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CONSTITUTION National Baptist Convention. It is the sense of the colored Baptisty of the United States of America, purcood to the city of Atlanta, Co., September 28th, 1895, in the several organizations known as "The Baptist Foreign Mission for epit it of the United States of America," bitheria engaged in missuch work to the West Coast of Africa. "The National Raptist Convenimp which has been orgaged in mission work in the United States of American and the "National Baptist Educational Convention," which has so subd to look after the educational referent, that the interest of the long-tom of God requires that the several bedies above named rabilly were in one body. Therefore we ilo now agree to adopt the fol-Joseph Constitution ARTICLE L Name. The shall be known and styled "The National Rapilat Convention of the United States of America." ABTICLE II The Object. The control of this Conversion shall be to do mission work in the United State of America, in Africa, and glawchere abioid, to insiet the care concation and to promote the publication and circulation of tensor is him acure ARTICLE III Membership. The membership of this Convention shall be Representative Life and angual (1) Representative. Any orthodox Missionary Raptist chillrel, supray school, micsionary acciety, district and general associ-Standay 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 I lighter niky he paid to any one of the Corresponding Sacthings of any of the Boards for the objects of the work fostered by the Combintion at any time during the year, (2) Life, Any one in good Standing in any regular Missionary Raptist church may become a life fitted to the payment of Twenty Dollars at the time of enrollment, or hiv Indians for four consecutive years (3) Annual. Any one who if a nichilar of a regular Missionary Raptist church in good standing may to the an anough member by the payment of One Dollar annually. ARTICLE IV. The Tours of this Convention shall be a President, one Vice Presiappr note b State and Territory represented, a Recording and an

Agriciant Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor, all of whom shall be elected annually and hold their affices until their sucressors are chosen

MINUTES.

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 comperation with the State Boards, State Conventions and State Missionaries.

The Recarding 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 membeen, whether they be Representative, Life or Annual.

The Treasurer whall 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 Hoards 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 angual meeting before the Treasurer of the Convenvention turns over the money to the Tressurers of the Boards. The Convention shall say how all undesignated funds shall be used.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall make an appual report to the Convention of all money paid out by him-to whom, for what and the amounts incord 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 posarble

The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Boards and the Treat neer on the Convention. He shall be allowed four dollars per day and traveling expenses while engaged to the discharge of big duties, the same to be paid by the respective Boards

ARTICLE VI. Management.

The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting a Foreign Misalon, a Hone Mission, an Educational, a B. Y P U and other Boards. as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and these Boards shall continue in office until a new election

The Boards shall consist of one member from each State or Tettltory represented to the Convention. Each Board shall have a Prestdent, Vice President, Recording Secretary Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary

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

The Treasurer of each Board shall receive and disburse all money of the Roard. He whall keep a record of all maney received and dishurted. He shall hald all deeds, bequests or other property of the Board be le Treasurer of, and his hooks shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Convention or of the Board. No maney shall be paid out encept by order of the Board from whose Treesurer it is to be drawn

The Corresponding Secretary of each Board shall conduct the correspondence of the Board of which he to 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 Roard, together with two others elected by each

Board, shall concellente an Executive Committee of each Board. They shall be conveniently located so that they may have mouthly meetings or may meet oftener. Each Board shall bold 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 Boald shall be committed during the recess of the Convention the eqthe management of all the affairs relating to the object with whose interests it shall be charged, all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions adopted by the Convennon 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 nuch security from their Tressurers as they think best. Each Board shall make an appual report to the Convention of all mission, educational and publication work done by them duting the year, the number of missionaries employed, their fields of labor, the character of work done by each one, the salary paid each person, and receipts and disbursements of all money during the year

ARTICLE VII

Qualifications

All agents, missionaries, district, field and corresponding secreta. ties employed by the Boards of this Convention must be members of some regular Reptlat church in union with the churches composing this Convention. They must previous to their appointment, furnish satisfactory evidence of genuine platy, ferrent real in the Master's cause and talenta 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 abould 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 depomination

Amendments.

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

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

WEONESDAY, BEFTEMBER 17.-Morning Session.

- 4 36—Called II order by the Freeident.

 Unvotional Exercises, Rev. J. F. Thomas, Chicago, III, and

 Rev. J. D. Green, Shreveport, La.
- 10 00 Address of Welcome Granting full passession of the Church Rev T W Welker, D. D., pastor; on behalf of the State of Alshania His Excellency, Gov. W. D. Jelka; on behalf of the City of Birmingham, His Honor, Mayor W M Drennen; on behalf of the white Baptists, Rev. A. C. Davidson, D. D.; on behalf of the Baptister's Conference, Rev. C. L. Flaher, D. D.; on behalf of the Baptists of Alshams, Rev. A. N. McEssen, D. D.
- 11.00- Response, Rev. Geo. W. Lee, D. D. Washington, D. C.
- 1):30-Ebrollment of Messengers.
- 12 30-Collection. Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 2:00—Song Service conducted by Prof. Rosharough. Devotional Alverlace, Rev. J. E. Davis, Thomsaville, Ga., Rev. H. W. Bowes, 1: (). Outant, Miss
- 2 |5-Hegart of Committee on Enrollment
- 3 00-Angual Address of President E. C. Mortis
- 4 #6-fatroductory-Rev. Jad H Frank, D D, Chairman Fittelgu Mission Board
- 4 30-Report of Foreign Mission Scard, Res L. G. Jordan, D. D. Corresponding Secretary.
- 6 36-Collection Adjournment.

Wadnesday Night.

- ? 10—Song Service, Prof. Rosborough, Develons, Rev. E. D. Green, Macop, Mo., Rev. J. A. Gores, N. Lawrence, Kannas.
- 2 00-Angus) Sermon (Foreign Mission), Rev. E. M. Cobron, St. Joseph, Mc. Alternate, Rev. B. F. Fox, D. D., Salem, Va. Collection. Adjournment.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.-Morning Session.

9 00—Sone Service, Prof. Rasborough. Devotions, Rev. J. B. Hankernon Talishassee, Fis. and Rev. Iss. A. Dennis, D. D., Wace, Teams.

- 9:39-Address. The Cisim of the Foreign Mission Board upon the Individuals and Churches of this Convention." Rev & S Jackson, D. D. Dallas Texas.
- 9:40-Address, "Afro Americans must save Africans," Rev. Filbert B. Monne, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 9 50 Address, "Best Method of Raising Foreign Mission Money." Rev. J. W. Carr. D. D., Savennah, Ga
- 10.00-Address, "Dur Fureign Missionaries, their Devotion and Sarch fice a Silminius to Larger Civing Among Us," Rev. D. H. Brown. Ocala, Fla.
- 10.10-Short Addresses on the Report of the Foreign Mission Board. (Five minutes each)
- 11:10-Prayer for the Foreign Mission Work,
- 12 40-Adoption of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board
- 12:00-Collection Adjournment,

Thursday Afternoon.

- 3.00~ Song Service by Prof. Roshorough. Devotions, Rev. Clarence Parrich, Rosborough, Pa., Rev. W. R. Tollver, Helena, Ark.
- 2.20 Introductory, Rev. J. P. Robinson, Chairman Home Mission
- 2 35 Report of Home Mission Board, by Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.
- 2:35-Address, What our Home Mission Work is Doing for our Chorches," Rev. H. M. Williams, D. D., Sherman, Texas.
- 3:45-Address, "What can the Churches do for Home Missons," Prof. E. W. B. Curry, Pribana, Ohio,
- 3 55-Address. "The Helation of the Home and the Foreign Mission Work," Rev. A. B. Murden, Athens, Ca.
- 4:05-Miscellancous Business.
- 6.00 Collection. Adjournment,

Thursday Night,

- 7.00-Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. A. E. Edwards, Greenville, Miss.; Rev. E E. Ware, Oklahoma City,
- 7:39-Address, "A New Building for Our Publishing House" Ret. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.
- 8:15-Home Mission Sermon, Rev. E J. Fisher, D. D., Nashville, Tenn. Alternate, Rev. M. W. Ollbert, D. D., Columbie, S. C. Collection Adjanrament.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.-Morning Scatton.

9:00-Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. J. S. Tall. Mobile, Ala.; Rev. W. H. Anderson, D. D., Evanaville, Ind. 9:15-General Business

- 3:45-Address, "Religious Literature in Race Development," Rev. R. H Bowling, D. D., Nortolk, Va.
- 10 05-Address. "The Necessity of our Home Missionaries Doing Colporteur Work," Prof. Jao. R. Wilson, Columbia, S. C.
- 16 16-Adoption of the Report of the Bome Mission Board. 10.40- Introductory Remarks, Rev. N. H. Plus, Chairman of the B. Y P U. Board.
- 10-55-Report of the National B. Y. P. U Board, Dr. E. W. D. Isanc, Corresponding Secretary.
- 11:65 Collection.
- 12 00-Adjournment

Friday Afternoon Bession.

- 2.40-Song Service, Prof. Rosbgrough, Devotions, Rev. A. J. Lacey, Muscogee, lod Ter.; Rev. C. G. Flebback, Bowling Green, Ky.
- 2 20-Geperal Bueipess.
- 2 10 -Address. The B. T. P. U. as an Evengelizing Agency." Dr. D. B. Gaines, Little Rock, Ark.
- 2:40- Address, "How to Interest Our Churches in B. Y. P. U. Work," Rev 1 T. Simpson, Opelika, Ala.
- 2:30-Address, "The Negro, the Prime Factor in Racial Development," Rev. Sutton E. Origge, B. D., Nashville, Teon.
- 3:40-Address, "The Educational System in our Auxiliary Work," Rev. J. H. Brown, Arcadia, Fla.
- 3:16-Address, "The Duty of the Baptiste to Advance Baptist Doo trines," Rev. J. B. Pius, Austin, Texas.
- 3:20-Address, "What Accounts for the decreased Attendance of Males on Religious Setvices," Rev. C. A. Bell, A. B. Knoxville,
- 1:30-Adoption of Report of B. Y. P. U. Board.
- 3: 60-Introductory Remarks, Dr. W. A. Creditt. Chairman Educational Board.
- 3.50-Report of Educational Board, Rev. W. Blaber Johnson, D. D. Washington, D. C., Corresponding Secretary.
- 4:50-Collection.
- \$:60-Adjournment.

Friday Night Breefen.

- 7:30 Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. W. H. Hurd, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. C. A. Page, Holly Springs, Mise.
- 8 ft B. Y. P. U. Sermon, Rev. P. James Bryant Atlanta, Ga. Subjeet. "Christiaus" Strength." Cullection Adjournment.
 - SATURGAY, SEPTEMBER 20.-Morning Bession.
- 3 411-Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. L. H. Wilhams, Morgan City, La.; Rev. W. E. Helm. Topeka, Kausas. 9: I General Business.

MINUTES.

- 9:20—Address, "A Plea for a National University," Prof. Wm. a Holmes A. M., Macon, Ga.
- 9:36—Address, "Why our Educational Board is the Proper Channel Through which Giffs Ought to be Made for Negro Schools," Prof. D. Abnet, Jr., Ph. D., Segulo, Texas.
- 9.50-Address, "To What Entent Should We Encourage Industrial Education," Dr. S. T. Clanton, New Orleans, La.
- 10:05—Address. "The Relation which the Women Sustain to our Netional Work." Rev. S. E. Smith, D. D., Owensbore, Ky.
- 10:20-General Discussion.
- 10:46-Adoption of the Report of the Educational Board.
- 11:09-Report of Woman's Convention.
- 12:00-Collection. Adjournment.

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- 2:00—Song Service, Prof. Rosbornugh. Devotions, Rev. M. W. Withers, Missespoils, Miss.; Rev. R. H. Porter, Youngstown, Obio.
- 2:20-Miscellaneous Business.
- 3:26-Report of Statistician, Rev S. W. Bacote, A. M., Kansas City, Mo.
- 4:00-Report of Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Cyros, Port Royal, Va.
- 4:30-Cattection. Adjournment.

Saturday Night Bession.

- 7:30—Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. Q. A. Goodwin, A. B., Atlanta, Go.; Rev. E. Jennios, Atlantic City, N. J.
- 8:00—Educationat Sermon, Dr. P. Thomas Stanford, Paltimore, Md.
 Subject: "Imaginary Obstructions to True Spiritual Progress"
 Collection Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 21.

- 3:30-Model Sunday School, conducted by Jno. S. Trower, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 11:00-Devotions, Rev. Edward Williams, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Rev. E. R. Topp, D. D., Jackson, Miss.
 - Sermon, President Dr. E. C. Morris. Subject: "The Relation of a Pastor to His Church." Collection. Adjournment.

Sunday Afternoon.

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

Sunday Night.

- 7:30—Song Service, Prof Rosborough Devotions, Rev. W. G. Parks, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Rev. C. C. Chambers, Mt. Pleasant, Teles.
- \$100—Sermon, Rev. W. L. Jones, Atlanta, Ga. Collection. Adjournment,



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MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 22.

9 00 Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. W. L. Dickson, Gilmer, Texas; Rev. Wm. Z. Thomas, Anderson, Ind.

1.16-Report of the Auditor. General Business.

9 20- Election of Officers.

10.00-Gevern) Buntnega.

10:20- Report of Executive Board

(1-36-General Business

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Monday Afternoon,

OUTING.

Monday Night.

1,34—Song Service, Prof. Rosborough. Devotions, Rev. J. C. Battle Fine Bluff, Ark.; Rev. D. T. Gulley, Pensacola, Fla.

8 00-Sermon, Rev. E. W. Mewhant, B. D., Little Rock, Ark.

t ... Collection, and closing of the Convention.

Finance Committee.

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MINUTES

FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Sept. 17, 1902.

The twenty-second annual session of the National Baptist Convenuent convened with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Dr. T. W. Walker, pastor, on Wednesday, September 17, 1932, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a.m. by the President, Dr. E. C. Morris, of Arkansas. The Convention, under the leadership of Prof. Wm. Rosborough, joined in singing, "How firm a foundation". Prayer by Rev. J. B. Green, of Louisiana. Music by the choir. Prayer by Dr. S. E. Smith, Kentucky. Music by the choir. Prayer by Dr. W. A. Creditt. Pennsylvania.

Voltresses of welcome were delivered, granting full possession of the church, by the pastor, Dr. T. W. Walker; on behalf of the city of Birmingham, His Honor, Mayor W. M. Drennen; on behalf City Ministers' Conference, Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D.; on he half of the Baptists of Alahama, Rev. A. N. McEwen, D. D. Response, Rev. Gen. W. Lee, D. D., Washington, D. C.

Letter was read from His Excellency Gov. W. D. Jelks, expressing his regret at his inability to be present and address the Consention on this occasion.

The President appointed the following committees:

Tuance—J. C. Battle, Ark., Wm. E. Holmes, Ga., W. G. Parks, Tennessee, W. R. Pettiford, Ala.; G. W. Ward, Ky.; G. W. Mississippi

Foot, Texas, D. H. Harris, III.; Alexander Gordon, Pa.; Wm. Harnes, Texas.

Music by the choir. The Convention adjourned with hesediction to Rev. J. F. Thomas

APTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 2 p. m., President Morris presiding. Song service conducted by Prof. Wm. Roshorough. Dr. H. W. Howen, Miss., read the 34th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. h. Davis, Ga. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

President E. C. Morris delivered his annual address as follows: Comrades and friends :-- I again have the exalted privilege of coming before you to submit my annual report, and to hand over to you the unsought trust and honor which you have so generously committed to me for the last eight years. It is with some feeling of emotion that I address you on this occasion which is, perhaps, due to the fact that notwithstanding I have devoted the best energies of my life to the organization and upbuilding of this Convention, some unknown duty may have been passed over which if performed, would have contributed to the unification of the Bantist forces of the world. The very rapid growth of the denomination and the wonderful progress of the enterprises operated by it, make us apprehensive of what the future may be, which future, we believe, will be good or bad in proportion to the pious, devoted guardianship thrown around the various departments of the national work. So wonderful has been our advancement that none but master minds, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of God, can direct the course and prevent retrogression. But I am glad to say that we are blessed with many such characters who are safe leaders, and who are ready to spend and be spent for the good of the Master's cause.

It is needless for me to again assure you that I have appreciated to the extent of my ability the repeated honors which you have so willingly conferred upon me, and I have endeavored to show my appreciation by earnessly laboring for the success of every object of the Convention. But as much as I enjoy your esteem and confidence in this particular respect, you will permit me to say that I think the time has come for you to place the honor upon some one else who will be able to do you better service than I have done.

I rejoice that I have fived to see every enterprise set in motion by you since the reorganization of our Convention seven years ago, on the highway to success and it seems that no more opportune time will ever present itself for me to retire from official connection with this Convention than now. I am sure that nothing will please me more than to be let back into the ranks where I will be as faithful as I have tried to be here. The present age is more rapid in thought than the electric currents thrown from the most powerful batteries. The young men and young women who are

soming forward with expansive ideas and trained minds are determined that their personality shall be stamped upon the world. and that the church of their choice shall be abreast of the times. There should be no attempt to stifle this desire and ambition of the young people. To attempt such would be folly, for it would be easier to reverse the current of a great river than to prevent the vast army of our young Christians from forging to the front. As we behold this very flood of intelligent, consecrated young men and women being poured into the great main of the Baptist denomination, our duty becomes plain: it is to widen the banks and deepen the channel-to stimulate, enlarge and increase our denominational enterprises so as to make a way for the mighty hosts that will continue to pour in upon us from the many colleges and universities in this country. In this connection, I repeat what I have said on former occasions: We must look to the business side of religion, and as rapidly as possible furnish employment to our Baptist young men and women inside the denomination. I refer, of course, to those who have chosen to devote their time and talents to Christian work.

We are making progress towards bringing together our Baptist forces of the world. Just as there is one God, one Christ and one Spirit, so will be our hopes, our fears and our aims. The whole world is akin, and the duty of establishing the universal brotherhood of man will come first upon the Baptists that have no creed but the Rible, and no head but Christ who gave out through his apostles that in the kingdom of grace, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." None are more ready to outer into a unification with all other Baptist forces than are the colored Raptists, but that this will be delayed owing to the social condition in the country, we have not the slightest doubt. We are not unmindful either of the fact that the past and present condition of our own race throws embarrasment on those who stand in fear of the ghost, "social equality," but we emphasive the oft repeated statement that no such thing as social equality with the white race is desirable or even thought of among intelligent Negroes. The emancipated race is the weaker. The white race is the stronger. The strong should bear the infirmities of the weak. We could not ask that our white brother humiliate himself he coming in personal contact with the colored brother, to the extent that his social standing with his own race be impaired. But, at the same time the colored man would scorn with all the powers of his soul any help that should be offered him in a manner that would not recognize him as a man. Hence, a cemedy must be given that will bring on a co-operation of the forces concerned, that will in no way embarrass either race. A help which tends to humiliate or subordinate the one aided is not the kind of neip which cinanates from a desire to carry out the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Without entering into a discussion of plans for co-operation, I give it as my opinion that the National Baptist Convention, through its Boards, is the only medium through which a satisfactory co-operation can be entered into by and between the colored Baptists and the white Baptist societies of the country. This idea will be plain to any one who will take the nains to investigate the scope and influence of the National Bantist Convention. First of all, it represents the largest constituency of any organization among Baptists in the world. Secondly, it is the only organization among Baptists that is really national in the sense that its membership and field of operation is not confined to any section of the country. In this it circumscribes all the other Baptist societies, and may be illustrated by the form of a wheel in the middle of a wheel, as Ezekiel saw in his vision. No matter where the other great Baptist societies may choose to work in this country, it will be within the bounds of the great wheel,

A very important matter presents itself at this instant, which cannot be slightly passed over. A considerable number of colored Baptists have organized what is known as the Lott Carey F. M. Convention within territory covered by the National Bagtist Convention, and this Board is doing the same class of work that is being done by our Foreign Mission Board. We concede that the brethren referred to have the right to do their Foreign Mission work independently of the National Baptist Convention, but it is neither antelligent nor wise to have such a division in our ranks. It has been my purpose to seek for a better understanding and a more fraternal feeling among the brethren, to the end that some plan may be agreed upon which will enable us to do all of our foreign mission work through and by the direction of one Board, and I am glad to say that the indications are that before another year has passed we will have accomplished the much desired end. Unity among Negro Bantists should be the paramount issue and aim with all of us. Great and mighty problems confront us, and, as the direct representatives of more than half of the entire Negro population of this country, we must set the example for the utily of our forces by being united ourselves. The patience of the other race which has helped us so much in the past may be almost at an end. We may soon be called on to take charge of all the work hitherto managed hy others for our benefit. Before this can he done we must be united. There is a science of church government and I arge you to study it and he ready for whatever duties may be handed down to you. The growth of our denomination continues to increase. Thousands upon thousands of people are yearly rushing into the churches of our denomination herause they see standing at the portals of every church a man with an open Bible contending for a converted, baptized membership.

These multiplied thousands are to be trained and inspired to go put and bring in other thousands; hence our responsibilities increase with the growth of the denomination. To meet these responsibilities successfully, we must have trained men, well balanced men, men who are not overawed with their intellectual ability, as well as men who have not so much of the spirit (?) that they think intellectual training of no profit. But they must have no less of the former and much more of the latter to hold the place we now have among the Negro Christian denominations.

THE Y. P. C. AND E. CUNGRESS.

The Young People's Christian and Educational Congress, which was held in Atlanta last month was one of the greatest meetings ever held on this continent. It brought together many of the ablest men and women of the race from all Christian denominations and demonstrated the fact that notwithstanding our people are more partisan in their denominational views than any other race, there is a common ground on which we can meet and all unite in one grand effort for the uplift of our fellow man. I desire to congranulate those Bantist leaders who were at that Congress, upon the creditable way in which they represented their denomination. This congress is to meet every three years, and, judging from what I observed at that meeting of our denomination is to hold the place it now occupies, no time should be lost in the further development of our superior forces. More interest must be taken in the education of our people in our own schools, and especially must there be improvement in the matter of ministerial training and education. We need many more educated, consecrated Christian ministers and leaders for the vast army of followers who have cast their lot with the Baptists. Not men who are expecting recommendation to some great church or a Secretaryship in some of our Boards, because forsooth they have a college education, but mer who, because of their education, are willing to begin with a small cross-road country church, and preach and teach until they are called to a larger field.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of foreign missions continues to be the greatest problem before the Convention. While our foreign Mission Board has done well and has increased successs from year to year, the Foard Repeated efforts have been made to interest our churches in the work on foreign fields, and to get them to adopt a regular system of giving to this cause. But it seems that very few fare to give unless they are appealed to in person by some one officially representing the Board. This raises the question in our mind as to whether the pastors in the thousands of churches are

really teaching the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then there are those who are unable to see it as a duty to give to foreign missions, and excuse themselves on the ground that all their efforts and means are needed on the home field. The Board has had to contend arginst this and other adverse sentiments. The Secretary of the Board has sent out appeals during the year which should have reached hearts of stone. He has asked the churches if they would not support their missionaries; to please give him money to send for them that they might not starve in a heathen land. Some of our churches and associations responded nobly to these appeals, while others have passed them by as an idle tale. But we are glad to say that we have been able to keep the missionaries on the field. They, however, are not as well cared for as they should be. Secretary Jordan has been about the busiest man in the denomination and deserves unstinted praise for the success he has brought to this department of the Convention's work. I regret to have to call the attention of the Board and the Convention to what seems to be a missinderstanding in the matter of our South African work.

The Board reported at our last session that Rev. R. A. Jackson had resigned, but that he had been requested by the Board to remain in charge of affairs until November, 1901. It appears from recent correspondance which I have had with Briefler Jackson, that he still considers himself in the service of the Board. I give here extracts from a letter dated at Cape Town, July 23, 1902, and addressed to the National Baptist Convention:

"Dear Brethren I should like to state, inter alia, that we have struggled on for eight years with our mission school, being unaided in this department from any source. We have no house of our own in which to teach, hence most rent. Have been feaching an average of thirty-five pupils with great success. Owing to interruption by plague, my school was closed for a short time. We need a library of race books, newspapers and periodicals for these people Would be glad if our Board would establish a denominational stationery department at Cane Town. By such a course the work would be greatly helped here. Distribution of Baptist literature among these people would do great good." Brother Jackson writes on another date that Dr. Tordan wrote him that the resignation came too late to be considered at the meeting of the Convention, but that it would be brought before the Board at its November meeting. He states also that he has never received official notice that his resignation had been accepted, and, therefore, considers himself still related to the Roard. I do not think that there is any doubt that Brother Jackson has proved himself an efficient worker on the mission field; but the uncertainty of collecting means and the impatient disposition of the native Africans

seen to irritate our workers. And I know of no way to overcome this except that the missionaries be given certain prescribed rules to be observed, and that their contracts be for not less than four years, provided their health does not fail them and the Board is able to pay their salary promptly. Dr. Rosey, in West Africa, is in high hopes, notwithstanding the many changes that have taken place. But he urges that the Board furnish him, as soon as possible, five hundred dollars with which to build and otherwise equip his station. I have placed in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary all the communications which have come to me.

I would suggest that instead of the Corresponding Secretary having to do all the office work, and, in addition, travel all over the ensurery to meet the various conventions and associations, an assistant Corresponding Secretary be chosen whose entire time be given to the office work, that the Secretary might devote more time to traveling.

Tobserve nothing that should discourage us in our efforts to do foreign mission work, but much to encourage us to go forward in obedience to the command of our Master to "preach the gospel to the whole creation."

MOME MISSION AND PUBLICATION BOARDS.

More importance attaches to the work of the Home Mission and Publication Roards now than at any previous time, for the reason that these Boards have made great expansion and progress. The co-operation entered into between the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and our Board, by which the former pays the salary of two general secretaries for the latter, has been a great help to this department of our work, and has enabled this Board to meet a demand which has been made upon it for some time, i. e., to send its representatives out among the people strengthen the weak places, inform the general public of the work being done, and thereby create in the churches a greater zeal for preaching the gospel in our own country, through the agency of missionaries. The home field must not be neglected, for it is to form the base from which our foreign work in the future is to be done. Every church planted in this country is only another agency to give the gospel to heathen lands.

In our jubilication department much progress has been made. It is no longer a question of whether or not we can operate a publishing plant and prepare and publish the helps to be used in nor Sunday schools, for that fact has been demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt. But it is doubtful that this department can meet the increasing demands made for help and for work to be done, without an increase of contributions from the churches and Sunday schools. The impression has gone out that the Publishing Roard is a "money-making machine," hence, many expect it

not only to do their work for a small price, but really expect the house to aid them financially It must not be overlooked that this department is not yet six years old. It was commenced without a dollar. And it will, of necessity, have to be supported by the churches and Sunday schools for at least one whole decade longer before it can be considered out of the wilderness. The officers of this Roard will invite a close scrutiny of their official acts by any who may doubt the correctness of their reports. It is now a concerled fast that we have the most elaborate printing plant owned by our race in the United States, and, incidentally, it is a source of some pleasure to state that the printing and binding of the elaborate program of the Young People's Christian and Educational Congress were the work of our house Secretary Boyd has been untiring in his efforts to push the claims of the Publishing livated upon our large constituency, and the signal success which has attended his efforts is a source of gratification to all the friends of this department of our work. The importance of producing a literature that will stand as a testimony to the coming generations cannot be overestimated. And especially is this true of religious literature, for the religious life of any race or nation is the foundation on which it rests. The men who have been the exponents of the religious thought of the race through the mediuni of our periodicals in this day, will live to a thousand generations yet to come. Alt of these men have labored at a great sacrifice, not receiving enough to pay their actual expenses while engaged in the service of the Board.

EDITOATIONAL BOARD.

Much criticism has come against our Educational Board, but, nerhaps when cool and sober thought has taken the place of hasty ambitions and passionate sayings, it will be viewed in the proper light. None of our Boards have had such momentous problems confronting them as has this one. The American Paptist Home Mission Society has been at work among our people in the South for a whole generation. It has planted and supported several strong colleges at the most populous centers, and has spent millions of dollars for the education of our people. These schools are still among us, and are here to stay. But these, by no means, were capable of fully meeting the demand for a Christian education Hence, the colored Baptists of the South began several years ago in plant and operate schools of their own, and now they have quite a number distributed in every southern state, with two exceptions. The fact that the Home Mission Society had schools in these same states brought on considerable rivalry; so much so that some of our people were embarrassed to support the schools of their own planting for fear they would be considered disloyal to their friends. The rivalry for the ear, heart and support of the

people grew more intense until the matter was taken up by the National Haptist Convention, whose policy has been to convince the people it represents, and those who have aided them, that the race needs all the schools it has, whether these schools are owned and operated by the race, or by its friends, and, that there might be perfect harmony, has advocated a co-operation that we honed would out all the educational work among the colored Bantists under a co-operative management. To this end a conference was held in December between representatives of the Home Mission Society and the Convention has yet been reached. At that underence it was agreed that a better understanding and a closer conneration was desirable and the matter and plans referred to the respective Boards. So far as I have been able to learn, no definite conclusion has yet been reached. But I may say that while this important matter was under consideration, two of the anost important members of the Home Mission Society Board were removed, one hy resignation to accept a position on another Board, and the other by death. This, perhaps, will account for there not being a meeting of the joint committees. It is our most caracet desire that all of the misunderstandings cease and all the hard sayings includged be left in the forgotten past; that we all more in the sentiment that we must work together for the uplift all this whole people and that while these plans for co-operation in collectional work are maturing, every state and district shall loyally their own schools, at the same time encourage and support to the extent of their ability the schools of the Home Missum Society, and trust the planning for the Juture operation of the schools to the cool, deliberate judgment of their own chosen leaders and to their friends in the other race.

P. Y. P. U. BÓARD.

I tegret to say that the young people's work has not received the encouragement it deserves. It has been looked upon by some as a side issue, a matter of little or no importance. This should not be so. Nothing could better emphasize the need we have of the department than the Young People's Christian and Educational Congress held a few weeks ago. It was clearly demonstrated in that meeting that all the denominations among our peophase giving succial attention to their young people. As Bap-Ists we cannot afford to neglect this feature of our denominational work without serious injury to our future. We have as many vosing people in our churches as all the other denominations among our race. These must be trained with a view to future Conquest. The B Y P U can be made to serve the purpose for which the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. P. S. of C. E. were organized and should be made to afford our young people all of the social and religious pleasures and mental stimulus which are promited

them in the other organizations. The efficient Secretary of his R. Y. P. U. Board has been untiring in his labors to develop this department of our work. But he cannot succeed without the cooperation of the leaders and the churches. I most earnestly ask that more attention he given the young people's work.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION.

One year ago in my address I recommended that you reconsider the resolution by which a Woman's Auxiliary Convention was created, and that you elect a Woman's Board through which their work should be done. In deference to the wishes of our sisters however, we agreed to let the matter stand until they could be con vinced of the wisdom of having such a Roard, instead of such a Convention. I am informed that they are about convinced and that hereafter they will ask for a Board to be chosen in the sammanner that the other Roards of the Convention are chosen. We are glad of this decision and hope that the greatest possible encouragement will be given to the women who have so nobly stood by the work in all of the past. Should they decide to disolve their Convention and have their Roards chosen in and by this necessary for the Convention to locate the breathputatiers of that Board.

IN MEMORIAM.

The month of Call Tournes J. Morgan, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society removed from active participation in the affairs of the great Baptist family of the most notable and representative men of the denomina tion. His efficial connection with a society whose southern work executively among our people made the relations which he susmore than fraternal; for, indeed, he became one of a notwither and it many of our very bed men were opposed to one of he positioning and by him, and while many of these lessers differed with Dr Morgan in their opinion on some vital aucstions is not ing the conduct of our educational work, I think all are agreed that he was a friend of the race and that one of his greatest house as that the race he lifted up and green equal opportunities with those of all other American citizens. In his death the race by lost a champion who never faltered when duty called the was ever ready in speak in defense of an economic

A NEW PEATURE.

