptists of America to furnish them bread for the natural body, while they carry to the perishing millions "the bread of life" for their souls. This could be easily done by just one cent per year from every Baptist in America. That would give us \$18,646 to spend on Foreign Mission fields every year. Our Corresponding Secretary, Rev. L. G. Jordan, with the assistance of Rev. R. A. Jackson, has estimated the cost of building the Capetown Chapel at \$6,750; hence we see that we could build one such chapel every year and have left on hand \$11,896 to be used as salaries for missionaries and other general expenses. We would suggest to the Convention the idea of making such an appeal to the great Baptist family for one cent each on the first Sunday in June or any other month which in the judgment of the Convention would be a more appropriate time. There is much work to be done and but little means to do it with. "If you can not give your thousands, you can give the widow's mite."

We shall not weary your patience by reading to you all of the minute details in our report; this will be left for you to read in print in your leisure moments.

STATISTICS OF THE NEGRO BAPTIST CHURCH.

ALABAMA.		COLORADO.	
Number of Associations.....	56	Number of Associations.....	8
Churches.....	1,695	Churches.....	8
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.	
Ordained Ministers.....	1,141	Ordained Ministers.....	10
Baptism.....	1,182	Baptism.....	70
Letter.....	3,651	Letter.....	210
Experience and Restoration.....	5,017	Experience and Restoration.....	140
Death.....	3,065	Death.....	45
Letter.....	1,667	Letter.....	14
Exclusion and Erasure.....	5,437	Exclusion and Erasure.....	10
Total Membership.....	183,175	Total Membership.....	1,200
SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.		SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.	
Schools.....	521	Schools.....	7
Officers and Teachers.....	1,512	Officers and Teachers.....	170
Scholars.....	23,503	Scholars.....	800
CHURCH PROPERTY.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Meeting Houses.....	515	Meeting Houses.....	7
Value.....	\$813,775 00	Value.....	\$10,500 00
CONTRIBUTIONS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Church Expenses.....	\$ 66,445 08	Church Expenses.....	\$ 3,164 34
Sunday School Expenses.....	8,751 20	Sunday School Expenses.....	106 55
State Missions.....	1,837 75	State Missions.....	21 64
Home Missions.....	1,202 00	Home Missions.....	55 30
Foreign Missions.....	672 55	Foreign Missions.....	55 30
Bible and Publication Work.....	339 00	Bible and Publication Work.....	50 00
Education.....	1,358 00	Education.....	100 00
Miscellaneous.....	3,689 32	Miscellaneous.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 84,495 30	Total.....	\$ 3,508 03
ARKANSAS.		DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	
Number of Associations.....	30	Number of Associations.....	40
Churches.....	1,000	Churches.....	40
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.	
Ordained Ministers.....	593	Ordained Ministers.....	40
Baptism.....	2,599	Baptism.....	1,820
Letter.....	1,310	Letter.....	1,000
Experience and Restoration.....	1,002	Experience and Restoration.....	132
Death.....	558	Death.....	.....
Letter.....	707	Letter.....	.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....	1,531	Exclusion and Erasure.....	.....
Total Membership.....	65,000	Total Membership.....	30,000
SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.		SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.	
Schools.....	812	Schools.....	55
Officers and Teachers.....	5,684	Officers and Teachers.....	500
Scholars.....	40,000	Scholars.....	5,500
CHURCH PROPERTY.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	
Meeting Houses.....	800	Meeting Houses.....	.....
Value.....	\$160,000 00	Value.....	.....
CONTRIBUTIONS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Church Expenses.....	\$ 66,446 00	Church Expenses.....	.....
Sunday School Expenses.....	10,005 00	Sunday School Expenses.....	.....
State Missions.....	480 00	State Missions.....	.....
Home Missions.....	2,000 00	Home Missions.....	.....
Foreign Missions.....	700 00	Foreign Missions.....	.....
Bible and Publication Work.....	520 00	Bible and Publication Work.....	.....
Education.....	5,000 00	Education.....	.....
Miscellaneous.....	3,181 00	Miscellaneous.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 88,341 00	Total.....	.....

FLORIDA.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

GEORGIA.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

ILLINOIS.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

INDIANA.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

IOWA.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

LOUISIANA.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

MARYLAND.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

KANSAS.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....
Officers and Teachers.....
Scholars.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....
Value.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....
Sunday School Expenses.....
State Missions.....
Home Missions.....
Foreign Missions.....
Bible and Publication Work.....
Education.....
Miscellaneous.....
Total.....

KENTUCKY.

Number of Associations.....
Churches.....

