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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
National Baptist Convention.

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

ARTICLE I.—Name.

This body shall be known and styled "The National Baptist Convention of the United States of America."

ARTICLE II.—The Object.

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

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

The membership of this Convention shall be Representative, Life and Annual. (1) Representative. Any orthodox Missionary Baptist church, Sunday school, missionary society, district and general association, Sunday-school convention and State convention may become annual members by paying five dollars for every messenger representing such organization. The money to be paid for representation by the above named bodies may be paid to any one of the Corresponding Secretaries of any of the Boards for the objects of the work fostered by the Convention at any time during the year. (2) Life. Any one in good standing in any regular Missionary Baptist church may become a life

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meeting at the time and place appointed, the Boards may arrange the time and place, and publish the same to the denomination.

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

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National Baptist Convention.

WEDNESDAY—Forenoon.

9:30—Praise Service conducted by Rev. C. H. Hughes, Alabama, and Rev. William Hightower, Mississippi.

10:00—Addresses of welcome and greetings from various local organizations.

Rev. M. W. D. Norman, A. M., D. D., in behalf of the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Commissioner B. F. McFarland, in behalf of the District Government.

Rev. Geo. W. Lee, D. D., LL. D., in behalf of the Ministers' Union.

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Rev. S. L. Corrothers, D. D., in behalf of other denominations.

Mr. Thos. L. Jones, Attorney at Law, in behalf of the Young People's Societies.

Response on behalf of the Convention by Dr. W. H. Moses, Virginia.

Afternoon.

2:00—Devotions by Rev. F. P. Green, Ohio, and Rev. E. H. McDonald, Rhode Island.

2:30—President's Annual Address, Dr. E. C. Morris, Helena, Arkansas.

3:15—Report of National Baptist Benefit Board by Rev. A. A. Cosey, Corresponding Secretary, followed by an address by Rev. E. B. Topp, D. D., Jackson, Miss., and an address by Rev. T. W. Wright, Helena, Ark.

Evening.

7:30—Devotions by Rev. J. B. Bell, Arizona, Rev. H. D. Carpenter, Kentucky.

Annual Sermon, "The Day of Opportunity for the Baptists,"

Rev. B. Tyrrell, D. D., Ph. D., Lynchburg, Va.

Collection.

Benediction.

THURSDAY—Forenoon.

- 9:30—Devotions, Dr. G. C. Mason, Illinois, Rev. William Witfield, Tennessee.
- 10:00—Report of Foreign Mission Board by Dr. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary.
- 11:00—Short addresses on work of Foreign Mission Board.
Address—"South America, Our Next Door Neighbor, and Her Claims Upon the American Baptists," Rev. H. D. Prowd, D. D., British Guiana, South America.
Address—"Influence to be Exerted by the Lott Carey Academy on the Ten Million Africans South of the Zambezi River," Rev. R. A. Jackson, returned missionary from South Africa.
Address—"The Next Missionaries for the Home and Foreign Fields: How Shall We Get Them?" Miss E. B. Delany, returned Missionary from Africa, and Supt. of Foreign Missions Among Children.
Address—"A Plea for Our Home Workers as They Go Among the Churches," Rev. C. G. Fishback, A. M., B. D., Field Secretary Foreign Mission Board.
Address—"Our Present Needs for Effective Mission Work in South Africa," Rev. D. E. Morse, recently returned from Africa.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, Rev. W. T. Amiger, S. T. B., Springfield, Mass., and Rev. W. P. Laurence, Ph. D., Orange, N. J.
- 2:30—Program by Foreign Mission Board.
Short addresses. Miscellaneous business.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions by Rev. A. D. Hurl, D. D., Kentucky, Rev. Ernest Hall, Illinois.
Missionary Sermon, "The Triumph of His Cross," by Rev. A. S. Jackson, D. D., Dallas, Texas.
Solo: Mrs. Mary Mason, of Pittsburg, Pa.
Collection.
Dismissal.

FRIDAY—Forenoon.

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. J. Goins, Missouri, Rev. J. A. Marshall, Mississippi.

- 10:00—Report of B. Y. P. U. Board by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.
- 11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Goodgame, Anniston, Ala.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, Rev. G. H. Hollier and Rev. H. Holman, Florida.
- 2:30—Report of Educational Board by Rev. D. S. Klugh, Corresponding Secretary. Remarks by the Chairman of the Board.
Address by Representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.
Address by Rev. T. O. Fuller, A. M., Ph. D., Tennessee. Subject: "Work Done in Various States for Local Schools."
Collection.
Dismissal.

Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions, Rev. A. Hubbs, Louisiana, and Rev. P. P. Watson, South Carolina.
Address, Prof. Booker T. Washington, LL. D., Tuskegee, Ala.
Dismissal.

SATURDAY—Forenoon.

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. W. A. Bowren, D. D., and Rev. H. B. N. Brown, Louisiana.
Report of the Home Mission Board.
Discussion.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, Rev. L. Christmas, North Carolina; Rev. C. H. Young, Georgia.
- 2:30—Report of the Publication Board by Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., LL. D., Corresponding Secretary.
Discussion.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions, Rev. W. H. Jernigan, Oklahoma; Rev. D. G. Mack, Maryland.
Educational Sermon, "Christ's Message to the Church for the World," Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Collection.
Dismissal.

MINUTES.

SUNDAY—Forenoon.

- 9:30—Mass Sunday School.
Collection by States.
Intermission.
11:30—Devotions, Rev. L. G. Green, Florence, Ala.
Sermon, "God's Way," Rev. W. F. Lovelace, Wyand, Ark.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Afternoon.

- 3:00—Missionary Mass Meeting under direction of Foreign Mission Board.
4:30—Missionary Offering.
Dismissal.

Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions, Rev. R. R. Cartwright, North Carolina; Rev. E. M. Moore.
Sermon, "Preparation for Service," Rev. W. L. Burr, D. D., Ohio.
Collection.
Dismissal.

MONDAY—Forenoon.

- 9:30—Devotions.
10:00—Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention by Miss N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary.
Reports of Officers.
Election of Officers.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Afternoon.

- 2:30—Devotions, Rev. B. W. Whitfield, Rev. B. W. Wren, Mississippi.
3:00—Report of Committees.
Collection.
Dismissal.

Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions.
8:00—Sermon by Rev. G. L. Tallaferra, Pennsylvania.
Collection.
Adjournment.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

Dr. W. F. Graham, Virginia; Dr. L. L. Campbell, Texas; Wm. H. Steward, Esq., Kentucky; Rev. R. M. Caver, A. B., Arkansas; Dr. J. T. Brown, Texas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. B. Brown, Arkansas; Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., Virginia;
Rev. J. B. Miller, Alabama; Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D., Texas; Rev. J. H. Mayes, D. D., Georgia; Hon. E. T. Gardner.

Note.—It is the desire of the Board that each state delegation will hand in the name of one person to be placed on each of the following Boards and Committees, on the first day of the Convention.

National Baptist Foreign Mission Board.
National Baptist Educational Board.
National Baptist Home Mission Board.
National Baptist Publishing Board.
National B. Y. P. U. Board.
National Baptist Benefit Board.
One Vice President from each state.
Committee on Resolutions.
Committee on State of Country.
Committee on Officers' Reports.
Committee on Temperance.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board,
E. C. MORRIS, D. D., Chairman.

REV. T. O. FULLER, Ph. D., Acting Secretary.

MINUTES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11, 1907.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the National Baptist Convention was called to order by President E. C. Morris in the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., pastor, for its twenty-seventh annual session. Death having removed the recording secretary, Prof. W. L. Candler, the assistant secretary, R. B. Hudson, acted as recording secretary. An assistant being needed, President E. C. Morris appointed Rev. E. H. Borden, A. M., D. D., Illinois, to fill this position.

President E. C. Morris introduced Rev. P. H. Hughes, D. D., of Alabama, to conduct the praise service. Rev. J. D. Kent, of Alabama, read Ecclesiastes, chapter 12, as the Scripture lesson.

Song, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Smith, Alabama.

Some time was spent in an informal conference, in which many of the brethren took part.

The closing prayer for the devotional hour was offered by Rev. W. G. Johnson, D. D., Georgia.

President Morris announced that the Women's Convention would convene at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. Geo. W. Lea, D. D., pastor, at 2 p. m.

Before the speakers to deliver the welcome addresses were introduced, the convention joined in singing, "I feel like going on," led by Rev. N. H. Plus, D. D., Musical Director.

The following addresses of welcome were delivered: In behalf of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D.; in behalf of the District of Columbia, Commissioner S. F. McFarland; in behalf of the Ministers' Union, Rev. G. W. Lea, D. D., LL. D.; in behalf of the Baptist Churches of the city, Rev. W. J. Howard, D. D.; in behalf of other denominations, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, D. D.; in behalf of the Young People's Societies, Mr. Thomas L. Jones, attorney-at-law.

The response to the addresses of welcome was made by the Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., of Virginia.

The following committees were announced:

Enrollment—Rev. W. F. Graham, L. L. Campbell, Wm. H. Steward, R. M. Caver, J. T. Brown.

Finance—C. B. Brown, G. B. Howard, J. B. Miller, F. L. Lights, J. H. Mayes, E. T. Gardner.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung, after which the benediction was said by Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Alabama.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention assembled at 3:30 o'clock with President E. C. Morris presiding.

Praise service was conducted by Rev. E. H. McDonald, Rhode Island.

Song: "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone." The 24th Psalm was read as a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Dr. A. E. Edwards, of Virginia.

Song: "I feel like going on."

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. F. P. Green, Ohio.

Some questions were asked as to the legal delegates to the Convention and how they might be known. After some discussion, the order of the day being called for, Rev. A. Barbour, D. D., of Texas, presented President E. C. Morris to deliver his annual address. President Morris was given quite an ovation as he came forward to deliver his annual address as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

When the Great Apostle to the Gentiles stood before Agrippa and was told that he was permitted to speak for himself, he stretched forth his hands and said, "I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews." And, like Paul, I think myself happy because of the opportunity which this great gathering brings to me to speak to the leaders of my people out of a heart full of hope for the ultimate triumph of Christian principles, which will bring to our race a full and complete enjoyment of all the rights and privileges vouchsafed by the laws to any other class or race in the heterogeneous millions of this great Republic.

It was about forty-two years ago when General U. S. Grant led the conquering battalions of the Union army to this great city in review before President Johnson as an evidence that the Civil War had ended, and that the Union had been preserved, and what was better than the preservation of the Union, the proclamation of Abraham Lincoln giving freedom to the slaves had been upheld. No more fitting place could have been selected for the holding of this anniversary of the National Baptist Convention, for it was from this eminence that the first step in our transition as a race took place; it was here that our freedom was declared, and as we gather on these memorable heights as the representatives of the once enslaved race, we offer a challenge to the whole nation to produce a more loyal and patriotic element of citizenry than is found among the Negroes of America.

No scheming of the demagogue has hitherto shaken our confidence in the justice of the American people as a whole, nor will it be shaken. We will continue to have faith in the prophecy which says in effect that mercy and truth shall meet together; righteousness and peace shall kiss each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. It is in such promises that our anchor has been deeply imbedded to save us from being driven upon the rocks and torn asunder by the adverse winds which have been more terrific in the last decade than the Euroclydon which shipwrecked Paul.

Many of the politicians in our race have severely criticised the ministers of the gospel because they have not been more persistent in their demands for the civil and political rights of the people, but I want to congratulate the Negro ministry, without regard to denomination, upon the level-headed, common-sense manner in which they have handled all the vexatious problems which have engaged their attention for the past twenty-five years. The Peace Conference being held at The Hague is composed of some of the wisest and greatest men of the world, and there can be no doubt but that it accomplished great good. But what comparison can be made of it and the Negro ministry that has been constantly pouring the quenching, cooling waters of peace upon the flames of race prejudice, which have been fed and fanned by unscrupulous, unpatriotic, un-American and unstatesman like politicians for a quarter of a century?

My friends, there may have appeared spots on the sun which were taken to indicate that a dark and stormy day was ahead for our race in this country, but these spots are gradually passing away, and God is awakening the religious conscience of this nation to a realization of the truth that there is but one common brotherhood. And the success of the gospel is dependent upon a recognition of that fact.

The voice of that great man, ex-Governor Northerner, of Georgia, pleading as he did before a New Jersey audience for the equal rights of all men, without regard to race, color or condition, will clarify more streams than all demagogues who are preaching the doctrine of race prejudices can muddle in an hundred years.

A significant fact which goes far towards allaying a feeling of distrust on one side, and malice and hatred on the other, was the action of the white Baptists of North America in organizing a General Convention of Baptists which does not recognize any racial lines, but seeks to unite in one great Convention all the Baptists in North America, and while the Baptists have taken this advanced step there are prominent men in other denominations who are giving no uncertain sound upon what they believe Christianity stands for.

One of the most significant utterances upon the race question which it has been my pleasure to read was made in a sermon by Bishop Galloway, of Jackson, Miss., who said: "The Gospel is for the

redemption of the world, but an insidious skepticism is being taught the people that would exclude the Negro from any part or lot in the plan of the great salvation."

A doctrine which shuts the earthly door of hope in the face of any human being will close to him the gates of heaven and deny the teachings of the Man of Galilee. More to be deplored than the complexity of any political question, or racial problem, or industrial condition, is the infidelity that would disown the Son of God and fatally limit His gospel as the hope of the world. More pernicious than racial prejudice is the rank infidelity that would exclude any human being from the possibility of salvation through Jesus Christ.

It is high time for us to study anew our Lord's commission and our sacred mission to the world. Shall we stand idly by and see our Holy religion denounced as inadequate to the world's need? Has not the hour arrived for us to proclaim aloud that we believe in a Saviour who hears every orphan's cry of humanity, in every quarter of the world and from every tribe of the earth? Our Lord is a world's redeemer, or he is no redeemer. If He has not the power to save to the uttermost, He has no redeeming power at all. The Christ of a single race is not worthy of the praise of a single heart and hasn't power to save a single soul.

Such words coming from such a source inspire hope and reveal the silver lining of the clouds which have been gathering over the race for the last three decades, and lead us to believe that the ambassadors of Christ will yet have their day in court, and instead of all communication being cut off, and a war of races declared, brotherly relations are to be established and the peace concessions are now in sight.

We should not conceal the fact that our demand for civil and political rights and for a broad Christian brotherhood has been misunderstood and misrepresented. The world has been told that the Negro is clamoring for the social intermingling of the races, a matter which all intelligent people must admit will not yield to any kind of legislation and which no statute, or even physical force can prevent, so long as there is a desire in the different races to associate. But in the face of a few agitators who would advocate the social intermingling of the races, I can only say, that nearly all the intelligent, thoughtful Negroes are unalterably opposed to any such doctrine; they rather favor the absolute separation of the races on social lines, and believe that this can be done without the least curtailment of any of the civil or political rights of any man. This opinion is based upon the logical ground that the Negro constitutes only about one-eighth of the entire population of this country, and to amalgamate would destroy the identity of the African race upon the continent—a thing which no self-respecting, race-loving Negro can afford to advocate. Of the ten million Negroes in the United States more than three-fourths of them have coursing through their veins pure African blood, and

notwithstanding the fact that we have been free less than half a century these few millions represent the highest type of Christian civilization found among the African people anywhere in the world. While this is true, we should not fail to recognize that there are hundreds of millions of Africans in other parts of the world whose blood is just as pure and unmixed as that found in the majority of the race in this country; but those vast millions are to be redeemed, and in my opinion the work will be left very largely to the American Negroes, and my plea is: Do not let the race be led into an erroneous notion which will destroy in a great measure the opportunity which an unerring Providence has opened to it. In making this statement I do not mean to convey the idea that the African is inferior to other races, for I am a firm believer in the doctrine contained in the Declaration of Independence which says, "All men are created free and equal." And further I believe that the family of God in this world is composed of all the races and nationalities; that it was God who brought about the confusion of tongues and the separation of the people into races; that nothing short of the divine hand will bring them together, and that he has given as the most potent agency in bringing the people of the world into one common brotherhood, the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. We believe that this can be done without breaking the lines of the social ideals of the races. As an evidence of the good faith of the Negro on the matter of separation, we point to thirty thousand churches, more than one hundred high schools and colleges which are manned from the pilot house to the lower deck by Negro ministers and professors, and I doubt very much if any considerable number of the race would consent to have these separate organizations abolished.

The Race Problem.

We are almost hourly told that there is a great and increasing race problem in this country, and yet we very reluctantly admit that there is any such problem in respect to the Negroes, and there would be absolutely none if it were not for the fact that many of the white people take our demand for civil and political rights to mean a demand for social equality—a thing least thought about by those who demand to be accorded the rights of citizens under the laws of the country. The Negro in making these just demands contemporaneously with his unprecedented growth in wealth, education and refinement, in the face of the many obstacles put in his way, may present a problem to the white American; but I assure you that the white man is no problem to the Negro. And if he ever was, it has long ago been solved; for the most ordinary Negro pretty thoroughly understands the white man at this day. On this matter you will indulge me in quoting from the Honorable Frederick Douglass in his last great lecture. He said: "There is one thing, however, in which I think we must all agree at the start. It is that this so-called but mis-called Negro prob-

lem is one of the most important and urgent subjects that can now engage public attention. Its solution is, and ought to be, the serious business of the best American wisdom and statesmanship. For it involves the honor or dishonor, the glory or shame, the happiness or misery, of the whole American people. It not only touches the good name and fame of the Republic, but its highest moral welfare and its permanent safety."

On the principle that like begets like, hatred begets hatred. Those who have been feeding themselves upon hatred for the Negro, have found themselves hating other than the Negro race, and such people may soon find themselves dealing with an international race problem which will not be easy to solve.

Fortunately for us our country has at present a man in the White House who has the common sense to be the president of the whole people—one who has shown by his official acts that he cannot be influenced in the discharge of his public duties by the race, color, or condition of men, yet I am sorry to say that there are a great many well-meaning persons in the Negro race who are not yet capable of understanding how the President of the United States can treat the white people of the South with the consideration that is due them (which is the same as that due the people, white or black, of any other section) without feeling that he is not a friend to the Negro.

In speaking of Mr. Roosevelt and his peerless record as the chief executive of our great nation, it is not for the purpose of convincing any one who may hold an opposite view, but rather to magnify the real Christian motives which seem to underlie his every act. It is human to err, and the president is human; and yet it is conceded by some of the wisest and greatest men in all the nations, that he is the greatest ruler in all the world. And I may add that in the mighty efforts which he is putting forth for reforms in high, as well as in low places, he deserves the sympathy, co-operation and prayers of the Christian people of all races.

No Discouragement for the Negro.

All well-informed people will admit that the progress made by the Negro people is without a parallel in the history of the world, and this refers to every phase of his life and there must not be anything allowed to enter the minds of the Negro people, and especially the leaders, which will discourage them and cause a cessation of the marvelous advancement which is in progress. Already there have been thousands of dollars' worth of property sacrificed by individuals of the race who have become discouraged because of some local trouble coupled with the advice of some pessimist who can see only the dark side of every question. Many good people, listening to such, have sold out practically for nothing the accumulations of a lifetime and gone to some other place to find the conditions the same as those they left. I do not mean by this statement that Negroes are not to seek to improve their material conditions by going

anywhere they may feel that their interest may be promoted, nor do I subscribe to the stereotype notion that the Negro is peculiarly suited to the South and cannot live anywhere else, for I do not believe any such thing; but I do know that he can live anywhere any other man can live, and, yet, I believe at the present the South presents the best opportunity for his further development along commercial and industrial lines, and would not only advise that he remain largely in the South, but that he seek to live in the country districts rather than in the cities and towns.

The last census report shows that 1,344,123 Negroes are engaged in agriculture, and I hope the next will show an increase of fully 50 per cent. When a small boy in the common school I used to sing with the others this beautiful sentiment:

"O do not be discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend;
He'll give you grace to conquer,
And keep you to the end."

I did not understand its meaning then, but can see it now. That was a dark and dreary day, a whole race of people had just come out of slavery and could see no way to make its headway in the world, having nothing with which to begin, and under those heavy clouds we were told that "Jesus was our friend." Both old and young believed the story told in song, and Jesus has proven in an unspeakable way his friendship to the race. He is bringing the world to acknowledge the doctrines enunciated by Paul at Mars Hill.

I very seldom quote from secular papers in my addresses to religious bodies, and yet I may say that some of our secular papers are doing yeoman service both for the race and denomination. On this very question the "Planet," of Richmond, said: "It is only men of small minds that boast of their superiority, for their very action in this respect belies the assertion of the man making the vaunting declaration."

In this "The Planet" is eminently correct, and if we will not allow the utterances of designing persons and political demagogues to discourage us, the present century will not be half gone before our race in this country will be fairly on its feet.

The Jim Crow Laws.

The discriminating laws which disgrace some of the statute books of our country is only another effort to humiliate and discourage the laudable ambition of the Negro. But it is having the opposite effect; for while the Negroes, especially those of the South, have accepted and adjusted themselves to every discriminating provision of every law made for that purpose, at the same time they fully understand that these laws were made because of their rapid progress and not because of any retrogression, and they firmly believe that not only will these laws be repealed, and the whole country settle down to the

basic principles of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, but that succeeding generations will be thoroughly ashamed of their sires who made such laws. But there is a serious aspect to the situation as it affects our race, and one which calls for cool, careful, considerate deliberation; it is the position taken by the higher courts of the land upon the discriminating laws which disgrace the codes of our country. Emboldened by what has already been the ruling in the highest courts of the land, there are men who are counted among the statesmen of the country who say in their public speeches and in their interviews by press representatives, in respect to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, that their State has practically nullified those amendments, and that, too, without consulting the authority of the Federal Constitution on the matter.

No man, white or black, believes that those amendments are all that is necessary to secure the rights of the once enslaved race, and even in those sections where it is claimed that those amendments have been nullified, the nullification can only be temporary when applied to a people that is making the progress that the Negroes are making. The statesmanship of the future will not only repeal the proscriptive laws of the States, but the judiciary will reverse some of the decisions of our higher courts.

But, my friends, I would not advise you to remain passive on these great questions, but rather that you would, in a cool, dispassionate way, contend for every right granted to any citizen of this country, until the State and Federal laws are made to harmonize on the rights of the citizens of every race and class.

A Warning.

What I am now about to say should be taken as a warning and not as a criticism of the brethren who have had the management of the affairs of the Negro Baptists hitherto.

Every thoughtful American citizen has been astounded at the reported amount of graft which has been discovered in so many of the great business concerns of the country, and the wide publication given to these things has caused the people to begin to look with suspicion upon the management of the religious organizations; and that very fact emphasizes the need for the most careful, straightforward, business conduct by all the officers of our several Boards. It would be a very cold and dark day for the flourishing business enterprises of the denomination should the people get the opinion that there is such a thing as graft among the officials. We hope such a day will never come, and it will not if the successful enterprises now in operation are run for the exclusive purpose of promoting the interest of the denomination. It is, perhaps, not out of place to say, that in calling men to take the management of the denominational work through the Boards constituted by this Convention, the Boards should see to it that the men thus called are paid good salaries, as much or more as they



can command from the best churches or from any private donors; and then the Boards should require the men thus employed to devote their entire time and energy to the interests of the denomination.

The success of all the work depends upon the keeping of the millions of Baptist people united in the support of these enterprises and they will remain loyal and patriotic in proportion as they see the leaders working for the common good of all.

It is not an easy matter to get men who are competent to do the work, to completely divorce themselves from all their other business affairs and give themselves wholly to the building up of the denominational interests, even though you may offer good salaries, and yet such should be the demand made upon the men at the head of our great enterprises. My official connection with the Convention as its President, covers a period of thirteen full years; most of the Boards operating under the direction of the Convention came into existence since my election as such; and I think I can say heartily that we need to congratulate ourselves on the fact that there has been such little friction in all the departments of our work. There is, so far as I know, perfect harmony between the officers of the Convention and the officers of the several Boards, and the apparent conflict of authority which was in the minds of some has passed away. Like the people of our great country, the Baptists are opposed to a centralization of power, but believe the people should rule, and yet I think we should never overlook the fact that there is such an organization as the National Baptist Convention; that the Convention created the Boards operating under it, and, therefore, has the right to regulate the affairs of the Boards. I mean by this that every order made by this Convention is supreme and cannot with impunity be set aside or suspended by any of its Boards.

So wonderful has been the progress of the Negro Baptists that I close these remarks by appealing to you for harmony, or that still sweeter word—unity. No matter how we may differ as to methods or plans for doing the work entrusted to our hands, let us have as a motto, "The glory of God and the promotion of his kingdom in the world." "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garment."

I wish to call your attention to the specific work of our Boards

Foreign Missions.

Foreign mission work was born simultaneously with the birth of Christianity and is inseparably connected with the general work and purpose of the Christian churches. Its importance above some of the minor objects of Christianity is shown by the fact that a much larger number of souls is attached to Paganism than has adopted the higher ideals which are found only in Christianity.

The work of foreign missions may be said to be fundamental with

the Negro Baptists, for among all the intelligent ones the desire to give the gospel to others comes with their conversion to those life saving principles found only in the Gospel of the Son of God.

Our Foreign Mission Board has been a very potent factor in developing the passive notions which so long lay dormant in the breast of the untutored members of our churches, by the twenty-five years' campaign in the interest of those in heathen lands, and is bearing much fruit.

Those who have complained both at the Foreign Mission Board and the churches for the small amount of work hitherto accomplished by the Negro Baptists in this particular line, overlook the fact that our race has had a multitude of cares upon it and that all these were entitled to a part of the best efforts which the leaders could put forth. When these things are considered we may justly congratulate the Board and the denomination upon the magnificent showing made, and take renewed courage from the results reported from every field entered by our missionaries.