The hand the Convention is called to a matter which has agitated my mind for some time. The matter has been alluded to in nearly every meeting we have held within the last eight years.

In the vast army of ministers which we have in this country. many of them are growing old and will soon be unable to engage actively in ministerial work. Many of these have sacrificed all for the cause which they loved so dearly, and are to go down to their graves almost in poverty. Yet they are rich in grace. Some provision should be made or some plan adopted whereby these heralds could provide for themselves means sufficient at least to men the expenses of a Christian burial when their life work is over I do not consider it out of harmony with the work already undertaken by this Convention to create another department or Roard that shall take up the matter of organizing a minister's benefit association, or something similar, which need not require the expenditure of a single dollar and which will be self-supporting from the beginning. Should one-half of the ministers in our denomination choose to go into such an association, that they might he presected against a needy day it might give a national Board a business equal to any we now have. If a surplus should in the course of time be created, it should be used in founding and supporting a National Baptist Orphans' Home. I ask for these suggestions your most profound consideration.

A WARNING.

My brethren, almost forty years have passed into history since our race was emancipated, and during this period we may consider that we have been in the wilderness. But this not without divine help. We have had both manna and quail to abundance. The North and the South have belied us. Many of the race have made good use of their opportunities, and, taking the race as a whole, I think it will be conceded by all impartial judges that we have done well. The end is not yet reached, and I warn you that the bardest battles are yet to be fought, and are to be entered firmly and courageously first by you who are the leaders of the people. The days of those would-be leaders who have gained these influence and standing by unscruptous methods and who lave to scated to sentimentalism instead of reason to gain a following is at an end. The day of looseness, frivolity and kindred vices which have been indulged by many who have occupied complements places among us is rapidly passing by; and the demand but unright Christian manhood to fill our pulpits is rapidly increasing Let me remind you-and may you in turn remind your people that we live in the midst of another people stronger than we are We are going to remain here, for this is any humir by every mehi he which any other propte can claim it. The other people will remain here for this is also their home. Hence the problem. Every true, liberty-loving patriot will say, "Let us live in peace." How to do this will depend largely upon how the masser are taught by their leaders. No high ideal will be embraced by my

race of people who foster a batred for other races, or, in the language of another, "We cannot hate others without degrading ourselves." We should, therefore, cultivate a broad, liberal, friendly relationship with the people among whom we live, not like a cringing coward, for no man need be afraid but the criminal; but of many rights which we are entitled to as citizens, let us contend that the scales of justice shall evenly balance between man and the entire people that we are entitled to the protection and friendly aid of all the people, till all have learned that we can, under the influence of the Christian religion, labor together for the common good of all, and that Christ's reign will not be complete until the opening song of redemention morning is sung by every race good will toward men."

I make no pretense of being a poet, but it struck my mind to attempt a summary of the work of our Boards in the following defective verses:

Awake, awake, ye mighty throng, The Manter's calls demand The overthrow of all that's wrong, in this our glorious land,

From east to west let every man Fail in on ain must visid: Te at the North, come join your hands With those of Southern field.

The Foreign Mission Roard uphoid, With grayer and money too. Till heathen isuda throughout the world Have been lit up anew.

The Home Board must be kept intact, Or size the race must fail; For if the hase is once removed, The cause will not prevail.

If F ducation is the need.

Then push that cause along:
The mind from derivess must be freed
Before the race is strong.

The future church is in the young— The old will supp be more. Then build the B. Y. P. U. up With service and with song.

What shall we say of those who came The last, to sid this cause? With no desire for prises or feme Nor booking for appenned? "Tis thin: Let them a Board create, And do so you have done, And to us all their work relate; For Paptists should be one.

Send out and call Lott Corey men, They are of us, you know: Whate'er of difference exists Lot's cettle here below.

United, then, we will succeed Till our Convention also The largest, strongest, bravest force That lives in this good land.

Long live and work, ye Baptist bosts, Till Christ in glory come, And in the repture of his grace, We ceach our finel home.

By motion the address was referred to a committee consisting of our from each State.

By motion the regular order was suspended and Dr. E. C. Morris was re-elected President.

Dr. Juo. H. Frank, President of the Foreign Mission Board, made a few remarks and then introduced Dr. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary, who read the following report of the Foreign Mission Board:

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Boptist Convention:

In Christ's name we greet you. It has pleased the Father of all good to permit us to bring to you our seventh annual report on Foreign Missions. It is not what we could wish, but all and all, under God, we have done our best.

That distance is being wiped out by our telegraph and cable lines, is known to all. China, Africa and the isle of the sea, with their millions are being brought close to us so that we may read in an afternoon what was done in the morning in most parts of these used-to-he far away regions. These are God's methods of making the wrath-of man to praise him. More and more the word "Foreign" prefixed to Missions is being dropped, and Christians are feeling "The world is the field," that man is man's bottler the wide world over, and, like Andrew, they are seeking to-bring thim to Jesus."

The year has been fraught with many blessings. There is seen on every hand the spirit to unite in efforts to send recruits, wherever man is found, with the message of life.

Our reports show an increase in interest and contributions in marly every State. More questions are asked as to the work,

more souls being saved in our mission fields, and londer grows the Macedonian cry, with here and there men and women volunteen saying, "Here am I, send me."

We realize more and more, there is no discharge in this Christian warfare, and the more our work grows, the more the necessity for larger and prompter giving, and as pastors and churches, ne may truly sing, "No slacker grows the fight, no shorter grows the way."

HINDRANCES.

There are several things that hinder our work. Each of these seems hard to overcome.

First—Lack of intelligent Bible interest in Missions. To know that Jesus says to all those who are saved, "Go ye into all the world—to every nation—and preach the Gospel to every creature—to each individual, seems remote to thousands of our pastors, to say nothing of the individual member.

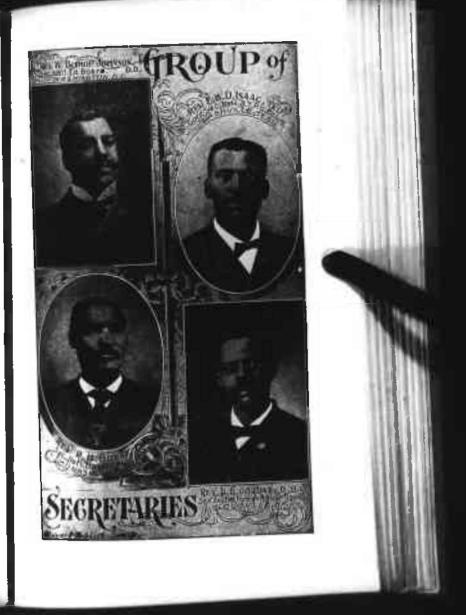
Second—The inability of the Board to get men and women is the various Stares who will deal honestly with the work. The experience of the Board is, that after six years, we have found but three persons who have gone out as collectors, to deal honestly. Then, again, in the churches and annual meetings of the associations there is a wooful lack of promptness to report, and report in full what was given for the work. Be it said to the shame of some, they have taken the money given for our missionaries and their threatened to punish them by not giving any more to their future support should they complain.

Do we recall the words of Jesus, Luke 24:46-49: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to cise from the dead due third day: And that repentance and remission of sits should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And we are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Oh, if we believe the message, let us he loyal and faithful nail he comes.

Third—The direct or indirect opposition to the cause of salvation of the heathen by many officers of conventions and associations. There are some who are as zealous as Paul and as loyal at Stephen, but they are so few compared with the masses.

Fourth—The State delegations who meet at our national meetings and select men for members of our various Boards, in many cases select for our Board men who do not contribute to the work themselves nor allow their churches to do so. In an effort to interest this class, we have spent in literature and postage yearly enough money to pay the salary of a good missionary. In all important matters, and especially "the King's business," only





REV. J. H. A. PARUS, PORT ROYAG, VA.,



PROF. C. M. WELLS, MOSTOCORES, ALABAMA, DISTRICT SECRETARS SURTHERN INSTRUCT.

those who love the kingdom and are loyal to the King should be but in charge of his affairs. Give us men who believe the Bible they read, and that the Gospel they preach is good for themselves, and is therefore good be the heathen. Give us men willing to help and have others help. While thinking over the wrongs of slavery, Thomas lefferson said: "I tremble for my country when I rememher that God is just." May we not tremble when we remember the Lord is coming again, and will reward every man according to his work. As pastors who live by the Gospel, can we forget the Parable of the Husbandman and the Vineyard? May we not tremble as we remember Jesus put us in the ministry, to feed and train the flock over which the Holy Ghost made us "overseers"? In Exodus we read that when the leaders brought the people face to face with their duty, they cried with one voice, "This we will do." Are we as Baptists prepared to fight against God in this matter, or in any way binder the churches, associations and conventions from preaching "The Cospel to every creature?"

CO-OPERATION.

For a part of two years Rev. C. S. Morris, D. D., LL. D., was the joint field agent for the American Baptist Missionary Union and own floreign Mission Roard. It was in the minds of all that the Morris would return to Africa, hence this tentative plan of cooperation, which terminated in February last. It was the hope of your loard that within six months after the adjournment of our last Convention the necessary moneys would be raised, and by this meeting Dr. Morris would be in Cape Town, South Atrica, pushing our work. A special effort was planned November last to raise the needed money, but we regnet to report the income barels must the expenses of the rally. With co-operation suspended, and ma sufficient money in hand for the \$6,000 building in Cape Town, Dr. Morris returned to the pastorate in New York Cive.

RICHIE STEWART.

Richie, the daughter of our lamented R. L. Stewart, came to is from Europe, Jan. 11th, and was put in the Virginia Theological Sentinary and College. The Woman's Board, Miss N. H. Burreughe, Secretary, through your Board, is looking after the expenses.

We hope to see a plant put on foot at an early day to secure a hope for aged and returned missionaries and missionaries' children

SAILINGS,

For seven consecutive years the churches have been called upon in send these who felt called of God to foreign fields. Ian, 11th, Rev. 1. W. Anderson, with his family, returned to Demerara,

South America. On the 15th, Miss E. B. Delancy sailed for Chiradzulu, H. C. Africa, and on the 18th Rev. H. N. Bouey, D. D., with his three boys, sailed for Liberia, W. C. Africa. These sailings have always been a source of education and inspiration to the churches.

Men and women weep for joy at the meetings as we take the parting hand and become co-workers with God in the salvation of their heathen brethren.

We rejoice to know that during the past seven years, our Forcign mission work has grown from the name to a fixed part of our denominational life. During this time quite sixty churchs have been organized in "regions beyond," and nearly 5,000 persons have been haptized and enrolled in the army on route for the Better Land. Negro Baptists raised and expended for Foreign Missions during that time more than \$43,000. Mail from vanous parts of Africa comes to the Board continually, and more and more the people of African descent everywhere are getting in linfor greater work in saving each other.

THIR OF INSPECTION AND THE RESULTS.

At the request of Bros. Anderson, Sargeant, and others in Birish Ginana, South America, and by the authority vested in is through the recommendations adopted by your Board at Cindmusti, at the meeting of our Board, Rev. Dr. Jordan, our Societary, was appointed to visit that field, and as many of the Wes Indian islands as possible a route. He reports having visited in Thomas, St. Croix, St. Christopher, Antigua, Gandalupe, Martinique, St. Lues, St. Vincent and Barbadoes. In each of their islands he found the harvest ripe and heard found calls for laboration your Board deplores its inability to meet the demands. The neighbor of these islands are English, French and Danish subjects but all streak English in some form.

This visit of inspection has been helpful to our brethren, and securingly put new life in our work in these parts. The Baptet Convention of Demerara and the West Indies was organized on the 27th of June, by our Secretary and their Corresponding Survetary. Rev J W. Anderson, who began the work in those parts will travel through the States in their interest under the direction of your Board during the coming year.

A thousand dollars is absolutely necessary to aid these people in building church houses. Their convention is an auxiliary to notional body, and will meet Thursday before the fourth Lotel Day in January, with the Salem Baptist Church, Rev T. E pastor. Bridgetown, Barhadoes, B. W. I., when it is hoped a secial delegation from this convention may be in attendance, fact that the large Pedobaptist churches in most of these island, though in many cases made up exclusively of Negroes, are passing the convention of th

spread by white men. This and many other things have so dwarfed the people in some of these islands that a special delegation of their own brethren going among them would do much to inspire and encourage them. The it remembered that quite two millions of our people live in these islands, and from our Secretary's report we learn in many cases they are not far removed from paganism. Indeed, in Georgetown, the capital of the Colony of Demerara, the Hindoo and Mohammedan worship is liberally tolerated and have a respectful licaring as Christianity. The trip, including many pictures of the islands and people, is being prepared so it may be given on carvas, that our churches may see and few more alkant it. A similar trip to our station in Africa is an absolute necessity. Every denomination doing work in foreign field has some official going among their workers, which serves a simulus to both missionary and native Christians.

Hro, Anderson, in writing from South America, says: "Five hundred dollars in each would not have done our work the good that the visit of cour Secretary has."

AFFICIATING DAPTISTS.

While the 3,000 Baptists in Liberia, 2,200 in Lagos, W. C., secure very little financial support from your Board, we rejoice to know that helpful hooks and Sunday school supplies have been seal and the fellowship due one Baptist to another is kept up. The Soor promised on the salary of an English Bible teacher in Birk Institute. Liberia, voted last year, was left for adjustment with Dr. H. N. Bouey, our Superintendent of West African Mission, and up to date has not been put in operation. Letters from him and Dr. Richardson are in the hands of your Board, and we appet the matter will be speedily arranged.

CHAPEL MONEY.

In view of the fact that Rev. R. A. Jackson resigned and is now operating independently, and that our work in Cape Town seems in have gone out of existence so far as visible results offer, and the further fact that the first church of Queenstown have completed a house of worship costing \$1,000, and we must help them are fee at and that a church and school building in Middle Drift is being erected to cost \$250, \$50 of which has been given by Sister I. P. Moore and her Fireside Schools, we ask that all chard money designated for South Africa be divided between these places according to the responsibilities involved.

THE FIELD.

For six years we have striven to secure our missionaries in Mrica that ministerial standing due ordained preachers world over, with only partial success. We secured papers

signed by the Governor of Kentucky and the Secretary of State of the nation, hearing the Scal of the State of Kentucky, and the great Seal of the United States, with our papers of incorporation. but it seems not to avail. A number of our workers have been confined in jail, and others were driven from their posts for the testimony which they hore. We stand ready to furnish any kind of document required that our brethren may secure the authority to perform the rites of matrimony, bury the dead, and to do the work of Bible Bishops.

We are pained to know a great nation like England, which is known the world over as the friend of the oppressed, should himder us in our efforts to religiously and morally lift up and help eppressed brethren in Africa.

It is remorted that the only woman in East Central Africa who deess like civilized women are in our stations. Indeed, it is generally understood that many women missionaries are really ornosed to native women decesing like them.

In the "Missionary Review of the World," we note the follow-

A delegate to the Volunteer Convention at Toronto writes: "It was the concensus of opinion of returned white missionaries that colored missionaries in Africa were among the best in faithfulness and efficiency, as well as popularity with the people. It was the nominion of the friends of Africa that colored missionaries should he seat to this field.

We may learn from this our duty, and that no people are prepared to symmathize with our benighted brethren as we and ther are more ready to have us preach to them. With these facts before us, how shall we escape the condemnation of all good mm and a just God if we fail to go, and go at once, to the harvest fell and gather the ripening grain for the Master.

Though having many odds against them, suffering the hardships of climate hunger, with perils by sea and land, made this year a great activity at all our stations. Nearly every worker his endeavored to extend his borders and enlarge his work. In spite of the war and martial law prevailing in South Africa.

many persons have been haptized at the different stations Through the untiring efforts of Rev. E. B. P. Koti and others. the Missignary Baptist Association of South Africa has been of ganized. They report the following missionaries in the field under their auspices

Andrew Nihlahla, Tsomo, East Bank, Transkei. Jos. I. Buchanan, Middle Drift, King William's Town. Hermanus Vanqua, Rodana, Mpotula, Queenstown. Ebenezer B. P. Koti, Oncenstown, Robert A. Tackson, Cape Town. Funiselo Solani, Mhizana, Port Shepstone, Natal.

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Imblana Station, Port Shepetone, Napat, South Africa To the Fureign Mission Board. Dear Breihren-Yours of April 26th at bend. I am very much pleased with the sayings and the efforts you are puttles forth for the redemption of the children of Ham I thank you very much indeed for the commission sept me. I am glad to know that our Baptist churches is America have deep roots and to know that I have fathers in Americe to whom I may report all difficulties that beset me as a young Christ on worker I am your son, and beg that you do not feel sabamed to criticise me. If I go wrong, I go ignorabily. I read the Herald with interest as it tells me what our brothers and sleters are doing for the tedemption of mankind everywhere. Notwitheranding the impediments that are thrown in my way. I am trying to be a belp to my brothers is the preaching of the Gospel

F. Solosi

Culuaca Qumbu, South Africa.

My Dear Deethrep. We are greatly hindered here for the want to matry, and to do other things that should be done by ordained preachers. I humbly ank that you arrange this for us. If possible I am slove here with no missionaries close, and the need of privileges from the government greatly hinders out work.

Peter Mpoulbles.

Kimberly, South Africa.

to the Foreign Mission Board; Orac literation -I beg most tenderly to ask that you belp me to supand a teacher and law assistants here. I am sure you know I have at liand with which to pay them. I am very poor, and when they cry of hunger. I am unable in any way, to relieve them. They the work, as I myself might do, and work at comething are found were it not for our love for the cause and our people Two of our workers have resigned already. Our churches here would ha if great service if the Board could in any way assist us with a little The church furnishes me a place to which to live, and rents a half for services, and this is all they can do Ten of our eleters beld s little special prayer meeting and amid tears and sobs, bagged that tomain, and pleaded with us for the needed belp.

P O. Lest.

Cape Mount, July 2, 1902 To the Be Rb Missian Board, Louisville, Ry

Yours very truly,

My the Brother:-I enclosed to you the two reports, one of which and have been received a good while ago Tou will asset know hon busy I have been, and yet some sickness has bothered to the miles. Your advice to me to go slow, which I did not PERF WHE BOOK I fook on my hands more than I should have done led are acclimating Hed it not been for the treachers of that many hand man and no old, whicky-drinking ball-king. would had my work on foot properly before the 18th of

March But my sermon against whiskey at Cape Mount angered the merchant and he sent word to his trader at Kepah to do everything against my permanent settlement up there. The ball hing who is it debt to the trader, did just what the trader wasted or asked, so I was closed out of the holiding. They thought I would interfere with their flooding the country with the rollen gin

I am planning now to build at the old site; and by the feet of September, which will end the rains. I hope to be in position proponly. All the kings say I shall have more boys than I can house,

clothe and feed when I go to Hendo

I should be able to buy the country rice now that will be coming in by the time this reaches you. I hope to buy at least 200 bushels for \$100 It sells for \$2 a bushel, but I will not have to pay \$400 for the 200 bushels, as I will hire the \$100 into trade and buy of the trade price. The oil senson has just passed one, but the rice season must not pass me. I must get country rice or pay \$5 for two bushels of imported rice

I have written you so that you may know what I am doing and supool to do to the near future. Fray for the Baptista herr, as their case is had. Gud bless you and all friends to our work.

I am yours in service.

Boucy-Robert sick.

t onclose the following statement for the quarter commencing April 1 and ending June 30, 1902; Scrinning ateached ... Valatrosses made .. Sanday school addresses made Foys (Jothed) Fors boarding 876 Rent for school buildings for three months..... School commed from Kepsh to Cape Mount. Will remain here till rains stop.

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H. N. Bouey, Missionary.

We have had the Chapel opened on the 19th of April under £201 (\$1,000) dold. We strained every nerve to raise £30 on that date, which apraks well for our small congregation, with very few symptthirers I named a bond with a lawyer when he asked me bow do ! propose to bundane the balance of £170. I promised to make the tivity invalingers trusting that the Board will come to our rescue, rewentleting what it is in make a promise with these people it is not only the property that we must look after, but your name is at state Postlerio pray for us.

Yours in His service,

Eben P B Koll.

Largos, West Africa.

Denr Brither fordan -It is quite uncertain whether I shall be with you this your I very much regrot the uncertainty, but purhaps h

will be for the hetter. The Lurd knows Dieappointments are his appointmente. I have just returned from an evengelistic tour to Contral Nightin, Gaving left home in January I have been considerably delayed by the king and chiefs of Oico, the chief city of Central leved Nigeria. They undertook to 'Rite and build" a house of worship. in his presence and handed over 120 princes and sons of chiefs to me for training. Leaving that centre, I visited 45 large cities and towns sub the Guspel Message and planted nuclet in three districts. The seas of this unprecedented success reached Largos before my arrival, and I have since been interviewed by press and people. Now my attention has been urgently demanded in Southern Nigeria where I was detailed last year and was unable to be with you, and i must leave soon I do not think I can send you may fair account or sketches is a reling publication until my return from Southern Nigeria.

The undembtedly will delay my visit until pext year. Man proposes, God dispuses Hallelujah! Clory to God!

Yours in the patience of the Gospel,

Mojola Aghetii.

Upper Pank Hall Rd., St. Michael, Barbadors, W. 1. August 25 1802. In the Chairman and Orethren of the Foreign Mission Board:

Herewith forward the Conventional report for your information, and 2003 h this letter as our personal duty

I start the work here in the town of Bridgetown, Barbados, on the the are proper 1901, and he H.a Providentia, ald we are endowvering The magnify of the 94 members as shown on form of the papert, are laborate and carn very little for a livelihood, consequently everything has beenile very hard to push forward. They are endeavaring to do itself. It look and we are sure with a little assistance, so as to put us on the co, would be of great advantage. Our native contribution is ab-

so being a triple was you will oce in column provided. Officers and members wish you a great session of the Convention in distance. Presting soon to hear the results thereof.

We are yours to lite Name. Thomas Edward Smith Pasier. Nathaniel St. Geo Kirton, Clerk.

JUNE 30, 1902.

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greatly in mood of books, such as Tenchers' Bibles and Boyd's Hand Book Please send me some. For this report, we will give all the flors to God and bonor and praises to his dear San, Jesus Christ. J. B. Buchages.

Missionary at Middle Drift. South Africa. * B-The amount received from the field is not given by Brother Dirhanan but the amount he gives in United States money is equiva-The amount paid out, \$675.61.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The need of systematic giving is keenly felt by your missionaries and Board. Our District plan has not proven the success hoped mostly for need of men who would leave everything and work it. We still have faith in it and shall work at it steadily. M sour Manta session, in 1895, the 5th Sundays were made Foreign Mays. We recommend the continued use of every the Sunday, and our Spring Rally in April.

We must carnestly ask that these days be observed and the programs arranged be used to that end that the people be brought the torticle with our missionaries and work, and that the needed means may be had for their support. We further recommend that the Board be empowered so far as they see their way, to carry out all suggestions under "Our Needs" in this report.

OUR THANKS.

Vour Board extends its thanks to the National Baptist Publishing Board for Sunday school supplies for all our Sunday schools in Joreign fields.

To the American Baptist Publication Society for denominational tracts, and to Dr. J. M. Frost, of the Sunday School Board of the Southen Baptists, for "For Baptist Why and Why Not," for our missionaries.

To Mr. J. R. Franklin, Mo., for \$300 per year for Dr. Bouey. To our Women's Board for continued support of Richie, prom-

ised, and much helpful support to our work.

To the denominational and secular press, for help in scattering information among the churches.

To Presidents C. H. Parrish, D. D., G. W. Haves, A. M., A. C. Ushorn, D. D., for the education of Moti Kama, Isaiah D. Ngoli, and Lindly Sente, our African students.

To all who by prayer, sympathy, word or gift, have aided in the salvation of the heather by the support of our needy self-sacri-

We further recommend that we, as delegates who gather here, will on returning to our homes plan large rebo meetings of the National Convention and in that way tell our people what is being done in the Home and Foreign fields. This done yearly notwithstanding a majority of our people do not read our denominational parsers as they should, they will grow more interested in the work of the Master being done by their churches.

OUR NEEDS.

After all of our efforts, "unless the Lord haild, they labor in vain, who build." The need of a reconsecration of our great Baptist Zion to the saving of souls is apparent.

To your knees. O church of God," was the slogan which broke the deathlike spell of Christendom in the 17th century. Your Board carnestly asks that the week preceding our spring tally be observed in every Baptist church as the Week of Prayer, special prayer, and that our people he made to feel the great need of Cord's help in this work of Missions.

No matter how many anti-mission churches and pastors there are among us, we must remember, "Prayer makes the darkest cloud withdraw," and he who urges "Pray ye, the Lord of the harvest." He will surely hear us when we earnestly pray and help us, when we prayerfully toil.

The First Church, Queenstown, East Central Africa, has built this year, depending upon the promised \$750 from the B. Y. P.

U. Board. We must save them from humiliation and our own-good name, as Baptists, by paying the obligation.

The Sunshine School building of Middle Drift in in course of erection at the cost of \$250. Sister J. P. Moore's Fireside School gave the first \$50 on the building, the other is to be raised. Spon for permanent building for Dr. Bouey in West Africa: \$500 for hailding in E. C. Africa, where our workers are out of doors.

While wages are poor, work scarce and our people are much impoverished in Demerara, they are struggling on nobly. They need unich, but with \$200. Bethel Church, which cost about \$2,000, and succeed. \$100 will enable Zion to build, and \$100 will and Nazareth to do a great work.

Bridgetown is the capital of this island. Our Baptist work is only fifteen months old there, and is in great need. We are obligated to give them \$2 00 for each one they raise on an \$500 limiting. This is an important field, and cannot be neglected without great danger to the course. \$200 in St. John's Parrish will be to help them to help themselves, and in time, enable them to help themselves.

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Mr President and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Greeting:

This is to certify that in compliance with the Constitution, I have examined the books and accounts of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board and find the same correct.

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Auditor National Baptist Convention.

Sept. 1, 1902.

Now, my dear brethren we are praying that from this meeting nill grow a broader interest and love fo the salvation of men evertwhere. If Christ is everything to us, we know he can be exercitling to all men and as far as the power within us lies, let us take Christ to all men. Jesus Christ said: "Ye are my witnesses, legenning at Jerusalem." That is in Birmingham. "In letusalem, and in Judea and Samaria and the utterminet parts of the cault," that takes in the last man. See Jesus before he goes to the Father with his hands outstretched and pointing to the utterminet parts of the earth. Let us never forget that gesture, and tettienher that our love has a broken wing if it cannot fly across the ocean in compliance with this last appeal of an ascending

Let us thank God that commerce, travel and discovery are becommer his own instruments in bringing Africa's sons, who for continues have waited in pagen darkness, to the light of the Gostel, and that from our own rank and file men and women are coming who will dare to die for her redemption. In view of the vary work before us, and our obligation a saved ment and women to do our work, let us units with the post in ing-

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In the love of the Gospel,

L. G. JORDAN, Scoretary, 718 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

Collection, \$29.00.
The Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. J. C. Jack

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 7:30 p.m., Vice President A. McEwen, Ala... esid Song servi conducted by Prof. Rossouric Rossouric

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SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Winntes read and approved. Prayer for the Foreign Mission Work led by Rev. P. Hunter, Mississippi.

Address: "Afro-Americans must save Africans," Rev. Filbert R. Milonna, Cape Town, South Africa.

By motion the rules were suspended in order to hear an address from Dr. J. M. Frost, Corresponding Secretary Baptist Sunday School, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. H. W. Bowen, Mississippi, moved that a vote of thanks be extended Dr. Frost for his address, and for the assistance given the National Baptist Publishing Board. The motion was amended so as to make Dr. J. M. Frost a life member of the Convention.

By motion, the Convention requested the Finance Committee to make report in the afternoon of all money received—the same to be made by states.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. A. J. Stokes, Alahama.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 2:30 p. m. Dr. J. J. Peyton, Vice President, Mississippi, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. R. Toliver, Arkansas, and Rev. Clarence Parrish, Pennsylvania.

Sung service, Peof. Rosborough. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Black-shear, Texas.

Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. J. P. Robinson, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Convention on the work of the Board during the past year. At the conclusion of his speech, he introduced Dr. R. H. Boyd, Corresponding Secretary, who read the report of the Home Mission Board.

Brother President and Members of the Twenty-second Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of America.

We, your Home Mission and Publication Boards, again beg to offer for your consideration the report of our seven years' work as a Home Mission Board, and our six years' work as a Publication Board. We are always glad to render an account of our stewardship to those who have entrusted us to work for the Master's cause. We are glad to say that we have had the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide us through the entire year. We have also had the wise counsel and assistance of the five elective officers of our Convention, together with the hearty co-operation of each of our several boards, secretaries, state and district conventions and a majority of our leading pastors. It has been, indeed, a source

of pleasure to us to labor with and for such God-fearing men and co-laborers as we have come in contact with during the last twelve months. We rejoice with you over the fact that the dark and lowering clouds of past differences and divisions are last disanpearing and we are having one general banner for the entire Negro Baptists of the American Continent and the Islands of the Sea, and it is being generally subscribed to by all Negro Baptists throughout the entire universe. Inscribed upon this is our apostolic motto, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism." This apostolic motto inscribed upon a general banner, seems to float over every Missionary Baptist organization throughout the length and breadth of this entire continent.

The Islands of the Sea and the Dark Continent of Africa seem. to be stretching out their hands toward us with the Macedonian ery. "Come over and help us wet as must be expected in this God appointed work, our paths have not been strewn all the way with flowers, but we are perfectly ready to say with the poet of old:

"Must I be carried to the skies On flowery beds of ease, While others fought to win the prize, And sailed through bloody seas?"

We have, therefore, been compelled to work, watch and pray, We began this year's work under many apparent difficulties. The drought of 1901, causing a failure in crops throughout the country and especially in the Southern States, was sufficient to cause great apprehension in our missionary work, and, at the same time, the combination of manufacture of printers' supplies and material on the one hand and the organization and federation of labor on the other, seemed to threaten, to some extent, our publication work, causing us great fear in the work of supplying our denomination in the needed periodicals and literature. However, the great encouragement that was extended us by your body last September, sent each of us as servants to our work like giants strengthened with new wine. The editorial staff on one hand and the district secretaries and state missionaries on the other put forth renewed efforts to better the publications and spread the territory of missionary work, have thus overcome most of these obstacles and made the work move along with comparative smoothness.

While our territory has broadened and our business department has increased, unforeseen obligations and responsibilities have been equal, if not greater, and we have, therefore, been compelled to strain every nerve, put forth every effort and resort to all honorable means as a Christian organization, to prevent coming to you this year with a deficit. We have been compelled to make increases along all lines to meet the increased obligations and demands made upon us; we regret to say that we have been compelled to turn a deaf ear to many needed appeals for help in both missionary and literary destitutions.

MINUTES.

ENLARGEMENT OF OUR WORK.

There has been a general increase in every department of our work, causing us to have to make an enlargement in all of its depariments. We have found our quarters too small and have parinicins. The next toolid our quarters too small and have been, therefore, compelled to lease another building which has added an expense of \$50.00 per month. We have also had to increase our machinery. We suppose it would be proper to say at this point that we have scarcely a piece of machinery in the house that we started with or owned four years ago.

What is true of our quarters and machinery, is also true with our clerical and manufacturing forces. As the volume of our business increases, we have to put more and better clerks in the counting room, as our trade and circulation of books and periodicals increase, we have to increase the force and skill of our mailing department, and as our correspondence increases, we are conspelled to increase the clerical force in the office and yet we find in each department that we are short and our help is overworked.