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....
Baptism.....
Experience and Restoration.....
Death.....
Letter.....
Exclusion and Erasure.....
Total Membership.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	4,000 00
Value.....	50 00
CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Church Expenses.....	\$ 10,506 06
Sunday School Expenses.....	143 00
State Missions.....	211 00
Home Missions.....	150 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	16 00
Education.....	18 50
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 12,110 56

MISSISSIPPI

Number of Associations.....	1,853
Churches.....	1,853

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	4,810
Baptism.....	1,425
Experience and Restoration.....	2,300
Death.....	1,200
Exclusion and Erasure.....	2,955
Total Membership.....	202,710

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	65
Officers and Teachers.....	1,810
Scholars.....	20,800

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	500,000 00
Value.....	500,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 70,242 00
Sunday School Expenses.....	3,000 00
State Missions.....	1,215 00
Home Missions.....	1,910 00
Foreign Missions.....	354 12
Bible and Publication Work.....	216 00
Education.....	3,262 30
Miscellaneous.....	6,086 77
Total.....	\$ 81,084 02

MISSOURI

Number of Associations.....	8
Churches.....	388

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	265
Baptism.....	1,347
Letter.....	333
Experience and Restoration.....	958
Death.....	900
Exclusion and Erasure.....	354
Total Membership.....	10,700

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	101
Officers and Teachers.....	930
Scholars.....	10,886

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	250
Value.....	\$356,822 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 82,050 05
Sunday School Expenses.....	13,004 13

MINUTES.

Missions.....	2,000 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	100 00
Education.....	100 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$3,100 00

NEW JERSEY

Churches.....	1
Churches.....	30

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	30
Baptism.....	251
Letter.....	115
Experience and Restoration.....	150
Death.....	35
Exclusion and Erasure.....	46
Total Membership.....	70

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	20
Officers and Teachers.....	50
Scholars.....	250

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	22
Value.....	\$10,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 15,500 00
Sunday School Expenses.....	1,000 00
State Missions.....	1,000 00
Home Missions.....	1,000 00
Foreign Missions.....	1,000 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	1,000 00
Education.....	1,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 21,500 00

NORTH CAROLINA.

Number of Associations.....	1,000
Churches.....	1,000

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	87
Baptism.....	4,100
Letter.....	1,000
Experience and Restoration.....	1,000
Death.....	1,000
Exclusion and Erasure.....	1,000
Total Membership.....	10,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	200
Officers and Teachers.....	1,000
Scholars.....	10,000

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	100
Value.....	\$10,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 42,000 00
Sunday School Expenses.....	1,000 00
State Missions.....	1,000 00
Home Missions.....	1,000 00
Foreign Missions.....	1,000 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	1,000 00
Education.....	1,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 48,000 00

Churches.....	1,118 01
Miscellaneous.....	30,993 41
Total.....	\$ 32,111 42

OHIO.

Number of Associations.....	4
Churches.....	140

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	170
Baptism.....	666
Letter.....	130
Experience and Restoration.....	440
Death.....	206
Exclusion and Erasure.....	501
Total Membership.....	14,150

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	150
Officers and Teachers.....	650
Scholars.....	6,470

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	100
Value.....	\$250,300 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 1,000 00
Sunday School Expenses.....	1,000 00
State Missions.....	1,000 00
Home Missions.....	1,000 00
Foreign Missions.....	1,000 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	1,000 00
Education.....	1,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 1,574 00

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY

Number of Associations.....	1
Churches.....	82

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	200
Baptism.....	182
Letter.....	50
Experience and Restoration.....	10
Death.....	25
Exclusion and Erasure.....	27
Total Membership.....	6,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	50
Officers and Teachers.....	100
Scholars.....	500

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	60
Value.....	\$100,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 2,450 00
Sunday School Expenses.....	50 00
State Missions.....	1,000 00
Home Missions.....	1,000 00
Foreign Missions.....	1,000 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	1,000 00
Education.....	1,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 3,610 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Churches.....	30
Number of Associations.....	1

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers.....	21
Baptism.....	406
Letter.....	51
Experience and Restoration.....	125
Death.....	31
Exclusion and Erasure.....	20
Total Membership.....	3,150

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	25
Officers and Teachers.....	154
Scholars.....	1,194

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	30
Value.....	\$105,665 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 4,273 30
Sunday School Expenses.....	100 00
State Missions.....	10 75
Home Missions.....	8 15
Foreign Missions.....	8 15
Bible and Publication Work.....	8 15
Education.....	8 15
Miscellaneous.....	425 00
Total.....	\$ 4,815 14

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Number of Associations.....	36
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Churches.....	688
Ordained Ministers.....	1,691
Baptism.....	817
Letter.....	1,459
Experience and Restoration.....	1,150
Death.....	1,081
Exclusion and Erasure.....	145,355
Total Membership.....	145,355

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools.....	820
Officers and Teachers.....	1,000
Scholars.....	41,155

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses.....	449
Value.....	\$67,600 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses.....	\$ 55,737 60
Sunday School Expenses.....	1,000 00
State Missions.....	1,000 00
Home Missions.....	576 72
Foreign Missions.....	1,000 00
Bible and Publication Work.....	1,000 00
Education.....	1,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$ 64,715 65

TENNESSEE.

Number of Associations.....	1
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Churches.....	643
Ordained Ministers.....	450

Baptism	3,372
Letter	555
Death	670
Experience and Restoration	540
Letter	520
Exclusion and Erasure	1,000
Total Membership	101,053

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools	299
Officers and Teachers	1,593
Scholars	12,650

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses	100
Value	\$250,070 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses	\$ 21,285 30
Sunday School Expenses	172 21
State Missions	453 01
Home Missions	66 09
Foreign Missions	217 00
Bible and Publication Work	65 31
Education	518 49
Miscellaneous	10,639 04
Total	\$ 33,417 35

TEXAS.