The workers on the field are beginning to realize that the Board and the churches which sent them out have many burdens to bear at home, and are, therefore, exercising more patience than in former years. It will be seen from the report of our Foreign Mission Board that there has been a gradual increase in the contributions from the churches to this department each year, which demonstrates that our churches are yet in line with the marching orders given at Olivet, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Poor as our people are, they are endeavoring to carry out that commission by supporting missions in Liberia, West Africa, South and East Africa, South America and Russia. We have not learned what has been done by the brethren of the New England Convention towards supporting a missionary in Hayti; but we hope the plan has not been abandoned, as such a work will bring those people near to us. The report of the Board will doubtless speak in detail of the work being done at the several stations now being occupied by us.

Home Missions.

No less in importance is the Home Mission work, which includes every phase of work being done by the churches on the home field, but I wish to refer particularly to that work which is very largely under the direction of our Home Mission Board. Our people sometimes become impatient when appealed to for means to support Home Missions and ask why it is necessary to give to Home Missions. I beg to say that the time will never come when there will not be a need for home mission work, and that, too, in an organized way.

The great nations of the earth are spending many millions each year to sustain a great navy, which parades the high seas as a warning to each other that they will not have their rights encroached upon, and these same nations sustain a great army at home to protect themselves from internal strife and as guarantee to the navy that the base

will be well supplied so that no apprehension may be felt for either food, raiment, fuel or men. And it is much the same in Christian work; those who go out to foreign fields do so depending upon the home field for support.

Then, again, my friends, there is much land yet to be possessed at home, the gospel must be preached in many places in Christian America where it has been kept out by the organized forces of the evil one, and in many other places where the people are too poor to support an evangelical ministry, and last, but not least, the denominational interests, the doctrines of the New Testament as Baptists believe them, must be protected and upheld. Our Home Mission Board is doing a great work and a great service for the denomination by helping the poor, weak churches, and opening new fields and strengthening those who are "ready to die."

Our co-operation with the Southern white Baptists continues to be pleasant and agreeable, and the help which the Home Board has given to our Board has greatly helped the work.

Contrary to the specific order of the Convention, the Home Mission work and the publication work is still being operated under one and the same management. If such a course is desirable, and the interest of the denomination can be promoted by the two Boards operating under one management, then the order should be revoked.

The Publishing Board.

No one will at this day doubt the wisdom of bringing into existence the National Baptist Publishing Board. While it appeared that it would require almost superhuman skill to launch and successfully operate such an enterprise, yet it has been done, and the project in the few years it has lived has become almost the cynosure of Negro Baptists throughout the country. Its existence has not only been an inspiration to the scholarship among our best men and women, but it has added to the material and numerical growth of the denomination. May it ever be so.

Educational Board.

For the first time in several years the president of the Convention has been encouraged to believe that something will be done in the way of laying the foundation for a great theological seminary to be supported by the Negro Baptists of America. This encouragement came when a successful young pastor resigned his church and laid himself upon the altar to be sacrificed for the cause of ministerial education. His Board, it is true, pledged that young man its unstinted support, and yet as he goes out to the masses of our people in the interest of educational work, he will in most cases meet a cold reception; but having braved all the prospective difficulties consequent upon such a mission, he is bound to succeed.

The entire army of Negro Baptists should be told of the standing

offer made by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to aid in the establishment of a thoroughly equipped theological seminary.

It is urged by some that our great State colleges can furnish all the theological training demanded by the race, but I beg to tell you that the Negro Baptists, more than any other people, need a great central institution which will eventually develop into a great university, and as such will be the gateway into that which is good and noble in the race. Men of national fame seldom condescend to even pay a visit to strictly local institutions, and the Negro Baptist people who, more than any other, deserve national recognition, will attain it only in a small degree until they have such national organizations that will in themselves command the respect and attention of great national characters. The opportunity is offering itself through our Educational Board, and our people should not be slow in grasping it.

B. Y. P. U. Board.

For eight years the denomination has been endeavoring through a competent Board to develop a union of forces among the Baptist young people, and I am glad to say that much progress has been made, but by no means such as should have been made and would have been made had just one-half of the pastors of all our churches accepted the union as a part of their church work. What is to become of the million or more of Baptist young people who have been brought into the churches through evangelistic efforts? These young people are exposed to all the allurements that an unfriendly world can place before them, and most of them will be attracted by the false pleasures which such a world offers. To save our young people from the pit falls of sin, the church must not only provide healthful and invigorating religious pleasures, but the social pleasures must be looked after as well. The B. Y. P. U. affords the opportunity for this, and the thoughtful pastor will not be slow in its adoption.

To sustain the national organization and keep a competent and active Board at work, it will be necessary for all the local organizations to co-operate with the National Board by getting their literature from and sending contributions to the National Board. The field for the B. Y. P. U. Board is a broad one, but cannot be covered without the aid of the leaders in every section of the country.

National Baptist Benefit Board.

There has not been given to the National Baptist Benefit Board the consideration that is due it. Nothing should appeal more strongly to the hearts of the people than the fact that this Board is making an effort to provide a fund to aid the old worn out Baptist ministers to render their closing days on earth happy and above real want.

I am advised by the Secretary of that Board that he has sent out several appeals asking for help for the aged and inactive ministers, and that very few of the pastors of churches have even done him the

courtesy to reply. We hope that the churches will take hold of the feature of the work and help make it a success. The insurance feature of this department is in a healthy condition, and while there have been several deaths during the year, I am told that the claims have been satisfactorily met. It seems that this Board has solved a problem which has greatly disturbed a large number of the church members who are averse to secret societies, but who are anxious to carry a small life policy in some safe company. The inducement which the National Baptist Benefit Association offers is very liberal indeed, and should of itself attract to it many thousands each year.

National Baptist Union.

The National Baptist Union is the official organ of the Convention and should not be dependent upon any one of the Boards for its existence, but rather upon the Convention itself. But this cannot be until the Convention has sufficient funds at its command aside from that sent to the several Boards to establish and maintain a plant for the publication of the paper.

The attention of the Convention is specially directed to this matter, with the hope that something may be done which will guarantee the permanence of the paper. As matters now stand it might suspend at the option of the manager, as he is only taking care of the Union for the benefit of the denomination, and that, too, without any compensation.

The Women's Auxiliary Convention.

The Women's Auxiliary Convention has, as you perhaps know, begun the establishment of an Industrial Training School for women here at the Capital, and I am glad to say that it has been fortunate in securing a beautiful site of six acres of land within the corporate limits of the District at the very small cost of \$6,000. From information gained through the Corresponding Secretary, the work in that department is in a healthy condition and promises great results in the near future.

Some opposition has developed among the brethren to the movement to establish a training school for the women of our race, but in my opinion we should encourage the enterprise, and, at the same time, seek to regulate its management, so that the foreign mission and other features of our work will not suffer as a consequence of this new venture. If the women of our denomination should devote all their time and means to this one enterprise all the others will be greatly hindered, and especially the Foreign Mission work, which has depended in a large measure upon the women's missionary organization in the several churches for support.

In Memoriam.

It becomes our sad duty at nearly every annual meeting to record the death of some prominent members of our Convention. Among the

prominent characters who have been conspicuous in our meetings, and who have been called from labor to reward during the year are Prof. Gregory W. Hayes, of Virginia; Rev. J. J. Blackshear, of Ohio; Rev. S. E. Smith, D. D., of Kentucky; Prof. W. L. Cansler, of Tennessee, and Rev. J. W. Carr, of Georgia. My hand is made to tremble as I attempt to pen a few words in honor of the memory of these great men.

Prof. Gregory W. Hayes was one of the most unique characters our race has produced; so much has been written and said about his great worth to the race and denomination that it would be only a repetition to speak of it here, and yet the very fact that he was a member of and strong supporter of the principles and policies of the National Baptist Convention makes it necessary that we make mention of him in this address. He had dedicated his life to the upbuilding of the Virginia Seminary, and had by his indomitable will and untiring efforts made it one of the best schools of the South; but aside from his work at the Seminary he never lost an opportunity to say a good word for the National Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. J. Blackshear was among the best of the present-day ministers. His tragic death sent a thrill of horror throughout the country. He had just gone to Columbus, O., to enter the pastorate to which he had been called. He was loved and honored by all who knew him and was a staunch friend and supporter of the National Baptist Convention.

Dr. S. E. Smith was a giant in the Master's cause. It seems but yesterday when he was with us taking an active part in the deliberations of this great Convention. He served with much credit on the Finance Committee at our last meeting, and was always ready to serve in any capacity that his brethren placed him.

Prof. W. L. Cansler, who was one of the most prominent laymen in our ranks, was the honored and efficient Secretary of this Convention, and while his health had been broken for more than a year, it was hoped that he would be spared many more years to do service for the denomination which he loved and honored above his own private business; but he, with the others mentioned, has gone to join the ranks of the just on the other side of the river, where, amid the inspiring scenes of that bright world, the toils of life are forgotten.

Rev. J. W. Carr was a strong personality and had made an extensive reputation as an evangelist before entering permanently into the pastorate. He was a lover of the National Baptist Convention and a strong supporter of the several Boards. He, like the other great men mentioned above, will be greatly missed in our annual meetings.

We can but say in the words of another—

"Servants of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ.
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

The address was scholarly, eloquently delivered, and was well received by the great Convention. At its conclusion, by motion of Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., of Kentucky, the rules were suspended and Rev. E. C. Morris was re-elected President.

By motion, the President's address was referred to a committee of five.

The Secretary read a telegram from Dr. R. H. Boyd and his party from Tennessee, in which he stated that their train was five hours late.

Some questions were asked as to the adoption of the program, objections being made to election of officers on the last day of the Convention when the majority of the delegates will be away. President Morris ruled that the rules could be suspended when the Convention saw fit for the purpose of an election. Upon this ruling, by motion of Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, the rules were suspended and Prof. R. B. Hudson, of Alabama, was elected Recording Secretary.

President Morris stated that he felt that the work of the Convention was so great that more than one assistant was needed, and that he would recommend the election of three assistants.

By motion, the Chair was given the power to appoint the assistant secretaries until the amendment be passed by the Convention.

President Morris appointed the following as assistant secretaries: Rev. T. O. Fuller, Tennessee; J. H. A. Cyrus, Virginia; C. T. Stamps, Mississippi, and E. H. McDonald, Rhode Island.

By motion, the rules were suspended and Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., Alabama, was re-elected Treasurer.

By motion, the rules were suspended and Rev. R. Mitchell, D. D., Kentucky, was re-elected Auditor.

Rev. T. W. Wright, Arkansas, was introduced and addressed the Convention on "The Needs of the Benefit Association." At the close of his address Rev. A. A. Cooley, Corresponding Secretary of the National Baptist Benefit Association, submitted his fourth annual report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

We are grateful to the Lord our God, who has kept and guided us for the past twelve months, for having greatly blessed the work committed to our hands. It gives the children of God no little comfort to know that their Heavenly Father is mindful of their condition, and that He "shall supply all you need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." As Christians, our presence in the world should mean much for good, and the only way to make it so is for Christian people to get busy, and keep busy, at something useful and uplifting. It is the duty of the man who has been helped to help some one else. It is the duty of every believer to labor to win others to Christ. Jesus saves no man to sit down, hold his hands and be at ease in Zion. When Christ had called the unclean spirit out of the man who had his dwelling among the tombs, and had clothed him in his right mind, Christ did not tell the man to go off and rest, or have nothing to do; but the Son of God, in keeping with all of His teach-

ings, plainly said to this man: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

We come now to offer this, the Fourth Annual Report of the National Baptist Benefit Association. It was the aim of the Association at first to attempt to help or assist aged and decrepit ministers, but when the board had been organized, and got down to business, the members of the board took a broader view of the work, and thus framed the Constitution so as to operate an insurance department, as well as assist our worn-out preachers. So we have an Insurance Department, which was unanimously approved by the National Baptist Convention, and an Aged and Decrepit Ministers' Department. In both departments the work has grown rapidly, and continues to meet with favor and success. It will be remembered that the board had no capital to start on, saving faith in the denomination and the justice of its cause. But we rejoice to think of the multitudes of fathers we have aided and the many widows and orphans that have been helped by or through our Insurance Department.

The Insurance Feature.

Life insurance companies were first gotten up mainly to help persons to provide for their families and loved ones after they are gone "to the Great Beyond." They have done good from the very beginning, for there are thousands whose circumstances have been made good by them, and who otherwise would have been steeped in poverty. It is no crime to carry insurance. Insurance companies, to some extent, help to carry out the sentiment of the Apostle James, who said: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction." Not every man will succeed well enough in business to leave his family a fortune after his death, and yet it is right for every man to look out for the "fatherless and widows," for "He that providest not for his own, and especially for those of his own household, is worse than an infidel." Many a good woman has been subjected to the insults of the evil ones of this world, and sometimes has given up, because her husband failed to provide for her through some life insurance company. Many a boy and girl has grown up in ignorance, and have been lost to society, and maybe to Heaven, because their parents neglected them along the lines of insurance. God only knows how widows and orphans have struggled to do right. Let every Baptist see to it that his family be left a little something, at least. The National Baptist Benefit Association will give you a policy for \$2.50. The members only pay \$1.00 the first of January, April, July and October to keep up their policies. It may be seen at a glance that this department is not an expensive one, and that it is in easy reach of every member of the denomination.

Plan for Indigent Ministers.

Your board would place special stress upon the cause of the Aged and Decrepit Ministers among us. The pioneers who toiled through the week and preached on Saturdays and Sundays, should not be forgotten by those of us who have entered into their labors. They often preached and toiled that they might preach. It might have been a mistaken idea of humility and service that led them to get little or nothing for their labors; but still conscientiously they did it; and God bless them in giving the Negro Baptists their strength and standing above all other Negro Christians. These old men put fields into shape for development, and now they are enfeebled by age and without sufficient competency—shall they be allowed to go unhelped?

And, again, should we as Christians and as Baptists be unmindful of those whose labors have made possible our present attainment? These pioneers are no longer able to stand in the pulpit and proclaim the message they love so well. Their message now is in the life back of them, and in their undimmed faith that waits for the appearing of the Son of God. But while they wait for His coming, shall we not minister unto their necessities? Let us keep in mind that our Captain has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." And further, brethren, let us ask, have you forgotten that some old preacher led your father and mother to the Savior? Many of the old preachers did more hard work to establish the church that you now enjoy than you can appreciate until you become an old man and learn how to read history by the uncreated light of Heavenly wisdom. You have met the old preacher after he has been dismissed. You saw that tears were in his way. He felt the chill of eventide. He had visions of listening congregations. Blessed memories thrilled his soul like the songs that awakened the slumbering shepherds. Very likely he said to you: "I forgot to make money. My money went with my prayers and my work into the service of the Lord Jesus. My one business was to serve the churches of Christ. I did not take time to think that I was growing old until my churches told me that some of the young people wanted a younger pastor. My wife says that if she had known forty years ago what she knows now, we would not be in poverty. Her gentle spirit is breaking fast." You may blame him for not thinking about making money, but our conviction is that the Lord wants to have a few people, on earth, who do not think about getting money, but put their whole life into the salvation of souls and the building up of the churches.

Encouragement for the Race.

The condition of our race, in this country, and the indignities heaped upon us, without almost any hope of a way of redress, still demand the thoughtful, sober attention of the truest and best leaders among us. But we rejoice in being able to say that notwithstanding the besetments thrown in our way, we are still making progress and winning friends, and have made up our minds to continue to hold up our heads and "go forward," with Jesus Christ as our captain, who says to every one who would do service under His banner, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Indeed, our progress has been phenomenal. A little more than forty years ago we embarked from slavery, without homes, churches, schools, and practically without anything to give us standing among men. But, thank God to-day that we have everything that shows progress, in common with other people. If I were called upon to advise the race at this time, when it seems that it is popular for office-seekers to abuse us, and win their battles by holding us or pointing out our defects or shortcomings, and never say a word about our worth, I would say, in substance, this: "Go forward in everything materially that tends to build or lift up, and take no backward steps in anything that is right or good; and let our motto be in keeping with the sentiment of the words of Peter, when he wrote, 'But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.'"

Recommendations.

In a vast and growing department like the National Baptist Benefit Association, it will be found necessary, from time to time, to recommend

and inaugurate some changes. If we would develop with the age in which we live, if your board would succeed as the managers hope for, it must be ready and willing to present new features as the present-day business conditions present themselves. All things in this world have their seasons and changes. There are none eternal, but those things that come from above. The Apostle Paul was correct when he wrote that "The fashion of this world passeth away." The markets of the world are constantly changing. They are first "up" and then "down." It is the aim of the National Baptist Benefit Association to help all of the members of our churches, who will comply with its rules or privileges, on becoming members, and in keeping up their membership. Therefore, your board recommends that Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution be so amended as to provide for three classes of membership, as follows: Class A—any person between the ages of 12 and 45 years old, who is otherwise eligible to membership in this association, and who may hereafter become a member, shall be entitled to a policy of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); Class B—any person between the ages of 45 and 55 years old shall be entitled to a policy of One Hundred Dollars (\$100); and, Class C—any person between the ages of 55 and 70 years old shall be entitled to a policy of Fifty Dollars (\$50). Your board further recommends that Section 3 of Article IV be so amended that the payment of claims shall be paid in ninety (90) days after proof of death of the member has been established at the Executive Board's headquarters.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount on hand at last report (1906)	\$ 614 75
Membership fees	500 00
Quarterly dues	2,700 00
Collections or donations	280 00

\$4,096 75

Disbursements.

Office rent	60 00
Printing	178 00
Drayage	9 00
Traveling expenses	310 00
Express	6 30
Interest and exchange	30 00
Postage	138 00
Refunded to applicants	27 50
Agents	350 00
Death claims	1,400 00
Salaries	550 00
Incidentals	10 00
Indigent ministers	120 00

\$3,244 80

Liabilities.

Due board members	\$ 00 00
Due on traveling expenses	50 00
Due on salaries	100 00
Due, borrowed money	360 00

\$550 00

Balance exceeding liabilities	301 95
Stock on hand, books, sales, fixtures, etc.	250 00

Approved by the Board of Managers at Helena, Ark. September 3, 1907.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, Ex-Officio.
 REV. C. B. BROWN, President.
 REV. D. S. SHADD, Vice President.
 REV. G. W. LOWE, Recording Secretary.
 REV. A. A. COSEY, Corresponding Secretary.
 REV. M. PROFFITT, Treasurer.
 DON. J. F. JONES, Attorney.
 ED. T. GARDNER.
 J. H. CARR.

The report was discussed by Rev. E. B. Topp, Mississippi.

Rev. A. N. McEwen, D. D., Alabama, read proposed amendments to the Constitution. Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Alabama, read the amendments proposed by Dr. S. T. Clanton at the Memphis session of 1906. Rev. D. D. Crawford read proposed amendments to the Constitution. Dr. P. S. L. Hutchins, of Alabama, also offered amendments to the Constitution.

By motion, the proposed amendments were referred to a special committee to be named by the President, who shall consider same and report to the Convention.

Prof. J. T. Turner, of Tennessee, was appointed postmaster of the Convention.

A collection of \$4.76 was taken for the National Benefit Association.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, having arrived, asked permission to explain the cause of his tardiness.

Remarks were made by Dr. C. O. Boothe, of Indian Territory.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was said by Dr. C. O. Boothe.

Night Session.

The Convention re-assembled at 8 o'clock with President Morris presiding.

The song service was conducted by Rev. N. H. Pius, D. D., of Indiana.

Rev. C. P. Hunter, Mississippi, and Rev. J. B. Bell, Arizona, conducted the devotional services. The 90th Psalm was read as a Scripture lesson.

Prayer, Rev. C. P. Hunter.

President Morris introduced Rev. B. Tyrrell, D. D., of Virginia, to preach the Conventional sermon. After a few introductory remarks Rev. Tyrrell took as his text, Isaiah 21:11, "The burden of Babylon. He calleth to me out of Seir, 'Watchman, what of the night,' etc.

His theme was "The Day of Opportunity for the Baptists." The sermon was a learned production and was delivered in such a way as to carry conviction with it.

Prayer by Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia.

Music—Solo, Mrs. Mills, of Washington.

The Secretary announced the following committee to consider

amendments offered to the Constitution: A. N. McEwen, D. D., Alabama; Hurvey Johnson, D. D., Maryland; A. D. Chandler, D. D., New York; R. T. Sims, D. D., Mississippi; W. R. Forbes, D. D., Georgia.

Doxology was sung.

Benediction, Rev. B. Tyrrell, D. D.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock with Vice President W. G. Johnson, Georgia, presiding.

Prior to the opening of the Convention, Dr. C. O. Bdothe, of Indian Territory, had conducted an early morning prayer and praise service.

The song service was conducted by Rev. N. H. Pius, Indiana.

Rev. L. P. Pinckney, Georgia, conducted the devotional service, using the 23d Psalm as the Scripture lesson. After prayer by Rev. R. T. Shear, Georgia, and the singing of several songs, Rev. L. P. Pinckney made the closing prayer.

The journal of the previous day was read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from St. Paul Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., which was received.

An erroneous report having appeared in the daily paper which misquoted Dr. A. T. Stewart, Arkansas, in his remarks concerning President Theodore Roosevelt, by motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12, 1907.

Whereas, The "Washington Post," a newspaper of this city has published to the world an erroneous statement, that the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was denounced in open session of this Convention; and,

Whereas, Such a statement does this great national body a great injustice; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby place ourselves on record in denying such an erroneous statement, and affirm that we have neither said nor done anything that would indicate our disapproval of any act of the President.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. STEWART, D. D.
Helena, Ark.

A telegram was read from Director General, Hon. Giles B. Jackson, of the Negro Department of the Jamestown Exposition, extending the Convention an invitation to visit the Exposition in a body. By motion, a committee of seven was appointed to consider the invitation.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was introduced and made the twenty-seventh annual report of the Board, which is as follows:

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 11, 1907.

To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Assembled

Fathers and Brethren, with grateful hearts to the God of all truth, abiding faith in Jesus our Lord, and a consciousness of our great need of the Holy Spirit to guide into all truth, we bring to you this our Twenty-seventh Annual Report. We regard the year just closed the most remarkable in the history of our work—indeed the history of all Christian work.

The widespread information of conditions where Christ is not known and loved, given through the missionary literature, the Students Volunteer Movement, the organization of laymen, the continued increase of men and means as shown from reports of all boards doing work in all parts of "God's footstool" tell of a mighty awakening indeed the fight for taking this world for Jesus is on in real earnest.

A fine illustration is given in this story:

The World's S. S. Convention in Rome, all unconscious of its plan, developed into a great Foreign Mission Convention. So wonderful is the gathering of God's hosts for one mighty attack on the ramparts of heathendom, that we may join the Forward Movement in saying, "The World for Christ in this Generation."

"During one of the great battles of the Civil War, a recruit, who had lost his company in the strife, approached General Sheridan and timidly asked, 'Where must I step in?' 'Step in!' thundered Sheridan, in a voice that frightened the already terrified soldier. 'Step in anywhere; there's fighting all along the line.'"

From this stirring incident, Mrs. Breck wrote the following:

"Would you be a soldier? There is room for young and old;
Will you volunteer for service, ever true and bold?
We shall win a triumph greater than has yet been told,
Then step in anywhere."

"Would you be a soldier in a cause that cannot fail,
Facing every hardship with a faith that will not quail,
Knowing for 'tis promised, that the faithful shall prevail?
Then step in anywhere."

"Step in anywhere, step in anywhere,
There's fighting all along the line.

For soldiers brave and true, there is fighting now to do,
Then step in anywhere."

On the 15th of May, 1688 the manipulator of all the heavens decreed to make known to Johann Kipler the "Harmonica Laws." This reward for twenty years' faithful research, so gladdened the heart of the man who had learned the wonderful secrets which had been closed to the world for thousands of years, that in his outburst of joy, he exclaimed, "O, Almighty God, I thank thy thoughts after thee!"

When we remember the struggles of black men like Geo. Lisle, Moses Baker, and Geo. Stevens, in the 17th Century to secure their freedom that they might go and preach the Gospel, and ten years before, Wm. Carey, of England, left his shoemaker's bench, they, these freedmen, had in some mysterious way found their way to the West

Indies and West Africa with the story of the Gospel, may we not feel that the fathers builded wiser than they knew, and to-day, we are the recipients of blessings, the whole world better and the Baptist richer in history, because of their labor of love and service? Louis Carey, too, purchased his freedom and forged his way up from the tobacco fields of Virginia, attaining a place among the great missionary heroes of the Nineteenth Century. Surely that religion which would actuate men with sore backs and crushed spirits to so love and trust God, they would forget their own sorrows and sufferings in an effort to help their less fortunate brethren, might easily say with Kipler, "O, Almighty God, I think Thy thoughts after Thee!"

Our fathers from Africa reached Jamestown 1619, twelve years later than the first English settlers, whose three hundredth anniversary is now being celebrated. They came as heathen, nineteen in number; to-day their children number more than 10,000,000; they are civilized, and millions are followers of the Christ who saves all who come to Him by faith.

Africa, the home of our ancestors, is still the Land of Darkness, and by every tie, human and divine, we owe her the "light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."—Jno. 1:9. Because of what God has done for us, and because of what He is still doing for us through the Gospel, we are His and we owe Him allegiance above all things else. If one knocked at the door of my breast, and would say, "Who lives here?" I would not reply, "Martin Luther," but would say, "The Lord Jesus Christ," are among the memorable words of Luther. The Apostle Paul, to illustrate the death of selfishness in his own great soul, after pronouncing himself a follower of Christ, said: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me."—Gal. 2:20. Out of self into Christ on the part of every delegate at this convention is the surest way to have the presence of the Holy Spirit and the joy from service well done.