Our manufacturing department has been so on the increase that we have not only had to increase our help, but we have been compelled to increase in skill. This increased demand for skilled labor has increased our expenses considerably and we are still in theed of those machinery of the latest improvements. The demands upon us for a new building are imperative. This building we are compelled to have in order to keep pace with the times. We own the ground and we ought, by all means, erect a four of five story building, suited for printing purposes. This building should be 100 feet long, 35 feet wide, 4 or 5 stories high, built under the late, modern, improved style, so as to afford us a stock department, press department, bindery department and a composing department. We find it almost impossible to carry on our work in the present condition. The work of each department should be so arranged that the foreman of that department can have an oversight of the entire work at a glance. This heavy machinery that is required under the modern system of doing work requires extra strong buildings. We, therefore, urge upon the Convention the necessity of adopting plans for raising at head \$10,000 for this new building. This matter was laid before the Executive Board at its last meeting to arrange the program and they therefore, set aside this day for pledges and efforts to raise this money. This is the first time that your Board has ever called upon the Convention to assist in any of its publication work he making special donations. We feel that no greater tribute could be paid to the denomination than that we would raise money to creet a monument to the memory of our heroic dead who planted the seed of this work and were then called from Jahor to reward. The names of Simmons, Cole, Luke, Vann, Love, Dr. Baptiste and others who gave their lives in the effort to push forth the work of planning the National Convention should be immortalized by the Negro Baptists of this country. We urge that the Convention make such efforts as will interest each State, district and community in taking part in raising the money.

OUR DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

It has been the policy of our Board for the past four years to do its missionary, colportage and Bible work all under one head In order to better facilitate this work, the Board has districted the entire United States into three districts, placing all of the states west of the Mississippi into what is known as the Western Distrist; all the states east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio, the Eastern District, and all of the states east of the Mississippi and north of the Obio, the Northern District,

We have employed Rev. William Beckham, of Austin, Texas, as Secretary of the Western District; Rev. D. T. Gilley, of Pensacola, Florida, Secretary of the Eastern District, and Rev. J. M. Riddle, D. D., of Columbus, Ohio, Secretary of the Northern District. These brethren have given their entire time to travelling, lecturing, preaching, co-speciating with and stimulating state and district associate nal missionaries. They have been expected to hold missionary conferences, endeavoring to arouse a greater interest in missionary work though the states of their districts, The following work is shown from each of them:

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The money to pay the salary of two of these missionaries has ben furnished us by the Home Board or the Southern Baptist Convention, It would have been impossible for your Board to have accomplished this work without aid. As a great deal has been said and written about this co-operation with the Southern logists, it would possibly be well to state here, that the Home that of the Southern Baptist Convention has furnished the money Sr 800, to pay these two district secretaries or general mis-Revs. Beckham and Gulley, without making any demands abstract or giving any directions, except to ask for a duplicate of their report each month, and this is to be sent in, not by these stretures themselves, but to be sent to them by our Corresponding Secretary after our Executive Board has passed upon the same. It is the earnest wish and prayer of these Southern brethren to help our Board to become independent in the operation of its

missionary work and to help our denomination to become selfsupporting. It was hoped that these brethren would be active enough to raise money equal to the amount of their salaries to assist in carrying on missionary work in the various states and communities where it is most needed. That by holding missionary conferences, they might consult with Baptist associational and Sunday School conventional missionaries, and in this way stimefate and encourage the Baptists everywhere to contribute to our national work.

By a glance of one report of Rev. Beckham, it will be seen that il each of our district secretatries could put forth the same activity and exert the same influence, we would be able to carry on

a considerable amount of missionary work.

As we see, he preached 266 sermons; made 368 addresses, visited 177 churches; 44 conventions and associations; wrote 1,560 letters; sold and donated \$723.64 worth of books; collected \$741. 48 for the work; \$40.50 for subscription to the Union; \$73.85 for special missionary work; traveling 19.545 miles at a cost of \$403. 06, and sent to our Board in cash, \$1,124.22, and has remaining on hand a sufficient amount of money to carry on his work. Thus it can be seen that he costs us \$493.06 for travelling expenses, \$900.00 for salary, making a total cost of his year's labor of \$1,393 of; and he collected from all sources on the field, \$1,839.59. leaving a balance, including the books sold, of \$446.50. If this work could only be multiplied by three, it would not cost our Board so much to keep these men on the field. But when we glance at Bro. Gulley's report, we will see that he preached 182 sermons, made 168 addresses, visited 150 churches, 33 associations and conventions, wrote 1.419 letters, sold and donated \$169.87 worth of books; collected \$323.21, spent \$382.70 for traveling expenses and was only able to send \$102.35 to the Publishing Board for the books sold, thus showing that while we paid a salary of \$900.00, he lacked \$80.00 of collecting traveling expenses, to say nothing of his salary and of the books, Bibles, etc., donated It will be seen by comparing this work that it will cost the Board \$3,000 a year to keep these three flistrict secretaries on the field, to say nothing of our other missionary work. Yet, this is the Lord's work and must go on.

OUR CO-OPERATIVE MISSIONARY WORK.

We are glad to call the attention of the Convention to the fact that our policy of co-operation is gradually growing in sentiment. We are able to report this year that we have extended our contract of co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. We have entered into active co-operation with our sisters' Auxiliary Convention. We have been able to do some co-operative mission work in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alahama, Tennessee, Ohio, Missiouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas and Arkansas. We have also co-operated with our Foreign Mission Board doing some work in the way of giving aid to both South America and Africa. We are glad to report that a far better understanding has been reached between the secretaries of our Boards and the secretaries of the American Raptist Home Mission Society. These secretaries, together with members from the respective Boards, have held two very important conferences looking to hoth peaceful relation and co-operation. These conferences were both instructive and profitable. We behere that our Board and the American Baptist Home Mission Society understand each other better to-day than they have in the past six years. It seemed at one time to the authorities of the Home Mission Society that our Board was instuding upon their rights. The authorities of our Board were equally confident that it was the intent and purpose of the authorities and employees of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to disrespect the rights, authority or territory of the authorities and employees of our Board, and in this way strife was being engendered, misunderstandings arising, thereby causing great hindrancees to the missionary work, but we rejoice that these things are swiftly passing The Home Mission Society has fully recognized us and have not only shown a willingness, but have so decided, by a unanimons vote, that they are not only willing to recognize the rights of our officers and employees, but are willing to treat with them as such, and are desirous of entering into co-operation if satisfactory terms can be reached.

Looking to this end, a committee of three, consisting of our Secretary, Rev. R. H. Boyel; our Chairman, J. P. Robinson, and Dr. V. R. Griggs, of Texas, with an invitation to assist and advise with Pres. E. C. Morris and Secretary E. W. D. Isaac. A like committee has been appointed by the Executive Board of the Home Mission Society. We have not been advised of their names, but we are in receipt of a letter from Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D., 1.1. D., of New York, informing us that such a committee has been appointed but desiring further time for meeting and offering definite plans of peaceful relation and better co-operation. When this vexed problem shall have been solved and peaceful and harmonious relations between these tho missionary bodies shall have be on reached, there will be a greater hope for missionary work in

the destitute portions of the United States.

AN'R CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CON-

VENTION.

Co-operation seems to be the great watchword in Baptist ranks. A great deal is being both said and written pro and con concerning co-operation. Each individual. Board or Society seems to

have his definition and meaning and places its own stress, as well as dictates its own policy, for what it is pleased to call co-pperstion. As there has been a great deal of inquiry concerning the relations and co-operations between the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, it would be well here to state that the first co-operation that was put into operation between these two bodies in the form of a national character, was that entered into between the Sunday School Board of the Southem Bantist Convention and the Publishing Board of the National Bantist Convention, in November, 1896, by which the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention assisted the Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention to publish and supply its Sunday schools with periodicals, Bibles and other needed literature. This experiment proved so profitable that it caused the innented Dr. Kerfoot, then Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to inquire into its workings, and finally visit our Convention at Nashville, in 1800. After being convinced of the progress being made, he laid the matter before his Board. He and Secretary Boyd entered into correspondence by which a conference was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., November 28, 1900, and an agreement was entered into to advance our Board \$1,800 a year for the payment of the salaries of two general missionaries or district secretaries to be selected by our Board to work in the hounds of the Southern Baptist Convention; our Board to pay all traveling and other expenses that may be incurred, these missionaries or district secretaries are to report monthly or quarterly to our Board and we furnishing them a copy of the report, after its adoption by our Board.

The success and progress made in this co-operative work was so encouraging that it caused Miss Annie Armstrong, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Southern Paptist Convention to visit our rooms and inquire into the progress of the work, in August, 1901, and also to visit our Convention in Cincinnati, in September of the same year. After a conference with our Secretary, the President and Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, it was then agreed that the Woman's Aux iliary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention would enter the same co-operation, conducted upon the same plans with the sisters, thereby furnishing \$250 a year, our Board to furnish \$150. and the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the National Baptist Convention to furnish \$150, to pay the salaries and expenses of two women missionaries to do from house to house missionary work on home fields. This work also has begun. However, we have only been able up to the present time to have but one sister on the field who has done heroic work and we believe that this work ought to be encouraged everywhere.

In this relation a policy of co-operation between the National Bautist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention exists. and the Southern Baptist Convention nor any of its Boards asspace no authority, no responsibility, gives no orders receives no reports, aumistics no blanks, tracts, books, circulars or any periodical, in fact, does not hold any correspondence with any of the maries that are employed, but leaves the entire management and responsibility evelusively with our Board and Secretary. It is their purpose and intention to assist our Board in becoming and independent. Their only object is to beln us to help ourselves. They oppose and it is not contrary to their policy not one Pandist organization to attempt to lord it over another.

OF CONTRACTION WITH THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION.

When our sisters first decided to organize their Convention at it has I had in 1900, their plans and policies were not understeed by one Board. A majority of the members of our Board, mailing our Secretaries, had apposed a separate Convention of lear a tree in the same way that we had opposed a separate overtion for Foreign Mission, Educational, B. Y. P. U., Publicor n . A 12 m. Mission work. We had, however, desired that our women should be actively engaged in both educational, home and foreign mission work. We had desired that they should have a Board, as has the Home Mission Board, the Educational Board, the Foreign Mission Board, or the B. Y. P. U. Roard, We believed then as we believe now, that great good could be done by our sisters inceting together in a national body, represented by all the states in the Union, counsel and advise with each other, raise means and plans for the advancement of the work. However, we did not expect that any other assistance would be made directly to our Board until we met in Cincinnati, 1901. To our very good surprise, and still greater pleasure, at the adjournment of this meeting, \$75.00 in names was placed into the hands of our Secretary for Home Mission work. This took our Board so completely by surprise, that it was agreed to enter into co-operation with them, to advise and assist them to the best of our ability in such a way as would be profitable to them, and to appropriate Susse to assist in female Home Mission work, paying on the salaries of any woman or women that would be nominated by that Pland. This agreement has been entered into, and with the money nour the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, through the Home Board of the same Convention, we have been able to pay the salaries of the sisters that were appointed by that Beard. Your Board has no hesitation in saying that this is needed work. We need good, consecrated, God-fearing women, who will labor from house to house with Bible in hand, advising and stiffing our women in the different States and communities in the United States, distributing tracts. Bibles and other needed, wholesome literature that will elevate and lift up our women.

The Negroes of this country may need many things, but their greatest need is honics and mothers. Your Board asks the manimous endorsement of the Convention for the work and efforts that are now being put forth by our sisters.

CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH STATES AND TERRITORIES.

It has been the policy of our Board from its incipiency to do whatever missonary work that is done in any State in co-operation with the regular State authorities or State organizations in their organized capacity. Our experiments of each year are more and more convincing to us that this is the only safe method of a national body carrying on missionary work with a State, district or local organized body, or any community. We acknowledged that in many instances the appointments and recommendations of state, district and local organizations are not the best and wisest that can be made. It is not always that they select the most competent or profitable person, yet as this appointee must labor among these people, it is far better that they should be responsible for his appointment, held accountable for the success or failure of his work, leaving them the oversight, thereby making their Boards and managers responsible for whatever success or failure may come to the work.

We are thronged almost daily with applications from different States and communities, and from good men who desire appointment, and who would no flouble accomplish great work, year greater work than the men who are appointed, but it is the policy of our Board to deal with Boards and not with men. To hold the conventions and associations responsible instead of individuals. In this way we come nearer coming in contact with people. We believe when this policy is fully understood, it will be endorsed by every convention and association in the United States.

We believe also that when this policy of our Board is better onderstood, that the churches, associations and conventions will contribute more liberally to the advancement of the work of our
Board. While we have not been able to do as much in this cooperative mission work as we had hoped, yet we have done what
we could. We have gone as far as our limited means would allow. The following is a summary of the missionary work done
by our Board and by its co-operative policy in the United States:

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CORRESPONDENCE.

It has been our custom from year to year to call the attention of our Convention to the work of correspondence of our Board. This is done with a view of giving the members somewhat of an idea of the magnitude of this portion of our work. It is almost inquissible for those unacquainted with the work to have any reasomable idea of its magnitude. It is a common thing for us to rereive complaints that correspondence is not properly answered, and it is very annoying indeed for those who may have business with the office to write letters of inquiry and not receive a full and prompt reply, and we confess that this department should have more attention, and better and more complete work should be done along this line in order to make the work a complete success, but for the benefit of those who may be interested, we quote the following number of first-class letters received and disposed of by answers by the Corresponding Secretary and his assistants during and Course Course

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 working day during the year. When each of these has received an answer, it compels the office to handle at least 434 letters per day. If, therefore, the office is engaged at work seven hours during the day they only have one minute to read and answer a letter, or it is one letter to be read and answered every minute during the day the year round. It will also be seen that our correspondence is rapidly increasing. By reference to our report of last year, it will be seen that our first-class letters numbered only 48,755. Our increase this year has been 10,203 over last year.

THE PURCISHING BUARD.

The Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention is acting as trustees of the Convention in holding and managing the publishing concern. It is composed of a committee of nine, and the vacancies are fifted by three each year. These form the charter or corporate members, and are incorporated under the laws of Tennessee, and hold and operate the property in trust for the National Baptist Convention and are amenable to our Home Board. They, under the authority of the Home Board, have their regular organization of chairman, secretary and treasurer. The secretary and treasurer is one and the same person, who is regulired to execute and file in the courts of Davidson County a suit alide and sufficient, well secured bond. This has been the requirement since this Board was inaugurated in 1808.

In order to certail the expenses and economize in our work, the Home Mission Board has operated its missionary and Bible work under the management of the Publishing Board, together with its publication work. The experiment has proved a profitable one, and we find that the business has been operated with less than one half the expense of other denominations doing similar work. In fact, the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, upon a very meager salary, has operated the missionary work, and has acted as secretary, treasurer and general manager of the National Baptist Publishing Board. By blending the four offices into one we have been able to save the salary of three other secretaries. This is one of the great causes or economical provisions that have enabled your Board to give a dividend to missions each year.

LOCATION

The publishing plant and offices are located at the corner of Market and Locust Streets, one-half a block from the Louisville and Nashville passenger deput. Market Street is one of the createst business thoroughfares in the city of Nashville. This plant occupies four brick buildings—one one-story, two two-story, and one three-story building. The scattered condition of this plant makes it very inconvenient to operate the machinety in carrying

on the great volume of manufacturing that is necessary to supply the increasing demands of this institution

THE MACHINERY.

We deem it unnecessary to attempt to give any inventory or description of the stock and machinery on hand. We feel that it will be satisfactory to our brotherhood to explain to them that this plant consists of a large first-class steam boiler, two engines, a complete electric plant, a complete system of telephones, with a well-regulated set of the most improved power printing presses, a well-regulated bindery, with all the machinery and equipment that is commonly attached to the most modern printing and publishing plant, together with a complete composing room, with all of the modern transphericalia, including limitype machines. This plant, with its stock, is fully worth to the denomination \$100,000, and if it was in the stock company, its stock, if placed at \$100,000, would sell in the market at par, and its income would pay a creditable dividend.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

The floard has been compelled to pushase and exchange a considerable amount of its machinery. The authorities or managers were mable to fore see the large increase of work that would be necessary to supply the necessities. They therefore supplied themselves with machinery and material in proportion to the then present needs of the institution, but so marvelous has been the increase that the machinery and quarters were found inadequate to meet the demands. They have therefore been compelled to exchange old machinery and buy new at a considerable loss in the dealings. They have also been compelled to lease or rent other hinklings. These increased demands have also created a demand for more and better skilled laborers, and they have therefore been compelled to increase the wages in each department in order to secure the help needed.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

This of all others is considered by us one of the most important works of the Home and Publishing Board jointly. We feel that one of the first objects of each of these Boards is the dissemination of God's Word. It is our intention to see to it that there is not only a Ribbe in every home, but we are unwilling to relinquish our offers until our missionaries shall report that each individual has a Bible. Our Bible work has given us considerable trouble and has cost us considerable expense. It will be remembered that from the beginning of the work of this Board up to September, 1898, our Board attempted to depent upon the American

Baptist Publication Society and Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Bibles, but after the authorities of the American Baptist Publication Society published in 1808, in the Baptist Teacher, a list of the societies and organizations that they would furnish with Bibles, leaving out our Convention, our Board brought this matter to your body in Kansas City at which time a resolution was unanimously passed, and a day fixed and known as Bible Day. From these Bible Day collections and from other gifts and donations we have succeeded each year to rasing and expending from \$400 to \$600 in the free distribution of Bibles. We regret very much to say that in our Bible fund this year we have a clear deficit of something over \$400. This was caused by the Foreign Mission Board, for some reason, issuing a program and setting aside the second Sunday in November as Chapel Day. We had gone to the expense of arranging and printing a Bible Day program, and had just began mailing it when our attention was called to the fact that without our consent or knowledge the Foreign Mission Board had taken that day. We called the attention of Secretary Jordan to this fact, who answered promptly that he had no authority in the matter and that it was the order of his Board. We could not afford to have a seeming conflict among ourselves and our Board, therefore, withdrew and consigned to the waste basket something more than \$200,00 worth of Bible Day programs and failed to get a collection on that day. This caused us a loss of fully \$500. We received no collection excent a gift \$100 from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. This donation of Bibles was given to us in order that we might in turn donate something to the B. Y. P. U. Board to aid in its missionary Bible work. Amount donated this year and expended in the Bible work was \$533.48, \$100 being donated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention leaving a balance due in this of \$412.48.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

This department of our work is divided into three departments. First, books bought of other publishers and dealers and sold with or without profit to supply the needs of our patrons. Secondly, books manufactured by ourselves for the exclusive use of the the denomination. Third, books manufactured for the author as job work, and, at the same time, bought and retailed by our Board. These three features of the book work constitute the major portion of our actual work. Your Board feels that it is called upon to handle this work more extensively in the future than in the past. We had an occasion to call the attention of the Convention to this work last year. Baptist liverature, such as standard, doctrinal and text books, purely by Baptist authors, is hard to be obtained by our



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ministers and laymen in the various communities, especially in the tural districts, and it is almost impossible for them to get books of the same character by Negro authors. Book stores, book agents and subscription book houses and publishers absolutely refuse to handle these Baprist books for three reasons: First, the demand for them is comparatively small in the various communities as they are only bought and used by the leading Baprists. Second, the profits arising from the sale of these is so very small that it does not justify them to handle the same. Third, the handling of strictly denominational literature, especially Baprist literature, would have a tendency to drive away the trade of all other denominations.—Pedolaptists of all sects have united against Baprist literature, especially that portion that treats familiarly upon Baptist doctrines and tenets.

It can be seen by this that it is the work and duty of our Board to supply the various states and communities with wholesale literature, keeping them posted and informed where such literature can be obtained, and encourage authors and publishers to increase the publication and circulation of this literature. Therefore, the floard has extended a considerable amount of money in purchasing and inmishing at very small profits Baptist literature as published In other publishers. Secondly, they have as far as their means would allow, secured such books as would be standard or text looks and published and sold their under their own name. They have also undertaken to publish works for different authors, such banks and works as they felt were profitable at the least cause and upon the best terms that were possible to do under the circumstances. In some instances, the Board has lost money in this last grade of work. All authors feel that the public is waiting for his leioks and works as they felt were profitable at the least cost and the announcement and a fortune will be obtained from the sale of it within a short time. We, therefore, have on out desk today propositions from more than 150 authors to publish books. lunklets namphlets, and tracts, circulars, sacred and doctrinal. but for several reasons in general and one in particular, the Board has declined this kind of publication. Our one reason is the lack of money to manufacture books and wait until they are put on the market introduced and sufficient revenue derived to pay for its Publication The following is a list of books and booklets published by us this year:

SOYD'S NATIONAL SAPTIST PASTOR'S QUICE AND PARLIAMENTARY RULES. It is a complete guide for Baptist ministers and
descons the appendix containing a complete set of patiliamentary rules
for the government of conventions, associations, young people's accidties churches and other religious deliberative bodies. This book is
the only distinctive Bantist work of its bind in print.

SERMOND OUTLINED, by Rev. S. W. R. Colz, D. D. These akeletoas are verbatim outlines of sermons delivered by its author. Just the

BANCTIFICATION vs. FANATICISM, by Rev. J. H. Esson, D. D. Is a complistic of a series of fectures by one of our ablest writers Every, page is feeming with quotations and climitons from the Blessed Word.

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, Le. 18 worthy of our attention. It is well written, and suited for our Sunday achools

BOYD'S RECORD, ROLL AND MINUTE BOOK AND BOYD'S NATIONAL BAPTIST CLASS BOOK, are two necessary adjuncts to the

THE NATIONAL TIDINGS OF JOY, is a choice selecton of bymas, and contains the rudiments of music.

THE NATIONAL GOSPEL VOICES, is an excellent book for Supray school and prayer meeting use—it is full of good music.

CELESTIAL SHOWERS, by Prof. Wm. Rossborough, is another exrelient Sunday school music book. We cheerfully commend this exrelient work.

THE NATIONAL HARP GF ZION, or 8, Y. P. U. NYMNAL, is a new book worthy of the consideration of all music lovers and B. Y. P. B. Workers

CHOICE SONGS, is a collection of hymne, prepared for those who may want a chear singing book

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST EASY LESSON PRIMER, is an extreme ly fine book for beginners and infant classes in our Sunday schools.

SERMONS AND SERMONETTES, by Rev. J. P. Robinson, of Little Rock, Ark This book abounds in solid food for the mind. It is a worthy contribution to the literature of the Negro Baptists.

NOTES AND OUTLINES OF SERMONS, by Rev. A. T. Stewart D. D. of Helena, Ark Rev Stewart is a thoughtful and earnest writer, and this work promises to be an excellent addition to our ministerial belts. We recommend it to the Dartist 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 man

THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGRO, is abother freshism worthy of consideration. It comes from the pen of one of our most leuroed men. Rev. Robt. Mitchell, A. M., of Kentucky.

SELECT SERMONS, by Rev. Chas. B. W. Gordon, D. D.

This book is the first of the kind published by a Negro Baplish preacher. It contains rich thought and is worthy of a piace to all selections and the contained libraries. Dr. Gordon is a fine reasoner and his sermons are full of practical ideas which will be of lasting benefit to the reader

ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE WISSIONARY BAPTISTS OF GEOR-GIA, less maxicrity appeach by our late lamented brother, Dr. E. K. Lote, Savenneh. Ge

SHORT TALKS ON THE WORD OF GDD, by Rev. C. N. Pryor, a worthy pamphlet, by one of our leading relatives

LIFE AND DOINGS OF REV. AARON WARE. A sheeth of one of the pioneer Baptista ministers of Tennessee.

BEACON LIGHTS OF TENNESSEE, Contains short electrics of prominent ministers and Baptist leaders in Tennessee.

N 8 Y. P. U. RCLL AND RECORD SOCK, by Rev. E. W. D. Itaac, is granged in such simple style that say one will a reasonable knowledge of affairs can keep an accurate record of each meeting.

N. B. Y. P. U. CATECHISMS, by Rev. E. W. D. leans. 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 laterest of the above-based is held at Macon. Ga.

LIFE AND DOINGS OF AARON WARE. (20d edition.)

ORIGIN AND AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE, by Rev. S. W. Smith, Princeton, N. J.

HOPE (monthly), by Miss J. P. Moore. A family magazine; the organ of Fireside Schools.

OVERSHAGGWED, by Sutton E. Griggs. Overshadowed deals with Negro characters and like and in the greatest of all the govele that have been written about the Negro race since the coming of Uncle Tows Cables. This beautiful, thrilling, pathetic story should be in every Negro home. It is well printed, on good paper and has an attractive owner. It is 12 mo. in size and contains 217 pages.

TO THE WORK, by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Corresponding Sectedary of the Woman's National Baptist Convention.

UP THE LADDER IN MISSIONS, by Rev. t. G. Jordan, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Suptist Convention.

REPORT OF MY TOUR TO BRITISH CENTRAL EAST AFRICA, by Rev. L. N. Gheek.

THE MARPIAGE VOW, a hooklet by Mrs. Marta C. Keeney. THE KING OF GLORY, by Rev. L. McWherter, A. M., E. O. AFTER THE BALL 4S OVER. A sermon by Rev. G. W. Smith. REFLECTIONS, by Dr. E. C. Morria.

Bocklets, by Mies Joanna P. Moore.

I. HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN.

2. HOW I KNOW THAT I AM A CHRISTIAN.

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WHOSE PRINCIPLE SHALL DIE-VASS OF SOYO'S? A bookled
by Rex Sutton E. Origge, B. D.

NATIONAL BAPTIST HYMNAL.

PERIODICAL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

This brings us to one of the most important features of our work. In this department we deal almost exclusively with the cising element of our denomination. In other words, in this department, we are preparing the future church. In this periodical department, we are sending fresh publications to the homes of our churches each quarter, month and week. We are thereby moulding the doctrines and opinions and shaping the destiny of the future church and race. The expression that we now put forth may be criticised by some, but we give it as our opinion that it is impossible for any race of people to keep their identity, sway their influence, keep pace with other races, hold the influence over their own offspring, unless they provide themselves with literature and keep before their rising generation the great men that are passing from the stage of action. Artists and poets have done more to make the Caucasian great than has the writer of prose. The Negro Baptists of this country, therefore, will be compelled to cease talking or discussing cheap literature for their children, but they must discuss, produce or provide literature capable of keeping the identity and increasing race pride of the rising generation or they must be entirely overshadowed by the dominant race of this country and each child born of Negro parents, must be brought to feel that his God has made him inferior by nature to other races with whom he comes in contact. We, therefore, leel that the value of the literature produced by the National Raptist Publishing Board cannot be measured by dollars and cents.

We are glad to report to this body that for the past year we have filled in this department 43.05t orders divided as follows: For the fourth quarter of 1901, consisting of October, November and December, we filled in this 8,397 orders; for the first quarter of 1902, consisting of January, February and March, we filled 6.8to orders; for the second quarter of 1902, consisting of April, May and June, we filled 12,032 orders; for the third quarter 1902, consisting of July, August and September, we filled 14.912 orders. It will be seen by this that in winter our orders fall back to about 7,000 while in summer they run to nearly 15,000. It can be seen that fully one-half of our Sunday schools close out during the winter months. Thus you see there should be an awakening along all lines in Sunday school work with our preachers. It is sale to say we are now supplying six thousand Sunday schools in winter and twelve thousand in summer. We feel that out all thono organized Sunday schools among Negro Baptists, we are supplying 12,000 with their literature. Thus about two-thirds of the Negro Baptist Sunday schools of the United States have awakened to the responsibility of supplying their children with literature prepared by the pens and presses of their own race and

PEARLS OF PARADISE. A collection of song genus by W Q, Couper, and D. E. Dortch.

CELESTIAL SHOWERS, NO. 2. A choice selection of sacred some.

Dy Prof. Wm Roeborough.

THE NATION FROM A NEW POINT OF VIEW, by Dr. Harvey Johnson, Baltimore, Md. Is a new back by a very prolific writer it in briefful of bright ideas.

RELIGIOUS KERNELS, by Prof. J. T. Brown D. D., Mador Tesas A compendium of Theology well suited to the needs of students and those who desire to be better informed on Theological questions. Just out.

UNPETTEREO, by Sutton E. Grigge, Nashville, Tepp. Author of Imperium in Imperio and Overshadowed. Rev. Grigge still resintalise that statement style in Unfettered which has made his first book so popular. Read it.

THE GENESIS OF AMERICAN ANTI-MISSIONISM, by B. M. Carroll, B. A., LL. B., Th. D. An exhaustive treatise on the rise of the anti-mission aprist.

LIFE OF REV. CHARLES T. WALKER, D. D., by Rev. Silar K. Pleyd, Augusta, Ga. The life of one of the foremost preachers in the Negro Baptist Church in America.

THE SEVEN SEALS, by Dr. J. P. Bacton, Talladega, Ala. A splcy little pamphlet, well worth its price.

WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE AND PRACTICE, by Rev. R. H. Bayd. B. D. An epitome of the faith and practice of the Papital Church.

COMMON SENSE AND RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS by Dr. H. M. Williams, Sherman. Texas. A pamphlet of unoful (dormation.

THE DEVIL DRIVER, by Bishop A Mack. A series of lectures on Important topics.

BRIFTING AWAY, by Rev. J. H. Thompson. An excellent tract, with a vast amount of important facts.

THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US. An excellent sermon by Rev. W. S. Ellington.

WHY THE LITERATURE PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD IS BEST FOR THE NEGRO BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS! An address delivered at the National Baylist Cobvention by Rev. L. C. Garland, Williamsgort, Ph.

A pathiblet, "THE INFLUENCE OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST BOARD FROM A DENOMINATIONAL STANDPOINT," by J. H. Bil-Iou, Baltimore, Md.

REFLECTIONS, a neat bound volume containing the speeches, adreason and letters of President E. C. Marris, of the National Baptist Convention.

INEGRIÉTY AS A DISEASE, an excellent address by Dr. $\Delta,\,M.$ Townsend,

Souvenir program young people's congress, beld in the city of atlanta, $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{a}}$

denomination The following is a list and number of periodicals published and circulated by our Board during the fiscal year from September 1st to August 31, 1902:

Convention Teacher 139,000 Advanced Quarterly 543,000 250,000 Intermediate Quarterly 132,000 250,000 Primary Quarterly 132,000 143,000 Acceptable August 132,000 Acceptable August 132,000 Acceptable August 132,000,000 Bible Lesson Pictures 50,000 Sible Lesson Pictures 50,000 Accional Baptist Concert Quarterlies 850,000

 Davidson's Questions
 85,000

 Boyd's Questions
 85,000

 National Baprist Easy Lessings
 90,000

 Tutal for the year
 5,500,000

These periodicals have been published and mailed to our Sunday schools at such prices as in reality does not pay for the expense of producing them. In fact, our thirty-two paged magnines are retailed to our Sunday schools with the postage paid, cheater than blank paper could be received through the total. We call the attention of the Convention to this fact in order that they may see and under what difficulties we are laboring.

TRACT PUBLICATIONS.

We are glad to call the attention again this year to this department of our work of issuing circulars and tracts. We still hold to the opinion that more people are influenced by tracts than by any other publications, as we have had an occasion to say in the preface of the Introductory of one of our little booklets that the colored people more than any other people in this country, need the use of short and concise tracts—that is, they need Bible doc trine, true Cospel teaching put in plain, simple, concise form and furnished to them in such a way that they can read it. A glance al the census of 1900 will show that the illiteracy in the South reaches over 50 per cent, but as this may be overdrawn, it is perfectly safe to say that 40 per cent, of the colored people are illiterate and 20 per cent, of those who can read and write are not fluent readers for per cent, of those who can read are voultschildren. Therefore, it is very essential that reading matter for these people most not be in large and soggy books, but must be in small books, booklets, tracts and pamphlets. Our Board has endeavored to turn some attention to raising a tract fund, but has done but very little as yet

We are in need of both money and writers to produce these tracts. Addresses, papers and sermons read in delivered before the different annual gatherings, if they were put in print and oreolated annual the people, would do much toward elevating them. We have been able this year to publish a few tracts for free distribution. We have been able to print and distribute through our free distribution system, something over 40,000 tracts. These the writers have contributed free of charge.