Number of Associations	54
Churches	1,633

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers	1,445
Baptism	6,232
Letter	1,305
Experience and Restoration	2,899
Death	865
Letter	1,239
Exclusion and Erasure	4,893
Total Membership	135,599

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools	544
Officers and Teachers	269
Scholars	22,725

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses	584
Value	\$958,059 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses	\$ 82,125 01
Sunday School Expenses	1,219 00
State Missions	3,015 45
Home Missions	5,634 92
Foreign Missions	639 00
Bible and Publication Work	130 80
Education	3,345 94
Miscellaneous	12,710 10
Total	\$108,839 41

VIRGINIA.

Number of Associations	30
Churches	1,297

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers	1,026
Baptism	9,111
Letter	888
Experience and Restoration	3,066
Death	2,085
Letter	709

Exclusion and Erasure	4,499
Total Membership	235,947

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools	751
Officers and Teachers	4,158
Scholars	41,395

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses	713
Value	\$1,412,960 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses	\$ 88,039 38
Sunday School Expenses	5,598 13
State Missions	1,311 86
Home Missions	495 94
Foreign Missions	1,348 59
Bible and Publication Work	77 35
Education	3,577 00
Miscellaneous	6,832 00
Total	\$107,961 26

WEST VIRGINIA.

Number of Associations	3
Churches	61

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Ordained Ministers	38
Baptism	146
Letter	5
Experience and Restoration	30
Death	5
Letter	9
Exclusion and Erasure	11
Total Membership	419

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Schools	59
Officers and Teachers	1,000
Scholars	1,000

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Meeting Houses	45
Value	\$ 42,803 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Church Expenses	\$ 7,687 18
Sunday School Expenses	.....
State Missions	459 20
Home Missions	100 00
Foreign Missions	.....
Bible and Publication Work	210 00
Education	370 46
Miscellaneous	.....
Total	\$ 8,817 84

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

Richmond Theological Seminary.	1867
When Founded	.....
Location	Richmond, Va.
President or Principal	G. F. Genuing, D.D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	4
Female
Total	4

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	56
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NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	111
Female	100
Total	211

Students for the Ministry	56
Value of Property	\$ 19,000 00
Amount of Endowment	35,000 00
Income from Endowment	3,750 00
Total Income	3,469 00
Total Expenditures for the Year	4,216 00
Volumes in Library	5,000
Date of Next Anniversary	May 27, 1901.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

ATLANTA BAPTIST COLLEGE.

When Founded	1867
Location	Atlanta, Ga.
President or Principal	Rev. Geo. Sale, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	6
Female	5
Total	11

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	150
Female	.....
Total	150

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Students for the Ministry	1867
Amount of Endowment	20,000 00
Income from Endowment	1,000 00
Total Income	12,328 00
Total Expenditures for the Year	12,328 00
Volumes in Library	.....
Date of Next Anniversary	May 24, 1901.

ALABAMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

When Founded	1878
Location	Selma, Ala.
President or Principal	C. S. Dinkins, D.D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	5
Female	7
Total	12

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	111
Female	136
Total	247

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Students for the Ministry	31
Amount of Endowment	.....
Income from Endowment	.....
Total Income	.....
Total Expenditures for the Year	1,000
Volumes in Library	.....
Date of Next Anniversary	May 30, 1901.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE.

When Founded	1867
Location	Little Rock, Ark.
President or Principal	Rev. Jos. A. Booker, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	4
Female
Total	4

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	56
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Male	111
Female	100
Total	211

Students for the Ministry	56
Value of Property	\$ 25,000 00
Amount of Endowment	.....
Income from Endowment	.....
Total Income	.....
Total Expenditures for the Year	.....
Volumes in Library	300
Date of Next Anniversary	May 25, 1901.

BENEDICT COLLEGE.

When Founded	1870
Location	Columbia, S. C.
President or Principal	A. C. Osborn, D.D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	8
Female	5
Total	13

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	133
Female	139
Total	272

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Students for the Ministry	45
Value of Property	\$ 71,000 00
Amount of Endowment	125,000 00
Total Income	18,180 00
Total Expenditures for the Year	.....
Volumes in Library	.....
Date of Next Anniversary	May 10, 1901.

BISHOP COLLEGE.

When Founded	1881
Location	Marshall, Tex.
President or Principal	Albert Loughbridge, LL. D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	7
Female	.....
Total	7

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male	167
Female	181
Total	348

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Students for the Ministry	30
Value of Property	\$100,000 00
Amount of Endowment	.....
Income from Endowment	.....
Total Expenditures for the Year	20,349 00
Volumes in Library	.....
Date of Next Anniversary	May 16, 1901.

GUADALUPE COLLEGE.

When Founded	1884
Location	Seguin, Texas.
President or Principal	D. Abner, Jr., A. M., Ph. D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male	5
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Female 7
Total 12

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 110
Female 165
Total 275

Students for the Ministry 42
Value of Property \$ 52,000 00
Amount of Endowment
Total Income 5,000 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 7,206 00
Volumes in Library 5,000
Date of Next Anniversary May 27, 1901.

HARTSHORN MEMORIAL COLLEGE.
When Founded 1883
Location Richmond, Va.
President or Principal L. B. Telf, A.M., D.D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 1
Female 10
Total 11

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 120
Female 120
Total 240
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property \$ 68,000 00
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income 8,400 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 8,084 00
Volumes in Library 600
Date of Next Anniversary May 17, 1901.