The following letter from Sister Moore comes as a message in this convention—the children of her prayers and tears of thirty years' labor among us:

"Chicago, Ill., August 19, 1907.

"Dear National Baptist Foreign Mission Board:

My heart and prayers are with you. I have been thinking much about you for the last few months. It is the part of that great National meeting that interests me most. The young people who have now taken charge cannot feel the same interest that those feel who have stood by it since its birth, and daily given to it money, prayer and time.

Yes, I believe in daily devotion to God's cause. In giving, if but a penny, every day to missions.

I was present when this work was originated in Montgomery, Ala., in 1881, and until 1895 I attended every meeting and read a paper and brought an offering from the women and children, a self-denial offering. Since then I have usually sent a little message and given as I was able of money and daily prayer. I am thankful for the success attained; but it has not come to my expectation, and I fear God has not been able to say, "You have done what you could." Remember Luke 9:23, "And Jesus said to them all, if any man will come after me let him deny himself and take his cross and follow me." This means saying "no" to self and "yes" to God. What is meant by self? It is the self that was "crucified with Christ" when the new life of Christ was born into the soul. This self would lead me to give for the glory of God by denying my natural self of rich food, costly raiment and praise of men. Perhaps one reason why so little is done for the cause of Christ is because our leaders appeal to too low a motive. They say,

"I will put your name in the paper for what you have given," etc. This is appealing to the praise of men. It is "the love of Christ" that constrained Paul and other great workers.—II. Cor. 5:14, 15. Besides God does not promise reward for what is given from worldly motives. Jesus says, "Ye have your reward."—Matt. 6:24. God counts our offerings by what is left in the pocket; not by what we give; also by the self-denial we have made.—Mark 12:41.

Dearly beloved workers together with God, may we rise to a higher plane; may we live and give for the glory of God. I am sure a word to the wise is sufficient. You understand what I mean. In asking for help, never say, "Your name will appear on the minutes or in the papers." In this way you are training us to selfishness. I cannot be with you in person, but I will try to remember you in prayer that day. This is a day of greater needs and larger opportunities than we have ever had before, and God's people have more money than ever before. May God grant you all the power of the Holy Ghost, without which you are helpless. Acts 1:8, is the prayer of

Sister Joanna P. Moore.

THE WIDE, WIDE FIELD.

Africa.

Liberia, West Coast.

Dr. H. N. Bouey reports success in his field, but, like in other parts, there is the need of means and substantial buildings. This we hope to secure during the coming year. It is in this field, where rests the remains of Hattie H. Presley and Hence McKinney. We have the promise from the Alumni of Jackson Baptist College, Miss., for a suitable stone to mark the resting place of Brother McKinney. We shall endeavor to interest the Virginia brethren in a similar one for Hattie H. Presley. The story of J. J. Diggs and Daniel Yates, natives, as given by Dr. Bouey, are fitting illustrations of what the Gospel can do, and is doing in all parts of the heathen world. Young Diggs was brought to the station in 1886, a little, nude, heathen child. No thought of the Blessed Saviour, no idea of His Gospel to save, had ever entered this young mind. With centuries of heathenism behind him, his little mind was indeed dark. He was taken into our station and named for the new missionary. Rev. J. J. Diggs was sent out that year by this Convention from Mississippi. J. J. Diggs, the missionary, returned to America, and is now pastoring and teaching in his native state. J. J. Coles, who suggested the name in honor of the new missionary, has gone to his reward in Bessiah Land; but "J. J. Diggs," the native, is to-day "Professor J. J. Diggs," one of the brightest young men among the Vev people.

The latter Dr. Bouey sums up in the following words:

In 1886 Judge Beverly P. Yates, who was a deacon of the Baptist church at Monrovia, Liberia, took a little six-year-old boy into his home. He called the lad Daniel. After he had been with the judge about five years, he was unfortunately stolen by some native men, carried far back into the interior and sold into slavery.

Three years ago before I visited America, I went back into the interior about 150 miles. I intended to make the round trip in about ten days, but broke down and had to prolong my stay. The king sent over to another town for a man that could talk English, to wait on me, and Daniel Yates was the man. He bowed to prayer with me morning and night, and when I left he promised me solemnly that he would continue to pray to God, and meet me in heaven. During this time Daniel had become very dear to me, and our parting was a very

sad one indeed. We bade each other good-bye, each of us in tears. Daniel begged me to buy him, that he might follow me away to the beach; but I did not have \$30, the price of a slave. I have never bought a man, but I confess had I had the money in hand at that time I would have bought this man's freedom. But God's great power works, going and coming. Last week, while my boys were at the spring washing clothes, and Joseph A. Booker, Richard Boyd, and myself were digging potatoes, Daniel walked up. I knew that I had seen him, but could not locate him. He made himself known, however, by saying: "Thank God—God done make me good like you." We asked him how he had gotten away from his master, and he told us his owner finally became tired of his "God palaver," and told him to go to his God people, tell them to pay the \$30 for him and keep him among them. The old king stood for him, and sent him to me, that I might hire him and give him a chance to pay for himself. Yesterday I baptized him, and to-day (Monday) I hired him at \$1.00 per month. Thus hath God redeemed Daniel Yates, both soul and body. He commented Daniel's redemption when he located him with Deacon Yates: Yates laid the foundation, and our Foreign Mission Board gathered the harvest and built the superstructure. This young man is now 24 years old, and calls himself "the mission boy."

South African Work.

After an absence in Africa for 18 months, on July 13th Brother Murff returned to us bringing words of cheer from the work to South Africa. While all we hoped and planned for, of denominational comity and ministerial cooperation, at the World's Baptist Congress, in London has not been accomplished in South Africa, yet we have great faith in our English brethren in that part of the country. Our ministers are yet prohibited from performing the marriage ceremony. This, to us, is one of the saddest things with which we are confronted, from the fact that so much is done to encourage polygamy, and unlawful cohabitation among the natives. So much to brutalize and keep him without the gate of civilization—out of heaven itself—by many who go there from Christian England. And still these servants of God, whose skins are black, are not allowed to unite in holy matrimony their own people who wish to get up out of the dirt and mire of sin. We realize more and more the difficulties to be encountered by those who would witness for the Christ in all parts of the earth. A sadder thing, if such can be, is to remember that our brethren need only the help of our English or white brother ministers, since the government would grant them every right, if only asked to do so by their more favored brethren.

We pray the Golden Rule may yet obtain among Baptists, at least in South Africa.

We regard the following from an article entitled "The Call to All Disciples," by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D., Editor of the *Missionary Review*, as a fitting illustration of what must be encountered, and have urged our brethren to do the right and wait on God, always remembering our Lord's own words concerning His followers and Himself:

"The substance of this witness was Christ crucified, risen, exalted, and glorified, as the only Saviour; pointed prominence of being given to the Old Testament prophecies and the exact correspondence of New Testament history; and to that glorious second coming of our Lord, which is to put the capstone upon all prophecy and history. The book (Acts of the Apostles) is full of Christ, Messiah foretold, Saviour revealed.

"The resolute persistence of Christ's witnesses in face of organized opposition. The Jews led by Sanhedric rulers, the Gentiles led by such as the Ephesian Demetrius, drive disciples to face, if not to fight, that worst of all wild beasts—the mob. Persecution bares her red right arm and whets her cruel sword, warning disciples what prices they pay for free speech. But they cannot but speak the things which they have seen and heard. And so this story of the Acts becomes the first book of Christ's martyrs. Stephen's angel smile shines amid a hail of stones. James' head drops under the ax of Herod Agrippa. Peter, kept for a like fate by the same despot, is loosed from prison, at the beck of One before whom even iron fetters fall and iron gates open of their own accord. Yet neither can bribe nor force stop the mouth of Christ's witnesses."

We rejoice in the Lord over what has been accomplished at Cape Town. This is a city of 140,000 people of nearly every nation under heaven, and is the gateway to all South Africa. What New York is to the United States, Cape Town is to quite one-half of Africa. Here the commerce of more than one hundred million people reaches that vast continent. Ships from every civilized nation rest on the bosom of Table Bay, the harbor at Cape Town.

Natives from the very heart of Africa, hundreds of miles away, came by the thousands to this part of the country in search of work. Here they may be reached with the Gospel and go back to the millions of their brethren with the message of salvation.

When our first missionary, Rev. R. A. Jackson, landed in that city in 1834, as a lone "John the Baptist," he found Brother J. I. Buchanan with a band of Christians but no organized Baptist church. To-day more than 6,000 Baptists are found in Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. In 1895, Mrs. Mary Chaswell gave the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board a lot on which to build a Baptist church in this metropolis, the most enlightened colony of all Africa.

The scarcity of lumber makes it necessary that we build of stone at a cost of more than \$6,000.

In December, 1905, Rev. D. E. Murff sailed to take charge of our work in South Africa. Under God he has succeeded in putting in the foundation, costing quite \$650, all of which has been paid.

On Saturday, July 13, 1907, Rev. Murff returned to the States, that he might in person lay before your Board and the National Baptist Convention the condition of our work there, and to show wherein the whole South African work, and, indeed, work in all Africa, for the next hundred years, depends largely upon the finishing of the church and school-house at Cape Town.

Your Board was very much impressed with the report presented to it by Rev. Murff. His appeal for \$7,000 was very reasonable and we believe ought to be acceded to. We immediately issued an appeal to 100 churches for \$70 each, asking that this be paid in seven monthly installments; and we hope before this meeting adjourns to report every cent of this money pledged from reputable churches and pastors, from whom it can be collected when due.

So far we are able to report: Rev. J. Milton Waldon, D. D., pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., \$200; Fifth Street Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D., M. D., pastor, \$150; Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., pastor, \$100, and Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., person?, \$10.

British East Central.

The report from British East Central Africa will be contained in that submitted by Brother L. N. Cheek, but permit us to say that so (4)

year has been more fruitful of substantial, lasting work in British Central East Africa than the year just closed. The Board wishes to make special mention of the work of Ebenezer Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. Brown, pastor, for help in sustaining Brother Gillembwe.

WEST INDIES. Barbados.

Rev. T. E. Smith, from the West Indies, was with you at the Memphis meeting. God has enabled us, through the kindness of Mrs. Fanny Berry, of the Ninth Street Baptist Church, and a committee of ladies of the Fifth Street Baptist Church, both of Louisville, Kentucky, and some promiscuous gifts, to put in the foundation of the Salem Baptist Church, Bridgetown. The corner stone was laid July 17th. Arrangements have been made for the lumber to complete the church at St. John's, under the pastorate of Brother Phillips. It will take quite one thousand dollars to put these churches in proper shape, and then it is hoped that a great and lasting work will be accomplished, and the people of the island contributing the larger part of the support of those who preach to them.

Hayti.

Rev. L. Tom Evans is now in Europe in the interest of Mission work in Hayti. With the aid of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York he hopes to do special work in the island. Your Board extends its thanks to Brother Evans for his untiring efforts on behalf of Hayti, and to the Welsh Baptist friends who have sent to us, through the Missionary Society of London, \$150 for the work. One thousand five hundred dollars spent for church buildings would greatly aid our little Baptist Zion in that priest-ridden isle. The report on "Baptist Work in Hayti," by Dr. Blair, Corresponding Secretary of the New England Convention, will well pay a careful reading.

Revs Lucius Hypolite, M. A., and Nosirol I. Harrison are enrolled among the missionaries of your Board. The \$500 pledged by the New England Baptist Convention for their work will doubtless be reported at this meeting, and will be sent forward. We are hoping for a revival of interest among English Baptists in behalf of the Islands of the Caribbean Sea. The sad story of Martinique's destruction from the overflowing cup of sin taught her by the seafaring and Christless rich that go to the Islands to debauch and damn the native, should make all Christians interested in having these people know Christ as the only Saviour of mankind.

South America.

In British Guiana, Brother Richardson is still struggling to complete the Nazareth Baptist Church. Your Board hopes, at the close of this meeting, to send him \$300, which will largely clear up the debts and finish the building. Rev. Dr. Prowd, Superintendent of the work in South America, and pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church at Georgetown, did not get his report to us in time to appear in this report. In Dutch Guiana Brother C. P. Rier finds larger possibilities, and needs more substantial help than he has been getting. Your Board has been unable to put him on a regular salary. We hope, however, to make better arrangements for helping him in the coming year. These people need the Gospel and must perish without it.

Lagos, West Africa, July 4, 1907.

Dear Foreign Mission Board:

I have been unable to write for the "Herald" for a long time, owing to domestic trials and family bereavements. The latest being the

release of my eldest daughter from the burden of the flesh on Sunday, April 28, last, after an illness of seven months. The fumes of sorrow have fallen thick and fast around Mrs. Agbebi and myself of late, and we have been really through the deep waters of distress. But God our Father knows best what is good for us.

"Thou knowest, Lord, the weariness and sorrows
Of the sad heart that comes to thee for rest;
Cares of to-day and burdens for to-morrow,
Blessings implied, and sins to be confessed.
Thou knowest all the present, each temptation,
Each toilsome duty, each foreboding fear;
All to myself assigned of tribulation,
Or to beloved ones than self more dear.
All pensive memories, as I journey on,
Longings for vanished smiles and voices gone,
Thou knowest all the future gleams of sadness
By stormy clouds too quickly overcast;
Hours of sweet fellowship and parting sadness,
And the dark river to be crossed at last.
O, what could confidence and hope afford
To tread that path, but this, Thou knowest, Lord."

But amid the sorrows and sadness and in the throng of trials and distresses we are keeping on the saddle and bearing aloft unswayed the Banner of Prince Emmanuel, the Captain of the Hosts of God.

I have yet to report to the "Herald" that the beautiful-toned bell presented to me by the advice of Dr. L. Q. Jordan, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was placed in position in a belfry, or steeple, erected for it by public subscription on the last Easter Day. Public interest having been aroused in regard to it, the "mouthing" of the bell was made a function, and people of other churches and denominations rang bells on it on the day it was "mounted," and the day following being Easter Day, its beautiful and silvery tones were the first to awaken saints and sinners to do homage to the Risen Lord. The meeting of that day was rich with blessings. Men and women who have abandoned church going, and others who have never entered a house of worship, crowded into the chapel, attracted by the voice of the National Baptist Bell. My present chapel is situated on what is known as "The loveliest spot in Lagos." It is at this spot and as the cynosure of all eyes that the National Baptist Bell invites people of all nations to the worship of the Great God at sunrise every day, for we regularly hold sunrise devotion daily. Besides using it for meetings and Sunday worship, we are using it also for school; though we would prefer to have a school bell for school purposes.

During the year sixty baptisms took place at Lagos and seventy at the Camerons. Mrs. Agbebi's school rose from fifteen to sixty. It received a complimentary visit from His Majesty's Inspector of Schools during Christmas-tide. Two of our Evangelists returned to report successful up-country work. Five of them are being trained by me at Lagos for extended up-country work. They look to me for food and clothing during their stay. At Lagos I hold four services every Sunday: one in the early morning for Yorubas; one at noon for Kroos; one in the afternoon for Shekiris; and one in the evening for Yorubas, while the Sunday-school is jammed between and manned by the young people of the church. In a few weeks I am due on a visit to Aijfers, a rising town on the Eastern Lagoon, where one of my Evangelists has broken the ground and sowed fruitful seed. A number of people are awaiting baptism. With regard to those of our people who have

accepted Christ—we have nothing to say, but that they are poor and cannot give us the needed support, and we have been largely indebted to the generosity of men and women whom the Lord chose to send to give us help. There is much work, and oftentimes we grow faint under the burden of self-sacrifice and self-denial. Among those who, during the year, have given us much encouragement is the Men's Sunday Club, Yonkers, New York. They sent me an encouraging and complimentary letter and some money, \$113.40, which aided us over some pressing difficulties. May God bless all of them, and keep them as the apple of His eye.

You will find enclosed (1) photo of my chapel, showing the belfry with the bell in it, and the bellringer on the pavement of the belfry. Also (2) a photo of my deacon, the oldest church officer of this description in Yorubaland. He is now invalided from old age, being 86 years old. I send also (3) photos of the baptism at the Cameroons, showing the candidates "on the margin of the river."

I have been honored this year with two invitations to visit England, one from the Council of the Evangelical Alliance, London, the other from the Executive Committee of the League of Universal Brotherhood. The purpose of the first was in order to take part in their International Diamond Jubilee celebration, the purpose of the second was to take part in a Native Race's Conference, to be held in London next year.

Among our visitors during the year was Rev. T. Moody, white, of the American Baptist Missionary Union, Boston. He was passing from the Congo home to America, and took the opportunity to tour Northern and Southern Nigeria. He held a short conference at my residence, at which were present all the foremost Native Baptist Ministers in these parts, recommending a strong and comprehensive Baptist Union, for the purpose of aggressive work and in view of the English Episcopalists, who have been instituting a West African Synod. Mr. Moody visited Mrs. Agbehi's school and spoke with the children, and took notice of our belfry and bell, in which he said he was very pious.

During the year I also received a significant letter from Mrs. Sharp, who is earnestly working for the realization of a Girls' School at Cape Mount Monrovia, and I have expressed our readiness to cooperate with her in her work of faith and labor of love, though I pointed out, however, that the difficulty for our girls to proceed to Cape Mount will be in the cost of transportation.

As a literary venture to procure some money for our needs, I published the Southern Nigeria Almanac, during the year, but it has been rather a loss. I have been advised to make another effort, this time avoiding the causes of loss in the past. I am praying for this. Our people, though willing, are, as a whole, poor. So we have in a great measure to meet our own needs the best way we can. Our greatest need is proper food and clothing. Yet, we remember the Saviour said, "Unto the poor, the Gospel is preached."

I have two grounds for special thankfulness to God for His grace during the year: (1) For the saintly homegoing of my eldest daughter, for her gentleness, devotion to duty, meekness and fortitude while in the body, and for the widespread regret and sympathy expressed by all sections of the community, far and near, in her loss. (2) For the opportunity given me to bear further witness to God's grace in a memorial service held for the late Rev. S. M. Cook (white), Missionary to Africa from Burgin, Mercer County, Kentucky, on which occasion I was able to bring together ministers of different denominations. Rev. S. M. Cook came out originally as a Missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and ultimately on his own responsibility. His fellowship with us had been of the most encouraging character,

and he was the donor of the most durable seats at present in my chapel. He died June 11 on his last arrival, being the seventh missionary tour he made to this country.

Russia.

MAJOLA AGBEHI.

The dispatches daily tell us of awful sin and crime in Russia. This great nation, like others, needs the Gospel. At the suggestion of Baron Utkell, and by vote of the Executive Committee of this Convention, your Board undertook work in that part of the world, contributing \$100 per year for the same. Rev. Frederick Brauer, a native, has charge of a station known as the National Baptist Mission at Nicolai-ef.

Every indication points to the faithful preaching of the Gospel at all our stations during the year. It will be seen that our missionaries have baptized many happy believers, and have some kind of building in every part of the country where we are maintaining work.

A School of Methods.

Your Board inaugurated a Missionary Institute, or Conference, in February, which we hope to hold annually. This was for the purpose of bringing into closer touch with the needs of the foreign field the workers on the home field. More and more we are convinced that the lack of interest in world-wide missions is the lack of knowledge which a one can inspire love and confidence. At this conference more than three hundred dollars was pledged to supply medicine chests for our mission stations, and we are praying for necessary means for the better protection of the health and lives of those who go from us to labor among strangers in the foreign lands.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF PLANS.

The word "collection" occurs but few times in the Bible, and with reference to money but once, while the word "offering" occurs over two hundred times, referring to fourteen kinds of offering. Let us not "collect" for God, but bring our "offerings" with thankful hearts and lay them on His altar for His service at home and in heathen lands.

Your Board has striven to have all churches in sympathy with the National Baptist Convention unite in what we have designated our Systematic Givers' Association, promising at least an after-offering weekly, to be reported to the Foreign Missions Rooms monthly. Quite three hundred pastors signed this pledge, but less than fifty report regularly, hence we are forced to drag on with spasmodic giving for the most important work of the churches. Jesus Christ bids us go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. No matter the kind or character of work we may undertake as a denomination, nothing will excuse us from this all-important duty.

The whole plan for evangelizing this world is summed up in seven words: "The Spirit filled Man with the Word." The oral preaching of the Gospel from the word of God. No number of shiploads of Bibles dumped in Africa or among other heathen and pagan people, will be obeying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

The building of churches with spires kissing the clouds, the founding of institutions from whose walls will go men, who may rival Solomon for learning, Demosthenes for eloquence, Carnegie for liberality, will not atone for our neglecting, "preach the Gospel to every creature," as commanded by our Saviour. In Christian lands where the Gospel is faithfully preached, believed and obeyed, schools, hospi-

tole, asylums and orphanages will be established and maintained. They are necessary for the continued enlightenment of the people, the protection for the helpless and unfortunate; hence our Lord said, "these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."—Matt. 23:23.

We must lift up our eyes, view the wide, whitening fields, call upon the Lord to send laborers for the gathering of the wasting harvest. Then, when in answer to that prayer, the needed workers are thrust forth by the Lord of the harvest, the churches must furnish means to maintain them on the fields. This is no begging scheme, as many think and teach, but "this Gospel shall be preached," said Jesus; woe to that man or set of men who attempt to hinder it.

Nothing worthy of a name can be done without a plan. Taking a little offering now and then is no way to support a great work, involving the salvation of millions of precious souls, the joy of service and the reputation for truth and honesty of the two-and-a-half million Negro Baptists. We give the following plans, with the hope that one or more may be adopted and used by all our churches. Your Board has been pained to find in a number of cases its suggested plans have been adopted by churches in portions of the country; when they were succeeding well, the spirit of covetousness took hold of the pastors, and the money raised for Foreign Missions was diverted from its intended channel. In this way, money raised for Foreign Missions has been used for Old Folks' Home, Rescue Work Among Fallen Women, and other things that legitimately belong to the churches, but should be helped in an honest way. The great promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," made by our Lord to all who would obey the great Commission, should actuate our brethren and sisters to deal fairly with him. "God is not mocked," we can't fool Him.

The sin of covetousness is the crowning sin given by Paul in Eph. 5:3, and 1 Cor. 3:2-6. No sin will impoverish the individual soul, bedevil the vision of a whole church; yea, grieve heaven, more than the sin of begrudging to our workers in Africa what the Holy Spirit, in keeping with the great promise following obedience to the Great Commission, prompts God's children to give.

Our April Rally.

For eleven years your Board has prepared a program to be carried out, on what is commonly known as Easter Sunday. We have not encouraged the idea of Easter, but simply utilized that Sunday for the Lord's work in foreign fields. Many of our brothers have regarded it a Godsend.

There has been a vast deal of seed-sowing by the scattering of wholesome information on the subject of missions as being conducted by your Convention. We plead with the pastors who believe in the work of the National Convention, and especially the work of world-wide salvation, to join us in our rally during April. The collection from this rally has amounted to from a postage stamp to \$102.00 from a school in Mississippi. This interest will grow as the years go by, and from this source alone, if properly cultivated, encouraged, and carried out, ten years hence, the denomination will be receiving \$50,000 yearly for our Lord's work beyond the seas.

Children's Department.

Your Board realizes the need of a trained membership in our Baptist churches, and that this training should begin with the babe in the home and the child in the Sunday-school.

Many of our great missionary heroes received the impression that sent them forth from the story of service and sacrifice told for read to them in early childhood.

To aid parent and teacher in obeying the command, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," we have selected Miss E. B. Delany, who has had special training for this work. With experience as a missionary on the home field, where she has had to work among children, and her service in foreign fields, we believe Miss Delany competent to take charge of this department, in addition to her other work under the Board.

Progressive leaders in Sunday-school and Mission work are urging that such teachings have a definite place in our schools. Only a few of our boys and girls, proportionately, are touched by Bands in Junior Societies, but all are accessible in the Sunday-school. In Missions they will find that the work that "Jesus began to do" in the Bible story is still going on. If you link God's heroes of to-day with Bible heroes, a new life comes to Bible study. When the Sunday-school pupils know how Jesus is calling the multitude to-day they, too, may seek to become "fishers of men."

A monthly Supplemental Missionary lesson of ten minutes will brighten and strengthen your teaching. Where Graded Supplemental Lessons are now used, a monthly Missionary lesson for this department could be assigned as part of this supplemental work. One International Lesson each quarter could be easily developed as a Missionary lesson. By experience we have learned that the earlier we can get the children interested in the entire work of the denomination, the greater will be their enthusiasm, the more sincere their prayers, and the more abundant their gifts.

Besides these, they are trained to make thorough study of all the different lines of Missionary work which our churches are undertaking. They learn the needs of the field, and are imbued with a realization of their individual responsibility.

It is a fact that a mother should have first place and greatest interest in the training of a child, especially in spiritual things, but the child's interest often awakens the interests of the mother, and makes it possible and probable that she will not only make a great effort to prepare herself for the great privilege of assisting the child, but the pride she feels in the child's success will often arouse her interest in the same work of the church. "A little child shall lead them." As these children become men and women of the future they will not need to be urged to join the young people's societies or the missionary societies, and to stir up their interest, their influence, time, prayers and money for the cause of missions; but with minds and hearts full of love and gratitude, they will be ready to go forward to carry on the work in God's vineyard, and to fulfill the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Miss Delany has at this meeting constituted, certificates and enrollment cards for the following: Top Roll members, taking in infants from the time they are named until they are five years old. Little Light Bearers, from five to ten years old; and the King's Messengers, from ten to eighteen years. Full instructions, as well as the first lessons for each of those departments, may be had by calling for them at the Foreign Mission stand.