NATIONAL BAPTIST UNION.

This periodical is not altogether a new issue, as it was already two years old when we took hold of it. It had been run, however, exclusively as a young people's paper, but it was thought wise by the recommendations of the President and a unanimous vote of veur lawly, to change it for two reasons. First, it was found that the issuing of the paper exclusively as a young people's paper did not pay. The subscription list was not sufficient to support its publication; and, secondly, the needs of a national religious paper to support the work of the Convention was imperative It is impossible to operate such a body as the National Convention willout an organ to speak for it. True the State papers have hern loval to our work and it has been wonderful how they have susperted the work of the National Convention and been loyal in its principles almost to a paper; yet there were many things that could not be handled by the different State papers. For a great number of years. The American Baptist, published at Louisville, Kentucky, was held out as the organ of the National Baptist Convention; but that paper was owned and operated in Kentucky, and naturally was a State paper. The Christian Banner, published at Philadelphia, acted in the capacity of an organ for the National Baptist Convention for a number of years; but when it did not altogether agree with the policy, or supposed policy, on the question of co-operation, it lost, to some extent, its standing with the masses of the Convention The Venguard at Little Rock. Ark., was supposed to voice the sentiments of the Home Burrd but it refused to take up the entire work of the National Convention, for the reason that it was deeply interested in its State work. The Herald, of Austin, Texas, the Organizer, of Virginia, and a number of other papers, too numerous to mention, stood by the transcrition and fought for its principles, advocated its cause through its columns free of charge; yet they could not do for the Convention what a regular organ owned and operated by the Convention could do. The Convention by its vote last year recommended the having of an organ for the Convention, but left with the Secretaries of the Boards to arrange. The Educational Board had its National Baptist Magazine; the Foreign Mission Board had its Missionary Herald; the Woman's Auxiliary, having office with the Foreign Mission Board, naturally took part in the issuing of The Missionary Herald. Thus it was left with the Secretary of the Publishing Board and the Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board to arrange together in running the paper for the year. Therefore the Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board was made editor, and the Secretary of the Publishing Board business manager, and the paper was launched. We have not lost an issue this entire year. We have enlarged its size, and have no hesitation in saying that we have sent forth to the denomination the best edited and the best printed paper issued by colored people in the United States. This paper thas cost the Publishing Board more than \$50.00 per week to issue it. Starting from nothing, it now has a circulation of over 4.000 and is growing rapidly.

Under the contract, the Publishing Board was to do the mechanical work and the B. Y. P. U. Board to do the editorial work and the proceeds to be equally divided between the two. We have received to our part from subscriptions, \$499.91. from advertising, \$510.00. Total receipts, \$1.009.99, leaving a deficit of \$1.601.09. We, however, feel that the \$1.600 have been well spent and had done great missionary and educational work in arousing an interest in all departments of the work throughout the entire denomination. We hope, however, if this paper is to be continued, it will be put upon a permanent basis by the Convention not allowing the entire burden to be borne by the Publishing Roard.

RECRIPTS.

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This Sept. 1, 1902.

Auditor National Baptist Convention.

SCHEMARY OF WORK DONE BY ROME DISSION AND PUBLISHING DUABOS FOR THE YEAR.

Notwithstanding the failure of crops of 1901, by glancing over the report of the work done for the year, it will be seen that this institution is not only self supporting. but, besides defracing its own expenses, has been able to spend on missionaries and their traveling expenses, \$11,683 ty, and on machinery, notes, etc., which stand as a sinking fund, \$5,352.48, making a dividend to the denomination of \$17,035.67; and if we add in the \$1,601.09 deficit for running the denominational paper, and the \$3,335.15 outstanding accounts for work and periodicals during the year, and \$1,683.78 in the hands of agents, missionaries and colporters in teported, it will be seen that the denomination has a clear dividend anising from the work of these Boards of \$23,655.60.

f. P. Rominson, Chairman Home Mission Board, C. H. Clark, Chairman of Publishing Board.

RH. Boyd

Secretary

Frof J. W. Parker was introduced by President Morris - Reldressed the Convention in the interest of the Alabama State

Mr. Allen J. Crebbs, President of the Fair, also addressed the Convention.

Mr. J. G. Groves, of Edwardsville, Kansas, and Dracon A. Homales, of Lynchburg, Va., addressed the Convention

The Convention adjointned with benediction by Dr. L. C. Jor-

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention assembled at R p. m., President Morris presuling Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. E. Ware, of Oklahimia, and Rev. A. E. Edwards, Mississippi. Song service by Prof. Roshorough. Minutes were read and approved.

A letter was read from Peof. W. H. Councill, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Kormat, Ala., inviting the Convention to visit his school. The communication was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. J. R. Bennett, Arkansas, Rev. W. J. Waytes, Georgia, and C. H. Anderson, California.

Dr. E. J. Fisher, Tenn., preached from 2 Timothy 4/2. Theme—The Word and the Effect."—Prayer by Dr. J. Anderson Taylor, D. C.

Rev R H Boyd, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board, spoke of the crowded condition of the National Empire Publishing House, and the sad need of more buildings. The niged the members of the Convention to pledge for a new buildings Many of the pastors and churches have already pledged and Dr. Howd, "and who will assist?" The following pledges need secretal. Hero Jino, S. Trawer, Philadelphia, Pa., \$100.00; Ph. V. Cordon, Philadelphia, \$100.00. Cherry Street Baptist Clauch Philadelphia, Pa., per Dr. Creditt, \$100.00; Rev. J. D. Kelsey Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., \$50.00.

The following Presidents of Negro Colleges were introduced by President Morris:

Res P. B. Guernsey, Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn

Dr. Joseph A. Booker, A. M., Arkansas Baptist College, Little Reck, Ark

Rev. Wm. E. Holmes, A. M., Central City College, Macon, Ga.

Rev. R. A. Mayfield, A. M., Homer Normal School.

Mrs. Wilson, Academy, Spartanburg, S. C.
Maddux, Savannah Normal Academy, Savannah,

Proj. F. I. Gordon, Sango College, Muskogee, Indian Terri-

Res. F. 11. Borden, A. B., Western College, Macon, Mo.

In Win, Sevier, Mcharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. C. A. Terrell, President Board of Trustees Howe School, Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. C. T. Stamps, Member Board of Trustees, Natchez College, Natchez, Miss.

President C. L. Purce, State University, Louisville, Ky. President C. H. Parrish, Eckstren Norton College, Cane

Springs, Ky.

President W. H. McRidley, Cadiz Normal and Theological College, Cadiz, Kentucky.

Dr. M. W. Gilbert, represented Benedict College, Columbia, th Carolina.

President C. W. Haves, A. M., Lynchburg Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.

Dr. A. J. Stokes, Montgomery Institute, Montgomery, Ala. Prof. Stewart, Coleman College, Gibsland, La. Dr. D. Abner, Jr., Guadalonne College, Segnin, Texas. Rev. D. A. Scott, A. B., Houston Academy, Houston, Texas Rev. T. O. Fuller, Howe School, Memphis, Tenn Collection, \$8.73.

Benediction by Rev. U. T. Stamps, Mississium.

THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 9.30 a.m., President Morris presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. S. Tait, Mobile Ala, and Dr. W. H. Anderson, Evansville, Ind. Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. De. Hurt. New York, presented a song book containing stages and music, the work of a young colored woman

Sister Joanna P. Moore, Tennessee, was introduced and ad-

Committees were announced as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

A. J. Stokes, D. D., Alabama; J. C. Rogers, Ark.; G. W. Lee, D. D. District of Columbia: A. L. James, Florida: J. G. Poinder, Iter. Ga.; W. L. Jones, Ga.; W. B. Brown, Ill.; N. H. Lane, Ind.; E. N. Gaines, Ind. Ter.; H. B. Cunningham, Kanas; C. E. Fishback, Ky.; T. Columbias, La.; E. D. Sims, La.; J. H. Ballon, W.; Dr. C. T. Statups, Miss.; J. S. Swancy, Mo.; R. R. Cartwight, N. C. F. Icnkins, N. J.; C. T. Walker, N. Y.; H. H. Mitchell, D. D., Ohio; E. E. Ware, Okla.; E. W. Moore, Pa.; J. W. Hoykin, S. C.; S. E. Griggs, Tenn.; W. M. Conner, Texas; L. K. Williams, Texas, A. P. Straugther, W. Va.; L. D. Conway, Va.; Fannie H. Dodd, Minn.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

A. F. Owens, D. D., Alabama; A. M. Middlebrooks, Ark.; Rev. C. H. Anderson, Cal.; W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., D. C.; L. A. Johnson, Fla. S. Reauford, Ga.; R. Monson, Ga.; E. H. D. teher, Hr. J. D. Rouse, Ind.; F. K. White, Ind. Ter.; Hon. J.

G Groves, Kans.; J. H. Perdue, Ky.; Wm. Hamilton, Lai; R. A. Mayfidd, La.; Harvey Johnson, Md.; J. H. C. Heney, Miss., Mis. Filmora Simpson, Md.; R. R. Cartweight, N. C.; J. F. Blain, N. Y.; G. S. Cobbe, B. D., Ohio; W. M. Suker, Okla; W. A. Creditt, Pa.; R. W. Baytor, S. C.; A. D. Huer, Tenu. R. L. Williams, Texas; A. L. Boone, Texas; Inc. L. Brooks, W. Va., A. Humbles, Va.; Rev. M. W. Withers, Minnesofa,

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Win Madison, Alu.; R. W. Ross, Ark.; C. H. Anderson, Cal.; A. W. Wilbanks, District of Columbia: L. W. Crivellier, Fla.; L. P. Finckney, Ga.; C. A. Johnson, Ga.; L. M. Leonard, Ill., H. C. Randolph, Ind.; B. L. Combs, Ind. Ter. Geo. McNeil, Kans.; W. H. Cranghead, Ky.; L. C. Sanon, La.; B. Boulden, Miss.; E. M. Wilson, Mo.; M. D. W. Norman, N. C.; E. Jenkins, N. J.; John J. Waters, N. Y.; R. D. Phillips, Obio; E. E. Ware, Okla.; G. L. P. Takiafero, Fl. D., Pa.; E. W. Bowen, S. C.; D. L. Davis, Tean.; F. H. Collier, Texas; Prof. J. M. Codwell, Texas; R. J. Forkins, W. Va.; G. B. Howard, Va.; M. W. Withers, Minn.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

C. M. Wells, Ala.; T. S. Sande(gr., Ark.; W. A. Mitchell, Cal.; I. F. Ford, B. D., Col.; J. A. Taylor, D. C.; L. N. Robinson, Fla.; A. D. Williams, Ga.; P. S. L. Hutchins, Ga.; E. H. Berden, Bl.; J. Davis, Ind.; F. C. Dandridge, Ind. Ter.; Z. H. Johnson, La.; Sansas; G. W. Ward, Ky.; S. E. Pierce, La.; D. Young, La.; Mill, L. Johnson, Maryland; A. A. Cosey, Miss.; W. D. Carter, Minn, G. D. Sanders, Mo.; C. M. Cartweight, N. C.; G. Hunt, N. V.; H. H. Harris, Ohio; D. Wilson, Olda.; J. C. Daniels, S. C. W. G. Parks, Tenn.; H. M. Williams, D. D., Texas; S. H. Tihuan, Texas; A. P. Straughter, W. Va.; J. C. Jackson, Va.

The Pennsylvania delegation presented two reports. The same was referred to the delegation for adjustment.

Rev. N. H. Pius, Chairman of the B. Y. P. U. Board, addressed the Convention or the work of the Board for the past Conventional year,

Dr. P. W. D. Isaac then read the report of the Board:

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention: Dear Brethren-We have passed the third milestone in the prosecution of the auxiliary work of this Convention, and have suffi-

cient reason to be expectant of its ultimate specess.

Evidences of prosperity are still bright. The older members of our churches are more sympathetic. The younger members are more active, and pastors who formerly opposed the movement are less hostife.

The one danger to which we have called attention heretofore is still apparent. The department is popular because the younger and stronger element in our churches is allied with it. Hence many splendid opportunities are given it to succeed on its popularity. Speaking more pointedly, very many of our constituents expected the movement to maintain itself from the beginning. Evidently this was the expectation of all the parties officially connected with this department at the time that it was called into being. For at that time the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to organize state and local unions in all of the states, territories and churches affiliating with this Convention. In addition to this lundamental and necessary work of organizing, he was instructed to issue a paper for the young people, publish the necessary literature, and to keep on hand for distribution charts, badges, bannets. buttons, and all other such supplies and paraphernalia as might be demanded by members of and workers in the young people's societies. The positive requirements thus made necessitated a cash outlay of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, while the large and significant sum of Thirteen Dollars and Thirty Cents was appropriated for that purpose. Our Corresponding Secretary cultivated this sum. Is grew larger and served a noble purpose. Our wonderful success in the use of this small amount has constrained many to believe that this department is not in need of help of the more suistantial kind. They conclude that the department will succeed on general principles. Such phenomenal gowth as this should not be expected. In support of this contention we beg to call your attention once more to the significant fact that, after seventeen years of active endeavor, a white organization similar to this ran behind with its current expenses to the amount of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars during its last fiscal year. In like manner, it will be some time yet before this department can find sufficient strength to stand upon its feet and maintain itself. Our cambid opinion is that if it is to be penetuated, the Convention must give it greater financial aid than it has done since its organization. It must assist the Board in meeting its obfigations in a satisfactory, commendable, business-like manner. This Board feels called upon to insist that the Convention help it more in this way. In making the plea for larger appropriations for the young people's work, we are not selfish. Our young peo-

ple's succeives all over the country are called upon most frequently to contribute to the cause of education and missions, and they reapond without nurmur. They are utilized in the development of all phases of our denominational work even to the buying of a new suit of clothes for the pastor to wear to the annual state gatherings. Helping others as they do, it is both just and reasonable for us to contend that special consideration and assistance be given to the work which contributes most to these various streams of usefulness. These societies among the young people are valuable adjuncts to the state and district organizations and they form another very sure and certain base of supply for the varied departments of denominational activity.

FIELD SERVICE.

It is still necessary, in our opinion, that our Corresponding Secrelaty should do a vast deal of work on the field. The state organizers are establishing very many local societies but these are usualle left without an adequate knowledge of the fundamental prince ples of the organization or a systematic process of deveploping into the active, useful, helpful institutions which they are intended to he. Many of the state organizers are void of any definite knowledge of the work. In most cases we have been compelled to send them out without instructions, relying upon them to gather as best they could, through correspondence, correct notions of the manner in which their services should be done. The results of such training and such services have been far more satisfactory than we an ticipated. It has been necessary, however, that our Corresponding Severary should visit the various state conventions and impart information to the leaders and active workers in the local societies, to the intent that they might be better prepared to carry on the work in a more thorough and effective manner. In a few states, where the work was comparatively new, our Corresponding Secretary has prosecuted some lengthy and vigorous campaigus. The splendid results of his labors in this particular have been acknowledged by many pastors and workers in the local orgamzations. Especially is this true of Florida and Maryland. From these states have come, repeatedly, urgent consests for the return of our Secretary, and a repetition of the services that he resolved while there. The increasing volume of business in the office requires such a large portion of his time, however, that we fear it will be impossible for him to devote as much of his In and energy to field service as he has done in the past.

STATE ORGANIZERS.

Our cause has been promoted in a large and effective sense by the active and unselfish labors of the various state organizers cooperating with us. In many instances we were not able to pay



them in eash for their services. On the contrary, it was absolutely necessary to require that they take merchandise from our stock department, dispose of the same on business terms and receipt us for the money thus obtained as payment on their salaries. Only two of them have filed objections to this method of paying them. When they discovered that there could be no change in the situation they ceased to demur proceeded to dispose of the merchandise thus furnished, and to pay themselves the full amount of the appropriations allowed by the Board. Under this plan of co-original we have paid out practically Two Thousand Dollars for organizing, or what is more appropriately termed by us missionary work, during the past year. If we would continue our present rate of increase, Six Thousand Dollars will be needed by this department during the coming year.

By our "tithing system" we could raise this money easily. Unfortunately this system is not observed with such a degree of regularity as will guarantee to us a reasonable portion of the missionary income contemplated by the inauguration of this plan. Notwithstanding the fact that we incur the expense of printing and mailing circulars each month, urging the remittance of the missionary money, hundreds of the oresidents and leaders of the local societies never send us a penny for missionary money. We produce the "tithing system" here in order that our constituents may become hetter acquainted with it, and he constrained thereby to conform to the conditions created by this article of the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.-MISSIONARY WORK.

The Union will do whatever it can in a consistent, harmonious and systematic manner for the increase of this movement in cities and districts where organizations of this character have not been formed. Conforming to the scriptural suggestion, "We then that are strong ought to hear the Infermities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." this Union will send one-tenth of its regular weekly collections to the National Baptist Young People's Union each mouth as a countribution to the "Missionary Fund," to be used in the organization and development of the work in accordance with the plans of the National B. Y. P. U. Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of the local Union to make remittances of the missionary money, to furnish receipts for the same, and to obtain such literature upon the subject of missions as is available for the benefit of the Union.

THE ORGANIZING PUND.

Two years ago, when we first realized that there were only a small number of young people's societies in the Baptist churches throughout the country, we decided that thorough organization

was an essential necessity, that therefore we would make the most faithful endeavor to organize societies in all the local churches as rapidly as possible under the existing circumstances. At that time we discovered that of more than fifteen thousand Baptist churches in the United States there were less than one thousand local societies organized and at work. It was then that we discovered the ardious work that we had planned to do, and the ever increasing demand for the means with which to do it. In pursuit of our intention to organize thoroughly, we created an "organizing fund" of Five Thousand Dollars and committed ourselves to the task of raising it. We have succeeded in raising this amount, and expended the same for organizing purposes, but the work of thorough organization has not yet begun. It will require yet ten thousand dollars for missionary money to develop this work to the selfmaintaining point. There is great and growing need of organization. With more than sixteen thousand churches we have not more than four thousand young people's societies. If organization is to be thorough and complete there remains twelve thousand local societies to be organized. While we are completing this task, if, indeed, we do complete it, there will come into existence an additional two or three thousand churches which will require a similar expenditure of effort on our part. If the advance of the Baptist denomination is to be steady, and the growth of the young people's societies is to be commensurate with this general prosperity, this "organizing fund" must be perpetuated and sustained with an unerring degree of certainty. This ten thousand dollars must be raised. We are going to exert ourselves in the direction of raising five thousand this year. Five hundred dollars of that amount should be raised at this meeting. We solicit, most organily, the co-operation and assistance of the churches and pastors in our effort to raise this much-needed missionary fund. The pastors of our churches are in position to render us very material aid along this line, and the hoard records in advance, its earnest expressions of gratitude for the help that may come to it from any source or sources. In response to our appeals for missionary money any pastor could easily afford to take an after collection for our work, and forward the same to our Corresponding Secretary. During the coming year we trust sincerely, that many pastors will remember us in this way.

THE RALLY DAY.

The income from local societies, churches, etc., on the fourth Sunday in July, was not what we expected. Hundreds of local unions slid not observe the day at all. Others used our program of coopies, collected the money in the name of our Board, and for reasons that have never been given, kept the money and expended it for other purposes. This day should be observed by

every local society co-operating with our board, and, by all means, the money raised should be sent to the National B. Y. P. U. head-quarters. Your board will engage in another faithful effort to make this rally day what it should be, and will rely upon our constituents to join them in this worthy and necessary undertaking. We are reminded also in this connection, that the pastors can render us valuable assistance in making the annual rally successful, and we feel constrained to point out to them the path of duty, which is always plain, and to beseech them sorrowingly to walk therein.

MINUTES.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST UNION.

The young people's paper has been utilized for the greater good that it might accomplish on heliall of the entire denomination. It has been the only medium through which we could carry on the Christian Culture Course Work. Its columns have been filled from time to time with expositions and suggestive outlines with reference to the Devotional Topics, the Course in Baptist History, the course in Missionary Reading, etc., and, in this way, it has rendered most excellent and profitable service in the development of our educational system. Meanwhile, it has served all the Boards of the Convention, and in this general way, resdered the Convention a highly valuable service, for which, in our judgment, it should be both commended and rewarded. We are pleased to state in this connection that, by reason of the shrewd business foresight of our Corresponding Secretary there is only a small debt arising out of the publication of the paper during the past fiscal year. In our opinion this paper is absolutely indispensal ble. To all of the various boards, agencies and representatives of this Convention it has been a helper in the time of need. It has advocated fearlessly the policy of the Convention, and made known its progress unto all the ends of the earth. For that reason we believe that the boards should share alike in the liquidation of the debt against the paper. If for any reason we are compelled to publish a paper exclusively for our young people, we are warranted in the light of past experience in maintaining some doubts concerning our ability to do so without creating a large debt. Our Christian Culture Course is not in demand sufficient to justify us in the belief that the subscriptions to the paper on account of it would pay the cost of publication. Moreover, we would be forced to make the paper a semi-monthly, as it was previous to the some that this combination was formed with the National Baptist Publishing Board; in that event the income for advertising would be practically nothing. We cherish, therefore, the desire to remain partner to the existing combination, if indeed such alliance can be continued on profitable terms.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

The mility of this auxiliary work can be seen best when the all: important fact is recognized that it endeavors to educate, and thereby lay a broad, deep and substantial foundation upon which in exect the future structure of Christianity. There can be no secute foundation laid in ignorance. The youth in our churches and be educated. This is our sowing time. Plato said, "Every man is to himself the Great Year." He has his sowing and his growing time, his weeding, his irrigating and his harvest. The principles and ideas put into his mind in youth he there, it may he for many years, apparently unprolific. But nothing dies. There is a process going on unseen, and by the touch of circumstances, the man springs forth into strength, he knows not how, as if by a unracle. By educating the young people, we are sowing. Let us sow beside all waters precious seeds of truth, that we may enjos the reaping in the days that are to come. Religious education is the firm and unyielding demand of the hour. Every object of study ought to be studied in relation to Christianity. Referring to the religion of ancient Rome, Mr. Gibbon tells us that "It was narrower interwoven with every circumstance of business or pleasure, of public or private life, with all the offices and amusements of society. This has been our constant aim to train the must of our young people in such a manner that they would realize most fully that the Christian religion should be the controlling influence in all the ways and walks of life.

BINCE READER'S COURSE.

We have labored faithfully to advance the claims and to establish in the minds of our young people the supreme importance of a systematic and faithful study of the grandest of hooks-the Bi-We liclieve in the Hible. Our motto for this course is, "Search we the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." The Bible has a self perpetuating and multiplying power. This grand old book is the unirror of the Divinity, the rightful regent of the world. Other books are planets shining with reflected lustre; this book like the sun, shines with ancient and unborrowed ray. Other hooks have sprung to their loftiest altitudes from the earth, and are of the earth, earthy this book looks down from the world above, and is of the heaven, heavenly. Other books appeal to understanding or fancy; this book appeals to the individual conschools, the pierced heart and the faltering faith. Other books what areation, the Bible demands it. It speaks with authorits and in secured with the promise of Jesus that before one jot or little of it shall fail, the heaven and the earth shall pass away. Other looks guide gracefully along earth's planes and highways,

or still further upward to the mountain summits of the ideal; the Bible, and it alone, conducts up the awful abyss which leads to heaven and to the eternal rest. Other hooks, after shining their season, perish in flames hercer than those which consumed the Alexandrian library; the Bible in essence, must remain as note gold, as unconsumable as asbestos amidst the flames of general conflagration. Other books may go down and disappear like bubbles in the stream; the Bible, transferred to a higher clime, shall shine as the brightness of that eternal firmament, and as those higher stars, which are forever and eyer. Grand old honk! Precious old volume! She is speaking the language of heaven in sevcuty three of the tongues of earth, and giving the Word of God la forty millions of voices to two hundred millions of ears, and in tongues spoken by six hundred millions of oren, and having swent its nath of storm through all time, it still walks friumphant despite earth's dying malice and helf's eternal wrath; and like the aportalyptic angel, though it wraps its mantle of cloud around it, calmly looks out upon the world with a face as it were the sun encircled with the rainbow. We are exceeding glad that we can bring you the pleasurg information that twenty three thousand young people have joined our Bible Reader's Circle and are taking our Bible Reader's Course. One discouraging feature of this department of our work is that we have so many applications for gifts of Bibles which we are not able to fill. Our own Publishing Board has rendered us some assistance in this way, for which we are very grateful. We are especially thankful to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., Secretary, for a donation of five hundred Bibles which it made us for this needy feature of our auxiliary work. We beg to insist that the Bible Day collections be made larger, so that our Home Mission Board can assist us in the promotion of Bible study.

THE DEVOTIONAL COURSE.

The spirit of prayer and praise, of earnestness and consecration, is taking fast hold upon that element of the young people that engages in auxiliary work. The devotional topics are pursued with eagerness and zeal heretofore unknown to the youth in our churches. Testimonial meetings are on the increase, in which many formerly timid young people are delighting to stand forth as witnesses unto him who hall loved and redeemed and washed them in his blood. There is also evident increase of the desire to win souls to Christ. Several of our State R. Y. P. U. Conventious have exalted the spiritual idea to an eminent degree. It is worth of note that in Tennessee and Texas, the recent sessions of the state unions were intensely spiritual and signally evangelical. Be lieving as we do in the power of prayer, we look forward to a

day when all of our churches will increase the measure of their strength; the day when it shall be said concerning them, Behold, they pray! When that day arrives the churches will glorify God in a wonderful way by winning precious souls to His Christ.

BAPTIST HISTORY AND DOCTRINE

We have been enabled to continue our work in this department systematically, and to witness some pleasing results therefrom. Unite fifteen thousand young people are taking this course, and thereby preparing themselves to give more intelligent and satisfactory reasons for the hope that is within them. This training is so highly essential, and so far reaching in its consequences that Baptist churches cannot for any reason tolerate or sustain auxiliary societies which deny them the privilege of giving it. And beroin is exposed the danger that attends the toleration and maintenance of Christian Endeavor Societies in Baptist churches. The regulations of this society are to the effect that doctrinal tenets shall not be taught in any of their society meetings. Baptists can not consistently sign away their right to contend for the prevakere of New Testament doctrines. In doing so they sin by omission, and to that extent become traitors unto God. Think of a Raptist church, boasting of the beautiful, free, democratic spirit, of levelty to Christ, of the converight on the New Testament church and promoting the growth of a society which totally disarms them by requiring them to sign a pledge that in that particplar society they will not discuss any of these vital questions. Baptists should never sign away the right to contend for the truth as it is in Jesus. On the contrary, they should contend for the prevalence of it at all times and in all places. In support of this contention we urge our Baptist pastors to assist us in supplanting Christian Endeavor societies and other Pedobaptist organizations of similar character, with strong, healthy, vigorous Young People's Unions.

We are grateful to God for the kind Providence that has attended our labors this year. Under his vigilant eye and his protecting hand we have been enabled to accomplish the following:

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Mr. Pr. ident and Mombers of the National Baptist Convention-

The seto certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the National B. V. P. U. Board and found the same correct. Yours truly

Rost Mutchell

This Sept. 1, 1902.

Auditor N. B. C.

Prof. W. H. Conneill, Normal, Ala., President of the A. & M. Colless and President R. R. Wright, of the Georgia Normal, A. & M. College, addressed the Convention on the special work of their respective schools.

Dr. W. R. Pettiford, President of the Alabama Penny Savings and Usan Company, also addressed the Convention. The Convention adjourned with benefiction by Rev. Wright, Texas.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 3 p. m., President Morris presides. Song service by Prof. Wm, Roshurough, Devotions were adducted by Rev. C. S. Fishback, Ky., and Rev. C. T. Stanes. Mississippi. Minutes were read and approved.

Th. W. A. Creditt, Chairman of the Educational Board, made a few retroductory remarks on the report of the Educational Board. He unroduced Dr. W. B. Johnson, D. C., who read the follow-of the Educational Board:

and a ingratulate the demonination in the opening year of the name of the increased interest shown in educational work, the a lance steps taken to make that work more permanent and effective and the bright prospects the future holds out to us in our torn octablish the doctrine of self-help and intelligent control of the interest intrusted to our hands. Everywhere there are

the most positive signs of co-operation with the work of the Board. Its policy is being better understood and the difficulties confronting it more thoroughly mastered. The development of an educational scheme that shall meet the exigencies of the hour among Negro Baptists in the presence of others who have had years of experience, unrivaled, with money and friends behind it is no easy task. It cannot be accomplished in a year or two without sections clashing and maintelligent criticism. It is the result of years of untiring effort, of self-sacrificing service, of increased benevolence and of patient and prayerful devotion, of the entire cooperation of all the elements of our denominational family that may contribute in any degree to a successful consummation of a plan that means real ownership and intelligent control of our seminaries, colleges and universities. An instatution for higher education is a great enterprise. In its complete growth and equipment it should represent the ripest product of civilization. It is a kingdom in itself; not an absolute monarchy, but a limited one. modified in its usefulness, in its possibilities, by the united support and sympathy of its friends from without; and the exalted moral character, the ability to meet the demand and expectations of it constituency, and the high grade of intellectual training it inculcates among those who linger at its "Pierian springs" and drink long and deep from within. Three things contribute to the greatness of an institution of fearning

Wealth, securing the best equipments and facilities of instruction, gathering to its faculty learned professors and distinguished scholars. Are and scholarly tradition, pervading the atmosphere with bracing and intellectual influence, an enthusiastic constituency and a large and widespread body of influential alumni. But few schools in this country are in possession of these threefold forces. Negro institutions do not pretend to have them, for they are poor, young and struggling. But this is no reason why they cannot do effective work, success in the ordinary studies of a college course does not depend upon large buildings, libraries and laboratories. It denoteds not only upon ability in the professorial chair, but capability in the student, coupled with faithfulness, diligence and serious purpose. Many of our best citizens North and South are the product of feeble colleges; so that in the maintenance and support of the institutions under our care, your Board is encouraged by these and other facts.

It must also be remembered that these institutions are living examples of self-help in their manly efforts to work out the mighty problem confronting them and the Negro race, hence they have gathered in their several localities consecrated men and women, churches, conventions and associations, who contribute regularly to their support and thus emphasize the doctrine they preach All the property they possess belongs to them and the title is in a

Convention or a Board of Trustees, elected from time to time he their suffrages. Whatever help is given them, being mainly almost entirely designated for the support of teachers or worthy students. Your Doard does not hold property, its work being to assist those schools already at work, either in liquidating indebt edness or securing buildings. These institutions are a part of us, they have entererd into a voluntary alliance, hased upon a cooperative relationship with our Board, reporting to us their condibot, progress and financial standing and receiving from us whatever assistance we may give from time to time. In our polics of educational work we should not be compared to others who work among colored people. We do not work among colored people; we are at toork among ourselves. And there is a happy and satisfactory understanding among all concerned in the operation. Since our last session the Board deemed it necessary to incorporate, in order to be in a position to meet any emergency that might arise. The following is a copy of the articles of Incorporation:

Filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia on the first day of March, A. D. 1902.