JACKSON COLLEGE.
When Founded 1877
Location Jackson, Miss.
President or Principal Rev. L. G. Barrett, A.M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 2
Female 7
Total 9

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 43
Female 51
Total 94

Students for the Ministry
Value of Property \$ 30,000 00
Amount of Endowment 900 00
Income from Endowment
Total Income 3,015 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 2,942 00
Volumes in Library 1,000
Date of Next Anniversary May 17, 1901.

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY.
When Founded 1863
Location Nashville, Tenn.
President or Principal Rev. P. B. Guernsey, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 5
Female 6
Total 11

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 103
Female 100
Total 203

Students for the Ministry 13
Value of Property \$200,000 00
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year 7,083 00
Volumes in Library 4,000
Date of Next Anniversary May 13, 1901.

SHAW UNIVERSITY.
When Founded 1865
Location Raleigh, N. C.
President or Principal C. F. Meserve, LL.D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 17
Female 9
Total 26

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 201
Female 120
Total 321

Students for the Ministry 17
Value of Property \$ 90,000 00
Amount of Endowment 31,000 00
Income from Endowment 24,320 00
Total Income 24,545 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 1,500
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary May 11, 1901.

STATE UNIVERSITY.
When Founded 1873
Location Louisville, Ky.
President or Principal C. L. Purce, D. D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 7
Female 5
Total 12

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 114
Female 127
Total 241

Students for the Ministry
Value of Property \$150,000 00
Amount of Endowment 20,000 00
Income from Endowment 900 00
Total Income 15,000 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 15,000 00
Volumes in Library 1,000
Date of Next Anniversary June 6, 1901.

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY.
When Founded 1899
Location Richmond, Va.

President or Principal M. McVicar, LL. D

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 9
Female 9
Total 18

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 90
Female 90
Total 180

Students for the Ministry
Value of Property \$ 10,000 00
Amount of Endowment 20,000 00
Income from Endowment 1,000 00
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year 2,000
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary May 27, 1901.

WESTERN COLLEGE.
When Founded 1890
Location Macon, Mo.
President or Principal Rev. E. L. Scruggs, A. M., B. D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 3
Female 2
Total 5

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 43
Female 58
Total 101

Students for the Ministry
Value of Property \$ 15,000 00
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment 5,017 00
Total Income 5,092 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 500
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary May 31, 1901.

ACADEMIES, SEMINARIES, AND INSTITUTES.

AMERICA'S INSTITUTE.
When Founded
Location Americus, Ga.
President or Principal M. W. Reddick, A. B.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male 1
Female 2
Total 3

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male 31
Female 58
Total 89

Students for the Ministry 1
Value of Property \$ 1,500 00
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year 683 00
Volumes in Library 87
Date of Next Anniversary October 4, 1901.

ALLENDALE SCHOOL.

When Founded 1891
Location Allendale, S. C.
President or Principal
Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

When Founded 1891
Location Arkadelphia, Ark.
President or Principal F. L. Jones, B.

Number of Teachers
Number of Students
Students for the Ministry
Value of Property
Amount of Endowment
Income from Endowment
Total Income
Total Expenditures for the Year
Volumes in Library
Date of Next Anniversary
Arkadelphia Academy.

CENTRAL LOUISIANA ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1890
Location.....Alexandria, La.
President or Principal.....W. R. Wright.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....1
Female.....2
Total.....3

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....83
Female.....92
Total.....175

Students for the Ministry.....
Value of Property.....\$ 4,500 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....5,347 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....5,347 00
Volumes in Library.....80
Date of Next Anniversary.....January 1, 1901.

COLEMAN ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1887
Location.....Gibbsland, La.
President or Principal.....O. L. Coleman, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....3
Female.....4
Total.....7

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....85
Female.....75
Total.....160

Students for the Ministry.....20
Value of Property.....\$ 10,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....3,371 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....3,396 00
Volumes in Library.....
Date of Next Anniversary.....October 30, 1901.

EUFULA ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1895
Location.....Eufaula, Ala.
President or Principal.....

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....
Female.....
Total.....4

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....
Female.....
Total.....184

Students for the Ministry.....4
Value of Property.....\$ 1,500 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....
Total Expenditures for the Year.....
Volumes in Library.....
Date of Next Anniversary.....

FLORIDA BAPTIST ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1892
Location.....Jacksonville, Fla.
President or Principal.....

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....5
Female.....4
Total.....9

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....67
Female.....18
Total.....85

Students for the Ministry.....5
Value of Property.....\$ 7,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....5,347 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....5,347 00
Volumes in Library.....300
Date of Next Anniversary.....October 18, 1901.

HEARNE ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1884
Location.....Hearne, Texas.
President or Principal.....J. F. Anderson, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....2
Female.....4
Total.....6

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....33
Female.....31
Total.....64

Students for the Ministry.....4
Value of Property.....\$ 5,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....2,400 00
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....2,600 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....2,600 00
Volumes in Library.....100
Date of Next Anniversary.....May 24, 1901.