Special Appeal.

The appeal of the Lot Carey Academy at Queenstown, South Africa, has found a special friend in Miss E. B. Delany. Through her the

Texas Foreign Mission Convention designed \$450 for the school. She has interested individual friends, and by personal appeal raised \$599.96 for a girl's dormitory on the Academy grounds. This whole matter of building will be intrusted to our Superintendent, Rev. D. E. Murff, on his return to Africa.

Brother Phillips writes that it will take 330 panes of glass for window lights for their church. Your Board appealed to the churches for 20 cents from 320, or as many persons, to raise the \$64.00. From this appeal we got \$5.30. We have added the remainder, and the glass will (D. V.) be dedicated Sunday at our mass meeting and sent forward.

The appeal of Dr. Hovey for a fishing seine and chest of tools is a worthy one, and should have been heeded ere this; but your Board could not attend to it till now. We praise God that these articles are ready to be set apart in prayer on Sunday also.

Our Sisters.

Our sisters of the Woman's Baptist Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention raised the money to build the Delany Home in Central Africa, and we are glad to report through their leaders the promise of an effort to raise \$2,500 to build the "Mission Home" in Cape Town.

The Board hereby extends its thanks to the good women who labor with us in the Gospel. In an organized way they contribute to the Home, B. Y. P. U., the Educational and the Foreign Mission Boards. They have given \$1,439.49 this year to Foreign Missions, which is \$52.10 more than last year. Through their efforts we are able to spend \$300 in educational work in Middle Drift, with Miss J. Somtungal, a very worthy native lady, as teacher.

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

The great work of the world's redemption cannot be maintained by any haphazard method of giving. Every Christian in every Baptist church should give prayerfully, conscientiously, systematically. We suggest a few plans applicable for the individual Christian and the churches. Try one plan stick to it for a year, and see if it does not double the amount you have ever given before.

Wage Plan.—The Wage Plan comes from South America, where the native Christians set apart the wages of one day a month for the proclamation of the Gospel. Can't you do as much? Secure a large envelope; place it where you will see it every Sunday morning, and deposit in it something, as the Lord has prospered you.—If possible, the wages of one day in a month. Once every three months send this offering to the Board of Foreign Missions. This is an individual or Wage Plan.

The Mite Box Plan.—Secure from the Foreign Mission Board (for a two-cent stamp) a mite box for the family. Every Lord's Day place the box on the breakfast table. Let the offering be taken before grace is said, and in the prayer give thanks for God's unspeakable gifts, and ask His blessings upon the missionaries. This will interest every member of the family, and be a source of missionary training in the home. This is the Mite Box, or Family Plan.

The Church or Pledge Plan.—The Pledge Plan has been found useful in many churches. Two weeks before the day on which the offering is to be taken, which should be once every quarter, let the pastor preach a sermon on Foreign Missions. At the close, ask for pledges, to be paid two weeks hence, taking the names, addresses and amounts promised. Let envelopes be handed to all members of the

congregation at the close of the service. On the day appointed, pledges and the name of the donor marked upon them, should be brought. This is the Church Plan.

Monthly Concert Plan.—The beauty of this plan is that it involves a monthly concert—the best method ever devised for interesting Christians and educating the young on the subject of Foreign Missions. This is not to be a frolic or theater in church under the guise of "Concert," but a real concert. Write us for programs. On the Sabbath preceding the Monthly Concert, get an envelope marked "Monthly Concert for Foreign Missions" in the hand of each member of the church and congregation, to be turned in at the concert. At the close of the program let the offering be given. In addition to this, once a year, on a specified Sunday, the pastor should give a rerun of all the addresses delivered at the Monthly Concerts, and take an offering. In this way those who do not attend the prayer meetings or concerts, and who have not had an opportunity to contribute will be reached. This is the Concert Plan.

A Good Plan now being used by a number of the churches is, after the opening services, and while the choir or some one else leads the song before the pastor is to preach, the deacons pass a basket or platter, and every one in the congregation is asked to give one cent or more for Foreign Missions. The money collected is turned over to the Treasurer and forwarded to the Board at the end of the quarter.

National Convention Plan.—Some years ago pastors from nearly every State in the Union were present at that meeting, and voted that "All our churches be asked to give the collection taken on every fifth Sunday for Foreign Missions. Dr. G. W. Lee is the only pastor we know of who has adopted the plan and sticks to it the year around as if his life depended upon it. Success is compelled to attend such faithfulness. In talking it over, the Doctor said: "At one time notes on our church were in a tangle; I called every officer together and we resolved to honor God and help Africa in this way. God has honored and helped us. We have kept our promise and He has kept His. We are two years ahead of our notes, and have money for our African and our home work." A brother pastoring a small church in New Orleans, La., for three years has honored God by keeping his promise, and God has honored him with a glorious and happy pastorate.

The spirit of selfishness is so rank in some of our churches, should the Lord add another day, some would find some selfish use for it.

The plans given here are suggested with a hope of interesting you in some plan of doing the Lord's work. No plan, however good, will work itself.

Have a Plan.—If none of these plans meet with your approval, as church or pastor, think out one for yourselves. But remember, every great project must have some well-laid plan, if it would succeed. Moses learned this, as he built the "Tabernacle according to the patterns shown him on the Mount."

ONLY THE CRUMBS.

Recently we mapped out the Systematic Givers' Plan—asking every church to give an after offering once a month for the support of our workers in other lands. We have sent 10,000 letters and blanks to as many pastors, but only 150 out of the 10,000 pastors have agreed to allow God to have for the work among the heathen, what they cannot get. Some of the noblest souls in our Baptist ranks have had their churches adopt this plan. A Philadelphia pastor and three in Kentucky, during the past year have found the joy growing out of faith

fulness in little things. Lazarus asked the rich man, "Give me the crumbs," and was denied. Where is the Missionary Baptist pastor whose heart is so hard he would deny the missionaries an after collection—the crumbs—once each month?

LOTT CAREY DISTRICT FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION

The agreement upon which our brethren and co-laborers in the Gospel, comprising the Lott Carey Convention, returned to us at the Chicago session, and whose return gave us so much joy, has been in the main fulfilled. Their missionaries, Rev. C. C. Boon, B. D., is at home from the Congo, and Rev. F. B. Mdoni, a native of South Africa, is also in the United States, leaving Rev. J. O. Hayes, of Liberia, alone on the field. At their Tenth Annual Session, held in Baltimore, which closed last week, they showed a clean record, with every obligation paid, bringing no debt to this Convention.

Your Board rejoices because of the oneness of thought, purpose and organization of the two and one-half million Baptists of color in the United States for the evangelization of Africa. It is possible the Lott Carey District Convention will pay the salary of the President or Principal of the Lott Carey Academy in South Africa. This will be planned at our Board meeting during this session.

THE CONGO MATTER.

As for the Congo Matter, the following letter will tell its own sad story. We call upon all who pray to importune God for the oppressed in Dark Africa.

CONGO REFORM ASSOCIATION,

Room 723 Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, Louisville, Ky.:

Dear Sir.—In reply to your inquiry of the 14th inst., regarding the present status of Congo affairs, I regret to have to say that the situation is very uncertain. A project of Belgian annexation of the Congo Free State has been submitted to the Belgian Parliament by the recently formed Ministry, and it is said that a definite vote on the project will take place in Belgium in the autumn. Even if this projection be true, little improvement is to be looked for from such annexation as would be voted. For the genuine reform party in the Belgian Parliament is not strong enough to decide the vote, and the majority will sanction a transfer which will in reality leave the Free State as completely under Leopold's management as now. There is much evidence for believing that Leopold is actually promoting this project of annexation, believing that its adoption will silence the powers, without essentially injuring his own interests. The chief hope is that Great Britain will step in to veto any such make-believe procedure. The members of your great organization should continue to urge the Secretary of State, by letters, to co-operate with Great Britain in securing a genuine reform.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DANIELS.

"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE, WE ARE IN DEATH."

Since our last meeting we have been called upon to mourn the death of Rev. J. I. Buchanan, Dr. H. C. Faulkner, Mr. Isaiah D. Negedi and Rev. S. E. Smith, D. D., a member of our Board. Brother Buchanan had spent seven years at Middelrift, South Africa. Under his high and Christ-like leadership his work extended over forty square miles. Indeed, some of the best organized work under your Board has been

done by Brother Buchanan. Year by year he had held an anniversary in June in memory of his landing in Middelrift. The following letter from his children at his station will explain how sadly they miss him:

"Buchanan Mission, Middelrift, South Africa, June 19, 1907.

"To the Foreign Mission Board, Louisville, Ky.:

"Dear Brethren—We, the officers and members of the Baptist Church here at Middelrift, do humbly beg to furnish you with this brief report of our last anniversary, held on the 8th to the 12th of June, 1907. This anniversary is held each year to commemorate the starting of the Baptist work, which was initiated at Middelrift by our late Brother Buchanan. The first evening was devoted to prayer, asking our Lord God the Almighty to help us and give us another minister in the place of the one who lately left us. During the week previous to our anniversary much time was spent in sincere supplication, asking God to be with us in the carrying out of this important work which lay before us. It seemed a great difficulty how we should carry it through successfully without a minister. The last one was under the supervision of Brother Buchanan, assisted by an able man in the person of Rev. D. E. Murff, of Cape Town. This time the work was in the hands of the officers. Brother S. D. Sonjica was appointed to occupy the chair. The services on Sunday evening were conducted by Brother F. Vockerodt. On Sunday, the 9th, at 11 a. m., Brother Gwelela preached from St. John 14:1, and at 7 p. m. of the same day Brother S. F. Sonjica chose as his text St. John 14:13, and Brother J. W. Sontunzi preached from St. John 14:4 on the 10th. The proceeds realized during this meeting were 10 pounds, 2 shillings and 9 pence. On the same day there were six candidates for baptism, who, sorry to say, were not baptized, as there was no minister.

"Sincerely yours in the Lord,

"Members Buchanan Mission."

Brother Buchanan was a faithful and tireless worker. In his death we have lost a yokefellow in the ministry, a zealous missionary and an exemplary Christian. Your Board does not see its way to send another American to take his place, hence have decided to leave the matter in charge of the Superintendent of South African Missions. We need a man from this country at that station, need him now, and ask the Convention to join us in prayer that the Lord give us a man, and that ere we meet in 1908, we may have a report from such a man from Middelrift, South Africa.

H. C. Faulkner, M. D., while laboring on the West Coast, had the moral support of your Board, and we looked forward to a great career. He had won a place in the heart of the officers to a Republic of Liberia, and was in a fair way to become a power for good in all West Africa, but alas, alas, in the very pride of his manhood, God willed it otherwise, and so he fell asleep December 13, 1906. His grief-stricken wife, the daughter of the late R. DeBaptist, D. D., a former Treasurer of this Convention, is a noble Christian woman, known and beloved by our entire Baptist Zion, was at the time of his death sojourning in this country. By the aid of our Board she returned to Africa to straighten up his affairs, and in all probability will make that her future home.

Isalah D. Negedi, a native of the Zulu tribe, came to us in search of knowledge in April, 1889. He was subsequently baptized into the fellowship of Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. He made a splendid student, and was exemplary in all his life, setting a splendid example for our young men of America for truth, honesty and uprightness of character. During his school life at Virginia Seminary and College, under the late G. W. Hayes, A. M., he made a fine record.

graduating as valedictorian of his class. To his dying day he longed to be permitted to return to Africa and do work among his brethren. Why he was denied this wish, which was shared by our entire brotherhood, we will not know this side of the river, but the God of all truth is too good to do wrong and "all is well."

The late Samuel E. Smith, D. D., of Lexington, Ky., was a member of the Foreign Mission Board since 1895 till his death in July. Wherever he pastored he had the people keep in touch with all the work of the Convention. In his death our whole denomination loses a strong man. The sympathy of our Board was extended to his family and church.

In the death of these, our comrades in the Lord, we bow in humble submission, and with hearts saddened by this dispensation, exclaim, "Thy will be done," and go forward with the work in which they died.

MONTHLY RECEIPTS FROM THE STATE.

September.—Alabama, \$107.25; Arkansas, \$107.20; California, \$1.00; Connecticut, \$3.00; District of Columbia, \$96.50; Florida, \$17.68; Franklin, J. E., \$200.00; Georgia, \$50.50; Indiana, \$10.35; Indian Territory, \$5.00; Illinois, \$36.50; Iowa, \$16.00; Kansas, \$21.63; Kentucky, \$53.70; Louisiana, \$145.35; Massachusetts, \$14.10; Michigan, \$1.00; Mississippi, \$171.30; Missouri, \$18.35; Minnesota, \$5.00; New York, \$34.55; New Jersey, \$40.00; North Carolina, \$27.50; Ohio, \$17.10; Oklahoma, \$4.00; Pennsylvania, \$180.81; Rhode Island, \$2.00; Sales at National Convention, \$54.87; States Unknown, 35c; South Carolina, \$12.95; Tennessee, \$62.10; Texas, \$40.50; Virginia, \$235.68; Washington, \$1.50; West Virginia, \$21.35.

October.—Alabama, \$58.20; Arkansas, \$42.50; Florida, \$2.50; Georgia, \$10.20; Illinois, \$6.85; Indiana, \$1.10; Indian Territory, \$15.10; Kansas, \$2.00; Kentucky, \$15.20; Louisiana, \$106.12; Michigan, \$1.00; Missouri, \$26.50; Mississippi, \$74.07; North Carolina, \$21.67; Ohio, \$19.30; Oklahoma, \$1.00; Pennsylvania, \$51.51; South Carolina, \$28.47; Tennessee, \$65.63; Texas, \$80.00; West Virginia, \$5.00.

November.—Alabama, \$66.65; Arkansas, \$66.80; Canada, 35c; California, \$3.35; Colorado, \$2.00; Connecticut, \$2.00; District of Columbia, \$47.99; Florida, \$52.83; Georgia, \$28.90; Illinois, \$18.50; Indiana, \$31.35; Indian Territory, \$9.75; Iowa, \$1.00; Kansas, \$23.65; Kentucky, \$266.11; Louisiana, \$11.15; Massachusetts, \$1.00; Maryland, \$61.05; Michigan, \$1.50; Minnesota, \$1.00; Mississippi, \$58.55; Missouri, \$29.13; New Jersey, \$211.25; New York, \$74.66; North Carolina, \$78.32; Ohio, \$8.00; Oklahoma, \$6.53; Pennsylvania, \$118.09; Rhode Island, \$4.50; South Carolina, \$160.07; Tennessee, \$79.33; Texas, \$192.37; Virginia, \$160.57; West Virginia, \$24.07; Woman's Convention, \$100.00; Borrowed money (Louisville National Banking Company), \$712.50.

December.—Alabama, \$2.00; Arkansas, \$3.50; Florida, \$31.55; Foreign, \$33.55; Georgia, \$5.00; Illinois, \$90.81; Indiana, \$7.38; Indian Territory, \$1.20; Kansas, \$1.10; Kentucky, \$1.00; Louisiana, \$19.85; Missouri, \$2.15; North Carolina, \$7.33; Ohio, \$5.05; Pennsylvania, \$3.55; South Carolina, \$38.17; Tennessee, \$1.00; Texas, \$187.80; Virginia, \$11.35; Woman's Convention, \$100.00.

January.—Alabama, \$20.97; Arkansas, \$15.80; Connecticut, \$3.00; District of Columbia, \$11.00; Florida, \$45.81; Georgia, \$3.57; Illinois, \$10.50; Indiana, 35c; Indian Territory, \$5.65; Kansas, \$16.18; Kentucky, \$30.03; Louisiana, \$9.05; Michigan, 70c; Mississippi, \$49.46; Missouri, \$6.70; North Carolina, \$95.64; Ohio, \$11.45; Oklahoma, \$2.00; Pennsylvania, \$11.35; South Carolina, \$10.50; Tennessee, \$15.92; Texas, \$209.51; Virginia, \$18.10; Washington, \$1.50; Woman's Convention, \$40.00.

February.—Alabama, \$47.44; Arkansas, \$294.44; Canada, \$1.00; Colorado, \$2.00; Florida, \$3.76; Franklin, J. E., \$100.00; Georgia, 20c; Illinois, \$2.00; Indiana, \$12.70; Indian Territory, \$1.25; Iowa, \$6.82; Kansas, \$8.75; Kentucky, \$116.44; Louisiana, \$10.77; Michigan, \$3.11; Minnesota, \$2.00; Mississippi, \$30.44; Missouri, \$7.00; North Carolina, \$44.79; New Jersey, \$10.00; Ohio, \$11.26; Pennsylvania, \$134.21; South Carolina, \$33.67; Tennessee, \$19.85; Texas, \$270.29; Virginia, \$11.62; West Virginia, \$4.00; borrowed (Louisville National Banking Company), \$300.00; borrowed (German Bank), \$100.00.

March.—Alabama, \$3.35; Arkansas, \$10.65; California, \$1.40; Colorado, \$5.00; Florida, \$60.68; Georgia, \$13.93; Illinois, \$19.00; Indiana, \$11.00; Indian Territory, \$10.55; Iowa, \$11.85; Kansas, \$1.21; Kentucky, \$28.47; Louisiana, \$18.61; Michigan, \$3.50; Mississippi, \$42.14; Missouri, \$5.05; North Carolina, \$2.45; Ohio, \$2.00; Pennsylvania, \$37.00; Rhode Island, \$2.00; South Carolina, \$89.01; Tennessee, \$10.35; Texas, \$20.40; Virginia, \$12.70; Washington, \$2.15; West Virginia, \$6.80.

April.—Alabama, \$288.50; Arkansas, \$346.71; California, \$29.65; Connecticut, \$14.00; District of Columbia, \$1.30; Florida, \$273.32; Foreign, \$7.02; Georgia, \$216.89; Illinois, \$149.86; Indiana, \$104.67; Indian Territory, \$62.73; Iowa, \$14.32; Kansas, \$111.96; Kentucky, \$224.69; Louisiana, \$229.73; Maryland, \$10.00; Michigan, \$8.25; Mississippi, \$694.90; Montana, \$2.20; Missouri, \$255.74; North Carolina, \$128.93; New York, \$6.20; Ohio, \$101.00; Oklahoma, \$116.83; Pennsylvania, \$35.05; Rhode Island, \$22.00; South Carolina, \$86.64; Tennessee, \$170.65; Texas, \$251.78; Virginia, \$126.05; West Virginia, \$95.79; Washington, \$10.80.

May.—Alabama, \$68.22; Arkansas, \$146.80; California, \$1.00; Connecticut, \$3.50; District of Columbia, \$4.90; Florida, \$38.20; Georgia, \$16.20; Illinois, \$29.16; Indiana, \$1.00; Indian Territory, \$6.77; Kansas, \$1.60; Kentucky, \$10.13; Louisiana, \$62.42; Massachusetts, \$2.92; Mississippi, \$48.46; Missouri, \$9.68; Montana, \$2.85; North Carolina, \$165.61; New Jersey, \$6.20; New York, \$4.70; Ohio, \$8.45; Oklahoma, 25c; Pennsylvania, \$2.00; South Carolina, \$197.07; Tennessee, \$21.90; Texas, \$596.89; Virginia, \$282.90; West Virginia, \$7.86.

June.—Alabama, \$12.68; Arkansas, \$26.18; Connecticut, \$1.40; Florida, \$32.20; Georgia, \$36.05; Illinois, \$6.85; Indiana, \$12.35; Indian Territory, \$212.29; Iowa, \$14.08; Kentucky, \$5.70; Louisiana, \$90.76; Massachusetts, \$1.00; Mississippi, \$15.98; Missouri, \$1.30; New Jersey, \$77.70; New York, \$1.90; North Carolina, \$2.00; Ohio, \$18.04; Oklahoma, \$3.80; Pennsylvania, \$8.07; Rhode Island, \$6.05; South Carolina, \$18.52; Tennessee, \$5.40; Texas, \$17.25; Virginia, \$40.44; Washington, \$3.00; Woman's Convention, \$25.00; West Virginia, 30c.

July.—Alabama, \$28.78; Arkansas, \$6.20; District of Columbia, \$6.00; Florida, 70c; Georgia, \$185.83; Illinois, \$67.75; Indiana, \$5.88; Indian Territory, \$28.80; Iowa, 35c; Kansas, \$2.66; Kentucky, \$33.65; Louisiana, \$50.50; Maryland, \$1.20; Massachusetts, \$1.00; Mississippi, \$338.12; Missouri, \$2.26; Montana, 60c; New Jersey, \$2.45; New York, \$2.15; Nebraska, \$1.50; North Carolina, \$26.00; Ohio, \$1.20; Oklahoma, \$1.35; South Carolina, \$42.83; Tennessee, \$29.56; Texas, \$261.43; Virginia, \$14.30; Washington, \$1.25; Woman's Convention, \$25.00.

August.—Alabama, \$18.10; Arkansas, \$142.26; Colorado, \$2.00; Connecticut, 35c; District of Columbia, \$43.32; Florida, \$16.96; Foreign, \$148.00; Georgia, \$84.33; Indiana, \$1.86; Indian Territory, \$98.25; Illinois, \$3.26; Kansas, \$5.01; Kentucky, \$223.40; Louisiana, \$46.76; Mississippi, \$12.55; Missouri, \$1.00; New Jersey, \$153.00; North Carolina, \$99.83; Nebraska, \$34.00; Ohio, \$94.53; Pennsylvania, \$3.00; South Carolina, \$14.30; States unknown, \$6.00; Tennessee, \$80.05; Texas, \$534.25; Virginia, \$230.64; West Virginia, \$1.61; Woman's Convention, \$626.00; Total, \$2,752.60.

Summary by Months.—September, \$1,853.50; October, \$614.10; November, \$3,011.77; December, \$553.37; January, \$634.74; February, \$1,559.78; March, \$436.79; April, \$4,197.68; May, \$1,671.73; June, \$736.26; July, \$1,151.33; August, \$2,273.60; Total \$18,727.66.

Monthly Expenditures.

Mission and Missionaries.—September, \$343.50; October, \$1,059.11; November, \$1,120.46; December, \$763.30; January, \$292.95; February, \$135.18; March, \$437.50; April, \$1,885.39; May, \$371.50; June, \$231.80; July, \$480.25; August, \$1,222.78. Total \$8,355.82.

Home Field Missionaries as Follows.

Miss E. B. Delany.—October, \$51.47; November, 20 cents; February, \$141.41; March, \$50.00; May, \$141.28; June, \$36.55; July, \$108.02; August, \$134.36. Total, \$655.29.

Mrs. Lottie S. Tinsley.—May, \$35.84; June and July, \$12.18. Total, \$48.02.

Miss Maria Hardaway.—May, \$8.80; July, \$18.19. Total, \$27.99.

Rev. C. A. W. Sargeant.—April, \$20.10; May, \$65.45.

Rev. F. James Davidson.—March, \$27.25; April, \$17.90; May and June, \$28.07. Total, \$83.22.

Miss Sidney J. Davis.—September, \$59.11; May, \$15.71; July, \$4.55; August, \$88.02. Total, \$167.79.

Miss Julia A. Holmes.—September, \$16.47; October, \$11.32; November, \$70.09; December, \$19.15; January, \$34.59; April, \$77.45; May, \$86.49; June, \$42.76; July, \$39.43. Total, \$428.36.

Rev. C. G. Fishback, B. D.—November, \$158.17; December, \$50.91; March, April, May and June, \$271.03. Total, \$480.11.

Rev. W. B. Fleming.—September, \$2.75; October, \$30.02; November, \$82.13; January, 60 cents; March, \$91.37; April and May, \$115.70; August, \$179.19. Total, \$487.82.

Mrs. Josephine Straughn.—September, \$50.00; October, \$80.00; November, \$31.31; December, \$98.05; January, \$71.78; February, \$50.05; March, 70.00; May, \$70.00; June and July, \$100.46. Total, \$671.64.

Mrs. V. L. Spencer.—October, \$10.70; December, \$8.95; April, \$5.00; June, \$3.00; July, \$2.40. Total, \$30.05.

Mrs. E. J. Teddy.—October, \$26.46; January, \$13.21. Total, \$39.67.

Mrs. Nora L. Payne.—August, \$49.60.

Mrs. R. Foster Wilson.—July, \$4.20.

W. B. M. Scott.—August, \$2.00.

Rev. S. L. Martin.—November, \$8.75.

Mrs. A. L. Merchant.—February, \$54.77; June, \$42.24; July, \$11.18; Total, \$108.19.

Rev. J. P. Barton.—February, \$8.50.

Expressage and Drayage.—September, \$6.45; October, \$2.95; November, \$5.32; December, \$8.05; January, \$1.37; February, \$1.26; March, 46 cents; April, \$3.40; May, \$1.60; July, 35 cents; August, \$2.92. Total, \$33.93.

Field.—September, \$55.86; October, \$5.20; November, \$17.57; December, \$1.60; January, \$6.40; March, 75 cents; April, \$10.00; May, \$6.25; June, 50 cents; July, \$4.45; August, \$4.65. Total, \$113.23.

Herald.—September, 19 cents; October, \$63.87; November, \$62.47; December, \$64.15; January, \$61.60; February, \$69.60; March, \$63.71; April, \$59.84; May, \$67.17; June, \$64.23; July, \$63.90; August, \$93.00. Total, \$743.23.

Office.—September, \$1.00; October, \$5.20; November, \$5.90; December, \$4.75; January, \$12.50; March, \$5.75; April, \$12.50; May, \$2.50; June, \$4.50; July, \$12.10; August, \$5.50. Total, \$72.20.