Know all men by these presents:

That we, W. Bishop Johnson, J. Anderson Taylor, Walter H. Brooks, all of foll age, citizens of the United States, and residents of the District of Columbia, and all persons who are now or may thereafter become members of this organization by appointment, from year to year, of the National Baptist Conventum, or otherwise however declare this our act of Incorporation under sections five hundred and ninety-nine (599) to six hundred and four (604), both inclusive, of the Code of Law established ior the District of Columbia.

1. The name, style and title of this Corporation shall be The National Roptist Educational Board, and it shall have perpetual

existence.

11. The object of the said The National Baptist Educational Roard shall be (a) To establish, maintain and conduct Educational institutions throughout the United States and Foreign countries under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention of the United States; such institutions to be owned, controlled and managed by Negro Baptists; (b) To hold, purchase and convey real and personal property as the purposes of the said Board may tequire, and to contract such obligations and liabilities as the same may authorize; (c) To take, hold and receive any property, real, personal or mixed, by virtue of any grant, donation, or detisc of bequest contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever, and in the prosecution of the aforesaid obfrets, to take and hold real estate, to receive, accumulate and hold, in criist, endowment and such other funds, as may come into its

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hands, from time to time, for the promotion, maintenance and support of its general work.

III. The affairs of this Corporation shall be under the control and triangement of an Executive Beard, consisting of five persuas, who shall be elected by the members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

IV. The following named persons have been chosen as such Executive Board to serve during the first year of this Curporation's existence, and until their successors are elected and qualified, to wit:

William A. Creditt, Chairman, J. Anderstat Taylor, First Assistant Chairman, Walter H. Brooks, Second Assistant Chairman, W. Bishop, Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, William H. Johnson, Treasurer.

V. That the headquarters of said The National Baptist Educational Board shall be at Washington, D. C.

hi testimoni whereof, we have hereinto set our hands and seals this first day of March, A. D., 1902.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Common of Columbia, to wit:

I. James F. Bundy, a Notary Public in and for said District, do bereby certify that W. Bishop Johnson, J. Anderson Taylor, and Walter H. Brooks, who are personally well known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing and annexed lustration in writing, bearing date on the first day of March. A. D. 1902, personally appeared before me, in my said District, and jointly and severally acknowledged the said Instrument in writing to be their act and deed for the purposes therein specifically set forth.

Given under my hand and official scal, this day of March, A. D., 1902.

In this connection we desire to make as succinctly as possible a declaration of the policy of the Board, in order that we may be better understood in the future.

The Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention is the educational agency of nearly two million Negro Baptist constituents. It is the channel through which flows the healthy and uplifting streams of educational growth and inspiration. It is exponent of educational thrift and energy distinctively among Negro Baptists. In its aim and results it is the logical sequence of thirty-seven years of philanthropic effort by benevolent white men North to place the Negro in such positional eminence where

he might reflect the highest credit upon their efforts in his behalf and pursue a course of self-militing and self-development.

It stands for the ownership, control and conduct of the institution it supports. It promulgates the doctrine of manly self-help the eshaustion of every effort of its own in the support of the schools under its control and the turning to other sources, only as a last resort. It is a firm believer in the possibilities of the race and contact. It antagenizes no one who does not accept its decharation of principles. But steadily and connectly, with an nowacoting faith in God, pursues its work, with the hope of helping to lift the black pall of ignorance and lead an oppressed and nealy race our into the open field of individual effort, where it has become conscious of its own strength, and, therefore, willing to do send dure in the betterment of its condition.

It loss yes in the education of heart, head and hand, and seeks to make its own people the primal factors in crystallizing these triple results. If pathers the institutions that subscribe to its principles into a Federation and organizes each state or district to maintain and support the school within its horders, thus systematizing and defining the work of each and directing, as well as stimulating, its benevolent operations by building up a healthy interest in the local educational uplift. It has seen the beneficial results of this policy in a glorious fruitage of increased contributhe its own people, in the several states that previously raised only a few hundreds of dollars per annun, notably in Virginia, where lest year twenty-five thousand dollars were raised and over ten if ensued dollars were lifted at one collection for the support of its bead institution in the month of May last. Also in Arkanrgia, Mississippi, Texas, Pennsylvania, Macyland and District of Columbia. It records the significant fact that in every state where the people have been given the control of their own attain the contributions have increased beyond the expectations of the most cuthusiastic promoter of the educational policy of this there! Its purpose is to steadily develop the benevolence of the churches and such benevolent persons as it shall find to the end that their contributions may increase and the strength and effieien and its work may become more fasting and permanent.

It has been greatly encouraged in its work. Its retrospect toy its a beginning with no schools under its care and direction;

and no system for promoting its work.

It must be remembered that Negro Baptists have always contributed to their educational work, but they had no means of

inhered to their collectional work, but they had no means of knowing how much they gave, nor could they whisper one word make management of any institution they helped to support.

Ownership and control of educational institutions was dim and distant; and no one sought to lead them out of their wilderness, where their feet might tread the sacred highways of the promised land, and their souls, unfettered, might expand and enlarge under the genial sunshine of individual effort and manly struggle to burst the bonds of ignorance in their own enslavement.

At the last session of the Convention it was intimated by those in authority that an informal conference between representatives of the A. B. H. M. Society, and your Board was very desirable, in order that the situation might he discussed and a better spirit established between the two organizations operating among the same people in the same district. The meeting was held September, 1901, and, in addition to members of your Board, there were present all the officers of the other Boards and of the Convention

After conferring carefully and prayerfully, it was decided to adjourn to meet Dec. 11, 1902, at Washington, D. C. in the Second Barrist Church Pursuant to adjournment the Board assembled at Washington, D. C., December 11, and there were members present from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Georgia, Arkansas, Texas and District of Columbia. The American Baptist Home Mission Society was represented by Rev. Drs. Morehouse, Buttrick and Chivers. The meeting opened with devotional ever cises and proceeded in attend to routine business. When the time arrived for the election of educational secretary, as per order of the Convention. Dr. Morehouse arose and asked that the election be deterred until after the Conference had concluded its join meeting, intonating that the election of Educational Secretary might forestall the action of said joint meeting. The Brate manimously accorded to his request and the meeting then resolved usell into a joint conference. At this meeting the relation of the Home Mission Society to the National Baptist Convention was freely, fully and candidly discussed. The spirit that pervaded the meeting was harmonious and, therefore, of the most pleasant nafore,

The history of the difficulties which have caused so much bitterness and strife among the brethren was reviewed and an honest and earnest determination reached to remedy the same. It was decided by resolution offered by Rev. Dr. Griggs, of Texas, and unanimously adopted, that co-operation with the A. B. H. M. Society was desirable, and the spirit anti-purpose of this resolution received acquiescence of the entire representation from the A. B. H. M. Society. The meeting appointed the following brethern to represent the Board at all subsequent meetings, viz.: Ris. Dr. W. A. Creditt, Pennsylvania, Prof. D. Abner, Jr., Texas, and W. Bishep Johnson, Washington, D. C. The hour being late (11 p.m.), the meeting adjourned at the call of Rev. Dr. Morchouse, whose action was to be determined at the meeting of the Ex.

On January 15, 1902, your Board received the following communication:

New York, Jan. 14, 1902.

Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D., Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother:—At the first meeting of our Board (yesterday) since the Washington Conference, a Committee was appointed to confer with the Committee of your Board on co-operation in educational work. This committee will soon have a meeting and will communicate soon with your committee. It seems that some preliminary correspondence may be desirable before a joint conference is called. Please give me the names and addresses of your committee.

Yours truly,

H. L. Morenouse, Field Secretary.

Your Board did not receive any official communication from the communication dated M. B. H. M. Society thereafter, except the communication dated March 31st, and appended berefo:

New York, March 31st, 1902.
To the Committee of the Educational Board of the National

Rapust Convention.

Dear Berthren:—Since the Conference at Philadelphia, March 11th, the Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society has given such Inuther consideration as was practicable to the question of co-operation in educational matters between the Convention and the Society. We do not find it easy to formulate a plan that shall be satisfactory to all concerned. On the financial side the Society has such limitations arising out of its large obligations of about \$125,000 annually to twenty-five institutions for the colored people, that it seems impracticable to add very much to its expenditures for this purpose. On the other hand the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention has absolutely at its communand, in its own treasury, a very limited sum for such purposes: its chief financial efforts being put forth through its representatives in the various states to strengthen the institutions therein

The Society for many years has made liberal appropriations for the maintenance of schools in every Southern state (except Maryland). Fifteen of these were founded and are controlled by Negro Baptists, and their instructors, with few exceptions, are Negrors. Four of these school are reckoned among our higher institutions. Discontinuance of aid to them would be disastrous. Most of these schools are incorporated. The Society has co-operated with their Boards of Trustees in their maintenance. Were the Society and the Convention to ro-operate in educational matters, in any way affecting these institutions, each one, in its own independent rights, would have to be consulted and its consent

obtained to any plan that might be devised.

Inasmuch, therefore, as a plan of co-operation on a comprehensive financial basis is attended with many difficulties, it is a question whether some limited plan, at first, may not be best. Without committing onescloes fully and finally to anything, we nevertheless, ask whether like the following would not be advisable and feasible?

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t. The appointment of an Educational Secretary, a colored man, who shall be acceptable to both bodies because of his eminent fitness for the position; whose work shall be done under the direction of a joint committee of both hodies; who shall be paid equally by both; and who shall report to both. Such a man, though devoting most of his time to work in the South, night spend a few months each year in the North with the introduction that the Home Mission Society might give, in cultivating the field in the interest of the work in general, or in the interest of special enterprises as should be deemed best.

We shall be pleased to have your views on this subject and also to consider any suggestion that you may make. Inasmuch as the members of our Committee are quite widely separated and meetings are attended with much expense and loss of valuable time, it is felt that it may be best to arrive at approximate conclusions by correspondence, before another meeting is called. In order to facilitate matters, a copy of this is sent simultaneously to each member of your committee. With a sincere desire to do the best thing that can be devised and with prayer for Divine guidance in all these matters. I aim, on behalf of the Committee,

Fraternally yours.
H. L. Morentouse, Field Secy.

The following communications from Rev. Dr. Creditt, Chairman of the Board, will throw some light on the situation and exhain what was intertring during the interval of official silence festicent the Secretary of the A. R. H. M. Society and your Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. W. B. Iolinson:

Mr Dear Hishop;—Dr. H. L. Morehouse addressed our Minister's Conference to-day. We had quite a talk this afternoon His plan is to have the Committees meet here in Philadelphia within the next to days or two weeks.

Would it not be well for you to write Dr. Morehouse at once and confer as to the exact date of Conference Dr. Morehouse promised to write you, etc. I would suggest that you write him and not wait.

Yours,

CREDITY.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 2, 1902.

Dear Mr. Johnson:—I received a note from Dr. Morchouse requesting our Committee to meet. I did not send it earlier because I had hoped to be in Washington to-morrow. I enclose Dr. Merchouse's note. Had you not better get word to Prof.

Abner? It seems wise that I should write Dr. Morehouse that

we can meet here in Philadelphia on the 11th Fratemally.

W. A. CREPSTE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, 1902.

Rev. W. A. Creditt, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother:—I expect to go South March Etth for about ten days: would it not be possible for us to have the proposed conference on March 17th, in the afternoon, either at Philadelphia or Washington? By that time I think we shall see our way clear to the course to be pursued. If we can meet on the 11th, I think Dr Buttrick, who comes down from Albany to our Board meeting on the 10th could meet us. This is very desirable. Will you kindly communicate with Dr. Johnson and let me heat from you soon?

Yours truly, H. L. Monenouse, Field Secretary.

It is but fair to add that at all meetings where the representatives of the two Boards came together, those representing the Sotiety asked many questions about the inner affairs of our Board and were answered promptly as to our manner of operating, what we represent and how far our authority extended over the schools in the electration.

There were but two conferences between the two Boards; the one at Washington, D. C., the other at Philadelphia, Pa. The conference at Philadelphia was held at the office of Dr. Palmer. District Secretary of the A. B. H. M. Society, and with Dr. Morehouse. Hohart Chivers and Rhodes, representing the A. B. H. M. Society, and Drs. Creditt, Johnson and Geo. Lee representing the Board (Prof. Almer being notified by telegram, on account of the short notice could not be present, the Board elected Rev. Dr Lee proxice Dr. Morehouse suggested the discussion of the following question. How can co-operation between the A. B. H. M. Society. be so used how far is it gracticable?" It was the opinion of all Week. Drs. Lee and Johnson that co-operation can only be had in the following way: The Society appropriating a fund for edreasonal work and asking our Board to meet it half way with a like amount, the Society's part payable directly to the schools, and our part payable directly to the schools also; that an educational secretary be appointed jointly by the A. B. H. M. Society and Educational Board, he being paid by both and reporting to both. After a full discussion, Rev. Drs. Lee nd Johnson dissenting, the meeting adjourned without action. This Conference was hell March 11th, and on the 31st of the same month the following was received and submitted to the Board: The Secretary was ordered to report all negotiations, letters, etc., to the Convention, informing them of every step of progress and asking them for some definite line of instruction in the pemises, authorizing the Board to act. In order to hasten matters, the Board at is regular monthly meeting held January 23th, 1902, authorized the Corresponding Secretary to send the following to Rev. Dr. Morelouse.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25, 1902.

Rev. H. L. Morshouse, D. D.,

Field Secretary of the A. B. H. M. Society,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother:—At the regular monthly meeting of the National Baptist Educational Board, held Feb. 24, 1902, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to write you at once, urging immediate action, looking toward the consummation of the contemplated scheme of co-operation. Nearly one-half the year hapassed and our work has been seriously hindered because, in deference to your wishes, we have delayed the pursuance of a vigorous educational policy. We must carry out the wishes of the Convention expressed at the Cincinnati meeting, in the election of an Educational Secretary, and since we have heard nothing officially from your Committee, we take this method to urge you to immediate action.

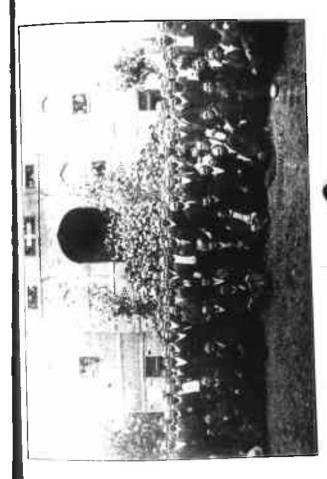
We hope you will appreciate our position, and are sure you will do all you can to secure favorable action. Hoping for an early ceply, I am,

Yours truly,

W. BISHOP JOHNSON, Cor. Sec'y.

In the meantime the Secretary, having heard from Dr. Creditt, of the Philadelphia meeting, proceeded with Dr. G. W. Lee to attend the same.

The Convention will see how the Board was delayed from December to April in the election of an Educational Secretary. The farther delay was due to the difficulty in securing the proper man. We realized that a man for such a position must be in possession of high moral, educational and business qualifications and that he must be as nearly acceptable to all the brethren as possible. We found it difficult to find just the man, unless he was engaged either in the pastorate or educational work and, according to the resolution passed at one last session, he must collect his salary upon the field; hence we could ofter no financial inducemento a man already certain of stated salary to accept a position which, while we knew his salary would be assured, he could not so easily see it that way. So we decided to elect our present Corresponding Secretary, and at our August meeting he was duly



elected and commissioned to perform the duties of that office until after the Convention, when we hope to fill the office permanently

In view of the fact that the Convention at its last session adopted the resolutions for the creation of a national university the Board also at its August meeting endorsel the same and stand ready to carry out the purposes of the Convention to the best of its ability. The resolutions are as follows:

We, your Committee on National University, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have tried to look on all sides, and upon every phase of this subject. The more we study and ponder over this question, the more studendous it becomes and the more important it appears.

As we understand the proposition, it is to establish a great National Theological Seminary at some central point in the bounds of this Convention, for the preparation of Christian workers for our home and foreign fields.

If the National Paptist Convention of the United States of America representing as it does, over 14,000 churches and a membership of nearly 2.000,000, is to do successful and efficient mission work in the United States and in foreign lands, it seems to us that a school owned and operated by this Convention, to prepare the workers, is a necessity.

The chargy and liberality of the denomination would have a worthy object upon which to exert itself, and upon which to concentrate all its strength and power.

To do the work contemplated, and to receive the united support of the entire National Baptist Convention, this school needs to be owned, controlled and operated entirely by this Convention. If otherwise, there are likely to arise jealousies and strife upon the part of the different States and their State institutions. The contemplated school should be purely theological in character and its instruction.

There are four very important questions connected with this movement that the committee desires to lay before this body:

The object of this school.

The management of the school.

and The plans for raising money needed to establish and maintain the school.

4th The location.

The object of the school, as we understand it, is to prepare Christian workers for the home and foreign fields. Our great need here in the United States is a prepared ministry for our 14.-churches and the vast following we have in connection with these clumches.

The ministry among our people has to do with every phase of life that relates to the elevation and edification of the people.



HEX. R. E. OFLERS, PRESSURE, PARTIES. S. SPERSON.

More rests upon the Negro ministry than on any other class of ministers in the United States. Hence the great need of a prepared ministry, and the importance of the National Theological Seminary.

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The workers that go to the foreign fields—both men and women—next special training for their work. And as we have to handle these workers through our Foreign Mission Board, workers through our foreign Mission Board, we need to know something of their training and preparation for the work. As the object of this school is laid before the great Baptist Inetherhood of this country, it will awaken interest in even deportinational and Officiality work.

Perhaps one among the most difficult questions is the management of the seltion. The success of any institution depends largely upon the way it is managed. This question of management has given your Committee no little thought and concern. How is successfully manage every part, and every phase of interest, of such a school is a monuentous question, and requires the most solter, thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

Your Committee would suggest:

1st. That the general management of the school—such as the election of a local Board of Trustees, or an Executive Board the purchase of property and deeding the same, the general plans for raising money—be vested in the present Board of Education.

2011. That the present Brand of Education be enlarged so as in have one member on it from each state and ferritory repre-

sented in this Convention.

and. That the Board of Education be elected by this Convention. That the name to be voted upon from each State or Tentory shall be imministed by the delegation from the State and Tentory shall be imministed by the delegation shall elect—not from among themselves—a Roard of Education shall elect—not from among themselves—a Roard of Trustees of fifteen in or near the place the school is located. That at the first election of the Board of Trustees they shall elect five for one year, five for two years, and live for three years, and after the first year each set of five shall be elected for the term of three years.

4th. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be to help in taising money for the school. They shall have power to employ traveling agents and set their salaries; they shall have power to employ all teachers and set their salaries. They shall have power to select the mon-to-lie president of the school, and to make sufrules and regulations for the general government of teacher-

and school as they think best.

The Board of Trustees shall, in connection with the faculty, prepare the rules and regulations to govern the students. To faculty shall, in connection with the President, prepare the course of study for the school, and the same shall be passed on by the Board of Trustees before it goes into operation.

The licent of Trustees shall make an annual seport to this Concution and to the Educational Board in joint session of all money raised and expended, the number of teachers and agents employed and the salaries paid them; the number of students together with such other matters of interest and recommendations as they think proper.

5th. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Education shall both for chartered under the laws of the state in which the school is located. In the charter the school shall have all the chartered under the school shall have all the chartered under privileges and powers of any and all colleges and semi-

maries in the United States of America

On this subject the Board of Trustees, the Educational Board and the President of the school should be given much latitude. But the Committee would suggest one or two things:

That an Educational Association of the National Theolog-

ical Summary by formed

2 That every church, Sunday school, Association, H. Y. P. U., Sunday School Convention, and individual member in a Baptier that there is no become stockholders in the Educational Association of the National Theological Seminary

 That the capital stock of the Educational Association of the National Theological Seminary shall be \$250,000, divided into

shares of \$10,00.

4. That any Baptist Chusch, Similar school, Association, Studay School Convention, B. V. P. U., or individual may join the Educational Association of the National Theological Seminar location and paving for one or more drates, and the share or drate held by them shall entitle them to vote on all question-touching the National Baptist Theological Seminary at the animal meeting of the National Baptist Convention.

Any Raptist Church, Sunday school, Association, Sunday votiventian, B. Y. P. U. may have their stock represented by any delegate elected to represent the church, Sunday school, jution, Sunday School Convention, or B. Y. P. U. in the

National Baptist Convention.

6 That the stock paid in by any Baptist church, Sunday school, visionalism, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. P. U., or individual shall not take the place of the annual donation required by the Constitution of the National Baptist Convention, but each church Similar school, Association, Sunday School Convention, B. Y. I. I. soid individual will be expected to pay the annual donation required by the Convention.

7. That this Educational Association may meet at such time and place as they shall determine and organize themselves and lay place to raise money for any part of the work of the National

Disabigued Seminary, or for endowment.

The location of the school is a question upon which there will no doubt, he a variety of opinions. And, no doubt, many may be influenced by local State interests. In settling the question of location, every member of the Convention should rise above an personal or local considerations, and ask himself. Where is the best place to locate the school, that it may serve the highest interests of this great Baptist brotherhood? We need a location that will be central for the majority of the constituency of this Convention. It will be conceded by all that the great majority of this Convention is between the Gull of Mexico and the Ohio River, and between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River A central location between these points would, in the judgment of the Committee, be the place to select. Some such city or low, on prominent railroads, out a little into the country, would be far more desirable than some of our large, gay, fashinnable cities, where the outward appearance receives more attention than the

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that the two Boards, if you so decide, be elected at once, or during this session of the Convention and that they be instructed and empowered a take the work in band at once, and go forward with the work.

BAPTIST SCHOOLS.

The following are owned and controlled by Negro Baptists:
Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark.; Arkadelphia Academy, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Brinkley Academy, Brinkley, Ark.; Magnolis
Academy, Magnolia, Ark.; Southwestern Academy, Demot,
Ark.; Aouchita Academy, Camden, Ark.

Alabama Baptist University, Selma, Ala.; Anniston Nomal College, Anniston, Ala.; Eufaula Baptist Academy, Eufaula Ala.; Marion Baptist Academy, Marion, Ala.; Opelika High School, Opelika, Ala.; Thomsonville Academy, Thomsonville, Alabama

Americus Institute, Americus, Ga.; Walker Baptist Academy, Augusta, Ga.; Jeruel Academy, Athens, Ga.; Central City Coliege, Macon, Ga.

Wharton Norman and Industrial School, Charlotte, N. C.; Latta University, Raleigh, N. C.; High School, Wakefield, N. C.; Shiloh Industrial Institute, Warrenton, N. C.; Thompsons Institute, Lumberton, N. C.; The Miss Addie Norris School, Winston, N. C.; Cirl's Training School, Franklinton, N. C.; Roanoke Institute, Elizabeth, N. C.; Albernarle Training School, Edunton, N. C.; Bertie Academy, Windsor, N. C.

Natchez College, Natchez, Miss.; Gloster High School, Gloste, Miss.; Central Mississippi College, Kosciusko, Miss.; Grenad High School, Menidia, Miss.; Meridian High School, Menidian, Miss.; Ministerial Institute, West Point, Miss.; Nettleton High

School Nettleton, Miss.; Greenville High School, Greenville, Miss.; New Alliany High School, New Villauv, Miss.; Jackson College, Miss.

State University, Louisville, Kv.; Cadiz Normar and The dogical College, Cadiz, Ky.; Female High School Frankfort, Kv.; Glasgow Normal Institute, Clasgow, Kv.; Weisen College, Weakle, Kv.; Danville Institute, Danville, Kv.; Hopkinsvolle Male and Female College, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Fekstein Norton University, Cane Springs, Ky.

Guadalupe College, Seguin, Texas: Central Texas Academy, Waco Texas: Houston Baptist Academy, Houston, Texas; Heatte Academy, Heatne, Texas.

Viegora Sentinary and College, Lynchburg Va., The Union Industrial Academy, Fort Conway, Va.

Charleston Normal and Industrial Justitute, Charleston S. C. Maller School, Beaufort, S. C.; Peace Haven Industrial School, Broadriver, S. C.

Howe Institute, Memphis, Tenn.: Nelson Merry College, leflerson City, Tenn.: Lexington Colored Normal School, Lexington, Tenn.

Dawes Vendenty, Indian Territory: Saugo Baptist College, Indian Territory.

Florida Battist College, Jacksonville, Illa - Florida Battist Institute, Live Oals, Ffa.; West Florida Battist Academy, Pensacola, Fla.

Edand Academy, Donaldsonville, La., Baton Rouge Academy, Baton Rouge, La.; Houma Academy, Houma, La.; Morgan City, La.; Howe Institute, New Ineria, La.; Opclousas Academy, Opelousas, La.; Central Louisiana Academy, Alexandira, La.; Cherryville, Academy, Cherryville, La.; Baptist Academy, Lake Providence, La.; Montro, Hal; Ruston Academy, Ruston La.; Streveport Academy, Alexandria, La.; Cherryville, Academy, Cherryville, La.; Redd scholeny, Mansfield, La.; North Lunisiana Industrial High School, Montroe, La.

Clayton Williams Institute, Baltimore, Md. Western Baptist College, Macon, Mo.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS BY STATES.

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VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY, OWNER, CONTROLLED AND MANAGER

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Alalama.....\$39,500

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ROBERT MITCHELL. Auditor National Baptist Convention

Dr. Robert Mirchell, Auditor, submitted his report as follows: 10(1:087)

Members of the National Baptist Conven-

diance with my constitutional duties as Auditor, I have commission in care and diligence the books and accounts of the I'm of the Convention, and it is a pleasure to me to report follows:

NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD.

I arrived at Nashville, Tenn., August 18, and went immediand Charles National Capital Publishing House, and after an excharacteristics, an order was given on the bookkeeper for ten over to me all orders, bills, checks, vouchers, and leads to examination,

The introged for more than a week in making the examination ser a large bulk of transactions and entries until I was he little the accounts were properly and correctly balanced. The position of Auditor is one of honor and a small remune

aion, but the work is very tectious, and requires accuracy and (acility.

Have pleasure, however, in reporting to you to it I all the books of the Publishing House kept in a systematic and the co-

One is able to trace an order, from the time it is recei-House through all the departments until the goods read parchaser.

There are thousands of files, showing in detail did, transaction, making mistakes practically an impossibility.

The air of a consecrated business is apparent as you pare from one department to another. Every thing about the place is a ideat reminder that it is a work of the Lord. On entering you are struck with surprise and astonishment at the magnitude of

The business has become so immense that more room is a civing necessity. The best results cannot be realized in this crowded conduion. It would be wise for the Convention to proceed at over to the formulation of plans for the erection of suitable haldings to meet these increased demands.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, our Corresponding Secretary, deserves the unsinted confidence and encouragement of our denomination for the work which he has accomplished. Words are inadequate to do justice to one, who has been instrumental in bringing to pass that which is so marvelous in the eyes of the world. He like the great leaders of the past, outcom his denoutionsion in the direction it was going, materializing its will before it was hardly anparent to the denomination itself. While all was darkness and confusion to the stalwart leaders. Dr. Boyd opened the eyes of the world to the possibilities of a well-planned business, startling the splendid ingenuity of the ablest leaders of the denomination of both races

This enterprise which shows distinctly Negro ability, Negro computerers and Negro power of engineering a great concern, should be the pride of the denomination and race.

livery year the business is growing in interest and importance. which is a declaration to the world that it is no longer an experiment but a fixture. On investigation it may be seen that it has come to stay, the prophesies of the skeptics to the contrary, notwithstanding. The denomination cannot afford to suffer it to be otherwise.

The thought of such a thing would entail on the denomination such a disgrace, unborn generations would feel the shock, and be enervated by its blighting course.

With the work has been largely self-supporting thus far, this should be no cause for indifference or lack of interest. The anmual contributions to the Home Mission Board should be in-

Hitherto, there has been very little given in the way of helping the work to reach its present status. The additional buildings and furnishing should be immediately provided for, in order to more successfully do the work which has been so splendilly begun. The demands of the age call loudly and emphatically to us

B. Y. P. U. BOARD,

While in Nashville I carefully examined the books of the B. Y. P. U. Board, which I found to a splendid combiner. The receipts and dishorsements properly entered, showing the amounts received and expended daily.

I found the department in three nicely furnished rooms with three clerk

Dr. E. W. doing all in his now. I do not hestate to say that this do artment is not receiving the support is should have Secretary to do everything. While, of course, he must do his part, the denomination must do its, also,

If all of our churches were to see to it that they organize soung people's societies and purchase their literature of the B. Y. P. U. Board, that would give it the substantial support so necessary to its well-hoing. In a imperative that the young people he given something to do. If the church fail to put into their hands that which is constructive and for the uplift of themselves in things suctional mellicitual and moral, the world with supply them with the climats of destruction and vice, which will weaken the race

and regulated Sinda St. V. P. U. as to have a well-organized and regulated Sindax school. The work is not asking for more resolutions, but wore of that which will tend to make it permanent and self-supporting.

The brains generalized by respec-

If Nitle more interest were mainfested on the part of out leaders it would not be being before the work of this Board would be placed upon a respectable plane.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Foreign Mission Board, and have pleasure in saying I found them in good condition. Our Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Jordan, deserves much credit for the manner in which his work is alone. He is a trelest and indefatigable worker for the success of his board. He has three rooms meely fitted up: but one is not long about the place before he finds that the Foreign Mission Board has not sufficient

room and facilities to do its work adequately. There should be an increased elerical force in the office to do the romine work. The Secretary has to give too much time to the details and not enough to the general oversight. If he were provided with two or three efficient elerks to book after the detailed work, thereby giving him an upportunity to do the work more of a secretary, it would bring yer, much better results to the denomination.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY BOARD.

According to an order of the Convention it became my duty to adde the accounts of the Women's Faord, which I dol with earst and painstaking. I found Miss Naume El Burraughs, the efficient Corresponding Sceretary, at her post of duty. She has in her office a cleanly kept set of books, showing in detail all the receipts and expenditures of moneys for the year. After a careful examination, I concluded that the ladies' work in this department cannot be duplicated in any other way. They not only de foreign mission, but home mission, educational and E. Y. P. U. work, just as our Convention does. They represents all the departments that the National Convention represents, and in their present organic form, it is very probable that they are doing more effective work than could be deng in any other way.

I think the ladies should have the mornalified support and endorsement of this Convention in the work which they have so no by and heroically undertaken. If they are given the proper encouragement and support they will prove to be veritably man's holoment. I think the Convention should let them work in their way. They should not have their hands field to do a certain kind it work, but should be free to work in every way and all the ways that tend to uplift the people. One can only do his best work

when he is free and unhampered.

I arest the correctness of the accounts as shown he all the Boards and you will find my certificate as audion affixed thereto. Yours succeedy.

Robert Mitchest Auditor National Bantist Convention

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE AUDITOR. POREIGN MISSION BOARD.

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Organ at Queenstown	40	
Building and bell at Middledrift	300	
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ASSETS IN DEMARARA.		~
Bell and organ, Georgetown	136	do
LIABILITIES.	1750	
Missionaries	\$ 080	-
Mayer and Schlick	. p 203	73
Franklin Printing Co	88	75
John D. Morgan & Co.	00	13
To loan	417	78
Total	\$1235	34
HOME MISSION BOARD	, -45	
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Fourth quarter, 1901	12,119	29
First quarter, 1902		
Second quarter, 3902		
Third quarter, 1902	10,702	77
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RECEIPTS FROM MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.		
From Woman's Auxiliary Convention	\$ 75	0.0
From Home Mission Board of Southern Bap. Con	4 6/3	~
From Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Bap Com		
By missionary collections		
		47
By special missionary collections		
By designated collection	79	80
Total	5,824	52
Special donation for Bible and Colportage work	\$ 121	25
From Sunday School Board of Southern Bap, Con	110	
Ry office donations	2,100	
For calportage and book work.	230	
From special periodical donations	700	
From special periodical donations	11,000	
From special Bible work in Africa.	35	
From general missionary and Bible donation	432	40
Total	\$3,149	64
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Total	\$7,000 76
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of his church, which was destroyed by a cyclone on March tt_i 1902.