HOUSTON BAPTIST ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1893
Location.....Houston, Texas.
President or Principal.....A. R. Griggs, D. D.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....1
Female.....2
Total.....3

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....19
Female.....43
Total.....62

Students for the Ministry.....
Value of Property.....\$ 12,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....
Total Expenditures for the Year.....
Volumes in Library.....400
Date of Next Anniversary.....May 30, 1901.

JEWEL ACADEMY.
When Founded.....1886
Location.....Athens, Ga.
President or Principal.....I. H. Brown.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....1
Female.....4
Total.....5

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....69
Female.....96
Total.....165

Students for the Ministry.....6
Value of Property.....\$ 7,600 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....3,371 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....3,371 00
Volumes in Library.....350
Date of Next Anniversary.....May 23, 1901.

MATHER SCHOOL.
When Founded.....1860
Location.....Beaufort, S. C.
President or Principal.....Mrs. R. C. Mather.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....
Female.....5
Total.....5

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....38
Female.....83
Total.....120

Students for the Ministry.....
Value of Property.....\$ 4,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....1,300 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....1,300 00
Volumes in Library.....
Date of Next Anniversary.....May 26, 1900.

SHILOH INSTITUTE.
When Founded.....1865
Location.....Warrenton, N. C.
President or Principal.....T. O. Fuller, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....2
Female.....2
Total.....4

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....98
Female.....110
Total.....208

Students for the Ministry.....6
Value of Property.....\$ 5,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....
Total Expenditures for the Year.....

Volumes in Library.....100
Date of Next Anniversary.....

HOWE SCHOOL.

When Founded.....
Location.....Memphis, Tenn.
President or Principal.....J. Levine, A. B.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....4
Female.....4
Total.....8

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....60
Female.....80
Total.....140

Students for the Ministry.....
Value of Property.....\$ 20,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....
Total Income.....
Total Expenditures for the Year.....
Volumes in Library.....
Date of Next Anniversary.....May, 1901.

SPELLMAN SEMINARY.
When Founded.....1881
Location.....Atlanta, Ga.
President or Principal.....Miss E. E. Gies.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....38
Female.....38
Total.....76

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....550
Female.....550
Total.....1100

Students for the Ministry.....
Value of Property.....\$ 175,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....7,000 00
Income from Endowment.....350 00
Total Income.....35,528 00
Total Expenditures for the Year.....35,016 00
Volumes in Library.....3,300 00
Date of Next Anniversary.....May 23, 1901.

VIRGINIA SEMINARY.
When Founded.....
Location.....Lynchburg, Va.
President or Principal.....G. W. Hayes, A. M.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS.

Male.....4
Female.....31
Total.....35

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Male.....120
Female.....120
Total.....240

Students for the Ministry.....8
Value of Property.....\$ 60,000 00
Amount of Endowment.....
Income from Endowment.....

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—CONTINUED	
Total Income.....	568 00
Expenses for the Year.....	568 00
Balance on Hand.....	00 00
Total.....	00 00
WALKER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION	
When Founded.....	1892
President of Principal.....	Augusta, Ga.
President of Principal.....	S. W. Covright.
NUMBER OF TEACHERS	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
NUMBER OF TEACHERS	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
WHARTON NORMAL INSTITUTE	
When Founded.....	1886
Location.....	N. C.
President of Principal.....	C. C. Somerville, A. B.
NUMBER OF TEACHERS	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	
Male.....	1
Female.....	1
BAPTIST PERIODICALS—CONTINUED	
NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.
The Baptist Truth.....	John A. Lockette..... Savannah, Ga.
The Christian Organizer.....	W. H. Hayes, A. M..... Lynchburg, Va.
The South Carolina Standard.....	A. C. Osborn, D. D..... Columbia, S. C.
The Southern Watchman.....	Rev. A. N. McEwen..... Atlanta, Ga.
The Herald.....	L. L. Campbell, D. D..... Austin, Tex.
People's Recorder.....	Rev. S. Holmes..... Columbia, S. C.
The Informer.....	W. D. Curry..... Urbana, Ohio.
The Messenger.....	Rev. F. B. Houston..... New Orleans, La.
The American Tribune.....	Rev. F. J. Davidson..... New Orleans, La.
The Weekly Negro World.....	A. J. Golden..... Gary, Ind.
The Teacher.....	E. C. Morris, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
Advanced Quarterly.....	E. C. Morris, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
Intermediate Quarterly.....	E. C. Morris, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
Primary Quarterly.....	E. C. Morris, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
Lesson Leaders.....	E. C. Morris, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
Child's Gems.....	E. C. Morris, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
Easy Lesson Primer.....	R. H. Boyd, D. D..... Nashville, Tenn.
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There are in the United States of America 426 Associations, 7,026 Sunday schools, with 31,114 officers and teachers, and 385,854 scholars. We have 14,673 ordained preachers, 18,643 churches, with a valuation of \$6,413,767. We have had during the year 1890-1891 64,543 baptisms, and now this great Baptist family numbers 1,864,606. We have contributed for education \$174,118.77, for Sunday school expenses \$35,580.05, for Foreign Missions \$2,060.64, for Home Missions \$10,421.02, for Church expenses \$275,500.30. There are sixty Negro Baptist schools and colleges in all, and thirty-one of these schools are owned and controlled by Negro Baptists. For these schools we have contributed over \$200,000 for their support. For further information, see report of Secretary on Education.

BAPTISTS IN THE WORLD.