Printing.—September, \$100.00; October, \$76.00; November, \$133.00; December, \$24.25; January, \$57.00; February, \$80.85; March, \$121.95; April, \$124.70; May, \$47.50; June, \$14.25; July, \$31.75; August, \$61.75. Total, \$873.00.

Postage.—September, \$19.47; October, \$26.10; November, \$35.40; December, \$15.35; January, \$46.84; February, \$55.41; March, \$32.26; April, \$18.84; May, \$11.03; June, \$12.59; July, \$21.78; August, \$44.23. Total, \$339.30.

Rent.—September, \$15.00; October, \$15.00; November, \$15.00; December, \$16.00; January, \$15.00; February, \$15.00; March, \$16.00; April, \$15.00; May, \$15.00; June, \$15.00; July, \$16.00; August, \$15.00. Total, \$180.00.

Traveling.—September, \$31.50; October, \$30.30; November, \$26.10; December, \$22.25; January, \$14.90; March, \$7.75; May, \$22.75; July, \$43.93; August, \$16.85. Total, \$216.33.

Salaries.—September, \$171.40; October, \$38.00; November, \$164.59; December, \$176.25; January, \$184.93; February, \$165.30; March, \$211.82; April, \$179.00; May, \$173.00; June, \$310.00; July, \$173.00; August, \$187.30. Total, \$2,134.59.

Supplies and Cuts.—September, \$36.69; October, \$94.55; November, \$2.80; December, \$31.60; January, \$17.00; February, \$13.50; March, \$13.30; April, \$102.82; May, \$22.00; June, \$1.10; July, \$57.31; August, \$41.30. Total, \$433.97.

Incidentals.—October, \$6.00; August, \$12.50. Total, \$18.50.

Foreign Mission Board.—September, \$74.63; October, \$23.80; February, \$24.00; March, \$371.00; April, \$118.00. Total, \$527.43.

Easter Rally.—March, \$178.84; April, \$269.91; May, \$205.99; June, \$105.92; August, \$134.70. Total, \$895.36.

National Baptist Publishing Board.—March, \$1.45; April, \$45.30; June, \$5.10; July, 69 cents. Total, \$52.54.

Foreign Mission Board.—September, \$74.63; October, \$23.80; February, \$24.00. Total, \$122.43.

Annual Expense Summary.—Deficit brought forward September 1, 1906, \$71.68; Missionaries and Missions, \$8,355.82; Expressage and drayage, \$33.93; Field, \$113.23; Herald, \$743.23; Office, \$72.20; Printing, \$873.00; Postage, \$339.30; Rent, \$180.00; Traveling, \$216.33; Salaries, \$2,134.59; Supplies and cuts, \$433.97; Incidentals, \$18.50; Foreign Mission Board, \$122.43; Easter rally, \$895.36; National Baptist Publishing Board, \$52.54.

Home Field Missionaries, Traveling and Salaries.—Miss E. B. Delany (returned missionary), \$655.29; Mrs. Lottie S. Tinsley, \$48.02; Miss Maria Hardaway, \$27.99; Rev. C. W. A. Sargeant, \$65.45; Rev. F. James Davidson, \$83.22; Rev. W. B. Fleming, \$487.82; Rev. C. G. Fishback, \$480.11; Miss Sidney J. Davis, \$167.79; Miss Julia A. Holmes, \$428.36; Mrs. Josephine Straughn, \$671.64; Mrs. V. L. Spencer, \$30.05; Mrs. E. J. Teddy, \$39.67; Mrs. Nora L. Payne, \$49.60; Mrs. R. Foster Wilson, \$4.20; Rev. W. B. M. Scott, \$2.00; Rev. S. L. Martin, \$8.75; Mrs. A. L. Merchant, \$108.19; Rev. J. P. Barton, \$8.50. Total, \$17,542.65.

Receipt Summary.

September	\$ 1,853 50
October	614 10
November	3,011 77
December	553 37
January	634 74
February	1,559 78
March	436 79
April	4,197 68

May	\$ 1,671 73
June	736 26
July	1,161 33
August	2,253 60

Total receipts	\$18,727 66
Total expenses	17,542 65

Balance

\$1,185 01

Note.—Of this balance, \$1,100 12 is designated for school buildings in Queenstown, South Africa.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Rev. D. E. Murff be known and recognized as Superintendent of South African Missions; Rev. Dr. H. O. Prowd be Superintendent of South America and the West Indies; Rev. Dr. H. N. Boney, Superintendent of West African Missions, and Rev. Frederick Brauer, Superintendent of Russian Missions.

2. That Rev. Mdoono be returned to South Africa with Bro. Murff during November.

3. That our workers everywhere are to act in perfect harmony with any other Baptists who may be at work in the countries where they are appointed. At no time shall they overlap the work of their brethren. Under no circumstances are they to take part in any work of the Ethiopian movement, so-called, in South Africa or elsewhere.

4. That we urge upon our churches and schools to join in the April Rally as a source of educating our people, old and young, on the all-important subject of Missions.

5. That every Annual Meeting of Baptists provide space in their report blanks for Foreign Missions, year by year reporting the result to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

NATIONAL BAPTIST ASSETS

West Coast Africa.

100 acres of land, Grand Cape Mound,	\$ 600 00
Home for Dr. Boney, worth,	300 00
Other buildings reported by him,	600 00
Chapel Organ	75 00

South Africa.

Lot, foundation and church furnishings in Cape Town,	\$1,325 00
Middelburg church building	500 00
Mission home for Rev. Buchanan,	300 00
School houses reported by him,	600 00
Two bells	50 00
Queenstown school house, worth,	2,000 00
One organ	40 00
One bell	00
Two typewriters	65 00
Desks, carpenter tools and books,	150 00
Boksburg, Transvaal, church building	500 00

Central Africa.

Ninety-three acres of land valued at,	\$ 300 00
Substantial brick church house	1,200 00
Two four-room houses for missionaries	1,200 00
Organ	40 00

This does not include the holdings under Dr. Majola Agbebi, of

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SECRETARIES

REV. L. G. JORDAN, D. D.
506 Baptist Foreign Mission Socy.
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South America

Georgetown—Bethel Baptist Church	\$1,800 00
Georgetown—Nazareth Baptist Church, in course of erection, on which we have paid about	200 00
Organs and bells worth	150 00

Mission house in St. John's Barbados. \$ 150 00
We give here only what is in the name of the Board.

To Edwards Bros., Liverpool, England	\$ 600 00
To Mayer & Tinsley, Kentucky	62 20
To Hartt Fund	145 35
Messrs. E. S. Darrall & Co., N. Y., for shipping goods to miscellaneous	\$ 11 47
African Lakes Corporation, Glasgow, Scotland, to draft drawn by L. N. Cheek	1,800 00

Total	\$2,619 02
To missonaries	227 00

To misnomers 237 00

It will be seen that a larger amount has been spent on the Home field this year than any other year previous. This grows out of the fact that your Board has attempted to cover more territory with its individual agents than any year of its existence. We have tried to have some faithful workers under direction of the State member of Foreign Mission Board to visit every Convention and present the plea for Africa. The good effects have been far-reaching and we are confident that the large number of individual churches visited, the number of preachers reached in the County, District and State annual meetings, together with the vast amount of printed matter scattered, has made friends for the cause before unreachd by appeals of any kind. The Mission Herald, with letters from the field, has been read by more than 20,000 Baptists every month during the year. The thousands of letters received at the office containing sentiments coming from hearts with a new consciousness of neglecting the last loving message of our Lord, has been a great source of encouragement and inspiration to your Board. We here appeal to our churches for a better hearing for these faithful ones in the Home field who plead the cause of absent ones on Foreign fields. No more let Baptists sing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" but with the assurance of "Children of the King," obligated to engage in a heroic and winning fight in all the dark corners of the earth, then let us sing:

I never fear to own His cause, or blush to speak His name"

Respectfully submitted

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

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ORGANIZATION AND GROWTH OF NEGRO BAPTISTS.

The National Baptist Convention was organized November 14, 1896, at Montgomery, Alabama. It collected \$111,000, and sent out as follows, collected for all purposes amounts given below:

1891—Knoxville, Tenn.	1,258 94
1892—Macon, Ga.	1,258 75
1893—Nashville, Va.	1,351 26
1894—Meridian, Miss.	6,325 25
1895—New Orleans, La.	4,134 20
1896—Memphis, Tenn.	4,546 12
1897—Little Rock, Ark.	3,328 00
1898—Nashville, Tenn.	1,500 57
1899—Indianapolis, Ind.	1,241 53
1900—Louisville, Ky.	1,200 40
1901—Indian, Tex.	1,500 42
1902—Savannah, Ga.	1,500 42
1903—Washington, D. C.	1,500 42
1904—New York, N. Y.	1,500 42
1905—Atlanta, Ga.	1,500 42
1906—St. Louis, Mo.	1,500 42
1907—Boston, Mass.	1,500 42
1908—Kansas City, Mo.	1,500 42
1909—Nashville, Tenn.	1,500 42
1910—Richmond, Va.	1,500 42
1911—Cincinnati, O.	1,500 42
1912—Birmingham, Ala.	1,500 42
1913—Philadelphia, Pa.	1,500 42
1914—Austin, Tex.	1,500 42
1915—Chicago, Ill.	1,500 42
1916—Memphis, Tenn.	1,500 42

BRITISH GUIANA, South America.

Name of Station	When Organized	Rec'd By				Name of Native Helpers	Day and S. S.						Missionary Pastor
		Provision	Land	Materials	Tools		Days	Wkly	Mo	Yrly	Total	No. People in or out of station	
Nazareth, Albouytown	1902					J. Campbell			10	25	100	1,100	Rev. S. A. Richardson,
Dalgin, Demerara River	1904					Y. Sijoes & D. Briak			10	25	100	900	Alboustown
Paramaribo (town)	1898								10	25	100		Demerara.
Nickerie (village)									10	25	100		Rev. C. P. Rier,
Komsojampo (village)									10	25	100		Paramaribo.
Overwacht (village)									10	25	100		Surinam.
Domburg (village)									10	25	100		
Blauwie (village)									10	25	100		

WEST AFRICA.

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Lagos	1889					E. A. Ojo, Prince Ieteh, Agamozong, Dr. Ayodiji	25	100				Rev. Majola Agbabi,
						Oysola		25				
Atijere	1906	29				85 John Okonofajele						100
Oodo	1900	77				77 Prince Fayemico						300
Buguba	1898	150				600 Chief Sokari and others						Lagos.
Cape Coast, Ekiti Country	1903	25				25 Samuel Aiku	25	90				1,000
Sierra Leone, Cameroon		150				700 Achbo Diddo		15				500
Ijebre Country	1898	75				300 J. E. Rickette	120	125	125			Rev. H. N. Bouey, Cape
Bendoo (station)	1902	6				3 David Wilson	40	35	40			Mound,
Congo (town)	1904	35				52 J. S. Jackson	25	25	31	80	81	900
Durban St., Bethel	1899	157				205 R. L. Douglas	10	25	61	107	1161	12,000
												25,000
												1,200
												Rev. S. P.

SOUTH AFRICA, Natal.

Fransburg Station.						G. H. Hunt							Ndlovu, Escurt,
						Thos. Gill							

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.

Name of Stations	White Original	Baptism	Latter	Kumalo	Total Members	Name of Native Helpers	Day and S				Native offerings	Paid for Rent and Repairs	Total	No. People in or near Station	Missionary Pastor	
							Days	Glads	Days	Glads						
Leopold St.	1906					J. G. Richards G. Mills Thos. Sheppard Bailey H. Dalrymple Mrs. S. A. Willis Ange. Hunt Josephine Hunt Miss M. O. Connor M. Small E. Daniels									Durban, Natal.	
Regent and Wellington.....	1906															
La Penitence	1906															
Ohlolo	1905	181	3		59	Paul Mahaso Radele Mahaso Shizi A. Kunilo				9	294	\$9		59	Kingdom, Giqualand, West.	
Nas Lopo	1907	13	4		59	Paul Ngwerya	5	15	11	17		\$0	\$0	50	Rev. S. P Nhlova, Escourt, Durban.	
Crown Vands	1906	10	1		12											
Johansubay	1907	10	1		19	J. T. Remarde			5	3	123	120	\$5	10	Natal.	
St. John's Rodana	1899	57			119	Saul Pamho	26	22	16	20	25	30				
Saul Pambo, Petros Baliso Doyisa Funeza, Mrs. Elmira Baliso.																

CAPE TOWN.

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IDUTYWA.

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Cat.	1898	8	3	12	B. Fayo and B. Cotani			15	97	360		344	Rev. F. Se- loni, Iduty- wa, Cape Colony
Teko	1898	1	2	15	H. J. Moses and B. Page								
Gobe	1898			2	H. Moser, T. Roji								
Gora	1898			7	K. Mpozima, M. Tayo.								
Luxini	1894			2	M. Nangaha								
Niasco	1892				F. Ngechukale								
Meyamoni	1906	2		12	15 T. Roji and M. Roji								
Good Hope	1906	7		22	39 T. Roji								
Fatherland	1906	8		10	10 Wilson J. Mba.			30	42				
		43		122	Wilson Sibosco	12	18	12	16	64	2380	490	49 Rev. Jas.

CANCELE

Cancela	1993	8		22	Joel Nhlahla							Ntseki
Matatiria	1993	10		10	Sidol Tsomboti							Cancela

QUEENSTOWN.

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MIDDLEDRIFT.

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Name of Settler	When Immigrated	Baptized	Letter	Exercise	Total Miss. Ship	Name of Native Helpers				Age and Sex		Native (Average)	Paid for Rent and Returns	Total	No People in or near Station	Necessary Provisions
						Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls							
M. L. Marsh	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam Shies	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mt. Olive	1860	10			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Meredith	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

KALIFORNIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

Name of Settler	When Immigrated	Baptized	Letter	Exercise	Total Miss. Ship	Name of Native Helpers				Age and Sex		Native (Average)	Paid for Rent and Returns	Total	No People in or near Station	Necessary Provisions
						Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls							
Benjamin Cragwell	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Joseph Cragwell	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Joseph Jones	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam Allen Hunt	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
William Rollins	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam C. Birt	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam Gibbs	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
J. Lovell	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. Clarke	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. C. Nicks	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. C. Nicks	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

WEST INDEE, BARBADOS.

Name of Settler	When Immigrated	Baptized	Letter	Exercise	Total Miss. Ship	Name of Native Helpers				Age and Sex		Native (Average)	Paid for Rent and Returns	Total	No People in or near Station	Necessary Provisions
						Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls							
Benjamin Cragwell	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Joseph Cragwell	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Joseph Jones	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam Allen Hunt	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
William Rollins	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam C. Birt	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sam Gibbs	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
J. Lovell	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. Clarke	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. C. Nicks	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B. C. Nicks	1860	20			100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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Phillips	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Chief Cot	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
tags, St	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jollax	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rev. T. E.	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rev. T. E.	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Smith	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Upper Bank	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Hall Road	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
St. Michael	4,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

MINUTES

HAITI.

HALTI.

Churches

Jacmel—Date, 1846; seating capacity, 300; stations, 6; members, 150; S. S. scholars, 100; missionaries and assistants, L. Toss Evans, N. L. Helson.

Port-au-Prince—Date, 1890; members, 38; S. S. scholars 45; missionaries and assistants, Lucien Jaques, Miss Page and Nerva Goose
Cape Haití—Date, 1865; seating capacity, 204; members, 12.

Port de Paix—Date, 1880; sailing capacity, 250; members 25; missionary, Jean Jaques.

Fort Liberte—Date, 1887; sailing capacity, 240; members 6, missionary Jean Jaques.

St. Raphael—seating capacity, 100.
Tron.

81. Marc—Members, 30; missionary, Matulina Nevar (was living when last heard from).

San Domingo—Date, 1877; seating capacity, 300; missionary, I. H. Ponce.

Puerto Rico—(See Turk's Gland).
Monte Christo

Russia—Rev. Frederick Brauer, Nicolaiæ.

SUPPLEMENT REPORT.

• Individuals.—J. A. Frye, 35c; D. J. Knight, 35c; A. C. Jackson, \$9
Missionary Societies.—Pleasant Green Church, \$1.

Conventions.—Howard District 9. 9., \$1; Alabama District, \$5.

ARKANSAS.

Individuals.—Emma J. Owens, \$1.05; Toney Carlisle, 36c; Mrs. C. A. Taylor, \$66.15; R. E. Bryant, \$1.70; Corinthian, Greasy Lake, \$1; Canaan, Texarkana, \$4.

Sunday-schools.— Zion, Thornton, 60c.

Associations.—Philip Lee & Maurine, 126.

Conventions.—Valley District S. S., Petus, 16.

CONNECTICUT.

Individuals.—Rev. E. T. Curtis, 25c.

COLORADO

B. Y. P. U., St. John Church, Colorado Springs, 12

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Individuals.—Dr. M. W. D. Norman, \$1; Stewart E. Minor, \$1; Rev. W. D. Jarvis, \$1; Rev. W. H. Robinson, \$1; Rev. Hawkins, \$1; Dr. W. P. Gibbons, \$1; Rev. A. Bayles, \$1; Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett, \$1; Mrs. Lucy Young, \$1; Miss Martha Shappard, \$1.

Churches.—Tenth street, Washington, \$2.16; Macedonia, Anacostia, \$3.10; St. Luke, Brightwood, \$6.45; Mt. Olive, Washington, \$2.16; Walker Memorial, Washington, \$9.08; First Baptist, S. W., Washington, \$4; Friendship, Washington, \$2.30.

FLORIDA.

Missionary Societies.—Bethel Church, Jacksonville, \$10.
Churches.—Bethel, Jacksonville, \$6c.
Sunday schools.—St. Mark, Tampa, \$1.

GEORGIA.

Churches.—Mt. Olive, Americus, \$5; Bethel, Americus, \$5.10; Holiness Band, Americus, \$2; Eureka, Albany, \$1; Mt. Zion, Albany, \$5; Second, Pelham, \$4.50; Mt. Olive, Atlanta, \$6.69; Woman's Meeting, Macon, \$1.

Associations.—Fulton County Sunday School, \$3.05; Third Dist. Sunday School, \$2.07; Fourth Dist. Sunday School, \$1.40.

State Conventions.—General, \$5.04; Georgia Baptist, \$1.54.

Individuals.—M. H. Parsons, \$1; Ida Grimes, 50c; E. O. Laycock, \$1.50; E. Henson, \$2; Madison Davis, Athens, \$1; Rosa J. Brunson, \$1; Missouri Williams, \$1; Mary F. Comerom, \$1; M. J. Watts, \$1; Julia Williams, \$1; E. A. Williams, \$1; A. H. Pullman, \$1; Ida L. Williams, \$1; Mrs. M. D. Simon, \$2; Mrs. Lucy Bowie, \$1; Mrs. Lella Warren, \$1.

Sunday schools.—Friendship, Americus, 67c; Summerhill, Pelham, \$2.

ILLINOIS.

Individuals.—F. J. Davidson, \$1; Eliza Richmond, 21c; Mrs. C. Gaskill, \$2.

INDIANA.

Individuals.—Mr. James R. Robinson, 30c; A Friend, \$1.25; Sale of pictures, \$2.

Associations.—General, \$20.85.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Individuals.—Mrs. M. L. Bush, 50c; Mrs. Julia King, 75c.
Churches.—First, Muskogee, \$4.

KANSAS.

Churches.—Shiloh, Topeka, \$4.

KENTUCKY.

Individuals.—Rev. R. B. Butler, \$2.50; Rev. J. R. I. Diggs, \$10.
Churches.—Oakland, Oakland, \$5.50; New Bethel, Bowling Green, \$5.00; State Street, Bowling Green, \$13.05; Seventh Street, Bowling Green, \$2.60; Alpha Street, Franklin, \$2.75; Elevated, Franklin, \$3.50; First, Winchester, \$7; Clay Street, Shelbyville, \$1; Holiness Band, Louisville, \$17.25.

Associations.—Central District, \$3.55; Consolidated, \$8.55; General Baptist, \$115.05; Wom. Missionary Conv., \$6.

NEW JERSEY.

Individuals.—Rev. M. W. Vaughn, \$150.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Churches.—First, Asheville, \$18; Dixonville, Salisbury, \$10.10; First, Elizabeth City, \$1; Corner Stone, Elizabeth City, \$8.25; St. Steven,

Elizabeth City, \$6.05; Providence, Edenton, \$5; Sawyer's Creek, Belcross, \$8.36; First, Hertford, \$23.09; St. Mark, Plymouth, \$2; New Chapter, \$8.30; St. James A. M. E., Asheville, \$4.86; Olive Branch Baptist, Elizabeth City, \$7.50.

Individuals.—Rev. S. Thomas, \$4.76; G. D. Griffin, \$1; Rev. Joseph H. Perkins, \$1.

Conventions.—Sunday School, Davidson River, \$4.45; Woman's Rocky Mount, \$4.75.

NEBRASKA.

Conventions.—Western States and Territories, 34c.

OHIO.

Conventions.—Woman's Union S. S., \$24.26; State Sunday Sch \$35.58; E. U. Sunday School, \$4.45.

Individuals.—Miss Mattie Lett, \$1; Mrs. Rebecca Clay, \$2.
Churches.—Second, Columbus, \$11.36; Bethany, Columbus, \$4.16.
Missionary Societies.—E. B. Delaney, Columbus, \$2; Arlington, Columbus, \$2; Carey Union, Columbus, \$1.25; Macedonia, Columbus, \$1; Georgia De Baptiste Weeker, Columbus, \$2.

Sunday schools.—Zion, Xenia, \$1.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Churches.—Memorial, Charleston, \$1.10; Friendship, Aiken, \$6; Union, Darlington, 75c; Church, Darlington, \$1.26; Macedonia, Santeeburg, \$7; Mt. Olive, Elizabeth City, \$1.50; Shiloh, Sumter, \$2.

Individuals.—Rev. P. F. Mayo, \$2; Rev. Jos. H. Perkins, \$1.

Per. Rev. J. R. Adger, Ft. Mill, \$2.55.

TEXAS.

Conventions.—Old Land Mark, \$2.50; Woman's Good Hope, \$9.6; Texan A. M. E., \$4.70.

Associations.—Old Land Mark, \$30; St. John, Land Mark, \$12; Woman's Convention, St. John's, Round Rock, \$7; Woman's Dist. Conv., St. Emmanuel, High Bank, \$2; St. Emmanuel District, \$8; St. John's Round Rock, \$47; Woman's District, LaGrange, \$13.18.

Sunday schools.—Sunset, Texarkana, \$5; Live Oak, Beaumont, \$2.59.

Individuals.—Mrs. Patsy McAllister, \$1; Miss S. V. Whitehurst, \$5; Rev. J. B. Plus, \$2; Rev. J. D. Hill, \$3.

Missionary Societies.—Woman's H. & F. M., Texarkana, \$1; Beaumont, \$3; Mt. Olive, Calveston, \$5; Sweet Home, Agatla, \$14.10; Zion Baptist, Manor, \$1.26; Mt. Olive, \$4.15; Missionary Society, Downs, \$1.

Schools.—Seguin, \$1; Waco, \$8; Guadalupe, \$7.32.

Churches.—First Church, Holland, \$9; Baptist Church, Paris, \$1.60; First Church, Abena, \$5; Bapt. Church, Petty, \$4.

TEXAS.

Churches.—Mt. Olive, Gainesville, \$17; Bethlehem, Bonham, \$13.25; East Land, Honey Grove, \$3.12; Zion Travelers, Clarksville, \$7; Sunset, Texarkana, \$4.06; Mt. Zion, Texarkana, \$8; Olga, Gilmer, \$2; Sixth Avenue, Texarkana, \$1.90; First Independent, Texarkana, \$13; Mt. Gilhead, Ft. Worth, \$2; Samaria, Waxahatchie, \$7; Mt. Erie, Bartlett, \$9.66; St. Matthew's, Bartlett, \$2; St. Loveall, Temple, \$6; Gullida Creek, Manor, \$8.10; Live Oak, Beaumont, \$12.20; St. John, Beaumont, \$20.11; Antioch, Beaumont, \$10; Sale of charts, Beaumont, \$2.50; Sale of cards, Beaumont, \$1.80.

MINUTES.

UNKNOWN.

* Rev. J. H. Dawson, 35c.

FOREIGN.

Baptist Missionary Society, London, \$148.

TENNESSEE.

East Tennessee, West Tennessee and North Mississippi General, \$11.50; Friendship Asso., \$12; Riverside Asso., \$5.55.

VIRGINIA.

Individuals.—W. A. Copeland, \$2.40; Robt. Z. Johnson, \$1; Rev. Wm. Carter, M. D., \$1; Rev. B. S. Nolan, 35c; Rev. J. W. Thompson, 35c. Mission Circle.—Rivermount, Lynchburg, \$3.

Associations.—Tidewater Peninsula, \$1.04; Corner Stone, \$27.04; Valley, Redford, \$30.40; Shafterman, Christiansburg, \$2; Peaks of Otter, Lynchburg, \$9.52.

Churches.—First, Radford, \$5.25; Second, Christiansburg, \$2.55; First Memorial, \$2.56; Tabernacle, Petersburg, \$1.50; Washington St., Bedford City, \$2.50; Diamond Hill, Lynchburg, \$10.75; Court Street, Lynchburg, \$6; Piney Hill, Way, \$2; Mt. Olive, Queen City, \$7.10; per J. R. Miller, Hatesville, \$1.57; per Rev. G. B. Howard, Lynchburg, \$15; Mt. Zion, Roanoke, \$1.76; High Street, Roanoke, \$7.25; First, Roanoke, \$10; Mass Meeting, High Street, Roanoke, \$4.50; Third, Alexandria, \$8.11; Mt. Olive, Queen City, \$7.10.