Collection for Rev. Aaron Ware, of Tennessee, \$4.32. Collection for Rev. H. Watts, \$16,00

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. Hubbs.
NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 7 p. m., President Morris presiding. Song service by Prof. Rosborough. As the first part of the night session had been set apart for hearing an address from Prof. Booker T. Washington, Principal of the Tuskegee Institute, no business was transacted. While awaiting the arrival of Prof. Washington, short addresses were delivered by Drs. W. A. Credit, C. T. Walker, Geo. W. Lee, Prof. G. W. Hayes.

Prof. Washington was introduced by President Morris and addressed the Convention on the subject of Industrial Training.

At the conclusion of Prof. Washington's address a dire calamity befell the Convention. As the result of a personal altercation be tween two individuals on the choir platform, some one cried, "Fire," which alarmed the vast audience. Many rushed for the outside, and some on the outside attempted to rush into the chuch, this caused the vestibule to be overcrowded, and the multitude, in their eagerness to get out of the church, ran over each other, causing the death of many persons.

FOURTH DAY-Morning Session.

The Convention assembled at to:30 a.m., President Morris presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. D. A. Gaddie.

In view of the terrible calamity which had befallen the Convention last night (Friday night), a short prayer service was held, participated in by Rev. H. C. Owen, Tenn.; Rev. Geo. W. Dudley, Tex.; Rev. C. P. Hunter, Miss; Rev. G. W. Ward, Ky.; Rev. R. L. Williams, Tex. Minutes read and approved.

The following ushers were appointed: Rev. G. W. Johnson, Ga.; Dr. A. Gordon, Pa.; Dr. E. B. Topp, Miss.; Rev. S. W. Brown, Miss.; Rev. D. L. B. Anderson, Cal.

Prof. G. W. Hayes, Va., presented the following resolutions: In view of the sad and shocking calamity that overshadowed this the twenty-third anniversary of our National Convention, we feel to bow humbly to the will of Him who doeth all things well, acknowledging that in our weakness and blindness we do not always see, and many times fail to willingly accept the leading of Providence. But standing as we do in the presence of a saddened and stricken community—with our own dead and dying messengers about us, we can but partake of the depressing and heartrending influence that is present in every heart and is depicted upon every countenance. Therefore be it

Resolved. That in view of such surroundings:

1. That the business of the Conevation be turned over to the Executive Board for adjustment.

2. That the remainder of the program literary be dropped.

3. That the place of next meeting be settled without one word of debate, presentation or argument, except the mere mention by the President of the places wanting the Convention and the residue of the time of the Convention be devoted to a sympathetic interest and helpfulness for our dead and dying.

These resolutions were so amended as to provide for a one-hour memorial service, and for a continuation of the business of the Convention. With these amendments the resolutions were adopted.

Dr. A. N. McEwen, Ala., was appointed to conduct the memorial exercises. "What a friend we have in Jesus," was sung. Rev. J. H. Gadsden offered prayer. "Saviour, more than life to me," was sung. Several other appropriate songs were sung, and several fervent prayers were offered

In view of certain statements appearing in the city papers reflecting upon the Convention, the following committee was appointed to prepare a series of resolutions correcting these statements: Dr. W. G. Johnson, Ga.; Dr. Thos. Wright, Tex.; Dr. Geo. W. Lee, D. C.; Dr. E. B. Topp, Miss; Dr. E. C. Cole, Mo.; Dr. E. W. Moore, Pa.; Dr. C. H. Parrish, Ky.; Dr. J. A. Booker, Ark.; Dr. L. L. Campbell, Tex.; Dr. J. L. Dart, S. C.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. G. L. P. Talliafero.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 3:30 p. ... President Morris presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. W. Moore, Pa, and Rev. G. B. Howard, Va. Minutes were read and approved.

Resolution by Dr. W. Justin Waytes, Ga., and resolution by Dr. A. R. Griggs, Texas, were referred to the Committee on Resolutions and the committee instructed to report this p. m.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers made the following report, which was adopted unanimously:

Your Committee on Permanent Organization submits the following report:

For Secretary, Prof. W. L. Cansler, A. M., Nashville, Tenn. Assistant Secretary, Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., Columbia, S.C. Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D., Port Royal, Va. Statistician, Rev. S. W. Bacote, A. B. Kansas City, Mo. Auditor, Rev. Robert Mitchell, D. D., Frankfort, Ky.

The Committee on Time and Place reported that two cities were asking for the Convention-Philadelphia, Pa., and Austin. Texas. Both places were placed before the Convention, and the vote resulted in favor of l'hiladelphia, l'a., as the next place of meeting

Rev. S. W. Bacoto, A. M., Statistician, made his report as fol-

lows, which was adopted:

To Breifteen National Baptut Convention To Breithern Maional Baptust Cantrollan Luthmi for your sugust consoliration the 2-nd enture the state of the Chinnel Inprint Convention. When I assumed charge of the office twelve months ago, I found it very difficult to make great progress with the work as three was no second book to which I could refer add at once breame acquisited with the field. Hence, I had to rely in many initialects, upon responsible private sourced for important information. portant information.

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WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

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Among others at work in Africa may to mentioned Rev De. H. N. Bouey, Superintendent Liberia, L. N. Cheek, Cateadeulu, Ohotya, R. C.; tohn Caitember, Chisadeulu, B. C.; Miss R. D. De Lacety, Chicadeulu, B. C., Miss R. D. De Lacety, Chicadeulu, B. C., Majolo Agrebi, Ph. D., Lages, West Africa; H. C. Faulkner, M. D., Montoria Liberia.

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I further suggest, that each secretary and district or start conventions of seasons to make the secretary of the seasons of the survivors of and organize a copy survivors for reference, when he derives to correspond with that body during the

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A telegram was read from President Roosevelt, expressing his sympathy to the Convention, and to the families of those killed in the disaster of Friday night.

The special committee made the following report:

We, your committee appointed to consider the matter of last evening's disaster t the Shiloh Baptist Church, of Birmingham, Ala, which resulted in the death and the injuring of many precious lives, report the following:

First, the report appeared in the first edition of the morning paper (Birmingham Age Herald), making the statement that "if there had been, out of two thousand delegates, several cool-headed men, the accident would not have resulted so fatal," is a reflection upon the Convention, for the reason that most of the delegation was inside the building, and the disaster was on the outside the settlind, among the overflow, most of whom were not delegates, so the President on delegates had any control of the outside rush

Second, the excitement that took place on the their platform was caused by an altereation between two individuals over a seat, and as such, the Convention, as a body, diclaims any responsibility for the same.

Thirdly. The statement that there is a defect in the architecture of the church is misleading, and should be corrected by stating that the workmanship and plan is in every sense modern and perfect.

Fourth. We also recommend that the pastors of the various churches of Birmingham be appointed a committee to take in hand the collections that shall be taken from time to time during this meeting, and all outside contributions for the benefit of the dead and injuried.

Fifth. The gratitude of this Convention is hereby expressed to the citizens of Birmingham, irrespirative of race, for their speedy assostance in relieving the suffering and dying on the night of the disaster, and to all others who have generously offered pecuniacy and

Sixth. That we extend our symnathy to Pastor Walker, since this calamity occurred in his church.

Seventh. The sympathy of this Convention is hereby extended to the suffering and hereaved, commending them to the will of the great Head of the Church, who doeth all things well.

W G JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN, L. L. CAMPBELL, B F. Fox, I L. DART,

E. C. COLE, Secretary.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. A. F. Owens, of Ala.

FIFTH DAY.

g no a. m., Sunday school by Jng, S. Trower, Pa , Superintend on Song by the choir Prayer by Rev. Robert Mitchell, D. D. Ky.

Solig service conducted by Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Ala. Prayer by Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., Va.

The Lesson. Deut. 34:1-12, "The Death of Moses," Motto Text "The Lord spake unto Moses face to face" (Ex.33:11).

The lesson was discussed by Bro. W. H. Steward, Ky.; Prof. W. H. Holmes, Ca.

Mr B. Gildreath, a leading business man of Birmingham, was introduced by President Morris. He delivered a short address to the Convention, expressing the pleasure he felt in howing this Convention to assemble in the city of Birmingham. He gave \$4 00 to the church collection, and requested Dr. T. W. Walker to draw upon him for \$50.00 to assist in hurying those killed in the disaster of Friday evening. By motion, the Convention accepted the generous offer of Mr. Gildreath

The motion, Bro. John S. Trower was re-elected Superintendent for the ensuing year.

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11. 7. Son revives conducted by Prof. Reshorough. D

11 a.m. Song service conducted by Prof. Rosborough. Devotions were conducted by Dr. R. H. Bawling, Va., and Dr. Robt. Mitchell, Kv. Rev. P. James Bryant, A. M., Ga., preached from Ephesians 6:10—"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and the power of his might." Theme: Christian Strength the Demand of the Hour. Prayer by Dr. R. H. Bowling, of Va. Collection, \$15.00.

Benediction by Rev. P. James Bryant, Ga.

SENTIAL AFTERNOON.

Mass meeting led by Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Secretary For eign Mission Board. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Granville Hunt, of New York, and Dr. C. H. Parrish, Ky.

Adresses were delivered by Mrs. Mayhane, N. C.; Rev. L. Toll Evans, of Wales, who spoke of the work and the condition of Havin. Mrs. Georgia DeBantist Faulkner, 10, spoke of her gotto Africa as a missionary. Rev. P. L. Seme, a native African also made a short address. Collection, \$50.00.

Miss N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, presented their annual report for the year. (See report Woman's Convention.)

By motion, a vote of thanks was extended to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Benediction by Rev. P. L. Seme.

6130 µ m., B. Y. P. U. mass meeting, led by Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Corresponding Secretary N. B. Y. P. U. Board. Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. M. Griggs, of Texas. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. G. Fishback, Ky.; A. Robinson, S. C.; W. S. Ellington, Tenn.; J. H. Brown, Fla.; Miss F. H. Dodd, Minn.; N. H. Pius, Tenn., Chairman B. Y. P. U. Board.

An appeal was made by the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, and a collection of \$18.25 was taken for the B. Y. P. U. work

Benediction by Dr. E. W. D. Isaac.

8 p. m. President Morris called the Convention to order at 8 p. m. Devotions were conducted by Rev. R. Kemp, of Florida Music by the chair, under the direction of Prof. Rosborough.

Rev. W. L. Jones, D. D., Atlanta, Ga., preached from Matthew 6:8. "Be not ye therefore like unto them." Prayer by Rev. C. P. Hunter, Miss. By motion, a committee was appointed to draft suitable resoultions endorsing Pastor W. H. Walker in his effort.

to raise money for his church. Committee: Rev. M. W. Gilbert. S. C.; Dr. A. J. Stokes, Ala.; Rev. J. H. Brown, Fla. Collection, \$15.00. Benediction by Dr. R. H. Hayd.

SIXTH DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 9 a.m. Dr. Gaddie, Ky., presiding. Devotions conducted by Rev. G. W. Ward, Ky.; Dr. J. L. Frazier, Ala., and Rev. W. W. Colley, Va.

By motion the reconciliation of the Pennsylvania delegation was accepted, and their names were entered on the committees and various hoards.

First Haptist Church, Chattanooga, presented \$10.00 to the Convention for the Relief Fund. The First Baptist Church, Nash wille, Tenn., sent \$5.00 for the same purpose.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report, which was adopted:

We your Committee on Resolutions, heg leave to submit the following report. We recommend the adaption of the following RESOLUTION BY A. R. CRIGGS ON CO-OPERATION.

WHEREAS, There is considerable opposition and much visible indifference among our people in regard to the plan of co-operation entered into liv the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Southern Baptist Convention at Fortress Monroe in 18— to do missionary and educational work among the colored Baptists of the South;

WHEREAS, Much of this indifference and opposition has grown out of the fact that the Negro Baptists were not represented in the promulgation of the scheme for co-operation adopted by the Fortress Monroe Conference; and,

WHEREAS, The progress of the race and the growth of our Negro Baptist denomination, intellectual and inorganic force make it advisable that the Forteess Monroe contract he reviewed and revised to suit the condition of things as they now exist among us, and

WHEREAS, The National Baptist Convention, now assembled in Birmingham, Ala, represents the Negro Baptists in every state and territory in these United States, and must in some way come in contact with the missionary and educational work done among our people; and.

Withheas. Some progress has been made by the Home Mission Board of this Convention, looking toward co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in that two conferences have already been held. Therefore, be it

Resolved that it is the sense of this Convention that the plan of co-operation adopted at Fortress Monroe should be dispensed with as soon as possible by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the white and colored Daptist state boards operating under the plan, until some definite plan of co-operation be adopted, in which all parties concerned can be fairly represented in some organic way.

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO.

Resolved, That the Ministers' Relief Association, as recommended by the President, he adopted.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

S. E. GRIGGS, Secretary.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

We, your committee to whom was assigned the responsible dutr of collecting and accounting for the receipts of the National Baptist Convention, would respectfully report as follows:

From all sources for the Convention, \$3,036 37.

We have on hand a Relief Fund of \$68.44. The Committee of Finance collected one hundred and seventy dollars (\$170) more than the Committee on Enrollment accounted for.

1. C. BATTLE, Chairman. G. W. WARD, W. G. PARKS, WM. E. HOLMOS.

The report was adopted.

Mo tion by Dr. J. H. Frank, Ky., that the \$68.44 relief fund in the hands of the Finance Committee be turned over to the pastors of the city and appropriated according to the number of dead from each church. Carried.

On motion of Dr. A. J. Stokes, a committee of five was appointed to visit the island of flayti and investigate the condition of the natives. The said committee shall report to the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention. Committee to visit Hayti: Dr. E. C. Morris, Ark.; Revs. S. E. Griggs, Tenn.; S. W. Bacote, Mo.; Dr. C. H. Parrish, Ky.; Dr. A. J. Stokes, Ala.; Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tenn.; Dr. L. G. Jordan, Ky.

Rev. N. H. Pins was elected secretary of said committee.

A motion prevailed that a committee consisting of one from each state be appointed to arrange for a great Baptist meeting to be held in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1904, said committee to report at the next meeting of the National Convention. On motion, President Mot-

is was made a member of said committee and that he be empowered to name the other members of the committee.

Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, Va., Treasurer of the Convention, made the following report, which was adopted by the Convention.

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 that the State of Alabama had led all the States in the Financial Contribution more than \$100 00.

MINUTES.

Dr. J. A. Booker, Arkansas, presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS, We have been highly entertained during all our stay here, and

WITHEREAS. In spite of the appalling calamity of last Friday eight, this is still the best session, perhaps, in the history of the Convention:

Resulted (1). That we thank the citizens for their hospitality in taking us into their homes:

- (2) That we thank the pastors and people of the churches here for tendering as such ample and modern facilities for Convention use:
- (3) That we thank the railroads for their high consideration of the importance of this Convention in making special rates and arrangements for our transportation;

(4) That we thank the newspapers for the manner in which they have bundled our reports, and particularly the news of the societent which happened during our session.

(1) That we esticially thank the white citizens and officials of this city for their anxious care and sympathy in the time of our calamity, the direct of recent history;

(6) And that we confially thank all the hospitals and relief institutions for their help and sympathy given that hour of need.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. R. H. Walker, Ir., publisher of the Trumpet, Washington, D. C., and on motion of Rev. J. J. Blackshear, D. D. Texas, it was referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

WHEREAS. The suggestions of the Trumpet to this twenty second annual session of the National Baptist Convention make known lumortant facts and are in themselves of vital interest to the Negro Baptists and to the Negro race;

Be it Resolved. That at least enough money be set aside for circular letters to be issued by the Executive Board for an additional form of instruction touching upon the origin and work of the National Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Publishing Roard. The same to be officially distributed among the Missionary Baptist churches and especially sent to all Missionary Baptist Church officers in the United States and wherever deemed expedient by the Board.

The Convention was a " to the The that The Prayer by Rev. C. J. Hardy of Florida.

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Report of Committee on Enrollment.

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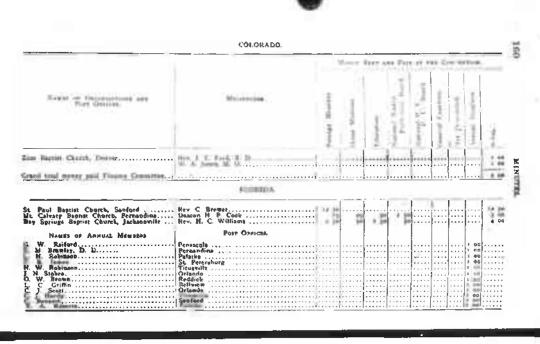
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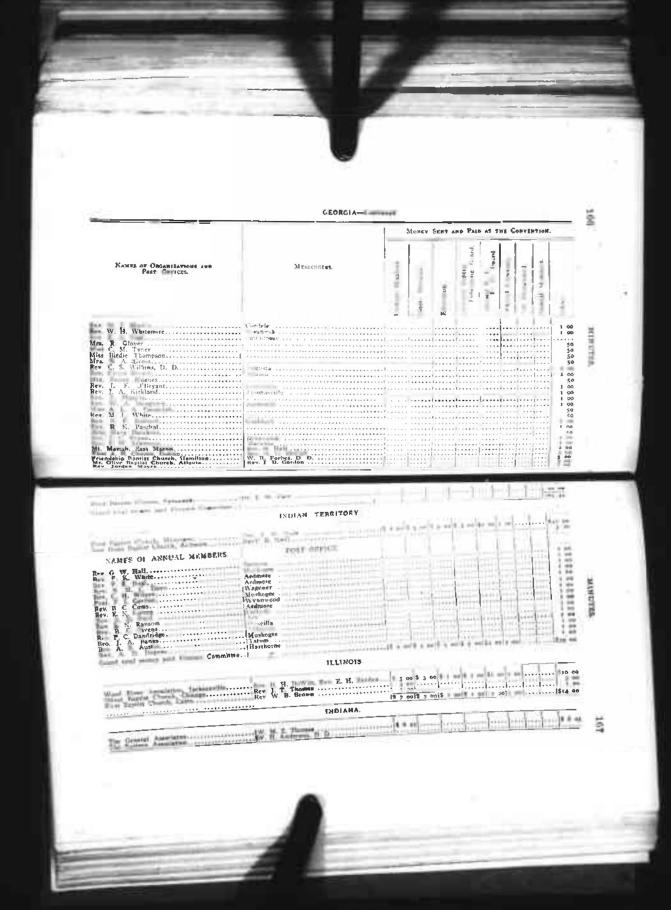
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We have sudenvored under this head to give the names and post affec addresses of as many of the Negro English ministers of the United States as we can obtain. This is done by special request of the delegates attending the National Raptlet Convention at Cincinnau, ohio to 1901. The object of this list is to furnish each of our ministers and laymon with the name and post office address of every Negro Saptist minister to the United States

While this list is by go means complete, as we have found it difficult to secure the addresses of all Bapust ministers, yet we have endeav ored to make a start, hoping that each minister who finds his bame or address incorrect, or who falls to find his name entailed, or those who know of a migister whose name fulls to appear, will again un to secure the same by writing at once to the Recording Secretary, Prof. W L. Consier, 523 N. Market Street, Nashville, Teppesses, giving him full particulars so that all may be corrected. It will be particularly noticed that we have fatted to get anything like an accurate tiat of the Supliet ministers in the Northern States. We hope those prethren will againt us in securing the correct addresses in these States.

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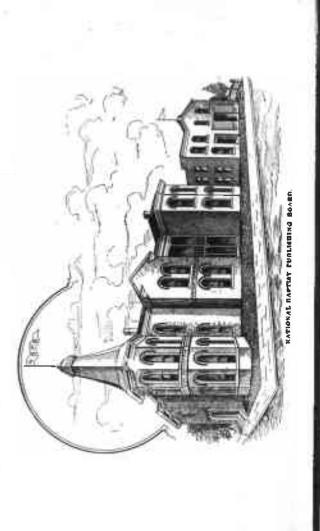
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Luxiliary to the National Baptist Convention,

HELD IN THE

6th Avenue Baptist Church,
Rev J. Q. A. WILHITE, Pastor,

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,

September 17-22, 1902.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Woman's Department.

Program of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, to convene with the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, pastor, Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 17, 1902.

WEDNESDAY-Morning.

9:00-Call to order by the President.

9:10—Prayer and praise services, led by Mrs. M. A. W. Thompson, Dego, W. Va.

9:25-Address of Welcome on behalf of the State, Mrs. R. T. Pollard, Selma, Ala.

9:25—Address of Welcome on behalf of the Church, Miss Nellie Cooper.

10:05-Response by Mrs. S. J. Gray, Chicago, Ill.

10:15-Appointment of Committee on Enrollment.

10:40—Introduction of Vice Presidents and Corresponding Messengers.

11:00-Opening of Workers' Conference.

12:00—Noon devotions, led by Mrs. P. J. Anderson, Los Angeles, Cal.
Offering. Report of Committee on Enrollment. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

Attend the session of the Convention at Shiloh Baptist Church to hear the address of President E. C. Morris.

Evening.

8:00—Devotions, led by Mrs. A. H. Brown, St. Louis, Mo. Appointment of committees.

Annual Sermon, Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., New York. Prayer.

Singing. Offering. Adjournment.

THURSDAY-Morning.

9:00—Song and praise service, led by Mrs. C. M. Wells, Montgomery, Ala.

9:20 -Annual address of President, Mrs. S. W. Layten.

9:50—Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary and the Executive Board.

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10:20-Song.

10:25—Report of the Field Missionary Mrs. L. C. L. Murchison.

10:55-Report of the Treasurer.

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11:15-Address, 'An Hour of Action," Mrs. L. V. Mebase, Elizabeth Offering. Adjournment,

Afternoon,

- 2:00-Devotions, led by Miss Kneeland, M. D., Memphis, Tenn. 2:20-Theme 'Heaching the Masses." Address, "Lifting as We Climb," Miss F. C. Gobb, Charleston, W. Va.
- 2:35-Andress, "Work Among the Lowly; Its Discouragements; he Pleasures, Mrs. D. W. Moore, Philadelphia, Pa.

\$:00-Address, "Cammon, but Clean," Mise Bessie Foster, Savannah,

- 3:15-Address, "Duty of the Educated to the Uneducated," Mrs C. L. Pisher, Birmingham, Ala.
- 3:30-Address, "Sabbath Breaking." Miss B. R. James, Indianapolis,
- 3:50-Five Minute Addresses on the subjects.

4:20-Cullings for Note Books. 4:45-Song Service conducted by the Choir.

Offerlag: Adjournment.

Evening.

Attend the Session of the Convention at Shiloh Church.

FRIDAY-Morning.

- 9:00—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. J. R. England, Birmingham Ala. Theme: "Asswering the Macedonian Call.
- 9:30-Address, "A Duty Unperformed," Mrs. J. H. Ford, Pasadena,
- 9:50-Address, "Field Review of Work Being Done by Negro Bap tists in Africa," Mrs. G. DeBaptist Paulkner, Chicago, Ill.
- 10.25-Address. "Money Raised for Missions too Sacred to be Used Otherwise," Mrs. M. J. Brockaway, Ardmora, Ind. Territory.
- 10:25-Address, "Letter from Miss B. B. Delansy and Other Workers," 10: - Introduction of Richie Stawart, daughter of the late R. L.
- 11:05-Five Minute Address on the Theme of the Morning.

111-30-Offeringfor Foreign Missions. Adjournment. Afternoon.

- 2:00-Devotional Services, led by Mrs. J. J. Jackson, Cincinnati, Obio 2:30-Theme: "Agencies to be Deed in Our Salvation" Address, "Putting Our Souls into the Work Essential to Suc cess," Mrs. Lucy T. Benjamin, Lezington, Miss.
- 2:45-Address, "A Pies to Mothers to Send their Children to Sunday and Week-day School," Mrs. S. A. Gates, New Orleans, Le.
- 3:00-Address, "The Value of Missionary Conferences, facilities and Mothers' Mootings," Mrs. M. J. Harris, Tezarkasa, Ark.
- 2:15-Address, "Cultivating a Love for Christian Literature and the Daily Newspaper," Mrs. A. G. Wilkerson, M. D., Lonisville, Er.

- 3:30-Address, "The Missionary Society as a School," Mrs. Irene C. Baker Tallahassee, Fla.
- 3:45-Address, "How to Kill a Missignary Society," Mrs. L. A. Drewey, Baltimore, Md.
- 4:00-Address, "How the Study of the Good Books has Helped our Homes," Sister Joanna P. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:16-Five-minute addresses on the theme of the afternoon.
- 4:45-Golden Thoughte for Note Books.
- 6:0)-Offering. Adjournment.

Evening.

Attend the meeting of the Convention at Shiloh Church.

SATURDAY-Morning.

- \$:00-Devotional Services, led by Representative from New York.
- 9:30-Theme: "Developing Ourselves." Address, "The Wish Use of All of Our Talents," Miss Ripma Brown, Kanses Chy, Kans.
- 2.45-Address. "Purity in Ebons," Mrs. J. Mason Layton Washington,
- 10:00-Address, "A Pice for Simultaneous Attainment of an Industrial and Classical Education" Mrs. E. M. Abner, Seguin, Texas.
- 10:15-Address, "Reforms in Which Our Women Must Engage," Mrs. blary Segula, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 10:30-Address, "High Thinking Conductive to High Living." Mrs Mary R. Hayes, Lynchburg, Va.
- 10:45-Address, "How to laterest Young Women in Their Own Development, Morally, intellectually and Industrially," by Representatives from New Jersey.
- 11:00-Five minute eddress on the theme of the morning. (Cullings to Take Home.)
- 11.10-Election of Officers.
- 11:30-Memorial Meeting.
- 12.00-Noon Prayer and Praise Bervice. Offering. Adjournment Afternoon.
- 2:00-Call to order at Sixth Avenue Church to go in a body to Shiloh Church to make our Annual Report to the Convention.

SUNDAY-Morning.

11:00-Devotional Services, led by Rev. A. E. Edwards, Greenville, Miss. Music by the Choir. Sold, Mrs. B. H. Burnes, Tuecalgess, Ala. Bermon, Rev. E. W. Moore, Philadelphia. Penn. Bolo, Mice B. M. Taylor, Columbus, Ga. Offering. Adjournment.

Night Session.

7:30-Mass Meeting-"As Browing With Pastors."

8:06-Address, "Women True to Her Trust," Rev. H. D. Proud, D. D.,

8:20-Address, Rev. G. L. P. Teliafetro, Philadelphia, Pa.

8:49-Address, Rev. W. O. Johnson, D. D., Macon, Ga.

Five Minute Addresses by the following pasters: Rev. J. A. Taylor, D. D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. P. J Bryant, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Rev. J. D. Rouse, Byansville, ind.; Joseph Wilson Jr., Athena

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OF THE

WOMEN'S . CONVENTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the wanten of the churches connected with the National Baptist Convention desirous of atimulating and transmitting a missioners spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches, and siding in collecting funds for missionary purposes, to be disbursed se ordered by the Convention, organize and adopt the following:

ARTICLE L

Nume.

This organization shall be known as "The Women's Consention, Ausiliary to the National Baptist Convention."

Object.

The twofold object of said Convention shall be to distribute information and stimulate affort through women a local, district and state or genizations where they exist and where they do not; to encourage the organization of accious; to secure the serment, systematic co-opcration of women and children in collecting and raising money for education and missions at home and shroad.

ARTICLE III.

Officers

The officers shall be a President, a Vice President from each State, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, with a local committee of nine managers, who shall reside in or not remote that the officers the decreasementing Secretary vapidate. These shall found the officers that the decreasement of Secretary vapidate. from the city where the Corresponding Secretary resides. These shall constitute the Advisory Committee to the Becretary of the Baptist Woman's Convention, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the tenusnetion of business.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual Mosting.

The annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held each year at the same time and city as the Na-Hopat Bapilet Convention.

ARTICLE V.

Representation at the Annual Maeting.

The officers of the Woman's Convention and members of State Conventions, who have paid \$10 to the work and members of District Associations who have paid \$10, and local societies that have paid \$6, shall he allowed two delegates for each \$5 paid. Only such delegates as are personally present and duty accredited by the convention or to dal societies they represent shall be entitled to a vote. Any individual may become an appual member by the payment of \$1. Annual members are entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VI.

Conduct of Metings.

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ARTICLE VII.

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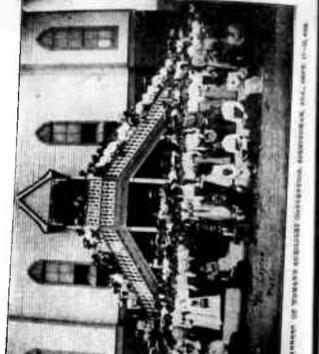
The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any angular meeting, thirty days' previous notice baying here sent through the State Secretary to the Woman's Convention The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each Vice President of the proposed amenetiment.

BY LAWS.

Article 1. The President shall preside at the annual meetings of the Woman's Convention and at all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for: shall organize new societies, and shall be expficio a member of all standing committees. She may, through the Corresponding Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when in her judgment needful, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. In her absence the Vice President from the State where the committee may be decreted shall take her place. The Vice President shall represent the interest of the Convention and Iloards in their respective States or Territories. In cooperation with the State Boards, State Conventions and State Missionaries.

- Art 2. The Vice Presidents shall be considered an Advisory Board of the Executive Committee, who are entitled, whom present, to vote at its sessions.
- Act A. It shall he the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send to the Corresponding Secretmary of each State, and to societies where there is no State organization, three months before the annual meeting, a black for the report of such organizations; and from those reports the Corresponding Secretary shall collect the annual reports. She shall conduct the correspondence of the Executive Committee, and shall be sufficient to organize ancieties, and transact all necessary husbess connected therewith.
- Art 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fatthful record of the proceedings of the annual faceting, compile and distribute the minutes and set that minutes are sent to all members, whether life or annual.
- Art. 5. The Treasurer shall receive allymoney collected on the field or at the Convention. The Treasurer shall pay out no money without an order from the Corresponding Secretary, signed by the President. An accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money as reported or received by her shall be kept; she shall present a detailed account of all moneys paid out by her, to whom, for what, and the amount turned over to the Boards.
- Art. 6. The Executive Committee of twelve members shall be comnated by a committe appointed for that purpose, and shall be voted for





at the annual meeting. It shall be their duty to advice the Corresponding Secretary in her work, hear her monthly report and pass upon the same. The Executive Committee shall also keep in head one housteed dollars for Recording Secretary in case of emergency. Instead of reporting annually to the local committee, report quarterly. There shall be five members in one city or thereabout.

Art. 7. The officers, with the exception of the Vice President, shall be elected by ballot on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting, through duly appointed tellers. Each Vice President shall be boult-seted by the delegates from her one State, and shall be elected by ac clamation, unless otherwise ordered. An Assistant Corresponding Secretary may be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Art. 3. Tellors having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ball it shall be cast for each officer, and the delegates shall then proceed to rote by ballot for the two highest cominees for each office.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee is directed to form and molecule the closest possible connection with the Boards of the National Baptist Convention and with the State organizations.

Art. 10. The Executive Committee shall report through its officers at each annual sealon of the Raptist Woman's Convention what has been done toward carrying out the objects of the organization.

Art. 11. The By-Laws may be attered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting three months previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to the Warman's Missionary Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each Vice President of proposed amendment.

Art. 12. All members shall remain during the session, except permission to leave is given by the President.

Art. 13. All annual members have a right to speak and vote.