Countries.	Churches.	Ordained
North America.....	44,603	30,243
South America.....	28	15
Europe.....	1,821	3,065
Asia.....	1,482	795
Africa.....	110	90
Australasia.....	238	100
Grand Total.....	50,283	34,375

NEGRO RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Denominations.	Churches.
Baptist, Regular.....	15,454
Baptist, Freewill.....	1,000
Congregationalist.....	1,000
Methodist, Episcopal.....	5,691
Methodist, African.....	1,002
Presbyterian, C. A.....	150
Roman Catholic.....	1,000

UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS.

Allenworth, Allen, Twenty-Fourth Regiment, Manila, P. I.

EX-CHAPLAINS.

Chavis, Jordan, Springfield, Ill.; Walker, C. T., New York City, N. Y.

BAPTISTS IN THE WORLD.

Countries.	Baptisms.	Membership.
North America.....	100,368	4,333,217
South America.....	291	1,605
Europe.....	25,005	287,363
Asia.....	6,030	116,508
Africa.....	862	7,271
Australasia.....	1,244	18,682
Grand Total.....	223,830	4,854,790

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Denominations.	Ministers.	Members.
Baptist, Regular	74,351	1,854,600
Baptist, Freewill	.....	.....
Methodist, Episcopal	5,445	863,006
Methodist, African	2,008	528,406
Presbyterian, C. A.	620	30,000

STATISTICS

of the Association of the State of
 Name of the Clerk, P. O. Address,
 Date of Next Annual Meeting,

Number of Churches in the Association,
 Number of Ordained Ministers in the Association,

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Increase.	Decrease.
By Baptism	By Death
By Letter	By Letter
By Experience	By Exclusion
By Restoration	By Erasure

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.

N. B.—If any churches have failed to report this year, please include the membership previously reported.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of Sunday schools
 Number of officers and teachers
 Number of scholars

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Total Number of Meeting Houses,
 Total Seating Capacity,
 Total Number of Parsonages,
 Total Value of Church Property,

CONTRIBUTIONS.

[N. B.—If not able to fill up all the blanks from the actual returns, please give such figures as in your judgment are approximately correct.]
 For Home Church Expenses, \$.....
 Including salaries, building improvements, care of Church poor, and current expenses
 For Home Sunday School Expenses,
 Including benevolent contributions of Sunday schools
 For State Mission Work,
 Including city and Association Mission Work
 For Home or Domestic Mission Work,
 Including work of women's societies, and all mission work outside of the State
 For Foreign Mission Work,
 Including work of women's societies
 For Bible, Colportage, and Publication Work,
 For Educational Purposes,
 Including ministerial education and gifts to educational institutions
 For Miscellaneous Objects,
 Total \$.....

COLLECTED AT ASSOCIATION.

For Missions, \$.....; Education, \$.....; Miscellaneous, \$..... Grand Total for the Year, \$.....

We earnestly ask the State and District Secretaries of Associations to kindly furnish minutes and lists of the names of ordained ministers in State or District, and oblige,
 Yours truly,
 J. L. COHRON, Secretary,
 No. 808 N. 2nd Street, St. Louis, Mo.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

OF THE

National Baptist Convention,

Located in Louisville, Ky.,

TOGETHER WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THEIR MISSIONARIES IN
 AFRICA AND BRITISH GUIANA.

The undersigned, JNO. H. FRANK, C. H. PARRISH, L. G. JORDAN, WILLIAM H. STEWART, C. C. BATES, W. H. CNAIGHHEAD, E. P. MARRS, C. L. PURCH, P. H. KENNEDY, their assigns and successors hereby associate themselves together, and form a body corporate under Chapter 32 of the General Statutes of Kentucky and the amendments thereto, and section 879 of said chapter 32 of the General Statutes of Kentucky.

First. The name of this corporation shall be the "FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION."

Second. The name of the city and county where its principal place of business shall be located, is Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Third. The nature of its business shall be, the fostering of Baptist missions in Africa, British Guiana, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands and elsewhere as opportunity affords.

This Board shall undertake to educate, christianize and elevate the heathen nations to its utmost ability, and to open mission fields, establish mission stations and churches, and arrange for the licensing and ordaining of ministers according to the usages of Baptist churches.

Fourth. This corporation shall be purely for religious, educational and moral purposes; and shall have no capital stock, and shall begin business without the same; but it shall have the right to acquire, own, transfer or assign such real and personal property as shall be necessary to the furtherance of its ends.

Fifth. This corporation shall begin business after these articles shall have been completed by filing in the office of the Secretary of State, and continue for the full period allowed by the law, unless voluntarily dissolved by the body in accordance with the law.

Sixth. The officers of this corporation shall be, a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be named in its Constitution and By-Laws; and they shall hold their offices for the term and according to the conditions set forth in said Constitution and By-Laws.

Seventh. The highest amount of indebtedness of this corporation shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).²

Eighth. The private property of the members and officers of this corporation shall be exempt from corporate debts except according to law.

We acknowledge foregoing Articles of Corporation to be our Act and Deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

JOHN H. FRANK.
C. H. PARRISH.
L. G. JORDAN.
C. C. BATES.
WILLIAM H. STEWART.
W. H. CRAIGHEAD.
E. P. MARRE.
C. L. PURCE.
P. H. KENNEDY.