Conventions.—Sunday School, Lynchburg, \$1. Sunday schools.—Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., Fifth Street, Lynchburg, \$1.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Mt. Zion Church, Bluefield, \$1.61.

FOREIGN.

Churches.—Sharon, St. Johns, \$2.64; Mizpah, Bridgetown, \$1.94; Burroughs, St. Thomas, \$1.44.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Associations.—District Asso., Chandler, \$18; District Seminole, \$8; District and S. S. Conv., \$2; District and Woman's Work, \$5; District Chickashaw, \$18; District and S. S. Conv., \$5.

Churches.—Bapt. Ch., Boley, \$20.10; Bapt. Ch., Coalgate, \$8; First Bapt. Ch., Shawnee, \$13; Bapt. Ch., Idabel, \$8; First Bapt. Ch., Wawoka, \$7; Second Bapt. Ch., Wawoka, \$3.25.

ARKANSAS.

Associations.—Middle Ark. Dist., \$12.11.

TEXAS.

Individuals.—Miss M. M. Kimball, \$10. Secretary Jordan presented Rev. H. D. Prowd, D. D., British Consul, South America, who addressed the Convention on "South America Our Next Door Neighbor, and Her Claims Upon the American Baptists."

At the conclusion of the address, a collection of \$242.50 was taken for Foreign Missions.

The Secretary read a telegram from Dr. Booker T. Washington

which he stated that he hoped to reach the Convention tomorrow, Friday.

Mrs. Dr. A. M. Curtis, of Washington, D. C., was introduced, and addressed the Convention.

The Secretary read the following letter from Sister Joanna P. Moore, which was, by motion, ordered spread on the face of the minutes.

Dear Brethren of the National Baptist Convention in session at Washington, D. C., September, 1907:

The writer of this message has been your friend for forty-four years. God has laid it on my heart to think and pray much about your present meeting. Many of you know that my life has been given in constant effort to make the home life of all I could reach pure, intelligent and happy.

Many persons believe that the mother has greater ability to make the home what it ought to be than the father. I fail to see that they learn this from God's Word. Woman is man's helpmeet; that is, his right helper. God said it was not good for him to be alone. An assistant in any business is not expected to be as responsible as the one at the head. God has put man at the head of the family, the church and the State. Now, to begin with the home, he should control and order his household. Like Abraham, he should be priest in his own house, having the care of the religious devotions of the family. He should see that nothing interrupts this work, since he is at the head. Of course his wife is expected to be his loyal and true helper. The children certainly need the control of the father. If they see that he gives little heed to such things, the mother cannot long control them.

As regards the social and intellectual education of the child, the father must decide what school the child attends and the company that comes to the home, places of amusement, etc. He is supposed to have a wider view of life, knows better where danger lies, and is better able to advise and, especially, protect his children.

Dear brethren, please give this serious thought. As long as we place undue emphasis on the work of the mother, the father will shirk the responsibility, and yet all loyal wives say to the children, "We will ask father what he thinks." He is usually ready to assume authority, but he fails to keep in close touch with all the details of family life that will give him the wisdom to control. Therefore, in many families there is much friction, and children do not obey either parent as they should.

The greatest need of all nations is men; strong, godly, intelligent, wise, brave men. There should be a father in every home. Alas for the children who know so little of a father's love and care, and God pity the wife who has not a husband that she can reverence, look up to him, lean upon him for advice and comfort. Only thus can she be expected to obey. We need men to manage our business affairs. Woman's normal place is at home. Alas for the children whose mother must be the breadwinner as well as the home maker. We need men, good men, for both the pulpit and the State. Dear brethren, you know that as much or more care should be given to the moral and religious education of our boys as we give to our girls. Man is woman's God, given protector. Dear brethren, we look to such men as compose your Convention to be the guardians of our homes, to protect both boys and girls from bad company, to give them the proper education, to warn against the pitfalls of sin that stand thick on every corner. We women, your mothers, wives and daughters, stand ready to be your loyal helpers, but remember we are only helpers. God did not put us at the head, and on you God has placed a greater responsibility.

My heart is full of this subject, but you have not time to hear more at present. I send you my good morning text, "God hath not given you the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Tim. 1:7. Power, love and a sound mind in your God-given equipment for the battle. Claim them and go forward.

As I visit in the churches of both white and colored, I see so few men: two-thirds and more are usually women. The tears come, my heart faints, and I cry almost in despair, "Oh, God, give us our husbands, fathers, brothers and sons to help us fight the battle of the Lord. Dear brethren, I am not the only one that is alarmed about this condition of things. I am writing to you thoughtful men because I expect you to give this subject, not only at the Convention, but during the year, greater prayer than ever before. The situation demands it. Hopefully in Christ.

SISTER JOANNA P. MOORE

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., of New Jersey.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention reassembled at 2:30 o'clock with President E. C. Morris presiding. The song service was conducted by Rev. N. H. Pius, of Indiana.

Rev. W. T. Amiger, S. T. B., of Massachusetts, and Rev. W. P. Lawrence, Ph.D., of New Jersey, conducted the devotional services.

An offer coming to the Convention through Dr. Gray, of Illinois, for a plot of ground for a home for aged ministers, was, by motion of Dr. Griggs, of Texas, referred to the National Baptist Board.

By consent of the Convention, Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, offered the following resolution, which, under the suspension of rules, was adopted:

Whereas, The United States Government is making a census of religious bodies; and,

Whereas, They have shown particular interest in the gathering of the Census of Negro Baptists, thereby recognizing our worth as a mighty moral and religious force; and,

Whereas, They have appointed Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., D. D., one of our number, to secure the census from our churches and Sunday schools;

Resolved, That we pledge our heartiest co-operation in its laudable effort, and call upon our pastors and churches everywhere to give them immediate responses by sending our reports fully made out to the Census Bureau of the United States.

Resolved, further, That we commend the wisdom in appointing Rev. Dr. Johnson, whom we regard as one of the best qualified men among us, both by education and a thorough knowledge of the politics of Baptists as well as their field of co-operation, and that we give him our co-operation.

Resolved, further, That we appoint a committee to wait on the Director of the Census, to confer with him as to how we may best assist in this work, and assure him of our high appreciation of his interest in our denomination and race.

Dr. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky, presiding, introduced Rev. R. A. Jackson, returned missionary from South Africa, who addressed the Convention on "Influence to Be Exerted by the Lott Carey Academy on the Ten Million Africans South of the Zambezi River."

At the conclusion of the most excellent address by Rev. Brother Jackson, in which the hearts of the Convention went out to "bleeding Africa" as never before, Dr. Jordan took occasion to present to the Convention Mrs. R. A. Jackson, the wife of Brother Jackson, and their three children. The Convention arose in one great throng and blessed them.

Dr. Parrish introduced Rev. D. E. Murff, returned missionary from Africa, who delivered a most acceptable address on "The Present Needs of Effective Mission Work in South Africa."

A collection of \$247.20 was taken for Foreign Missions.

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

Night Session.

The Convention reassembled at 7:45 o'clock with Rev. L. L. Campbell, D. D., of Texas, presiding.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. D. Hurt, D. D., of Kentucky, and Rev. E. Hall, Illinois.

Rev. Dr. Hurt read Zechariah 8 as the Scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Barbours, D. D., of Texas.

After a very inspiring song service, led by the musical director, Dr. N. H. Pius, President Morris presiding, introduced Dr. A. S. Jackson, of Texas, to preach the missionary sermon.

Dr. Jackson took his text from Rev. 11:15, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

The sermon was replete with thought, forceful in delivery, and seemed to have awakened the great Convention to the cause of missions.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., took occasion to speak a few words commendatory to the interest taken in the Foreign Mission work by Missionary Jackson, also in highest terms of the very excellent sermon delivered on this occasion.

Rev. C. C. Bodde, returned missionary from Cape Town, South Africa, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

The Secretary read a communication from the Anti-Saloon League, in which a request was made for a delegation to be appointed to meet the League, which will convene at the Jamestown Exposition September 13. The President appointed the following committee: Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., C. L. Fisher, D. D., S. E. Griggs, B. D., J. E. Jones, D. D., A. T. Stewart, D. D., C. S. Morris, D. D., E. J. Fisher, D. D., L. G. Jordan, D. D., W. R. Forbes, D. D.

The President appointed the following committee to meet Dr. Rucker T. Washington on his arrival in the city tomorrow at 4:15 p. m.: Revs. A. Barbours, D. D., L. L. Campbell, D. D., M. W. D. Norman, D. D., W. G. Parks, D. D., A. N. McEwen, D. D.

The Convention was highly entertained with a vocal solo by Miss Mary Mason, Pittsburg, Pa.

Little Gertrude Galtus, of California, recited to the delight of the Convention.

Benediction, Dr. A. S. Jackson.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Praise service from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock was conducted by Drs. C. O. Boothe and H. D. Prowd.

The Convention assembled at 9:45 o'clock with Vice President J. Anderson Taylor, D. D., presiding.

Song service was conducted by Dr. N. H. Plus.

Devotions were conducted by Revs. J. A. Marshall, Mississippi, and J. Goins, Missouri.

The nineteenth Psalm was read by Rev. J. A. Marshall as the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Goins. Song, "Let the Blessed Sun Light In."

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Mr. Oliver, of Washington, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

The President announced the Committee on Census Bureau, with Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, as Chairman.

Rev. G. E. Stevens, D. D., of St. Louis, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Country:

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SEPARATE COACH LAW

The National Baptist Convention, representing over two millions of Negro Baptists in the United States, now sitting at Washington, the Capital of the Nation, regards the time and place of meeting this year as opportune and strategic. It is at a time when visitors from various parts of the Republic and from abroad are near at hand in attendance upon the Tercentennial Exposition at Jamestown, where African slavery was first introduced into their country. It is opportune and fitting that this Convention, representing every section of the Republic, should express itself concerning an important phase of the Negro question in this country, namely, the segregation of millions of Negro citizens at the South and the spirit of that segregation throughout the country.

Resolved, therefore, That, as a Convention, we express our protest against the segregation of the Negro citizens of the country upon common carriers and in public places.

This separation is cynically called "Jim Crowism." It rests upon race lines rather than upon condition. For this reason, we protest. If segregation is deemed necessary and wise for the comfort of travel, it would comport with our Christian principles and democracy as a nation to have a first and second class travel according to conditions and not according to race. Objectionable and offensive persons should ride together without regard to race.

This system of "Jim Crowism" is arbitrary, unchristian and unjust. The separate coach, in its motive and effect, is close akin to the slave pen of the past generation. This system brands millions of American citizens as inferiors in the eyes of all other races in the Republic because they are connected with the Hamitic branch of the human family.

The present mode of segregation has no regard for character and education in the black race; it holds up to contempt of our race as such; it humiliates and degrades our wives and daughters and exposes them to indignities and embarrassments from every quarter; it teaches one race to become arrogant or patronizing and the other race becomes envenomed or servile. This whole system is cruel and unnatural, without heart and reason, and it is storing mischief and sorrow for the future generations.

When ten millions of loyal American citizens are filled with a justified discontent, it becomes a serious national question, one which tests the quality and sincerity of the Republic's Christianity and patriotism.

We are not discouraged. The future is bright with promise. We believe in God. We note with pleasure that there are many of our white fellow citizens at the South, as at the North, who believe that the Spirit and Golden Rule of Jesus Christ should be applied to the race question in this country. With these Christian patriots we would co-operate; to these and to all good men and women everywhere we appeal, that they may do all that is possible to wipe this stain from the escutcheon of the South and Nation.

We recommend, further, that our people throughout the country deport themselves with modesty and courtesy in all public places. That when returning from work in soiled clothes they be not conspicuous and offensive to other travelers on street cars.

Our ministers and lay workers gathered here from all parts of the Republic should return and work out these principles of Christian manhood and neighborliness.

We further recommend that the 7th of November, 1907, the seven tieth anniversary of the martyrdom of Elijah P. Lovejoy, be the day when the Negro race in America shall, in a manly, Christian way, protest against the present mode of segregation in the United States, and it is further recommended that, as a race, we go to our knees on that day that God would cleanse our land of this stain and give power and effect to the Gospel of human brotherhood in our land.

By motion of Rev. A. J. Stokes, Alabama the Committee on State of the Country was requested to hold two sessions each day of two hours' duration.

Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board, was presented and submitted his eighth annual report, which is as follows:

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD.

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

We are pleased to state to you that this has been the most successful year through which we have passed since this department of the work was organized. During these seven years we have been enabled to settle two puzzling questions. The first of these was, "Is the auxiliary work among Baptist young people a necessity?" The second, "Would any reasonable portion of our Baptist ministers support it?" Both of these questions have been practically settled. We have reached the point in the development of our church work at which a Baptist church is regarded as a sort of secondary affair, if it fails to maintain a Baptist Young People's Society. The pastors have learned that the organization is a help to them rather than a hindrance, and for that reason, they do not only manifest a willingness to encourage it in local circles, but a large per cent of them feel that it is their duty to make regular contributions to the work of the National

B. Y. P. U. Board. We are still confronted, however, with a problem of oscillation. A great many of our societies run well for a season, and then suspend, start in again, run well for another season and suspend. This naturally causes the work to be an experiment with many of the officers. It is desirable that those in authority shall make faithful efforts to make the work more permanent. This could be done very easily, if the Presidents would turn attention to it, and deal with the problem in a serious manner.

Organizing Processes.

Our work of organizing is done in about the same manner that it has been done heretofore, except that we have been compelled to vary our methods of contributing to the work of organization in the various States. At first we were so eager to push the work of organization that we instituted a system of co-operation which put us very largely in debt. We changed this system, met these obligations in the various States, and then felt the necessity for introducing a system which could be operated without imposing large obligations upon our Board that it was difficult to discharge. This modified system of co-operation has not been quite as satisfactory as the system that preceded it, but it has enabled us to carry on our work of organizing with a reasonable degree of success, without coming to the end of the fiscal year with a large debt in the missionary department. We do not get as splendid results as we would, if we were able to operate the system which we first began, but experience has taught us that we could not operate this system without becoming heavily involved, and wisdom suggested that we modify it. We have kept a Field Secretary on the road, and while his work has been successful to a remarkable extent, there is still the feeling that the Corresponding Secretary himself should attend the Convention in person. If he would meet with the largest measure of success financially. We wish to insist that it is absolutely impossible, even though the Secretary was in good health, for him to do the amount of traveling thus required, and at the same time do the literary work that it is necessary for him to do. We have been relying on our "TITHING SYSTEM" to bring us a sufficient amount of missionary money with which to prosecute this particular phase of our work; but only a small proportion of the societies have responded regularly to this appeal. We have collected a nice little sum of missionary money by this method, but the amount is nothing compared with what it should be. We hope to be able to inaugurate a more profitable phase of co-operation with the Boards in the various States during the coming year. We are delighted to state that the American Baptist Publication Society, as in the years past, has made some contributions to assist us in the missionary department of this work. At the beginning of the present fiscal year they made a contribution to us by way of grants of Bibles to be used in the promotion of our Bible Reader's course. They made us a similar grant about thirty days ago, and gave us full assurance that it would help in the coming fiscal year, at least, as much as it had during the year that is now closing. We appreciate these contributions very much, and insist that our brethren manifest the same degree of gratitude towards the Society that is herein expressed. We find it very difficult to get a sufficient number of Bibles to satisfy the demand that is made by the continuous growth of our Bible Reader's Circle. We have submitted applications to several Bible houses that are owned by Baptist people, requesting them to make us liberal discounts, because of the nature of our Bible work, and the necessity therefore, but we have been refused. Each time that the very best that could be done for us would be a commission of ten per cent on Bibles handled by us. This com-

mission was too small to pay even the freight bills on the Bibles shipped out, and we could not, therefore, consider these very charming propositions. The demand for Bibles has increased proportionately with the growth of this Bible Reader's Department, and since it is something in the nature of a miracle to engage so many young people in the daily study of the Bible, it becomes a serious question with our Convention whether or not the Secretary is in position to circulate copies of the Scriptures in sufficient quantities to encourage and promote the growth of this department. Our Bible work should not be neglected. It should be remembered that previous to the time we began to develop the Bible Reader's Course in our auxiliary organizations, records were very few from which we could gather information conducive to the belief that a reasonable proportion of our young people in any community were making a systematic study of the Word of God. In view of that fact, we should rejoice, because of the progress now being made, and improve every opportunity to render a tribute to this particular department of the work.

Emergency Fund.

We are delighted to note that a great many of the pastors did not forget the admonition that we gave them during the Memphis Convention. It was there we called attention to the fact that it was necessary for those in authority to make more liberal contributions to our work during the winter than during any other period of the year. We called attention to the inconvenience and hardships that attended a Secretary who was compelled to travel during this unfavorable period, for the purpose of collecting money with which to carry on the work of the Board that he represents. We insisted that, in view of failing health, we would not, by any means, feel justified in submitting him to the exposure, and requested that the pastors respond to the special emergency appeals for the months of November, December, January, February and March in such a manner as to keep him free from exposure of this kind. A great many pastors recognized the justice of this contention, and when appeals were submitted to them responded most liberally. We have in mind about a score of pastors who did not permit a single one of these months to go by without sending a contribution to the work of our Board, whether a printed appeal reached them or not. The letters containing these contributions contained sympathetic expressions and earnest appeals to him to remain quiet in the endeavor to improve his physical condition, and some of them contained a promise that if more frequent contributions were necessary for that purpose such contributions would be made. It should be said, perhaps, to the credit of the Baptists of Alabama, that they contributed in a much larger measure to the fund for the winter than those of any other State. Due to the fact, perhaps, that the Alabama Baptist State Convention met about the last week in November, at which time a most liberal contribution was made by the Convention itself, and Rev. J. W. Goodgame, the member of the National B. Y. P. U. Board, from that State, made two libraries for the Corresponding Secretary which were a great financial success. All told (estimating the contributions sent in the mail) the Alabama people contributed four hundred dollars to our emergency fund for the winter. In addition to these liberal contributions, we received urgent appeals from many pastors that we could not reach, insisting that if we should pay them a visit, they would make a larger contribution to the work of the N. B. Y. P. U. Board than they had ever made. The opportunity was not afforded us to accept these invitations. We made ourselves contented, therefore, with the contributions that had already been made by the Baptists of Alabama, and reserved these visits for the

future. Several of the States were liberal in their contributions, but since Alabama led in this particular campaign, we do not hesitate to make special mention of this State in this connection.

By means of the emergency contributions our Secretary was enabled to remain in his office, protect his health, and at the same time prosecute the work of this Board with a reasonable degree of success. Your Board feels grateful to every person, who, by influence or deed, helped to make this condition possible.

A Significant Comparison.

Your Board wishes to state that its Secretary has, in its opinion, wrought wisely and well. He has operated the work of the Board for the last seven years, carried forward the work of organization on a great scale, making a substantial increase in the literary department, increasing the financial income to the missionary and educational work without burdening the department with an unusually large debt. Our report last year shows that we brought forward a debt of only six hundred dollars. Compare this with the annual report of the B. Y. P. U. A., which is operated by experienced white brethren. It will be found that after a period of fifteen years the denomination was called upon to pay a debt of twenty thousand dollars, which it paid with the tacit understanding that this department would not create another debt of such huge proportions. In a recent annual meeting of the B. Y. P. U. A., the report showed a debt of ten thousand dollars brought forward. If efficiency for service is to be determined by success achieved along business lines, analogy would result in a favorable compliment to the Secretary of our Board. We make this comparison in no spirit of vanity, but for the purpose of emphasizing what seems to be the careful, painstaking methods by which the business of this department is conducted.

It is remarkable from our point of view how we have had such constant increase along all lines, and have not been confronted with a large and appalling debt.

Having succeeded in advancing the work to its present stage, without the making of a very large debt, we trust, despite the fact that obligations and responsibilities increase with the growth of institutions, it may be some years yet before it will be necessary for this department to report anything in the nature of a debt that is seriously aggravating.

The Utility of Systematic Endeavor.

We are still making faithful efforts to reduce the work among our young people to a science. For this purpose we are laboring earnestly to have them understand the utility and the advantages of a well directed, orderly, systematic plan of operation. We are teaching them to study systematically, to work systematically, to give systematically, and thereby remove themselves from the habit of doing things in the casual, accidental, happy-go-lucky style. We are insisting that order is heaven's first law, and that there cannot be very much achieved where order and system are not preserved. Our entire denomination needs a reformation in this particular phase of our religious work. If the majority of our churches were operated in accordance with any well regulated system, it would not be impossible for the smallest of them to operate their work, and discharge their financial obligations with a much greater degree of ease and comfort. We trust that the pastors will join us in our efforts to systematize, and to train their young people to organize and labor in such a manner that they will be certain to get good and lasting results from the service rendered.

Our Rallying Time.

Although the rally on the fourth Sunday in November was an improvement on that of the year 1906, it did not come up to our expectations. This is an important day with us. We look forward to it with a great degree of anxiety and solicitude. This day having been set apart by the National Baptist Convention as a rally day for this Board, we are disposed to think that every pastor in the United States, at least, who affiliates with the National Baptist Convention, having knowledge of the fact, will rally his people on that day, and contribute whatever he can, under the circumstances, to the work of this particular department. While we are pleased to note that a great many more pastors are observing the day each year, still it is painful to state that many of them do not observe the day. A grievous complaint on our part, however, is that in several cases where the president of local B. Y. P. U. Societies have used our program, and collected money for our Board, the pastors have intervened, and by force of unilateral authority taken this money and used it for some other purpose. We pause here long enough to state that this is a gross injustice to our Board, to the local Society thus contributing, and to the denomination itself. We trust that the day will come when the pastors of our churches will not dare to pervert the money that the people have raised for one purpose, by turning it into another channel, and using it for something else, thus depriving the donors of the benefit of their contributions. It is absolutely essential that our collections shall be larger on the Rally Day for this year. Our work is increasing continually, and with this material increase comes a corresponding increase of responsibility; and this we look to the denomination to help us carry. It is absolutely necessary that we raise five hundred dollars more this year than we have any previous year. The necessity for this increase of contributions is shown further on to the body of this report, and we trust that all of our constituents will realize as fully as we do the necessity, and come holdily to our relief.

The National Baptist Union.

Our Board has figured very conspicuously in the effort to keep before the denomination a safe, reliable, denominational paper. This paper has been published as heretofore jointly with the National Baptist Publishing Board. The Publishing Board has the entire management and managerial control. Under this combination, which so far has been perfectly agreeable, the denomination has been furnished what many of our patrons and friends are pleased to call a high class religious journal. We have endeavored to be careful, painstaking, both with reference to the business management and the editorial work, realizing that a great Convention representing a great constituency like ours should be favored with the issuance of a publication which would compare favorably with other journals of the same class, and serve as a medium through which advertisement of the work of all our Boards and Secretaries might be made continuously. As heretofore, we have endeavored to serve all the interests of the Convention, and as to the manner in which we have succeeded in doing that we leave for the Secretaries of the various Boards to testify. Whatever failures or omissions have occurred, we congratulate ourselves that they have been errors of the head and not of the heart. It might be said in this connection that this paper does not receive as liberal support as it should from the great constituency which it represents. It is true the circulation has been steadily on the increase, and that it is larger at the present time than at any previous time, but we should have three times as many readers as there are on our

subscription looks at the present time. We have endeavored to make every pastor an agent, and to rely upon each one to send us fifteen or twenty subscribers during the year. If this was done, the paper would have the largest circulation of any paper of its kind that is published in this country. It is our sincere desire that the pastors will consider themselves agents, and that they will, by active personal effort on their part, increase the subscription list very largely during the coming fiscal year.

A Working Institution.

We have labored faithfully to impress our young people that this is a working organization, and that its primary purpose is to edify them in the activities of the churches in such a manner that, by reason of their service, their pastors may find the church work much easier to do. Reciting scripture verses, making beautiful declamations, and rendering melodious songs are well enough in their appropriate season, but none of this intellectual display can take the place of active, honest, unselfish Christian service. Labor is nature's demand, and she will not reward the idler and the hypocrite, although he may occupy a most prominent place in the most fashionable church. We should not draw upon ourselves the imputation of advocating the inevitable progress of the human race. The world is subject to evil impressions as well as good, and whatever advance is made in the line of true progress will not be the result of the blind law of necessity, but of a moral dental design through human nature and properly directed human labor. Without labor nothing of value can be accomplished. It is the essential prerequisite of well-being, the original curse which proves a blessing in disguise. The remark has been made that could all the wants of man be supplied without labor, there would be reason to fear that he would become a brute for the want of something to do, rather than a philosopher from an abundance of labor. In all those countries where nature does the most, man does the least. The sterile soil and the inclement sky seem to be stimulants to mental and physical exertions, when once the necessary impulse has been given. True progress does not consist in obviating the necessity of labor, but in changing, by means of improvements in the art, its character, in rendering it more conducive to the supplying of the wants and comforts of man, and to the development of his mental and moral nature. Recognizing this principle, we never lose an opportunity to impress our young people that they must be serviceable in all the walks of life, and that their auxiliary organizations are failures, if they do not promote the spirit of Christian activity. The incentive in Christian work should constrain us to serve faithfully and well. Plutarch said, "An ordinary mechanic, for instance the maker of musical instruments, would be much more attentive and pleased at his work, if he knew that his harp would be touched by the famous Amphion, and in his hand serve for the builder of Thebes, or if that Thebes had bespoken it, who was so great a master that by the force of his music he pacified a great tumult among the Lacedaemonians. Now the king in whose name we serve, far greater than Amphion, Thebes and Thebes, will review the labors of our hands, and if we have wrought well will proclaim, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant;' and unspeakable greater power than all these will give the victorious laborer an admonition which neither of them can give, 'Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' Our motto is, 'We study that we may serve,' and we strive faithfully to impress our young people with the significance of this motto. The New Testament teaches that saints are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. The Apostle Paul admonished them to be rich in good works. If this idea can be properly

expanded in our auxiliary organizations, they may be made to fill the most important places in the economy of church life. The manner in which we have succeeded in teaching the lesson of religious activity, of the utility of honest labor in the Christian system is illustrated by the following table which shows the amount of work done through this channel, during the eight years that it has been in operation:

State B. Y. P. U. Conventions	32
District B. Y. P. U. organizations	286
County B. Y. P. U. Conventions	465
Local B. Y. P. U. Societies	7,110
Converts furnished the churches	18,340
Number taking Bible Reader's Course	72,500
Number taking Baptist History	68,310
Number taking Baptist Doctrines	56,480

Moneys Contributed.