Committee—Mrs. Viola Lumpkins, Georgia; Mrs. L. W. Terrell, Virpbla; Mrs. S. J. Gray, Hifmis; Mrs. —— Taylor, Ohio; Miss B. R. Jemes, Indians; Mrs. Elizs. Wilson, Alabams; Dr. F.A. Kneeland, Tenstrace; Mrs. Emma Gaines, Kansas,

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MINUTES:

FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday Morning, Sept. 17, 1902.

The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, convened in the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. J. Q. A. White, pastor, Birmingham, Ala. The meeting was called to order by the President and opened with the usual devotional exercises—song, Bible reading, prayer, and song.

The official program was adopted, and so much of it as should be presented. Wednesday morning was deferred to the afternoon. The Woman's Convention adjourned and went in a body to the National Baptist Convention to hear the welcome addresses of the Mayor and city pastors, and the response by the matchless Rev. Geo. W. Lee, Washington, D. C.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following official program was carried out as far as time and conditions permitted.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tenn. Song, "Onward, Christian soldier." Miss Hattie E. Eskridge presided at the organ. Bible Reading, t Cor. 13th chapter. Prayer by Mrs. H. C. Bryant, Ala. Song, "Rlessed Assurance." The President made some timely remarks by way of formally opening the Convention. Mrs. R. T. Pollard, Ala., spoke words of welcome in behalf of the State of Alahama. She bade us welcome in the name of 90,000 Baptist women of Alahama. She said the women of Alahama were with us to do all they could toward lifting as we climb, and they extended us a hearty Christian greeting because of the great work we are doing, and because of what we planned to do.

Miss Nellie Cooper, in behalf of the church in which we assembled, said many kindly words of welcome, assuring us that the latchstring was on the outside, and we were heartily welcome to the church, to their homes and every courtesy the large-hearted people of Birmingham were able to give. Mrs. P.

J. Bryant responded, and said we were there to present Jose and plan together how we could best advance his kingdom by do veloping the individuals composing it. She said we were rule grateful for the cordial welcome, and would show our gratitude by sharing with them whatever they had to offer us.

The following Committee on Enrollment was appointed: Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tenn.; Miss H. E. Eskridge, Ga.; Mrs. S. A. Gates, La.; Miss B. R. James, Ind.

Committee on Scating Members: Mrs. Rosetta Lawson, D. C. Mrs. Polly Henderson, Ala.; Mrs. C. M. Wells, Ala.

The meeting adjourned with benediction.

WEDNESDAY-EVENING SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. H. Brown, Mo. Bild reading, Luke 10:1-8. A praise service of song and prayer was engaged in for fifteen minutes. President Layten invited several ministers to the platform, also volunteer singers were invited to furnish music.

A Committee on Courtesy to invite distinguished visitors forward, seat and introduce them, was appointed—Mrs. R. L. Marsh, Ark.; Mrs. M. M. Buckner, Tex.; Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Ga.

Song, "Down at the Cross," amounced by Rev. D. W. Moore, Pa. Dr. Anderson, Cal., read the Scriptures, Ps. 26. Prayer by Rev. E. R. Carter, Ga. Song by the choir.

After a highly complimentary introduction by our worthy preident, Dr. C. T. Walker, of New York City, one of our ablest defenders of the Gospel ministry, preached a most profound sermon,
Acts 1:8. Subject, "World-Wide Missions." Outline, "The
messenger must have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The demand of the age, consecrated, faithful witnesses for Christ. (a)
Nature of testimony. Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection,
necessary to reconcile man to his Creator and pay the price of redemption. (3) Design of witness-bearing. To publish and exalt the name of Jesus, and give his Gospel to the world. The
awakening of Christian women one of the most hopeful signs in
the evangelization of the world. (4) An earnest appeal to all
believers to tell the story of Jesus' love to all the world.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Lee. Collection of \$32.51 taken by Rev. P. J. Bryant. Benediction. Adjournment.

THURSDAY-MORNING SESSION.

Early morning prayer meeting was conducted by Sisters Broughton and Flowers. Sister J. P. Moore gave us an interesting Bible lesson, t Cor. 12 and 13. All have gifts and God requires each to labor in his vineyard according to the gifts he has. We were all entreated to love one another and work in peace and harmony.

Mrs. C. M. Wells, Ala., conducted the regular morning devotions. Mrs. P. J. Bryant presided. An excellent paper, subject, "An Hour of Action," was read by Mrs. L. V. Mehane, N. C. The nace was urged to press forward, trust God and be awake to do and thus solve the perplexing race problem.

Song, "Are we weary."

Committee on Recommendations appointed: Mrs. Bernard Tyrrell, Va.; Mrs. S. J. Gray, Ill.; Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, Tenn.; Mrs. R. E. Lawson, D. C.; Mrs. D. F. Brown, Pa.

Committee on Missions: Miss I. P. Moore, Tenn.; Mrs. L. V. Metane, N. C.; Mrs. L. C. Queen, D. C.; Miss I. E. Carson, Tenn.; Miss M. Saunders, Ohio; Miss Phoebe Clanton, La.

The President made her annual address, showing a clear and full knowledge of all the departments of our denominational work, and presenting helpful recommendations for its furtherance.

ev Mrs. S. W. Layten, president of the women's auxiliart convention, dirmingham, ala.

Let us thank God for permitting this our second annual assemblage as a body of Christian workers. It has been my happy trivilege, through special invitation and other pleasant arrangements the past year, to travel over 3.500 miles, through thirteen states, holding many meetings where our women's work is being advanced, when we observe conditions as they really are, on the plantations, in the villages and hamlets and in the largest tities. Many conditions are general, some commendable and encouraging, others we must correct. The power of organization is being better appreciated.

Districts, heretofore apathetic, are awakening and joming our forces. New York is pulsating with a new life in missionary interests, and feels its responibility to our cause, evinced in recent nate and local organization. The great city problem confront them, nd they are meeting it as is shown by the work of Dr. Walker, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Church, in the opening and sup-

porting of a Y. M. C. A. Arrangements are now being maddo a similar thing for young women.

While in New York a special meeting was held in Mt. Oliver the first of the first organizing a very promising missions society. The New York State organization promises to engage in the general state missionary and rescue work for fallen girk, such as is now well established by Mrs. A. Hill.

New Jersey is becoming greatly aroused to the needs of state and national work. Mrs. Eatman, president of the state convention, is pushing the work of the state missions and education. North Jersey is especially anxious to establish industrial schools

The Georgia Hartist Women, led by Mrs. P. J. Bryant under stand what organization means, and are doing and outlining a system for prison, state, eductional and meneral missionary work

In Alabana special help has been given Selma University and local charities.

Kentucky, at Louisville, has an excellent start for helping working gerls in the form of an Industrial Club. I would that ever town through its women's societies would become more thoughtful and helpful to this class of girls. Remember, the warward girl is some mother's loved child, and that her influence touches others—it may reach you.

Temessee, Chattanouga, presented the most excellent system of collecting mone, for missionary work. Throughout the state, the libbe band and Fireside Schools render great assistance.

Pennsylvania dissenting than ever to support and increase the container. Much interest is also being given to the organization of children's missionary bands.

It has remained, however, for Virginia to show just how force and develop us. The destiny of the Negro is no list on hands. This year the Virginia Baptists gave for education \$10,000, of which, you know, our women contributed no small share

Maryland, led by Dr. H. Johnson, is helping largely in educational and state mission work.

Visited Afro-American Baptist State Association at Plainfield,

A. F. Ealman is president of woman's state
in the Rosenber I attended the Conference of our Home and
Beducational Boards, and representatives from Home Mission
were present. While there, a conference
association with Miss Annie Aemstrong, Corresponding Secretary of
Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist
onvertion, and Dr. R. H. Boyd. Corresponding Secretary of our
Home Board, and your president, which resulted in the cooperation of the Southern Baptist Convention and our Home Board

in supporting a Field Missionary under the direction of our Woman's Convention.

By invitation we addressed the quarterly meeting of the Womm's Missionary Union of Maryland. In November, we organized in Washington, D. C., the Baptist Woman's Club for the purtose of stimulating to activity the church societies.

In December, we visited churches in Haddonfield and Camden New Jersey, in the interest of our work, where, before, we had organized.

In April, by invitation of Friendship Church of Atlanta, Ga., I delivered the Twentieth Anniversary address of the pastor, Kev E. R. Carter. This opened the way for other opportunities of meeting the women of the churches who are in touch with our earls.

Fight meetings were held in Atlanta; one in Marietta; fourhen meetings were held in Alabama during the five days' visit there, by invitation from Mrs. C. M. Wells and Miss S. C. V. foster,

By invitation of the Home Board, we went to Nashville, Tenn. There we made five addresses. Visited our Publishing House, which by far exceeded our expectations. The system and thorough, husiness-like methods of operation reminded us of the large castern business houses. Dr. Boyd is, indeed, one of the greatest men of the age.

In May, we visited Chattanooga. The excellent, was all giving money for missions at that place is to be found in the church of which Rev. W. G. Parks is pastor. Again we visited Atlanta, Ga. for the purpose of addressing the graduates of the industrial class of Spelman Seminary. We visited Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg. This institution is quite worthy of our

In June, we attended the meeting of the Executive Board, which met in Louisville. Kv. Held a meeting in Chron. I. O. at Mound Street Church. Held a similar meeting in New York, V., at Mt. Olivet Church, and organized a missionary society at Fast Channe, N. I., organized a society of Chronic, at Elizabeth, N. I. we addressed from meetings, and church: at Elizabeth, N. I. we addressed from meetings, and church: at Elizabeth, During the month of July, we held participes at Philadelphia and at Media, Penn.

There is an increasing demand for he p in the prepare tions and training schools for how and greatern to do effectual domestic work, and to acquire a training schools for how and greatern to do effectual domestic work, and to acquire a training timelency is that such preparation will be a safegree the cycle which especially are attractive to the cycle which especially are attrac

influences. I would recommend, that when it becomes necessary for girls to have home to go to targe cities in quest of work, a letter of introduction be sent with them to pastors, or Women, Missionary societies, and that a regular correspondence be kept up, as far as possible, between said nators, or societies and parents, while girls remain in said cities.

Brilliant orators in our race may discourse eloquently on the wrongs of the Negro, and earnestly defend his rights, but white their voices are heard only by a few of the race, there are thousands of young men and women, who go down into deepes depths of sin because of non-protection, and this is especially me in large cities.

One of the happy features of this year's work has been the meaning of the South You, no doubt, remember Miss Annie Armstrong. Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxilian to the Southern Baptist Convention, and her visit to our meeting last year at Cincinnati, O., fler words of good cheer and encourge ment. As a result of her visit to us, she succeeded in awakening much interest in our work among her sisterhood, and secured naterial help to the amount of \$250.00, given by a Christian woman of Baltimore, Md. We most graciously acknowledge this lindness, and in helalf of our Auxiliary Convention, return our thanks for same. This material help referred to, paid for the employment of one Field Missionary since last April. We praise God for these friends, who have so kindly helped us.

The interest in Foreign Missions is manifestly greater now than ever before; this, no doubt, is due to the fact that the women have organized, and have proven how ably they take care of said organization. I take pleasure in referring to Miss E. B. Delaney, our missionary to B. E. C. Africa. Her consecration, her intellectual ability especially, make her aptly fitted for this arduous work, and most especially will the neglected girls of Africa find a friend and helper in Miss Delaney. Our prayers and financial aid must be continually given to this field of labor.

A very encouraging feature of our work is the organization of Children's Mission Bands. This promises to help children to use fulness in various ways and to train them along lines of untelfish giving to the cause of missions. We are glad to report that there are those who, heretofore, had pessimistic views of the work, have confessed that they no longer stand in the way, but will willingly encourage and help us in every way possible.

I find that there are more canable women who are doing excellent missionary work in our churches in the South than there are in the North. I know not why this is the fact, but it is, newtheless. Our northern women must become roused and join hands with our Southern sisters in taking the world for Christ. We must be reminded again that it is not what we do but what we are that make Christian character. We, therefore, must not overlook the demand for self-improvement. Our first duty, we owe to self, by way of growing, not only into intelligent womanhood, but spiritually and physically. There is no surer road to these atrainments than by obedience to God, who tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness. If we would have power with God and man, we must grow spiritually, intelligently and physically.

The interest the Home Board has taken this year it woman's work by way of financial aid, has enabled us to put on the field, Mrs. L. C. L. Murchison, Field Missionary. We are especially anxious for this department of our work to succeed. Be very kind and helpful to Mrs. Murchison when she visits you. Remember the cup of cold water, given in the name of Jesus, will not lose its reward.

Our Publishing House at Nashville should receive our hearty support by way of liberal patronage. We should not only buy out necessary Sunday School literature, but we should keep posted as to new books being published, and buy them, or as many as will help along the line of self improvement.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Foreign Mission Board to give us office room and space in the Herald. This courtesy is also due the Union because of free space. The great need of the hour is more Christian men and women who make and maintain Christian homes. The strength or weakness of a race centers around the fireside. The home is an institution older than the church. It antedates the school. The church may legislate, or teach, the school instruct, but the home is the place for training of an individual for useful citizenship here and hereafter. For this work, we need man's counsel and interest as well as woman's heart and intellect. A Christian home should be one of the fairest spots on earth; one of the strong holds of human faith, and one of the highest types of heaven. Our people are grasping the idea of the age of advancement measured by the standard of an exalted and high womanhood. Realizing this in the inception of our work excellent and gratifying results will follow.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Convention on the 2nd of June held a special session for business. The local committee, together with Dr. R. H. Boyd, Secretary of the Home Board, and Rev. C. H. Clark, President of same, were present. At this meeting Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Secretary, recommended a special course of study for the development of women spirit-

nally. It was further recommended that a special department he given this feature of the work, and that Mrs. V. W. Broughton he appointed editorial secretary.

That we ask for space in the National Baptist Union for the purpose of publishing this Christian Culture Course and that each member of the Woman's Convention subscribe for said paper and carefully study the lessons of said course.

With no feeling of discontent or ingratitude to the Foreign Mission Board (for we shall always gratefully remember their kindness to us in the past), we recommend that headquarters of the Woman's Convention be moved from Louisville, Ky., in order that a more general spirit of interest he promoted between said Convention and the Kational Baptist Convention.

In view of the fact that the President of the National Baptist Convention, together with many of the leading pastors of the same, that because of opposition to and friction in the work of the Woman's Convention, and since we have organized ourselves not to binder, but to help the National Baptist Convention in all its phases of Christian work, we recommend, therefore, that the name of our organization he changed from Convention to Board, in order that we become perfectly harmonious to the policy of the National Baptist Convention.

I beg leave to submit these recommendations for your careful decision. May God help you to decide wisely.

We must remember in our deliberations here, that we stand as representatives of Christ. As mothers, as women, we have within us power to shape the destiny of the race. Whatever we do say, let all he done to the glory and honor of God. May the same impression he made here that was made in Atlanta by the Young People's Congress. Let us demonstrate the fact that we are consecrated, noble Christian women, wielding an influence for good for time and for eternity.

At the conclusion of this most excellent address, the President was re-elected by acclamation.

Upon motion, the President's address was referred to the Committee on Recommendations, and ordered printed in our minutes and the Baptist Union.

A lively discussion ensued, relative to rights of annual memhers. Finally it was decided by vote to give them equal privileges with the representatives of societies,

Mrs. Alice Dugged Cary, chairman of Science in Morris Brown College, was introduced to the Convention. She bade us go forward in the great work of uplifting and evangelizing our people, and emphasized the need of the Holy Spirit to give power for

Mrs. S. Prince, of Texas, was also introduced, and said a few words of Christian greeting.

Collection, \$3.30.

Henediction and adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Miss Dr. Kneeland, Tennessee. Rible reading, 1 John 3:1-5. Subject, "God's Love to Us." Song. Prayer by Mrs. Nellie Bishop, Tenn. Talks on the subject were made by Mrs. R. E. Lawson, Mrs. S. A. Cates, Mrs. Lizzie Gordon, Mrs. Alva, Mrs. S. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Viola Lumpkins. Mrs. Pollie Henderson led in prayer. Prayer was continued by Mrs. Knapp, Ala., and Mrs. E. W. Edwards, Ala.

Song, "We praise thee, O God," by Mrs. Moreen Hackley, Ill.

The President read the following committees:

On Temperance-Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tenn.; Mrs. R. E. Lawson, D. C.; Miss Lizzie Critendon, Kv.; Mrs. F. M. Bailey, Pla.; Mrs. F. E. Williams.

On Education-Mrs. Jas. Reed, Md.; Mrs. D. E. Harvey, Tenn.; Mrs. E. Fox, Va.; Mrs. J. Jackson, Okla.; Mrs. Dr. A. Wilker-

son, Ky. On Lost and Found-Mrs. Shanks, Arkansas; Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Louisana; Mrs. I. Miller, Texas; Mrs. S. M. Mitchell, Florida.

On Resolutions-Mrs. Viola Lumpkins, Georgia; Mrs. L. A.

Kinney, Mississippi; Mrs. Emma Brown, Kansas.

On Grievances-Mrs. Lula J. Washington, Georgia; Mrs. I. Miller, Texas; Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Indian Territory; Mrs. E. Brown, Kansas.

On State of Country-Mrs. G. DeBaptist-Faulkner, Illinois; Mrs. E. M. Abner, Texas; Mrs. S. J. Carter, Tennessee; Mrs. Ida Nunley, North Carolina; Mrs. A. Brown, Missouri.

On Obituary-Mrs. R. T. Pollard, Alabama; Mrs. L. E. Jones, Florida; Mrs. Emma Gaines, Kansas; Mrs. Faulkner, Iffinois; Mrs. Thomas, Indiana.

The Committee on Enrollment reported the names of delegates

and organizations as represented. (See enrollment.)

birs. C. L. Fisher, Alabama, read an interesting paper. Subject: "Duty of the Educated to the Uneducated," or "Classes to the blasses." She made it quite plain that the educated owed a moral chligation to the ignorant masses and through the love of God this obligation could be met to the blessing and elevation of our unfortunate neighbors who have been deprived of the advantages of education

Prof. E. W. B. Curry, Urhana, Ohio, favored us with a choice selection of music.

Miss B. R. James, Indiana, read an instructive paper; subject: "Breaking the Sabbath Day." She showed that no command of God was more binding upon his people, and true love to him demanded the observance of the Sabbath Day. Three reasons were given for observing the Sabbath Day. (1.) God blessed and hallowed it, and commanded us to keep it holy. (2.) The rest a necessity for man's physical being. (3.) To give the soul the release from earthly care so necessary to its highest development.

An impressive season of prayer was observed, in behalf of our beloved missionary, Miss E. B. Delaney, Thursday, at to o'clock a. m.

A collection of \$1.00 was taken by Rev. Brown. Benediction by Rev. Brown. Adjournment.

FRIDAY-MORNING SESSION.

Devotions were opened by Mrs. L. F. Queen, District of Columbia. They were further conducted by Mrs. J. R. England, Alabama. Song, "I'm a Child of the King;" prayer; Bible reading, Acts 16:19-40. Sisters E. J. Gatlin, Mississippi; Boyd, Texas; Hannah Bennefield, Georgia, participated in the service by words of testimony.

Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. M. J. Brockway read an interesting paper. Subject: "Money Raised for Missions too Sacred to be Used Otherwise." She made it clear that the proper use of money raised for missions was essential to the success and further extension of our missionary endeavors.

Song, "Blessed Assurance."

Mrs. Georgia Anderson, of Freetown, Sierce Leone, Africa, was introduced, and spoke of the efforts she was putting forth to establish an industrial school in Africa.

A letter from Mrs. Delaney was read. All enjoyed the letter and upon motion of Mrs. V. W. Broughton, seconded by Mrs. D. F. Brown, we decided to build a house for Miss Delaney, Mrs.

Broughton pledged \$25.00 towards its erection; Mrs. Sarah Payton, Louisiana, \$10.00. Many others pledged later. Many copies of Miss Delaney's letter were sold at 5 cents each.

Miss Evalene Taylor, Columbus. Ga., (avored us with a vocal solo. She was so heartily cheered that she favored us with a second selection: "Flee as a Bird." A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Taylor for her sweet singing.

The Corresponding Secretary was called for, and made her animal report:

My Dear Hearers:

Human progress is neither rapid nor regular. Read both sacred and profane history, and you will note the forward and backward movements of nations in their religious and secular life. Liternal vigilance in God's work is the only safeguard against this eternal law. The poet in reviewing the struggles and scenes through which he had passed, and remembering this law, said with an assurance and pleasure:

"Thus far the Lord has led me on, Thus far His power prolongs my days."

In bringing to you the second annual report of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, we reverently turn to out blessed Lord with words of thanksgiving, and acknowledge success in our year's work because of his guidance. Ours has not been a backward movement, for it can truly be said that religious work, as carried on by our women, is God-ordained, God-inspired, and because of their vigilance there can be no backward movement. So manifest is his plan and guidance that he has revealed to us the throne of our predestined power, and seems to be saying to us out of heaven: "Thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

You remember how Joan of Arc fearlessly stood before kings and nobles and generals and yet in the modest gentleness of conscious virtue as a sort of messenger from heaven. What was rank or learning to her, since she was sent by a voice that spoke to her soul, and that voice was from God. Whether the traders of France helieved in her or not, they at last complied with her wishes and mrayers, for she was possessed with zeal and good sense, and impressed upon her country the necessity of bravery and renewed extions. Truly it can be said she had been sent to the kingdom by God for that hour but her coming to France in that most critical neriod is nothing to be compared to the coming of Negro Baptist women to the front to engage in a battle for the development of Christian womanhood and to aid in leading a struggling people to victory and a glorious future.

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THANKSCIVING DAY.

It has been our desire to make Thanksgiving a Panner Day among Negro Daptist women. We are glad to report an increase not only to give to the objects of the Convention, but to meet and pray for renewed interest and God's guidance. Because of the sauctity of Thanksgiving Day, we believe it can be made a day of much moment in our work throughout the country. We would suggest that every family be called upon to open the day with devotions, to read our Thanksgiving appeal at the breakfast table, and then let each member of the family drop his offering into our rule box. This, with the names of all the members of the family contributing, to be sent to us before the day is over. In the afternom we call upon the missionary societies all over the country to convene sing and pray and hear our Thanksgiving letter, talk of God's blessings to them in their homes and churches and their country, then give as he has prospered them. Thanksgiving Day has within it a spirit of solemusty and gratitude that appeals to the soul and begs alms for the poor in all lands. What day could be better to select to evoke the spirit of brotherly love and fraternity from the depths of the human heart? This year we shall aim to make the day memorable because of the national way in which we shall celebrate it. God grant that the day may be one on which the entire Baptist Sisterhood may pour out their gifts to God in keeping with God's blessings to them.

MISS DELANEY SAILING.

Following close upon the heels of our Stamp Day came the sailing of our beloved Sister Delaney. Never in the history of Negro Daptists has such an important event taken place. The Foreign Mission Board has sent forth many missionaries but the Raptist women of this country gave to them in the person of Miss Delaney one of the most fearless, consecrated. God-obeying heroines of the Cross they have ever had. Not in the history of the work will you find such seraphic devotion to the cause of the Master, such self-sacrifice as is found in the forsaking of all on the part of this woman and a going in obedience to the Master to take the message of life to the millions of Africa's daughters who have not heard as much as the faintest trumpet sounds of the Gospel, which alone will lift up and canoble womanhood. We bear with us in this meeting a letter from Miss Delancy to the Convention which will claim your attention later. Our prayer is that God, through the generation in whose fighting ranks we stand, as he offered opportunities, opens doors, annihilates space and makes the world ready for His church, will move other strong characters of the denomination to obey the marching orders to the Christian

With Pierson we must say that it is a poetic and pathetic fact that under the gentle touch of a woman's hand the long locked gates of opportunity have been flung wide open, and the barriers of the ages are no more, and while God was thus opening the door of approach and access to women, behold him moving Christian women to organize for the great Woman's Crusade of modern history; and we are glad to say that at last women are becoming thoroughly united in organized work for souls.

The year just closing has not been one of rest to us. We have worked as if all depended upon us and prayed as if all depended upon God. We realized that while we sounded the trumpet that anoke Negro Baptist women in 1901, we had double the work to do this year to keep them awake for until we are fally awakened and consecrated, the zeal will die out, many will say, "Soul, take thy case." The constant stirring in speech, in writings and in

prayer, is absolutely essential to the life of the work.

National organization among our women is yet in its infancy: the desire to become one great body of consecrated workers is very manifest. While in many of our churches could be found missionary and educational societies before we were organized. vet since our organization, these agencies have joined hands with us; and while in many churches the women are not organized, today we are glad to report to you that they are uniting. During this year \$18 persons applied to us for Constitutions and Guides with which to organize. As we have gone from place to place, we have organized 156 societies and bands and one state body, and have resurrected many that have been buried alive. Through the life and interest given from a national body the spirit of sisterly love is growing and the day is not far distant when among Negro Captist women, if one key is struck the whole piano will begin to play. We are beginning to know each other, to sympathize with and help each other.

You remember that in our recommendations of last year we asked that January 1st be set apart as Stamp Day. This request was made in order to cut the bill for postage incident in handling the immense correspondence. We did not issue circular letters nor appeals, but in the course of regular correspondence and through the newspapers, we kept the date before the women and received hundreds of stamps from our good sisters. Thus, you will notice, that while we have written many more letters this year than last, there is a marked decrease in the postage bill. For this we wish to sincerely thank the women who made this New lear's offering to us which has helped forward the work. We only asked each woman to give one stamp, and while all did not respond last year, we hope the New Year of 1003 will bring one stamp from every woman. You may not know the intrinsic value of the gift. One little Baptist woman and a postage stamp in church and that from this one life thousands of women may catch Divine inspiration and offer themselves for Africa's redemption,

HOME FIELD.

There are many of us who oppose Foreign Mission work, on the ground that we have heathen at home. To this we quite agree, and there will always be heathen at home as long as Christians at home fail to go with the message of life into the humblest but as well as into the most refined home. God will not save home heathen by any miraculous devices any sooner than he will save foreign heathen. We are the instruments, and until Chrislians at home enter vigorously upon the work of reaching the unreached-not with our dollars and our hearts and hands far from then-but with ourselves as instruments and agents, there will always be heathen in the home field. There is not as much difficulty in reaching the masses of our people in the huts and hovels, in the alleys and lanes, as there is in gettine Christians to reach them. This work of reclaiming the lost at home cannot be performed by Christians on stills nor in kid gloves. We have, therefore, resolved to no longer stand idle, but will vigorously push the work into every heart and home and among all of our sisters, humble though they may be, who are saving to us,

"Cast off the mask,
And shed the light of truth upon the scene:
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Ourselves and error.

Hundreds are only waiting for us to come and help them to their feet, and God, in whose sight the king and the beggar are the same, bids as go. During this year we mean to stir our sisters as never before. We hope to hold institutes and mothers' meetings and lay plainly before our sisters their duty to reach the increached and appeal to the masses, by our efforts to save them, to shake off the sins of the ages and enter with us into the dawn of a brighter day. All we need, my sisters, is women-women hathed in the glory of God and their face shining with the radiance of heaven with a moral beauty which the greatest of Spanish painters cannot represent on canvas-who will live upright themselves and will inspire others to live. We need next the Holy Bible in every home and a wealth of good literature on every table and these things put into every day use at every family altar. Then will our chikkren catch from paternal lips inspiration for higher living.

Hundreds of children who now riot in the streets, while the public schools are open to them, will walk in and drink from the fountain of knowledge and there learn the possibilities that are wrapped up within them; will there learn that whether they come

from the depths beneath or the heights above "the mind is the standard of the man," and that mind does not confine itself to the heavens, but in its godlike nature, "if I take the wings of the naturing and dwell in the atterniest parts of the sea, even shall the hand lead ne." God, give us an awakened womanhood, with an awakened womanhood will come the libble, with the Bible better homes—homes whose pure and bright surroundings will leave an impression on the soul.

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

You will agree with us when we tell you that there are thousands of people who are behind time. History bears witness to the fact that all ages have had their themes. Beginning with old Pagan Civilization, with its varous religious systems, making gods many and religions in proportion; with its philosophers who advanced from speculations on material phenomena to an analysis of all the powers of the mind, and, finally, to the establishment of ethical principles which even Christianity did not supersede; an age in which men dug for the truth as if for rare gents; coming then to an age of government under which Greek and Roman jurispruthrice began its struggle to regulate mutual, social and political relations: then the age of Greek and Roman classics, an age that produced literary genius, a type yet unsurpassed in everything pertaining to the realm of thought and art; following upon the heels of these came the age of architecture, sculpture, painting, astronomy and geography. We night come on following history's pathway until we reach the gateway of the 20th century, and as we approach, we behold high up over the entrance, in letters of dazzling brightness, the word "INDUSTRY." We have plod our way over the rugged path of speculative philosophy, science and art to the material age, in which practice has mastered theory, and knowledge has subdued them all. We thank God that we live again, like the apostles of old, in an age in which we shall write less of what men say and more of what they do-an age in which we have anew the Acts of the apostles. Even our religion is becoming more practical, for we are growing into a realization of the lofty principle of Christianity. This is truly an age of industry and it is our purpose to make it possible for our sisters to catch the spirit of the age. In the industrial schools through out the country can be secured an education that his one for the whole duty of life. We believe that an industrial and classical education can be simultaneously attained, and it is our duty to get both. We are anxious for our girls to learn to think, but it is indispensable that the learn how to work. They may not have it to do, but to know how for themselves is far better than trusting it to some one to know for them. We come again appealing louder than we did last year for a national training school where we may teach women how to live and how to labor all the way from earth to glory. We believe with a conviction that cannot soon be uprooted, that the masses of our sisters must hear the gospel of industry and heed its blessed principles before they can be morally saved. A national institution in which we could preach every gospel, from that of soap and water freely applied to the body to that of the grace of God bounteously bestowed upon the soul would hasten the dawn of a brighter day for us.

As a test our Corresponding Secretary has begun and is now prosecuting an industrial work at the headquarters of our Board, which is destined to take first rank as an agency for good among the women of that city. We, therefore, ask that the Secretary be called upon to give to the women everywhere the plans and methods pursued by her and that she join them in establishing training classes in every city and town where it is possible for her to do so.

MISSIONARY COURSE.

Before a permanent interest in our work can assert itself, our constituency must be trained in the work we are striving to do. Intelligent information is the key note to the situation. Ignorance is the greatest source of weakness in missionary effort. Know, and you will believe. Know, and you will pray. Know, and you will help in the front rank. We need an earth carpeted with good literative in the form of tracts, leaflets and books. We need a well mapped out course in which workers can be trained. Topics cards freely distributed among our workers-the subjects for each week written upon and published in our denominational journals, institutes planued and held, in which we shall plan to give the practical, possible way-for self-improvement will create a quickened love for our Lord and His Kingdom. Until we catch the spirit form our knowledge of the work we can have no real, lasting love for it. We might as well ask that paintings be made so beautiful that the blind see them, or music so loud that the deaf hear it, as to expect growth or interest without a source from which to get intelligent information.

We hope to be able to arrange the work so that to each feature of it, will be given for study through a well arranged course. Three months can be given to the Educational feature, three months to B. Y. P. U. work, three months to Foreign Missions, and three months to Home Missions. The topics to be so arranged that these questions of general interest may be studied two months during the quarter, and one month devoted to a general review of the same.

We think it wise to endeavor to secure the assistance of three good women to join our Corresponding Secretary in preparing the courses. One woman who has given much time and attention to home mission work to help in the preparation of the topics for the

three menths course in that work. Another who has engaged in it, and has at hand the best methods for giving information and creating interest in our educational work to aid in the preparation of the topics for the educational quarter and one who is well prepared to assist in making ready the Foreign Mission topics and writing interesting, practical thoughts weekly upon the subjects given. This would give an opportunity to them for extensive practice and research, which would mean development to themselves and the sisterhood throughout the country. We have women among us who can do this work and thus help their struggling sisters, and we pray that God may give them the love and zeal that they may ofter themselves to be used of him.