State of Kentucky.)
County of Jefferson.)

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for Jefferson County, Kentucky, John H. Frank, C. H. Parrish, L. G. Jordan, C. C. Bates, William H. Stewart, W. H. Craighead, E. P. Marre, C. L. Purce, P. H. Kennedy, personally known to me, and signed, acknowledged and delivered the foregoing articles of incorporation to be their act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

ALBERT S. WHITE,
N. P. J. C. Ky.

My commission expires March 15th, 1902.

I, William P. Johnson, Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson County, in the State of Kentucky, do certify that on this day at 11:05 o'clock, a. m., the foregoing articles of incorporation were produced to me in my office, and that I have recorded them and the foregoing certificate in my said office.

Witness my hand, this twenty-second day of August, 1900.

WILLIAM P. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

AFRICA.

WEST COAST.—Rev. R. L. Steward, Monrovia; Mrs. R. L. Steward, Monrovia.

SOUTH.—Rev. R. A. Jackson, Port Elizabeth; Mrs. R. A. Jackson, Port Elizabeth; Rev. J. I. Buchanan, Middle Drift; Mrs. J. I.

Buchanan, Middle Drift; Rev. E. B. P. Koti, Queenstown; Mrs. B. P. B. Koti, Queenstown; Rev. Peter O. Lesia, King Williams Town; Mrs. Peter O. Lesia, King Williams Town.

NATAL.—Rev. Johnson Mfozwe, Durban.

BRITISH CENTRAL.—Rev. John Chilembwe, Bomo, Blantyre.

BRITISH GUIANA.

To have the moral and what financial help possible

Rev. J. W. Anderson, Georgetown; Rev. T. E. Smith, Tuchenor; Rev. C. W. Sargent, Georgetown.

To sail on or about December 1st, 1900.

Rev. L. N. Cheek, Capetown, South Africa; Miss E. H. DeLany, Bomo, British Central Africa.

TWO GREAT AGENCIES.

During the National meetings held in Richmond, Va., our Baptist women organized "THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION," Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. Mrs. V. W. Broughton, of Tennessee, Recording Secretary, is to have charge of a page in the *Afro-American Mission Herald*. The Foreign Mission Board has given the Women's Board office space in their rooms. Let every woman's society get up a club of readers for the *Herald*.

Write for Constitution and other information; also send the name and address of the President and Corresponding Secretary of your missionary society to the Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Convention, at once. Let the godly women line up for a great work.

Mrs. S. W. Layton, President, Pennsylvania.

Miss S. C. V. Foster, Treasurer, Montgomery, Alabama.

Miss N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary, 718 W. Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Realizing the worth of woman's help in all religious work, at Richmond, Va., the National Convention accepted the recommendation of Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to permit the Baptist women of this country to organize a "Woman's Convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention." For a number of years the faithful women and loyal men have prayed that the day would come when like the women of other denominations the godly Baptist women would be organized into a national body. Representative women from nearly every state in the Union responded to the call and met at Richmond and organized with the following officers: Mrs. S. W. Layton, President, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Vice President, Atlanta, Georgia; Miss N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Recording Secretary, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss S. C. V. Foster, Treasurer, Montgomery, Alabama.

STATE VICE PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. C. M. Wells	Montgomery, Alabama
Mrs. J. H. Brown	Arkansas
Miss Bell W. Battle	Ardmore, Indian Territory
Miss M. Williams	California
Miss G. W. Tyler	Hartford, Connecticut
Miss Katie Anderson	Washington, District of Columbia
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Mrs. Bettie F. Hunter	Mississippi
Mrs. Mary F. Green	Baltimore, Maryland
Mrs. Amanda Godsey	St. Louis, Missouri
Mrs. E. H. McDonald	New Bedford, Massachusetts
Miss C. Fannie Blount	Wilmington, North Carolina
Mrs. E. L. Eatman	Roselle, New Jersey
Mrs. Delia Hill	New York, New York
Mrs. Wm. Balay	Xenia, Ohio
Mrs. D. F. Brown	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mrs. R. J. Ratcliff	Nashville, Tennessee
Mrs. M. M. Buckner	Austin, Texas
Mrs. Elizabeth Fox	Salem, Virginia
Mrs. J. P. Brown	Roslyn, Washington

We come not to usurp thrones nor to sow discord, but to so organize and systematize the work that each church may help through a Woman's Missionary Society and not be made the poorer thereby. It is for the utilization of talent and the stimulation to Christian activity in our Baptist churches that prompt us to service. We realize that to allow these gems to lie unpolished longer means a loss to the denomination. For a number of years there has been a righteous discontent, a burning zeal to go forward in his name among the Baptist women of our churches and it will be the dynamic force in the religious campaign at the opening of the 20th century. It will be the spark that shall light the altar fire in heathen lands. We realize, too, that the work is too great and the laborers too few for us to stand idly by while like Trojans the brethren at the head of the work under the convention toil unceasingly.

We come now to their rescue. We unfurl our banner upon which is inscribed this motto, "The world for Christ. Woman, arise, He calleth for thee!" Will you as a pastor and friend of missions help by not hindering these women when they come among you to speak and to enlist the women of your church? It has ever been from the time of Miriam, that most remarkable woman, the sister of Moses, that most

remarkable man, down to the courageous women that in very recent years have carried the Gospel into Thibet and Africa and proclaimed and taught the truth where no man has been allowed to enter. Surely, women somehow have had a very important part in the work of saving this redeemed earth.