For Christian Education	\$48,300 00
For Home Missions	41,450 00
For Foreign Missions	29,380 00
For State Missions	20,190 00
For Church Repairs	56,220 70

The Course in Baptist Doctrines.

It is important that vigorous efforts should be made to indoctrinate our young people. If other people choose to be careless and indifferent on that subject they may, but Baptist people cannot afford it. Doctrinal beliefs are fundamental. A man's religious creed involves his intellect and his spirit. It is the sum bonus of his knowledge of Bible truth; and at the same time the most substantial exponent of his mental honesty. We have small patience with the Baptists who listen approvingly to other people making the silly contention that the points of doctrinal difference between them and other people are small, non-essential, immaterial points concerning which the lofty opinions and the good will of our brethren of other faiths should not be sacrificed. Baptist doctrines are essential, very essential; to honest Baptists they are life itself. They are so essential, so material that hundreds of our forerunners have willingly given up their lives for their progress. For these doctrines Felix Mantz was drowned; Hubmaier banished to meet his martyrdom elsewhere; Blaurock burned at the stake; Hotzer driven out of Zurich, and Strasburg imprisoned and put to death; Michael Sattler, who wrote the Schleitheim Confession, the first document containing a "Confession of Faith," which corresponds exactly with the beliefs avowed by Baptist churches of to-day, had his tongue torn out, his body lacerated with hot tongs, and burned to a crisp. In like manner the leaders and teachers of religious thought among us would, as a rule, lay down their lives for the defense and maintenance of these principles. To confess that they are non-essential is to discount our intelligence and discredit our sanity by the manifestation of a willingness to give our lives for that which is immaterial. We can no longer give audience to the ministers of other denominations who are hunting vantage ground by making earnest pleas for the compromise and consequent surrender of the doctrines and polity of the Baptist churches. We must fortify ourselves against the day of decline in things spiritual. This must necessarily follow a lack of interest in the preservation and intelligent statement of the doctrines that have come steadily down to us through the ages since John the Baptist proclaimed the coming of the Messiah, and made repentance and faith the positive and exclusive conditions upon which

men might come to Him and receive life eternal. It is our duty therefore, to insist that no kind of organization be tolerated in Baptist churches that does not inculcate this idea, and represent this spirit.

Christian Culture Course Work.

Your Board insists that the effort to make intelligent, studious, thoughtful Baptists is accompanied with more serious difficulties than that of any other phase of our denominational work. Educational processes are tedious. Very few people delight to pursue courses of study systematically. They run well for a season, but, ordinarily, they delight to "take recess" without obtaining the teacher's consent. Many begin our courses with a full determination, it seems, that they will complete them, but they become weary after a few months' work, and take a rest which it is evident they do not need. It may be observed by reference to other sections of this report that, while there has been an increase in the number taking the courses in Baptist History and Baptist Doctrines, there has been particularly no increase in the number taking the course in Missionary Reading. This is a regrettable, lamentable state of affairs. We could well afford to sacrifice the two former for the latter. The missionary impulse, the missionary spirit, the proper conception of duty as members of a missionary denomination are far more valuable than the most technical knowledge of other truths. We improve every opportunity to increase the intelligence of Baptist young people. We regard this a foundation work, and we insist that we cannot lay a substantial foundation without it. We make no effort to eliminate the emotion from our worship or our service, but we think the right to regulate it, so that it may be more profitable than injurious, should be reserved by the leaders and disseminators of thought who are laboring faithfully to advance the Christian system. Our contention is that emotion should be active, not passive. We rise out of thought into emotion, for emotion not only precedes, it also transcends thought; emotion carries on and completes our otherwise incomplete thoughts and aspirations. The actor does not culminate when he is pouring forth an eloquent diatribe, when he is uttering the most glowing words of Shakespeare, nor parceling out borrowed phrases from the soliloquy of thought and the masters of language. But when all words fail him and when he stands apart with flashing eye and quivering lip and heaving chest and allows the impotence of exhausted symbolism to express for him the crisis of the inarticulate emotion—then we say the actor is sublime, and emotion has transcended thought. Emotion has gotten a bad name. Because it is so often misdirected, so often wasted, so often stands for mere gush without sincerity, it has a tendency to pass on into action. In Charles Dickens we are told of some ladies who were carried home in a flood of tears and a Sedan chair, and had the power of turning on the water works (crying) at any moment.

Idle tears, empty, meaningless shouts all pass for emotion. Not so. Emotional John never stopped until he filled the desert with the call to repentance. Emotional Peter did not stop until he baptized three thousand souls. Emotional Paul took no leisure until the Alexandrian library had been burned, and the gods of Athens and Ephesus had passed into history. Emotion in each case followed deep conviction and an intelligent, comprehensive sense of duty. We must make intelligent Baptists, and cease to apologize for making this contention. We are very hopeful with regard to the work of the National Baptist Sunday School Congress and B. Y. P. U. Chautauqua. The last meeting of this Congress and Chautauqua was held in New Orleans. It

was well attended, and every messenger that attended testified that it was an intellectual feast from which he gathered most profitable installments of knowledge, and received inspiration anew for his work as a teacher of religion. This organization grows in importance and numerical strength each year. We take pleasure in admonishing Christian workers of every grade to attend the sessions as regularly as is possible. We have been highly gratified with the progress that has been made in the study of Baptist history. Ordinarily only the pastors among us who have enjoyed educational advantages have any accurate or profitable knowledge of Baptist history. The masses of our people find no occasion for such knowledge, and, therefore, do not pursue it. Many of the young people can see no real good in work of this kind until we have labored with them a short period. After we have taken them through such subjects as "The Primitive Church," "The Church in the Wilderness," "The Anabaptists of Switzerland," and "The Anabaptists of Germany," they not only become interested, but having been able to discover that others gave their lives freely for the doctrines which Baptists hold today, they become more enthusiastic Baptists and most zealous advocates of Baptist principles. One cannot follow us attentively through the 11th century without being seriously affected with the faith and zeal of Peter DeBruys, Henry of Lausanne and Arnold de Brascia. Neither can one go far with us into the 12th century before he is charmed with the faith and heroism of Peter Waldo and his loyal band. One cannot go with us through the Zwinglian reformation, observing how like a marble wall Hubmaier withstood the heresies of Zwingli and his band, suffered torture and death, transmitting to us thereby the "Confession of Faith" as Baptists hold it to the present day. In fact, when we cite examples of history, we animate to virtue and arm with fortitude. When we call up the illustrious dead we inspire and improve the living. In this respect a knowledge of history plays a bold part in creating enthusiasm and in increasing loyalty to the tenets of the denomination.

Temperance Work.

An highly essential feature of the work is that of temperance. According to the Constitution, provision is made for the appointment of a Temperance Committee, and the duties of this committee are defined as follows: "To distribute literature on the subject, arrange for meetings to its interest, and everything possible to promote temperance principles and sentiment in the members of the organization." We encourage the formation of temperance organizations in all the churches and carry a "Temperance Department" in The National Baptist Union.

The matter for this department is contributed by one of the most consecrated, most faithful, most successful temperance workers in the denomination.

On page 23 of the B. Y. P. U. Guide will be found some valuable suggestions to the Temperance Committees. If these committees would adopt these suggestions and undertake to advance this work in accordance with them, a much greater interest in the temperance movement would be created and much more good accomplished. We have attended some associations and conventions, and listened to the report of temperance committees, only to discover that there is a lack of information on this subject. These committees are usually too glad to hurry through with their work, giving us old stereotyped and hackneyed phrases used by the committees that preceded them, and thereby preparing the enthusiastic temperance people to renew their assaults upon all who do not agree with their notions. Not only are

such discussions fruitless, but they do the cause of temperance infinitely more harm than good. If the people were educated with regard to this subject: If they were shown in a systematic way the evil effects of strong drink, it would not be necessary to indulge in these harsh epithets and rigid reprimands of those who are addicted to the habit of using strong drink. We have been making special efforts to get our hands on some temperance tracts, but we have not been able yet to secure these in sufficient quantities to justify us in the effort to begin their circulation. None of the temperance organizations throughout the country have found the way clear to contribute any tracts for this purpose. Some of them have proposed to sell us tracts at greatly reduced prices, but since we have no money for the tract department, we have felt that it was not best to make a debt in order to secure such tracts as we need. We are still hoping that the way will be opened for us to distribute temperance tracts on a large scale. Unless, however, some of the enthusiastic temperance people in our denomination contribute some money to this tract fund to be used exclusively for that purpose, we cannot pledge ourselves, with certainty, as to the time when such an opportunity will be afforded us. We believe that temperance is just as much a part of the gospel scheme as righteousness and judgment. These were the three divisions into which Paul divided the gospel scheme, and we believe that the preaching of one is as necessary as the preaching of the other. We are glad to note that a tidal wave of temperance reform has struck effective legislation against the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors. We urge our young people everywhere to stand for local option, prohibition, or anything else that helps to lessen the power and influence of the licensed saloon, and to check the increase of crime consequent for the exercise of these privileges.

Our Bible Work.

We are pleased to state that there has been remarkable increase in the number belonging to our Bible Readers Course. These circles are not only increasing in number, but their members are gaining knowledge of what the Bible teaches each day and thereby becoming better to others and more profitable Christian servants. We recognize the fact that in proportion as we advance Bible study we make intelligent and enthusiastic Christians. There are some difficulties attending this phase of the work to which we invite serious attention. The demand for Bibles increases so rapidly that we find ourselves unable to satisfy it. We have no Bible fund, neither do we get any contribution of Bibles except from one source. The American Baptist Publication Society, through the kindness of Rev. Robert G. Senour, D. D., made us a donation of two hundred Bibles this year. We endeavored to use to the best advantage. Other Bible houses offer us such small commissions that we cannot supply our members at regular prices without making a debt in this department. It is evident that if we are to keep up this kind of work, we must have some contributions from some source for that purpose. We do seek to enlist the sympathies of the pastors in this phase of our work.

They are doing themselves and their churches the greatest good when they render us assistance in our efforts to make Bible Bibles. Bible, Christian is always a valuable asset. The Bible strengthens men: it satisfies their longings and commits them to duty. No man can do. We cannot come into the valley of the shadow of death without having knowledge of the Word. The sacred writings were sometimes called the "canon" of Scripture, from a Greek word signifying a straight rod, hence a rule of law. It is rendered thus in Gal. 6: 16. "And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be

on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." Also in Phil. 3: 16. "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing." Moreover the Bible has an aggressive mission. It is a potent force among the elements of civilization; indeed, at times it has been the dominant force amid the influences making for civilization, culture and general intelligence and prosperity. There is an irrepressible conflict between evil and good. Our Lord came to send a sword. This sword is, in a large measure, His word. Missionaries in heathen lands have discovered remarkable activity among the powers of darkness when the gospel of Christ is first preached. It is not surprising therefore, that such ebullitions of evil should have been common when Christ introduced the opposing force of civic righteousness and personal holiness. The brighter the light the deeper are the shadows. Electric lights cast shadows which make the wire appear to be as large as a cable. When the light of God's Word is flashed upon the darkness of human sin, that darkness appears the deeper, and every sin becomes single. The Word of God necessarily attacks by its mere presence, and especially in its aggressive and heavenly mission, every form of evil. The wisest and the best men testify to the transforming and redeeming quality of the Bible. Lieutenant Maury said: "I have always found in my scientific studies, that, when I could get the Bible to say anything upon the subject, it afforded me a firm platform to stand upon, and a round in the ladder by which I could safely ascend."

John Quincy Adams, who made it a practice to read the Bible through once a year, said: "In what light soever we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue."

Daniel Webster said: "From the time that at my mother's knee I first learned to flap verses from the sacred writings, they have been my daily study and vigilant contemplation. If there be anything to my style or thoughts to be amended, the credit is due to my kind parents, in instilling into my mind an early love of the Scriptures."

Sir William Jones said: "I am of the opinion that the Bible contains more true sensibility, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history and finer strains of poetry and eloquence, than can be collected from all other books, in whatever age or language they may be written."

Sir Isaac Newton said: "We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy." Our own experience with reference to the importance of the Bible should constrain us to engage in the most faithful effort to promote the systematic study of the Word.

Our Material Advancement.

It has been impossible heretofore for us to report any property holdings to the credit of the Convention by our Board. Our officers have been kept in leased quarters, because we have not felt justified in attempting to make purchases of real estate heretofore. The only property, therefore, that has been reported to the name of this Board has been the office fixtures, furniture, plates, etc. During the fiscal year, we took an option on a lot on Gay street containing 52x98 feet in measurement, and containing a two-story brick building with ten rooms. We have purchased this property at a splendid bargain, and on most excellent terms. We took an option on the property for one hundred dollars, in order to secure it to us until we had sufficient time to complete the cash payment of five hundred dollars. This means that it will be necessary for us to pay four hundred dollars on this property by the first day of November. When we shall have succeeded in making the cash payment, we can pay for

the property at the rate of five hundred dollars a year, which is less than the rentals we are paying at the present time. We earnestly solicit the cooperation of all our brethren and friends in our efforts to complete this cash payment at the time specified. We can succeed in doing that, we are quite certain that we will be able to meet subsequent payments through the business department, and by the income for the rent of space which will not be necessary for our purpose.

Our Central Theme.

In the prosecution and development of this work, one thought controls, one voice directs, one spirit leads. High above all other voices, we listen to the voice of Him who said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." "Loyalty to Christ" is our watchword, and we never seek any substitute, nor offer any apology for the use of that name. It is the name above all names. It is not only music in the ear of the believer, but it sends the harmonies and melodies of heaven to his troubled heart. We would be delighted to see the approach of the day when our young people everywhere would sing with the poet of old,

"Jesus, I love thy charming name,
Tis music to mine ear,
Fain would I sound it out so loud,
That heaven and earth would hear."

We insist upon obedience and reverence to the pastor, upon the proper respect for the officials and aged and judicious members of the church, but far above all these, we bless the name of Jesus.

It was he who brought spiritual regeneration to man, which overshadowing the moral, political, and social principle taught him in he could only develop from within. This too because He was divine. Who taught him this wisdom? The exalted rulers, crowned chiefs like Augustus, knew nothing of it, and it is difficult to fancy a conception to be the fortuitous guess of a mere man. Here is one born in an obscure nook of the world, beholding on every hand the signs of force and learning from every available indication that the science of public order is the science of repression, thrusting from him the political wisdom of antiquity, upturning its most cherished maxims, and then creating an empire whose splendor and stability have put to shame the grandeur and endurance of earthly monarchies. It has been asked appropriately if the career of Julius Caesar has excited the amazement of centuries, what shall we say of Jesus Christ? His religion conquers all and settles all. It carries with it at each step such wonderful disclosures of heaven's compassion, and such uplifting views of the relations existing between God and men, that the judgment of the latter is charmed and captivated even before the evidence itself has been duly sifted and scrutinized. The religion that Jesus founded will triumph only through his name. At the faith preaching of His name every knee shall bow and every tongue confess.

Rev. Robert McArthur has given us this beautiful description of Him: "Jesus Christ is the most attractive personage the world has ever known. He is the Shiloh in Genesis; the I Am in Exodus; the star and sceptre in Numbers. In Deuteronomy he is our Rock; Joshua he is the captain of the Lord's host; and in Job he is the Redeemer. He was David's Shepherd and Lord; and in the song Solomon he is the Beloved. In Isaiah he is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. Jeremiah he is the Lord our Righteousness; in Daniel he is the Son

of Man. In Zechariah he is the Branch; and in Haggai he is the Desire of All Nations. In Malachi he is the Messenger of the Covenant and the Sun of Righteousness. He is John the Baptist's Lamb of God, and John the Evangelist's Vine, Way, Truth, Life, Light. The Apostle Peter speaks of him as the Shepherd and Bishop of Souls; and in the book of Revelation he is the Alpha and Omega, and also the Morning Star." He insists also that these are but a few of the attractive titles applied to Christ on the page of inspiration. He was the world's desire as indicated by the longing and hoping of the world's greatest thinkers. He was the perfect man of Plato's ideal conception. He was the dream of poets, the hope of philosophers, and the inspiration of painters and sculptors. He is our hope in life, our support in death, and He will be the theme of our triumphant song in eternity, when we shall crown him with many thorns. Let us carry forward the conquest of the King until all our constituents exclaim with the poet:

"From Olivet's sequestered sheets,
What sounds of trumpet spread?
What concourse moves through Salem streets,
To Zion's holy head?"

"Behold him there in lowliest guise!
The Saviour of mankind,
Triumphant shouts before Him rise,
And shouts reply behind;
And 'strike' they cry, your loudest string,
He comes! Hosanna to our King."

Receipts.

Balance September, 1906	\$ 77 20
General Fund	3,806 33
Merchandise	1,972 10
Missions	3,483 22
Foreign Missions	16 50
Subscriptions	581 44
Advertising	232 51
Christian Education	2,425 50
Total	\$12,614 46

Expenditures.

For Salaries	\$ 1,555 32
For Traveling	384 94
For Merchandise	215 53
For Printing	1,062 56
For Postage	449 00
For Freight	16 75
For Telegrams	1 00
For Advertising	162 00
For Missionary Work	3,483 22
For Christian Education	3,425 50
For Miscellaneous Expenses	1,843 56
Total	\$12,600 99
Balance to the credit of the Board	13 47

Respectfully submitted,

P. JAS. BRYANT, Chairman.
E. W. D. ISAAC, Secretary.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 1, 1907.

This is to certify that I have with great painstaking and care examined the accounts of the National B. Y. P. U. Board, and found the same correct.

ROBERT MITCHELL.

Auditor National Baptist Convention.

A collection of \$131.23 was taken for the B. Y. P. U. Board to assist in purchasing a lot in Nashville.

The hour having arrived for the B. Y. P. U. sermon, Rev. J. H. Hughes, D. D., of Alabama, led in singing "Go French My Gospel," etc. Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., of Alabama, read Eph. 4 as the Scripture lesson.

Prayer by Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, D. D., of Alabama.

President Morris introduced Rev. J. W. Goodgame, of Alabama, to preach the B. Y. P. U. sermon. He took his text from Eph. 4:13. "Till we all come into the unity of the Spirit." Theme: "Christianity in its Demands of Present Day Needs." The sermon was a splendid production and delivered in a most consoling and captivating manner. It was a strong plea for the Christian principles, and, consequently, the support of the B. Y. P. U. work. It was both an intellectual and spiritual feast, and the great audience, after listening attentively for one hour, urged the minister to continue.

Song, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?"

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Texas.

The President announced that the matter pertaining to the Illinois land gift for an aged ministers' home, which was referred to the National Benefit Board, had been referred back to the Convention with a request that it be considered by a special committee. The President named the following as a special committee: Revs. A. J. Stokes, J. R. Boone, J. J. Totten, W. B. Johnson, W. A. Bowen, J. R. Bennett, E. C. Cole, P. H. Kennedy, A. A. Casey, M. Proffitt, W. W. Whitton, R. L. Williams, D. S. Shadd, T. W. Wright, E. B. Topp.

The Secretary read the list of Vice Presidents, members of Boards and Committees as recommended by the different States.

Rev. Griggs, of Texas, reported for the special committee to consider the Jamestown invitation. The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON ARRANGEMENT FOR A VISIT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE CONVENTION TO THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Brother President and Members of the National Baptist Convention, now assembled with the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the subject of arranging a plan and time for the members of this Convention to visit the Jamestown Exposition, beg leave to make the following report for your consideration and approval:

Whereas, The Convention gave its approval to this great celebration two years ago at Chicago; and,

Whereas, A special invitation has been extended this session of our Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we accept the cordial invitation.

Second. That we leave Washington in a body Monday morning by boat, and hold a session on the boat and on the grounds in the Exposition Hall.

Third. That we hold a general Baptist mass-meeting while on the Exposition grounds, presided over by the President of this Convention, the program to consist of five-minute speeches from such persons as he may see fit to name.

A. R. GRIGGS, Texas;
J. C. JAXON, Virginia;
H. H. HARRIS, Virginia;
A. M. JOHNSON, Mississippi;
T. J. SEARCY, Tennessee;
J. R. BENNETT, Illinois;
J. J. BROWN, Georgia.

Committee.

The Secretary read an invitation from the Women's Convention to attend in a body the dedication of the buildings of the Woman's Industrial School. The invitation was accepted.

Rev. L. L. Campbell, D. D., of Texas, read a resolution on Temperance and Higher Christian Life which was, by motion, referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Rev. G. S. Middleton, of Florida, read a resolution on The Writing of Negro History, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. A. N. McEwen, D. D., of Alabama, reported as follows for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, which was ordered printed in the minutes for consideration another year:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on the Revision of the Constitution submits the following as our report:

Resolved 1. That Article IV, shall be so amended as to read three Assistant Recording Secretaries; that the electoral officers, one Vice President from each State, together with the Corresponding Secretary, and Chairman of each Board, shall constitute the general board of the Convention, the same be known as the Executive Board, who shall discharge the duties generally assigned to such a board.

Resolved 2. That the President, when calling the board together, shall notify the Recording Secretary, who shall notify each member of the board officially.

Resolved 3. That members of this board present shall constitute a quorum.

Resolved 4. That said board shall pay all claims incurred by the Convention, when properly presented to them while in session.

Resolved 5. That the calling of this board shall be at the discretion or at such time and place as the President may in his judgment think best.

Resolved 6. That the National Baptist Convention shall not recognize any auxiliaries as being a part of this body, but all work and workers, of all kind, in connection with this body shall be known and styled as a board, and shall be subject to the provision as laid down in "Article VI." of the Constitution.

Resolved 7. That the article in the Constitution on Amendments be so amended by striking out the words in the two last lines which read: Provided the proposed alterations or amendments are presented on

the first day of the season and voted upon on the last day of the session.

A. N. MEWEN, Alabama;
H. JOHNSON, D. D., Maryland;
A. D. CHANDLER, New York;
R. T. SIMS, Mississippi;
W. R. FORBES, Georgia.

Committee.

The report was adopted.

Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., Chairman of the Education Board, addressed the Convention on the work of the Board, emphasizing the establishment of a National Baptist Seminary.

At this point the rules were suspended, and the President introduced Hon. W. T. Vernon, Registrar of the Treasury, who addressed the Convention.

Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, Registrar of the United States Navy, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

President Morris again presented Dr. M. W. Gilbert, Chairman of the Educational Board, who in turn introduced Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, who submitted his report.

Dr. Gilbert next introduced the Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Sale, Superintendent of Education of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Dr. Sale brought the greetings of the Society and pledged anew their support for the education of Negroes.

By motion, the rules were suspended and the following resolution, offered by Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., was adopted.

Resolved, That it is the sincere conviction of the National Baptist Convention that the early establishment of the proposed National Baptist Theological Seminary is eminently desirable and the Convention hereby renews the pledge of its co-operation toward this end.

Resolved, That it is the sincere desire of the National Baptist Convention that the money required of this Convention be raised this year to secure the \$25,000 pledged by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Dr. Sterling M. Brown, of Howard University, was introduced. He brought greetings of the University, and assured the Convention that the Theological Department was in sympathy with the National Seminary movement.

The educational rally amounted to \$46.07.

By motion of Dr. C. H. Parrish, Kentucky, a special collection was ordered to be taken for the widow of the late Dr. W. J. Simmons to-morrow morning (Saturday).

Benediction, Dr. W. B. Reed.

Night Session.

The Convention assembled in Convention Hall at 8 o'clock. Song service conducted by Dr. N. H. Plus.

Rev. A. Hubbs, D. D., read 2 Tim. 3, as a Scripture lesson, and led in prayer.

After some announcements by Rev. A. R. Griggs, Texas, concerning

the trip to Norfolk, and by Rev. C. H. Parrish, concerning the Foreign Mission mass-meeting, an excellent chorus was rendered by the choir.

This being the evening for the address of Dr. Booker T. Washington, no regular business was transacted.

After the rendition of some musical selections by the choir, President Morris introduced Dr. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, Alabama, who delivered the best speech he has ever made to the delegates of the National Baptist Convention. His address will linger long in the memories of his hearers and will accomplish much in the development of the race. He received quite an ovation from the great throng that had filled Convention Hall to hear him.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

The Convention assembled at 9:40 o'clock, President Morris presiding. Song service conducted by Rev. N. H. Plus.

Dr. W. A. Bowen read Matt. 5:1-18 as the Scripture lesson. Rev. J. H. Ramey led in prayer.

Rev. D. Stratton was introduced and spoke of his forty years experience in the Christian service.

A communication from the St. Paul Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was read, and by motion was referred to the Church Extension Committee.

Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., reported as Statistical Secretary.