HELPING THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

The efforts that were put forth by us last year to engage in a work that would mean the development of Christian womanhood has not gone unnoticed. We have always believed that a people who appeal first to their own powers for salvation would evoke a spirit of sympathy and help. The Southern white women, among whom most of us live and labor, have convinced us, once for all, that they have hearts that can be touched with our needs, if we only demonstrate a desire to help themselves. After the visit of the estermed Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union to our meeting in Cincinnati she was in a position to know of our needs and to plead with her sisters to help us in our efforts to reach the homes of the masses of our people, upon whose salvation so much depends. We have long since felt that if we had in the field women who would labor among the people teaching them the lessons of cleanliness, industry, morality, self-respect and religion, carrying to them God's Word in Bibles, tracts or books that there would be a reformation in deed and in truth. Because of our lack of means and the poverty of most of those to whom we must look for help we have done little in this direction. With the help of these friends we have been enabled to put on the field a missionary whose tipe it will be made during this session, showing the great work accomplished since she has gone out into the highways and hedges and called upon mothers, fathers and children to begin to live anew. We here sincerely thank the Corresponding Secretary and the Missionary Union for this help. They can never know, until they reach the invisible, intangible future, unpierced by human thought, the value that heaven has placed upon their gift, nor of the earthly good they have done in aiding a womanhood though and clothed in skins of white, but whose souls are as precious in God's sight, and whose hearts long for the pure, the noble, the

Not only did the Union give this help, but our own Home Mission Board has given to help us in reclaiming the lost at our doors. Our Home Board realized that Negro womanitood was too sacred

to be ahandoned to its'own efforts for salvation, and that much of the work among women must be done by women, and women alone. We thank the Secretary and the Board for the timely help and assure them that in reaching down their strong arm to help save and lift up Negro womanhood they have asserted in language louder than tongue could express the nobility of Negro Christian manhood when womanhood is at stake.

We wish to gain extend our thanks to the Foregn Mission Board for room and much valuable help in the prosecution of our work.

This Board, at the suggestion of its Secretary, Rev. Dr. Jordan, for four year before we came into existence, showed their belief in the possibilities of our women by keeping up the agitation for the women's organization. So to them, and especially their Secretary, we owe a lasting debt of gratitude for enabling us to get on our feet, and making it possible for the womanhood of Negro Raptists to demonstrate to the world their ability to do Christian work for and among women, as well as for women of other religious sects and races.

We also wish to thank Secretary Jordan for looking after our interest while in South America, inspecting the work under the Foreign Mission Board. Through his efforts we report in this Convention the first organization of our sisters in foreign fields. Women representing the women of the church in British Guiana and the West Indies met at his solicitation and were organized; and while they could not represent in this meeting, we have a letter from the Secretary asking our prayers. Let us thank God that our borders are widening and that we can clasp hands with a united sisterhood across the sea.

In order that each state may know just what has been done by their officers and that they themselves may have credit for the work done, we submit the following:

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OUR PLEDGE ROLL.

We wish to thank the good friends who enrolled their names upon the pledge roll to make a personal contribution to the work on or before the 1st of August. Many have already paid, and others have promised to report in this meeting. We hope they will do so, and we shall submit to you the names and amounts paid before the Convention closes.

We had hoped that August would be a hanner month to us, as many had promised to take part in the rally, but a number have written us that unthought of obligations came upon them and they could not keep the pledge this month, but will report to us during October or at this meeting. When we can get Christians to make personal offerings to the work, we feel that there is a growing in the grace of giving that will be productive of good to the work.

To prosecute the work we must have means. The handling of the financial problem is a difficult one. Success has come through working the plans as presented by the Board, and by economy in handling the money after it is in hand. Through the untiring efforts of our Secretary and with the assistance of the officers, we are glad to report that our rescipts double those of last year. In nearly all of the states you will note a marked increase in contributions, and from the letters received there is a marked increase in interest on every hand. We are not unmindful of the fact that interest on every hand. We are not unmindful of the fact that interest on every hand. We are not unmindful of the fact that interest on every hand. We are not unmindful of the fact that interest on every hand. We are not unmindful of the fact that raising money according to a worldly fashion is walking by sight, not by faith, as is also using the pressure of appeal more than the prayer that prevails, depending on importunity with man rather than importunity with God. We are praying for more givers, consecrated, systematic givers, whose hearts have been opened by Almighty God to support laborers who have gone forth into his

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Thus we have submitted to you the year's work, and while we de not elaim perfection, we have ever striven in serve the best interest of the Convention and our sisterhood

Our only hope is that the God of all truth will add his everywhere. blessings to the hamble efforts to build up from the base a new and growing interest in the work to which our Lord

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t'll go Respectfully submitted, Executive Board:

Miss I. C. CRITTENDON, Chairman N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary.

Upon motion of Miss Annie Peyton, Illinois, the Corresponding Secretary's most excellent report was received and adopted, having been previously passed upon by the Auditor of the National

Upon motion of Mrs. E. Fox, Virginia, to elect the Corresponding Secretary by acclamation, considerable discussion arose as to the constitutional requirement,

Finally a motion to suspend rule and re-elect the Corresponding Secretary by acclamation prevailed. The prevailing custom to elect officers at the conclusion of their addresses and reports took the precedence in this election. Song. Prayer by Mrs. L. F. Queen.

A motion to suspend rule and elect Recording Secretary by ac clamation, carried.

A motion to suspend rule and elect Assistant Recording Secretary by acclamation, carried.

Rev. White, Georgia; Rev. Brawley, Florida; Rev. E. R. Carter, Georgia; Rev. S. E. Griggs, Tennessee, and Rev. Moseby of Arkansas, were introduced and spoke kind words of Christian greet-

Miss S. V. Foster, Treasurer, rendered her annual report, which agreed with the financial report as rendered by the Corresponding

A motion to suspend the rule and elect Miss Foster, Treasurer, by acclamation, carried.

Mrs. V. Lumpkins, Georgia, made a motion to suspend rule and elect Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Vice President at large. Carried.

Sister Francis Nickerson was introduced as the first President of the Woman's State Convention of Alabama. Mrs. A. M. Mc-Adams gave an interesting talk of the work she had done, and her wish to continue doing what she could, to forward the work of

A collection of \$2.25 was taken by Rev. S. Buford, Georgia, for Rev. Carter's work of charity in Atlanta, Georgia. Benediction.

FRIDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. J. Jackson, Ohio. Bible Reading Psalm 90. Song. "Trust and Obey." Prayer. Song.

Sister Boorman, missionary, Alabama, spoke of God's Word as the most effectual agency for our salvation. Mrs. N. Bishop,

Tennessee, presented a beautiful illustration, which showed how effectively our daily lives could be used of God to save others. Sister Mattie Dean, Alabama, and Sister S. A. Gates, Georgia, testified as to the helpfulness of good works in constraining sinners to accept Jesus' salvation. Song, "There is a Fountain." Sister Mary H. Harris, Brunswick, Ga., Sister Eliza White, Alabama, Sister DeLamolta, Georgia, also testified as to the power of Christian lives, as a means to salvation.

Sister Josey Hughes sang a song of her own composition; "Christ, the True Way." Miss Knann, missionary, Alahama, again emphasized the Bible as the principal factor to be used in man's salvation.

Mrs. Jackson concluded the "Praise Service" by affirming the Gospel to be the power of God unto salvation.

The Vice President continued the meeting as outlined on the

The following points were gleaned from Mrs. Faulkner's most excellent paper:

"Lives of the good, the great incentives to greatness; Love to God manifest by service; Practical age; signs of promise apparent; Greatness attained through suffering, work, sacrifice, death; The Christian a Soldier-his weapons of warfare, the Bible; Rev. Colley, our first missionary to Africa. We now have 60 churches; 5,000 communicants; \$4,300 expended. Character of missionaries praiseworthy; no failures known to those who go to foreign lands. Much has been, but much more remains to be done, Paul our first missionary, wrote letters for the comfort of saints of ail ages. The best loyalty for any cause, is living and dying for it. Churches without interest in Foreign Missions, soulless. Home Missions, the mother-Foreign Missions, the daughter. A work for everyone to do, as illustrated by Secretary Jordan's diagram of hands, with their special significance. Christ's example of going about doing good, the example for all his followers would they give his Gospel to the world.

Committee on Recommendations presented their report. (See report.)

A motion was made to adopt report. An amendement to adopt by item was carried.

After some discussion relative to the care of Richie Stewart, the appropriations to Miss Delaney, and to the officers to whom the committee recommended compensation for services, the report of the Committee was finally adopted.

Benediction by Rev. Wilson.

A comforting Bible lesson was given by our dear Sister J. P. Moore; John 14:26, 27. Song, "Christ is All, and in All," led by Prof. Curry. Many hearts were touched and tears flowed from our eyes, as we lifted our voices to God in praise and prayer. Our President tenderly referred to the sad occurrence. Sister Harvey and others spoke freely as to the business of the Convention, and all were led to see that we should regard the constitution, or make one that we would respect and follow.

Upon motion, the minutes were adopted as read, save the part referring to compensation of officers.

A motion to reconsider the action of the Convention as to payment of salaries, carried. A motion to pay Recording Secretary \$25,00, carried. A motion to pay Assistant Recording Secretary \$10.00, carried.

Upon motion of Dr. Jones, business was suspended a half hour. and appropriate services engaged in behalf of the bereaved. A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. L. Ton Evans, Wales, England. Song, "Life's Raiload to Heaven." Collection for bereaved, \$14.69.

A motion to defray the President's traveling and incidental expenses to Convention. Carried.

A motion to defray Treasurer's traveling and incidental exneuses to Convention. Carried.

Regarding the recommendation to give more care to Miss Delaney, the Convention desired to know what they had given and what was required.

A motion by Mrs. N. L. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Broughton, to raise \$500 by the first of January to build the house for Miss Delancy. Carried.

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Finance Committee reported. Colleteed during sitting of the

Convention, \$468.85. (See report by states.)

Upon motion the Committee's report was received and adopted. Committee-Mrs. A. M. Wellis, Mrs. Annie Peyton, Mrs. A. E.

A monion to adopt Executive Buard's report by items. Carried. Edwards, Miss Beatrice James. A motion that headquarters remain in Louisville for the next year. Carried.

A motion to retain the present name as recommended. Carried. A motion that the Constitution remain unchanged with reference to the election of officers. Carried.

A motion that annual members be allowed the same privileges as other members. Carried.

A motion to adopt recommendation that provides for a Christian and Educational Training Course to be developed by Mrs. V. W. Broughton through Topic Cards and our denominational papers, at a compensation of \$10.00 per month. Carried.

A motion that all money brought to Convention be turned over to the Treasurer and she report the same to National Bamist Convention. Carried.

A motion to adopt sixth recommendation that Miss N. H. Durroughs develop the Industrial Department. Carried.

Committee to nominate Executive Roard: Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Mrs. D. F. Brown, Mrs. H. C. Bryant, Mrs. Sophia Scott. Mrs. M. E. Stewart.

Committee to Care for Richie Stewart: Mrs. B. Tyrrell, Mrs. E. Fox, Mrs. M. P. Waller.

A motion that Art. - of By-Law, in reference to Treasurer, be fully complied with.

A motion to place \$200 in the hands of the Local Committee to meet the emergencies of Corresponding Secretary. Carried.

A motion that Local Committee select a Treasurer to be responsible for said \$200. Carried.

The Treasurer offered her resignation, and upon her insisting, the Convention accepted, and elected Mrs. Dr. A. Wilkerson, Ky., to serve in her stead.

A motion was made to adjourn. Benediction by Dr. Wilson, Obio.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Meeting opened with prayer by Secretary Jordan. Provision was made for the proper care of Sister Odum's remains.

The Committee on Nomination of Executive Board made their report, which was received and adopted. (See report.)

Committee on Missions made their report which was received and adopted. Likewise the reports on Temperance, Condolence. State of Country and Reolutions. (See reports.)

Committee on State of the Country and Committee on Resolutions reported. (See reports.)

Miss Nancy Jones, our returned Missionary from Africa, was introduced, and gave us an interesting talk of her ten year's work in Africa. She desires to return to the work when the opportunity is given her.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Secretary of Home Board; Dr. L. G. Jordan, of Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Howard, of Virginia, were introduced. The brethren spoke of their special departments of work, and encouraged us to go forward.

Upon motion, Miss Foster was relieved of the duty imposed upon her to turn the money over to National Baptist Convention, and the duty was imposed upon the Finance Committee. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$947.24 to turn over to National Baptist Convention. A vote of thanks was tendered the Treasurer for faithful services.

A motion to pay Vice President's railroad fare, \$6.00. Carried. Benediction. Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Music by choir. Bible reading, Psalm 1, by Rev. Johnson, of Virginia... Prayer by Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, Kansas.

Rev. E. W. Moore, Pennsylvania, was introduced, and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Text; Ps. 119:9. Prayer by Rev. Frank, Kentucky. Vocal Solo, Miss B. H. Barnes, Alabama. Visiting ministers were introduced; also Sister J. P. Moore, lounder of Fireside Schools, who addressed the Convention in her usual loving and tender manner, concluding her remaks in a fervent, effective prayer.

A motion was made to appoint a committee to draft and send a letter of thanks to the President of the United States for his expressed sympathy in our bereavement.

A collection of \$12.06 was taken. Upon motion the collection was donated to pastor J. Q. A. Wilhite.

Renediction. Adjournment.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted as usual. Music by chair. Addresses by Rev. Jackson, of Ohio; Rev. W. J. Johnson, Ga.; Rev. Taylor, D. C., and Rev. P. J. Bryant, Ga. They all spoke in glowing terms of woman's worth and her helpfulness to the work of the church in all ages, and said they were with us to do whatever they were asked to do, to help us develop our organization, and make it a blessing to all mankind. Music by the choir.

A motion to denate \$5.00 to sexton. Carried.

Sister H. C. Johnson, Tennessee, said a few parting words.

A collection of \$19.35 was taken and donated to Rev. J. O. A. Wilhite, pastor of the church in which we assembled. Closing song: "God be with you till we meet again."

Benediction by Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

Committee on Recommendations reported as follows:

"After looking over our President's address, we recommend the following:

1st. That more attention be paid to the needs of Miss Delaney on the foreign field.

and. That we care for and properly look after the interests of Richie Stewart, whose adoption we have assumed.

and. That we adopt a special course of study, with outlined Pible topics, in order to strengthen and develop our women spir-

itually as well as intellectually.

4th. That mothers who send their children away from home to work in large cities, write to the missionary societies and pastors where they go, asking their fostering care; also write to their employees and ask them to care for their moral as well as their physical well being.

5th. That an effort he made on the part of this Convention to get the public school teachers more interested in mission work. 6th. That we adopt the Fireside School literature for the bet-

terment of the home life.

7th. That we donate \$100 for the use of our President to push the work of the Convention during the year.

8th. That we pay the Recording Secretary for writing and

compiling minutes, \$50.00.

9th. That Assistant Recording Secretary act at Convention with Recording Secretary, that no item of interest may escape record.

toth. That all officers be seated on platform during the sessions of the Convention to assist the President in her arduous duties, and to be seen and known by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, your Committee on State of Country, beg leave to submit the following :

We have carefully surveyed the country. While there are some things to be regretted, namel disfranchisements along many lines, there are still many though commendable, and signs are hopeful and favorable for a brig tre future. Our people are edu-cating, buying and building petter homes. The moral status is being raised. There are two visible signs of improvement along all religious lines, which was recently demonstrated in the great Christian Congress at Atlanta, Ga., where Christians from earl, west north and south were gathered on one common platform, and related the religious conditions of the several sections of our country. Therefore, your Committee recommends that the women of this Convention pledge themselves to take a firmer hold upon all lines of our denominational work, and do all they can to better the civil and religious conditions of the country in which we live. Respectfully submitted.

CONTRICTES.

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend that this Convention endorse the W. C. T. U work of the U. S. This Woman's Christian Temperance Un on bruss no color, and has gone forward, blessing the world with its reformatory measures, until it has belted the globe. It has reached the executive authorities in our own country and secured such endorsement that generations yet unborn will be biened through their effort. The introduction of scientific temperature lessons in our public school system is due to the W. C. T. U. In as much as God commands us to add temperance to our virtue, we recommend that our worden advocate the enoderate use of all good things, and total abelinesce from poisons, for our bodies are the temples for the indiselling of the Holy Spirit, and God promises to destroy all those who defile their hodies.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Missions, report the following: Ohrist was the first great minionary, and he began his work by making a tremendous self-sacrine. All his followers who really do efficient work must learn self-denial Besides making a surrender of self, we need to know something that will help and comfort others. The Bible is the great book for educating and comforting the manual heart. In order to teach the Bible, we ought to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts. 1:5-8). Besides the knowledge of the Bible and anointing of the Holy Spirit, we need to study the condition of the people we want to neip at home and abroad. Therefore, we recommend the following:

1st. That we pray daily for our missionaries.

and. That we attend missionary meetings in our own churches, and. That we deny ourselves in order to get money to help in the work of missions.

4th. That we subscribe for "The Herald" and the "Baptise Union," and read them to our neighbors.

5th. That we become acquainted with the needs of our missionaries.

6th. That we report our work to Corresponding Secretary.

7th. That we help the poor and neglected at our doors.

8th. That we seek to supply our own and neighbors' homes with good books; and, above all, seek to send the Gospel to those who have never heard the precious name of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Since the arrival of the delegates of the National Baptist Convention in this city, we have met with the greatest love and care; be it

Resolved. That a vote of thanks he tendered to Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite and his members for the use of the church; to the choir for their sweet music, and to all the good people of Birmingham who have in any way contributed to the countort of our delegation and the promotion of our work. We especially tender thanks to the kind sexton who has been so thoughtful to provide for our well-being while at the church; also the railroad officials, who have favored us with reduced rates in our transportation over the different roads coming into Birmingham.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

THE VALUE OF THE STUDY OF GOOD BOOKS AT HOME.

BY SISTER HOANNA P. MOORE.

First, as regards the influence of good books over the children when young. If parents will read good books with their children, explaining in a simple way, the child will have cultivated a taste for reading good books before it is ten years old. This is the best way to prevent their reading bad books.

Second. When parent and child read thus together, they grow into sympathy with each other better; therefore, the parent is able to control the child better and advise it what to do. Generally speaking, children and parents do not understand each other; therefore, the child drifts away from the sweet influence of the home life. Therefore, you see that through the reading of good books at home children acquire a taste for good reading, and the parents gain confidence in the children and are able to keep that confidence, as the child grows older, and because the child loves home and parents it is protected from bad company and loves to spend its eventurgs at home, growing in intelligence.

BENEFIT THAT THE PARENT DERIVES FROM GOOD BOOKS.

Parents are the God-given teachers of the child and should be able to instruct the child during the first seven years of its life, as regards its duty towards parents and brothers and sisters. but execually its duty to God, and God's great love for the child. This they can do through the aid of good books, though they have little education; but the books must be appropriate, and time must be taken to read them daily. Though the parents may be intelligent they need to study, because parenthood brings new duties which must be learned largely through aid of good books. Books have the same or greater influence over us than the company we keep, because we are more quiet and deceptive whom reading than when in company. No one ever became intelligent and really useful by what they tearned at school, that is, if they laid aside all books when they left school. School only discipline the mind and prepares it for study. Thus we go on acquiring knowledge, not only from books, through our intercourse with the world, in business and social life, but largely in our reading.

SPECIAL NEED OF GOOD AND APPROPRIATE BOOKS FOR THE COLORS

All know the training that slavery gave them, and because of that they have not been training to love study from early childhood; even though their parents are educated in schools, but few of them have learned the art of training their children by reading to their when very young, and doing it in a sweet attractive way and doing it daily. Several things have hindered: first, they have not seen the value of it; second, they have not been supplied with appropriate books; third, they are poor and have not had but very little time for this and really lacked training themselves.

Through my visits in the homes and intimate association with the Negro race, I have been led to sympathize with them, and to prayerfully study and plan to lift the home life into a purer and more intelligent atmosphere. People are good or bad in proportion as they feed on good or bad thoughts. We grow and develop from within. The every day intercourse of a people without good books cannot be very elevating. Therefore I have sought to supply them with appropriate books, spent many hours reading to them as a mother would a child, trying to awaken a thirst for the right kind of knowledge especially. The best of books, the Bible, I read and explained, marking appropriate texts for them to study until I returned; coaxing them to teach to their neighbors and children what they had learned. Gradually some one in a community learned the joy of teaching others what they knew, and when parents could not read, their little children read to them.

This is really the foundation of our Fireside School. But those who thus began to study daily had much to bear from the criticism of those who saw no use in this mental culture. Seventeen years ago, I began to edit my paper. Hope, putting in it a simple Bible lesson to be studied at home by the whole family together. To accomplish this required a great effort on my part and on the part of the good men and women who saw its value. We encouraged neighbors to help each other, by using the time formerly spent in idle gossip. Besides this all who were studying in a neighborshood met weekly in the church or in a private house to review the lessons, and to repeat the Scripture texts they had memorized. I have not time to tell you the hindrance this little messenger Hope met in reaching the dark places of this Southland.

In some parts of the South it was difficult for Negroes to get papers through the mail, the white people fearing that they contained some political scheme, etc.; however, in answer to prayer, Hore did reach homes and hearts and reformed lives. It has cheered and rested tired and discouraged mothers and taught children to help respect their parents. It taught young men and women to be true and faithful in their social life. It has rebuked without mercy, the young men and women, who, through last or envy, sought to separate man and wife. It has taught the Bible way of raising money for God's cause. It has educated hundreds of married women, who were sitting in hopeless ignorance until this dear teacher came. It has exalted the Lord Jesus who came to save from sin, and not in sin. It has earried light, life and hope to every home where it has been read and obeyed. Besides the Bible lesson, our paper always contained many lessons that centered around the duties of husband and wife, parent and child.

The paper began with five hundred copies and has grown to ten thousand copies. It has been difficult to get the pay for the paper, because the people seldom had ready money; but to aid me in this work, God had raised up faithful helpers. I have the names of five hundred and fifty two persons, mostly women, in twenty-four

different states, who help in collecting the money, distributing the paper and teaching them how to read it, and nearly all do this freely for Christ's sake, and about the same number who keep some of our hooks in their homes, read them as they have opportunity. The reading of our paper created a demand for other good books.

During the last six years we have sold about six thousand dollars worth of books and donated about three thousand dollars' worth, hesides a great number of booklets and leaflets. It is very difficult to show you the good results of these books, because the work has been done quietly around the fireside. Hundreds have given up the use of snuff, tobacco and all intoxicating drinks, learned to control their temper and train their children with firmness and gentleness. Plain, comfortable dress instead of showy extravagance. Many have learned that debt is sin; therefore, they practice economy in food and raiment.

I told you of the hundreds of women who had learned how to read. The fact that these bosy mothers did learn to read and read daily, surrounded by so many domestic cares, has given more hope for the Negro race than the work of all the schools; because the former proves the superiority of the race under discouragements; the latter only the common ability of all races. Those who knew how to read a very little, by daily study of the Bible lessons, are now good readers. This is only the intellectual uplift. The religious and domestic improvements have been far greater. To God be all the glory! because it has been through the power of the Holy Spirit, working mightly in the hearts of these dear people that has accomplished this reform. The success of the Fireside School has depended largely:

First, upon the fact that we had a common lesson for each home the same as pupils of the same grade in school, and when they met, they had a common subject for conversation.

Second, the kindly way in which neighbors helped each other in intelligently teaching the ignorant.

Third, the inspiration given by the numbers thus trying to improve themselves. All this served to inspire each other to persevere in their studies.

Fourth, the fact that these homes were supplied with appropriate books, books containing lessons on practical every day duties, that they needed to learn. But the last and greatest inspiration was derived from the daily prayerful study of the Bible, which led to a pure and happy home life. These men and women who began with these simple practical books, have gained a thirst and capacity for more extensive reading.

You can see very plainly that if this Fireside School was in every home of those who could read, and if they had this helpful, kindly spirit, we would be able to reach with light and knowl-

edge the masses who are ignorant, and altogether we would so inspire each other that the careless and degraded ones would be greatly helped. All at it, always at it, is our motto.

One great advantage of books is that they can go where schools teachers and preachers cannot and they do their work seven days in a week, that is, if there be a hunger and thirst for knowledge. When people know how to read, they create a thirst for knowledge almost as great as the school.

Another advantage for books is that those who know but little themselves, can teach and help by placing these books in the hands of others and encouraging them to read. They can help these books in their homes and sell them to their neighbors and visitors, even though they may never leave their own home. Our paper, Hope, and other Fireside school books have been largely circulated in this way. Thoughtful, kind men and women, and even children, have been thus used to supply their neighbors and friends with good reading, and, in many cases, have taught them how to read without neglecting any of their daily duties. Do give every one a little piece of work to do for Jesus. Remember that bad people are zealously doing the work of circulating bad books; therefore, we must be active and watchful, or they will get ahead of us and poison the lives of our children and ruin our thoughtless neighbors.

Beloved friends, you are anxious to educate and elevate the home-life of our people. Do you not see that you can all have a part by joining our Fireside School and daily studying the Bible and other good books at home; by your life and words lead all you can reach to do the same. Get your heart full of this subject. For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh and not only speak, but pray and daily labor to extend the blessings that we enjoy.

Report of Enrollment Committee.

(By States)

ALABAMA.

Mrs. B. E. McCov, Sayreton, Mt. Olive Mission. Mrs. L. Z. Turner, Birmigham, 6th Ave. Mission. Mrs. Eliza Neal, Birmingham, Day Street Mission. Mrs. S. B. Dismukes, Birmingham, Sardis Mission. Mrs. A. V. Berry, Birmingham, W. B. and E. Mission. Mrs. Alice Fowlkes, Birmingham Sardis Mission. Mrs J. F. Washington, Birmingham, W. B. H. M. Society. Mrs C. L. Fisher, Birmingham, 16th Street Church Mission. Mrs E. C. Ross, Birmingham, 16th Street Church Mission. Mrs H C. Bryant, Birmingham, 16th Street Church Mission. Mrs. A. S. Prince, Birmingham, toth Street Church Mouson. Mrs. Pollie Henderson, Birnungham, 16th Street Church Mis-Mrs. Esther Frierson, Birmingham, 16th Street Church Mis-Miss Mattie Carter, Birmingham, Mission Society. Mrs. A. L. Borman, Birmingham, Children's Band. Mrs. Mittie Pitts, Birmingham, Mission Society Mrs. Addie Lankford, Birmingham, Mission Society. Mrs. Mattie Hunt, Birmingham, Tabernacle Mission. Mrs. Dinah Dee, Birmingham, annual. Mrs. E. J. Shaw, Birmingham, annual. Mrs. J. G. Brooks, Birmingham, annual. Mrs. T. W. Walker, Birmingham, annual. Mes. J. D. Jordan, Birmingham, Mt. Pilgrim Association. Mrs. Katie Jones, Bessemer, annual. Mrs. Eliza fenleins, Bessemer, annual. Mrs. Cresi Alexander, Bessemer, annual. Mes. Mamie Jones, Bessemer, annual. Mrs. Alice Hawkins, Montgomery, annual. Mrs. C. M. Wells, Montgomery, Auxiliary Day Street Church, Mrs. T. C. Crooms, Montgomery, Auxiliary Day Street Church. Miss Lula B. Tony, Montgomery, Beulah Mission. Mrs. Mattie Dean, Montgomery, Mattie Dean Club. Mrs. Hattle C. Tillman, Montgomery, Mattie Dean Club.

Mrs. H. R. Chivers, Montgomery, Woman's Mission Dexter Avenue Church.

Mrs. B. D. Miller, Montgomery, Woman's Mission Dexter Ave.

Miss S. V. Foster, Montgomery, Woman's Convention,

Mrs. Annie L. Sewell, Avondale, Harmony Street Mission, Mrs. N. H. McDuffey, Avondale, Harmony Street Mission.

Mrs Lina Sainders, Elyton, Broad Street Baptist Church

Mrs. Bessie Hicks, Smythes, annual. Mrs. Josie Hughes, Smythes, annual.

Mr. Eliza White, Eufaula, annual. Mrs. Malinda Mack, Mobile, Y. P. M. Society.

Mrs. Georgia Morse, Mobile, annual.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Ella Gilmore, Little Rock, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. W. P. Green, Little Rock, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. M. E. Branch, Little Rock, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. P. D. Dorsey, La Grange, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. S. A. Mosley, Pine Bluff, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. S. Shanks, Pine Bluff, Woman State Convention.
Mrs. Ida Odum, Fort Smith, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. Poblic Dawson, Haynes, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. Ruth L. Marsh, Hot Springs, Woman's State Convention.
Mrs. Ruth J. Harris, Texarkana, Woman's State Convention.

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Mrs. Carrie Jackson, Los Angeles.

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Miss Louisa Cook, Americus.
Miss Caroline Terry, Americus.
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Mrs. D. James, Benyon, annual.
Mrs. Agnes Jones, Benyon, annual.
Mrs. Jennie Jackson McAlister (District Association).
Mrs. Emma Gibbs, Maxville, annual.
Mr. H. R. Whittow, Springer, annual.

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Mrs. M. E. Stewart, Louisville, State Convention.
Mrs. J. A. Gaddie, Louisville, Green Street F. M. Society
Mrs. A. D. Wilkerson, Louisville, W. I. C. and B. W. E. Convention.
Mrs. Amelia Slaughter, annual.
Mrs. Louy Danlap, Louisville, State Convention.

KANSAS.

Miss L. C. Crittenden, Louisville, State Convention.

Mrs. Laura Smith, Cherokee.
Rev. G. McNeal, Kansas City.
Mrs. E. T. Brown, Kansas City.
Mrs. Edith Edmond, Kansas City.
Rev. E. A. Wilson, Kansas City.
Mrs. Katie Miner, Kansas City.
Mrs. Julia Lee, Perry.
Rev. A. Fairfax, Parson,
Mrs. M. D. Jones, Topeka.
Mrs. M. J. Cox, Topeka.

LOUISIANA.

Alexander, Woman's Convention.

Mrs. I. Hamilton, Monroe, Woman's Convention.

Mrs. A. D. Thomas Monroe, Woman's Convention.

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Mrs. S. A. Gates, New Orleans, Woman's Convention.

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Mrs. A. E. Randle, New Orleans, Woman's Convention.

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Mrs. Mrs. R. Robinson, New Orleans, annual.

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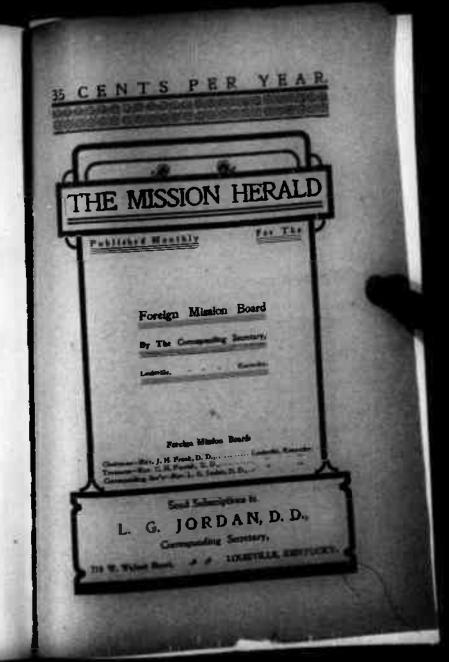
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