Every religious organization in the world is trying by a special effort to raise a stated sum for the great religious campaign which will mark the opening of the 20th century. This money will be necessary to push forward the work which they must undertake. The Christian world is no longer contented at conquering by piecemeal. They have at last decided to make one grand, triumphant entry into heathen lands, and with one stroke slay the common enemy. The implement to be used is money for the support of men and the purchase of land to build houses of worship. We have decided to help in this campaign, and have apportioned the amounts as follows:

10 woman's conventions to give \$25.00 each.

20 woman's associations and district conventions to give \$5.00.

1,000 missionary societies to give \$2.00 each.

2,000 women to give \$1.00.

300 children's bands to give 50 cents each.

15,000 pastors to pray for a great uplift in woman's work at home and abroad.

Praying the Great Head of the Church to bless all the departments of our national work, we are yours for the highest development of Christian womanhood.

(MISS) N. H. BURROUGHS, Corresponding Secretary.

TO THE BAPTIST WOMEN OF AMERICA.

DEAR SISTERS:—September opened to us another opportunity for working in the Master's vineyard, by the organization of the Baptist Woman's Convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. How often, and from how many have we heard: "If there was only some way for women to work." God has given you the opportunity; the field is ripe with harvest. Shall the laborers be few? The representative women you sent to Richmond have done what they could in shaping the work for this year. What will be done, how it shall succeed, depends upon what you will do. The plan for this year is that you unite with the national organization in reviving, stimulating and enlarging the missionary spirit in your churches, homes and communities through the already organized missionary societies, and where there is no such body to organize at once, that we may be abundantly approved of the Lord. This work embraces the support of foreign missions and home mission work, the education and religious cultivation of our young people, who should be trained to love this work, and whatever possibilities our Christian women may attain to in the work of church societies. I mention this in order that our women already

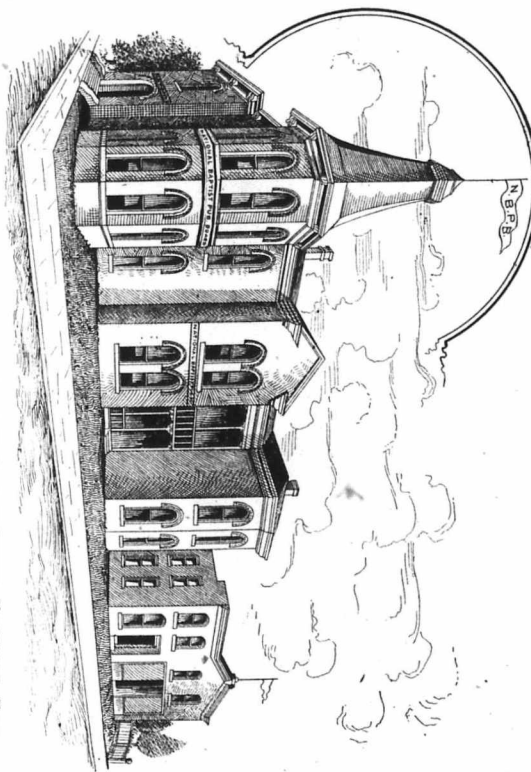
organized in circles, Bible bands, etc., may marshal their forces in the national organization, that we can better accomplish the great work assigned to us and to realize to some extent what we are doing and how to do better. Co-operate with your State vice presidents, who will aid in directing and organizing you. If you do not know who your State vice president is, write the Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. H. Burroughs, 718 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky. The question often arises, how shall we keep interest in our societies? Keep Christ in the lead, do the work assigned in an earnest and thoughtful manner, arranging and introducing methods old and new as conditions about you may suggest. For entertaining the young people in your societies and for Bible studies, I would recommend the Fireside School literature and the many good tracts published by our Board on mission work. Above all things, let the spirit of Christ abound among you; then to you shall He say: "She hath done what she could."

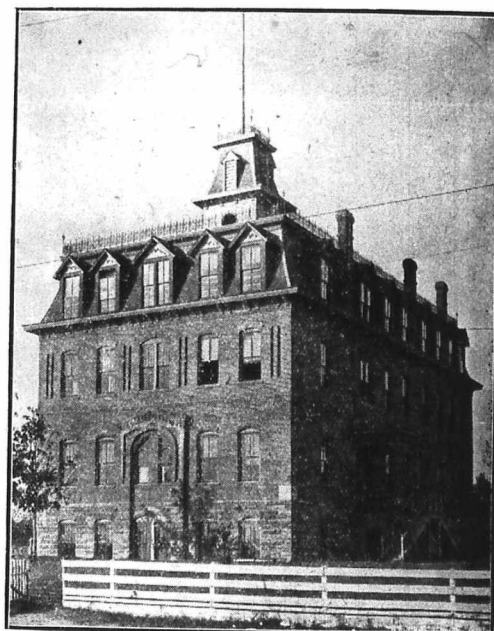
For the advancement of our women in Christian labors,

Mrs. S. W. LAYTON, President.

P. S.—Never postpone regular missionary meetings other than you would any of the regular weekly services.

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