By motion of Dr. L. G. Jordan, the report was adopted.

Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., Chairman of the Publishing Board, was introduced and spoke of the work of the Publishing Board. He concluded by introducing Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Publishing and Home Mission Boards. Rev. Boyd was given an ovation as he came forward to read his report.

By request, Rev. Wm. Beckham, D. D., Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board, read the report of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. H. Allen Boyd, Assistant Secretary of the Publishing Board, read the report of the Publishing Board.

The reports are as follows:

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

Rev. J. P. Robinson, Chairman.

To the President and Delegates of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of America, assembled in the Capital of the Nation, September 11-16, 1907:

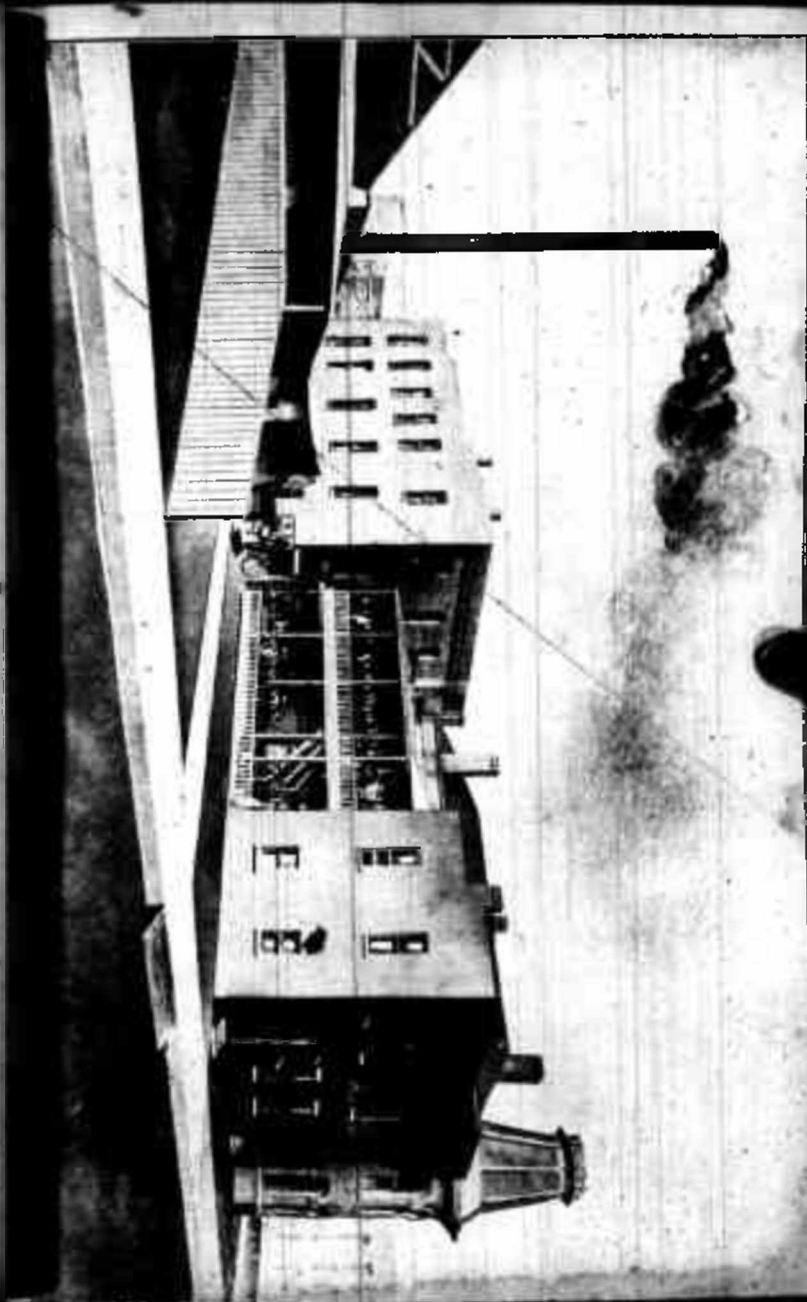
Dear Brothers and Co-laborers in the Master's Vineyard—We, the members of the Home Mission Board, through our Corresponding Secretary and Executive Board, offer you this, our twelfth annual report of missionary work done on home fields for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1906, and ending August 31, 1907. While our work has been laborious and we have met many vexatious problems that have caused us in many instances to shed tears, yet because it is the Master's work, and because it is a field where only those who can

understand that it is a labor of love, can possibly find delight, we have had many causes for rejoicing. Many destitute fields have been entered, and many gospel starved souls have been fed. Many drought-stricken gospel fields have been watered, and in many instances we have had reason to exclaim, "Great is the harvest."

The General Board in its first session after our re-election at Memphis, held a lengthy meeting and after earnest prayer and careful consideration, we felt the duty was incumbent upon us to retrench and economize in every possible manner, so as to use every available dollar in the prosecution of missionary work. Therefore, it was thought wise to hold joint meetings with our brethren of the Publishing Board, to elect a joint Executive Board, and have this joint Executive Board prosecute jointly both home mission and publication work in co-operation with each other. This joint board elected the same General Secretary, occupy the same office, use the same Field Secretary, bookkeeper, clerks, etc., and in this way save the salaries and rents that would naturally arise in the prosecution of this work. Our most sanguine expectations have been met in the way of expenses. We feel that more missionary work with less expense has been accomplished than even the most ardent financial economist could have hoped for by prosecuting the work separately. It will be noticed that one General Secretary has directed the whole business of both Boards, one Field Secretary has marshalled the forces upon the fields, and has made personal visits to almost every State Convention, together with a great number of associations. Armed with the instructions of the General Secretary and Executive Board, he has executed the work of missions, publications, and Sunday school work at one visit, accruing only the travelling expenses of one person, while doing the work of three. We believe the Convention will heartily approve of this method of economizing in the use of money raised for missionary purposes.

The Board's Methods of Missionary Operation.

The question of whether or not the National Baptist Convention should operate missionary work on home fields was fully decided twelve years ago, when the constitutional provision was made for a Home Mission Board. Hence the need of missionary work and whether or not it should be done, is no longer questions for controversy. The only question now that confronts the National Baptist Convention is *modus operandi*. With this question before us, and the broad, expanding fields of the great territory of twenty million of dark people depending almost exclusively upon the National Baptist Convention and its constituents, or upon its subordinate and auxiliary conventions and associations for the true Bread of Life, the impoverished condition of our churches, the inexperience of our pastors and leaders, the illiteracy of the masses, together with thousands of other obstacles that confront the workers, are problems sufficiently great not only to fill the hands of angels, but to engage the heart of a Saviour. We are fully cognizant of the fact that without divine guidance and the pecuniary aid of human agencies, the work of this Board must be a failure. We have, therefore, sought divine guidance at every meeting, and in every act that we have attempted to perform. We have laid urgent appeals before individuals, churches, Sunday-schools, State conventions, and as far as we have felt it consistent, we have attempted to interest other national missionary agencies in the needs of this vast, destitute territory. How well we have succeeded will be shown by consulting the totals of missionary work performed during the fiscal year.



The Relations Sustained by the Board to State and Territorial Baptist Missionary Conventions.

A great Baptist writer once stated that "ignorance of Baptist doctrine, polity and principles had created prejudice against Baptist people and Baptist organizations." No one knows this better to-day than the intelligent Baptist, for as Baptist presses have increased, and Baptist writers and authors have grown numerous, the world is to-day favoring Baptist principles more than at any time since the day of the Ascension of our Saviour. What is said in this regard of Baptist principles can be truly said concerning the work of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. Our State boards, associational boards, churches, and even our pastors, have not given the Home Mission Board the hearty co-operation that they should have given it. Ignorance of its modus operandi has caused them to withhold from it the needed aid and help that they should have given it, and has caused them to fail to receive in return the stimulation and aid they should have received at the hands of this Board.

Still we rejoice to say that the last closed door has been thrown open to our workers, and there is not a State convention, or association of Negro Baptists anywhere on the American continent whose doors are closed against the friendly, fraternal, or missionary visits by our missionary workers. They give us a hearty welcome and a place in their deliberations whenever and wherever we may call upon them. Yet they do not fully understand that our only field is the state and district organizations. The need of a central missionary organization has not been fully felt, or clearly understood by the leaders of our State and district organizations. It is customary for them to look upon us as friendly competitors rather than co-operative workers. Each State organization seems to think that we, the Home Mission Board, are creatures of a competitive organization instead of understanding us as their own fellow servants and co-laborers. They do not understand that their field is the only field upon which we can spend missionary money, and that they are the constituents from whom we must receive the greater portion of the money spent. When this is understood, the State conventions, associations and churches will, we believe, contribute liberally to this Board and greater work will be accomplished in every part of the United States.

Our Field Secretary and His Work.

The office of Field Secretary is one that has been and still is little understood and greatly questioned. It is only those who have a comprehensive view or knowledge of the magnitude of the National Baptist Convention and its great territory, who can possibly have any conception of the needs and work of the Field Secretary. The work of the Home Mission Board is equally dependent for success upon the activity and accomplishment of the Field Secretary as it is upon that of the General Secretary. If we should describe the missionary work as a great war against sin, vice, ignorance and superstition, then we should designate the General Missionary Secretary as the great commander-in-chief, and the Field Secretary as the great field marshal of this missionary army.

It is imperative that the Field Secretary should have personal acquaintance with both the missionary workers and the territory in which they are to work. If possible, he should visit the Executive Boards of every State and Territorial Convention, he should speak of the work before the delegates of every State Convention and Association, and should lay before them the vast needs of the destitute

portion. He should meet personally every missionary worker, individually, and, if possible, collectively, hold conferences with them, discussing the modes, methods and means of prosecuting missionary work. He should have a clear knowledge of the character, standing and work of each missionary and colporteur (male or female) on the field. Were it not for the untiring efforts of our Field Secretary the work of the Board would be a comparative failure. It is impossible for him to go wherever he is needed. Through his efforts we have come in personal contact with every State and Territorial Convention in the United States, and we hope ere long to have the same contact with every District Association.

The work of the Field Secretary is in its infancy; it has just begun. When the Board has sufficient means at its disposal it is its purpose to have the Field Secretary canvass each State, publishing his literary, meeting the brethren personally in all parts of the United States. The Missionary Workers and Colporters of the Home Mission Board.

We desire here to call special attention to the plan of our Board for doing missionary and colporteur's work. First, we attempt to have all missionary, Sunday-school and colportage work done under one general head, thereby using all the surplus arising from the Publishing Board, all collections, all donations by organizations, churches or individuals, and all donations given the Publishing Board from Bible Day and Children's Day, to be reported by the Home Mission Board. Second, it is contrary to the policy of the Board to appoint independent missionaries in any State or Territory where there is a Baptist State or district organization. But it is our policy to enter into co-operation with State, Territorial and District organizations in appointing these missionaries. We allow these Executive Boards to nominate the persons to work as missionaries, colporters or Sunday-school workers, fix their salaries, and we in return attempt to be satisfied with merely paying a part of their salaries and receiving duplicate reports. In this way it is the hope of the Board to have friendly, united, fraternal, and co-operative relations with each State, Territorial and District organization. The Board in this way has a considerable number of missionaries, colporters and Sunday-school workers.

However, this work has not proved to be as successful as the Board had hoped. The cause of this, we find, is twofold. First, men and women are nominated by their Executive Boards as a matter of favoritism, or because they are out of employment. When thus appointed they feel that the appointment was given them for the purpose of giving a salary instead of performing labor. A great number of men and women thus nominated and strongly recommended by their State or District Boards are either incompetent, incapable, unequipped with the work, or they are too indolent to perform the tasks assigned them. There are, however, great exceptions to this rule. There are a number of our missionaries who are making great sacrifices, and are doing a heroic work. The missionary work in a greater portion of the States, where we have our co-operative missionaries at work, is greatly improving, both in quality and quantity. The second great hindrance to this work is the failure on the part of these Executive Boards, conventions, associations, churches and pastors to understand their and our relations to each other, and the relations the missionaries appointed should sustain to both their boards and ours. If this could be thoroughly understood by the boards, churches, pastors and missionaries appointed, the workers would be greatly benefited and the work greatly increased.

The reports of a number of our missionaries have not been fully

satisfactory this year, from several standpoints. Even the Auditor was compelled to call our attention to several mistakes, omissions and overights in these reports, not intentional, we believe, but because the workers have not fully understood the importance of the work they are attempting to perform. In many instances our missionaries employed do not feel the responsibility or imperative need of carrying out the requests made by either our Board, or by their State or District Executive Boards. In many instances they feel that they owe their election to some influential friend, or that they are appointed on account of their great influence, or for some unknown cause, and do not really understand that they are expected to give value received in work for the money that is paid them.

It is the purpose of the Board for the next fiscal year to greatly increase the number of missionaries, colporters and Sunday-school workers in the various parts of the United States. In making this increase the Board is determined to find men and women who will thoroughly appreciate the importance of their appointments.

The Southern Baptist Convention (White) and Their Aid to Our Work.

The Southern Baptist Convention, through its Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., has donated largely to the aid of our Board in this work in the Southern States, or within the bounds of their convention.

At the beginning of the co-operative relation with the white Baptists, or when this enlarged plan of work on their part was first entered into, there was considerable unrest and uneasiness on the part of a number of our brethren; first, on account of a fear that the Southern Baptist Convention would take exclusive oversight and predominate the work of the National Baptist Convention; and, second, there was a little feeling with our Eastern, Western and Middle States brethren because this aid could not be extended into their territory.

But year by year this work has prospered, and as the Southern Baptists have not attempted to dictate the plans of the working of the National Baptist Convention in any shape, has not put literature of any description into the hands of the co-operative missionary workers to be disseminated among our people, or in any of our churches; and has not attempted to dictate to our people what to preach nor where to preach; has not attempted to dictate to our Board nor to the State Boards who shall serve them as missionaries, there is now a great inquiry to know just what these white brethren expect in return for the enormous amount of money they are so unselfishly spending among our people.

The Board wishes again this year to impress upon the constituents of the National Convention, first of all, that the Southern white Baptists are Baptists in the truest sense of the word. They want every Baptist church to be a free, independent organization; they want every Baptist preacher to be a free-thinking, intelligent Baptist preacher, preaching the Gospel of the Son of God, as he understands it.

More than all, they want the Negro Baptists in every State to be united under a general head or organization in each State for the purpose of prosecuting both missionary and educational work, such as will redeem and lift up the down-trodden among us. They want, more than all, that these States shall be united into self-dependent Baptist organizations of a National character, capable of taking care of their own destitute fields in both missionary and educational work. When this is accomplished we believe these self-sacrificing Christian men and women will feel that they are richly paid, and the Master

glorified in the money they have given. They have stood ready at all times to counsel with and assist our brethren and our Board in every way they can. They have stood ready to meet us if needs be in counsel, to give any advice that may be asked of them that will in their judgement better the work, and hasten the Master's kingdom. But they would be the last people in America that would attempt to dominate the work of a Baptist institution.

Our Board very much regrets to report that these brethren have each year made larger appropriations than our Board has been prepared to make use of. But the money used has been the life and soul of the Home Mission Board in its missionary operations during this year. Had it not been for this aid so freely and so unselfishly given by these brethren, together with their counsel and advice, we feel that the work of our Board would have been almost, if not quite, a failure. We have been compelled each year to return from one to eight thousand dollars of this appropriation unused, for the reason that we could not find men and money to supplement these large appropriations made by them. They have left it almost exclusively to our Board to increase or decrease in proportion as the Board honestly thought that the money could be profitably expended. Hence when we spoke of enlarging our work and workers for another fiscal year, we said it with the full belief that our brethren everywhere are so thoroughly acquainted with this co-operative work that nothing can arise to disturb or hinder this great forward movement.

The Financial Resources of the Board.

The Home Mission Board of itself has no financial resources. It has no endowments, no legacies, and no source of income except such money as it can collect or solicit from individuals, churches, and State, Territorial or District organizations. As the State Conventions are greatly dependent upon the associations for their resources, so the Home Mission Board of the National Convention is greatly dependent upon the State organizations for its resources. If we could make our State organizations fully understand our work, it would not be long until the Home Mission Board could levy assessments upon each State Convention, and have some assurance of receiving the same. As it is, however, we must depend upon the free-will offerings of these State and District organizations to carry on the work. If we could have the assurance of receiving the assessments asked for, we could employ double the missionaries in each State, thereby greatly increasing the missionary work already being performed in a large part of the United States.

Church Edifice Fund.

Last year for the first time the Board called the attention of the Convention to the great needs of a Church Edifice Fund, to be used in assisting weak communities in erecting church edifices, and in many instances help to save churches that are already erected, and prevent them from being sold into the hands of speculators. It would indeed astonish a great number of our brethren if they could know how many Baptist churches are closed out every year and lost to the denomination because of the inability of the church officers to meet their obligations.

We do not mean by this Church Edifice Fund to aid city churches in erecting fine, costly, brick edifices beyond their means or resources of paying the same. For, indeed, the Board earnestly desires to discourage a great number of churches in undertaking to build edifices beyond the means or resources of their members to pay.

After making careful investigation, the General Secretary of the Board reports that four out of every five of our city churches are more or less either in debt for their church buildings or for the land bought on which to erect them, or the congregations are worshipping in rented halls where they have no houses of worship of their own. It is wonderful to understand that a large number of our congregations, the masses of whose members work for from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per week, and yet the church officers make debts in erecting church houses that average from \$100.00 to \$300.00 for each member belonging to the church. This deplorable condition has almost destroyed the missionary spirit in both the pastors and members.

There are a great number of congregations in the rural districts and country places that from \$100.00 to \$500.00 would enable them to have comfortable houses of worship. If this money was only loaned to them on long terms and small interest, they could be persuaded to repay this money, and it could be reinvested in helping some other congregation.

Baptist Statistics and Baptist History.

Last year the Home Mission Board called the special attention of the Convention to the great lack of accurate Baptist statistics. It is astonishing how little the Baptists know of themselves, and how much less other people know of the Negro Baptists in the United States.

The Federal Government has several times called the attention of our Secretary to the great lack of Baptist statistics. In fact, the Government finds it impossible to collect sufficient statistics to make a creditable showing of the work that is really performed by the Negro Baptists throughout this country, especially in the South. Besides the lack of Baptist statistics, there is also a woeful lack of Baptist history. One by one the old pioneers in each State are dropping out, and very soon it will be impossible to gather correct data concerning the rise and progress of Negro Baptists in each State since emancipation.

The Home Mission Board specially calls upon the Convention and recommends that more strenuous efforts, ways and means be set on motion to gather statistics and Baptist history throughout the length and breadth of this country. While it would possibly require a considerable outlay in money, and an enormous amount of labor, yet in some way the exact history and statistics of every state convention, every Sunday school convention, every association, and every district convention, should be fully and clearly known, and this should be made a matter of record, that it could be used as a reference.

Insular Possessions of the United States an Additional Territory for Our Board.

It is a question, in fact, it has become this year a grave question with the Home Mission Board as to whose field, or to whom does this new territory belong. The policy of the National Baptist Convention is to have two missionary Boards, known as the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. It is now a question of whether the work in the islands and on the Canal zone belongs to the Foreign Mission Board or the Home Mission Board. We believe that it is the consensus of opinion of a large majority of the constituency of the National Baptist Convention and even the authorities of the Foreign Mission Board itself, that our Home Mission Board should take charge of these insular and zone possessions of the United States, and follow the flag. It seems that Divine Wisdom, or the Holy Spirit, is directing this course in aiding the efforts on the part of our Board. Strong

appeals have been made to our Board this year from Cuba, the Canal zone, and the Philippines. As strange as it seems, no sooner had these doors swung on their hinges than applications from young men coming out of colleges, and graduating from theological departments, asked to be sent to these possessions. But this is a problem that our Board felt itself unable to grapple with, without the advice and counsel of our brethren, who of course would have to support the work if undertaken by our Board. It is the opinion of the Board that missionary workers should be sent at once, especially to the Canal zone, as a large majority of the laborers engaged in cutting this canal are of the dark races of people, and if all reports be true, white missionaries find it difficult to perform missionary labor needed to give the Gospel to these people. But the Board thought it best under existing conditions not to undertake the work, that is, not to appoint any missionary in that territory until the Secretary or some representative should visit the zone and understand conditions more accurately.

We are in correspondence with Chaplain E. W. Gladden in the Philippine Islands. Dr. Gladden's reputation as a Baptist minister, a worker of the National Baptist Convention, and an active member of our boards, gave us an opening in the Philippine Islands by his presence there, so that we feel no hesitancy in relying upon him for full information. If the Board should undertake work in these islands while he is there, we would have no trouble in securing his co-operation and through him the co-operation of the government in protecting and helping our missionaries in these islands.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE MISSIONARY WORK DONE FROM SEPT. 1, 1906, TO AUG. 31, 1907.

	Present.	Last Year	Increase	Decrease
Number of missionaries, colporters, Sunday school and Bible workers working in co-operation with our Board during the year	60	66		6
Days of service reported	9586	9898		412
Sermons preached	4359	3987	372	
Sunday schools addressed	1580	1607		27
Prayer meetings attended	2757	2849		92
B. Y. P. U. Societies addressed	688	734		46
Missionary societies addressed	422	1147		725
Other addresses and public talks delivered	2774	2507	267	
Total number of sermons, addresses and public talks delivered	10944	12833		1889
Homes visited for Bible reading and prayer	10169	12187		2018
Homes found without Bibles	1276	1354		78
Number of churches visited	3534	3529	6	
Number of churches helped to organize	60	39	21	
New Sunday schools organized	67	53	14	
Missionary societies formed or organized	80	167		87

Number of persons baptized by request of churches	751	1177		426
Number of conventions, associations and other State and District meetings attended	700	730		30
Missionary and Bible Conferences held	419	390		571
Letters and postal cards written	18341	17617	724	
Number of religious tracts, pamphlets and booklets distributed	151043	178559		2756
Miles traveled to perform this labor	270640	277084		6444

EXPENSES.

Money Collected and Expended for Missionary Operations.

	Present.	Last Year	Increase.	Decrease.
Money collected and applied to missionary work in communities where collected	\$17628 30	\$14998 19	\$2630 11	
Value of tracts, pamphlets and booklets distributed	246 10	1632 99		
Money collected by missionaries and colporters and applied to their salaries	7109 74	6844 61	265 13	
Money donated by Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on salaries of missionaries	8104 50	8603 32		\$499 33
Money collected by missionaries and applied to their traveling expenses	6799 32	5937 68	861 74	
Salaries of general female missionaries working under the Woman's Auxiliary Board in co-operation with our Board and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention	300 00			
Cash supplemented on missionaries' salaries	1190 00			
Salary of Field Secretary paid by Publishing Board	1200 00			

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Nashville, Tenn., September 2, 1907

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the National Baptist Home Mission Board, and found the same correct.

ROBT. MITCHELL,
Auditor of National Baptist Convention.
Respectfully submitted,

R. H. BOYD,
Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD, REV. C. H. CLARK, CHAIRMAN.

To the President and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention of America, assembled in the Twenty-seventh Annual Session at Washington, D. C., September 11-16:

We, the members of the National Baptist Publishing Board, by our General Secretary and Executive Co-operative Committee, beg to submit to you this our eleventh annual report of work done from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907.

In submitting this report, we beg to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that we have worked in conjunction or jointly with the Home Mission Board. At our regular general meeting at the close of the twenty-sixth annual session at Memphis, Tenn., we held a joint meeting with the Home Mission Board and it was unanimously agreed that the two Boards would elect jointly an Executive Committee and a General Secretary, thereby entailing expenses, as the General Secretary should have but one salary paid by the Publishing Board, and yet take the oversight and attend to the work of both Boards. The Publishing Board has agreed to pay the salary and furnish the quarters for the office employees of both Boards. This has worked satisfactorily and all have been well pleased with the achievements.

The Progress of the Publishing Board for the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1907.

The Board has had a prosperous year, notwithstanding our disastrous fire on December 5, 1906. Our power house, including our boiler, one steam engine and our entire electric plant was destroyed by fire. This caused considerable expense during the year in erecting or repairing the brick walls of the power house, the entire wood work and buying of new machinery. We became convinced at once that it would not be safe to report the matter fully to the brotherhood throughout the country, as Sunday schools, churches and individuals would not understand that we would resume operations again in a short time, and would possibly withdraw orders, feeling that it would be impossible to get them filled. This inconvenience caused us to make considerable delays in filling a number of our orders; yet with the assistance of other printers and publishers, we were able to keep up our work.

Another setback—The temperance move in our city known as the segregation act brought the saloons of the town within a small radius or circle of the business part of the city. The rush of the saloon men to secure buildings within that point caused rents to raise in the business blocks of the city. Our plant being located right at the corner of Market and Locust streets, the most dense business part of the city, and as we had leased two other buildings for quite a number of years, beside our own, the owners of this property desired to double the rent upon us, and compel us to enter contracts for not less than five years, as our lease upon one of these buildings would expire October 1, 1907. We will, therefore, be compelled to give up one of these buildings. In order to meet this deficiency, the Board has contracted with Messrs. Boyd & Beckham to erect on their property adjoining ours a large three-story building, for which we have placed a lease to run from five to ten years, and the building is erected and arranged suitable for the convenience of the manufacturing department. This will enable us to put in new machinery sufficient to carry on our work.

The Manufacturing Department.

The manufacturing or printing and binding department of the Board is of more importance and the most difficult department with which we have to deal. The Board set out from the beginning of this department to print, bind and complete in every way all grades of papers, magazines, tracts, booklets and books of every grade. In order to carry out the intention of this department, it is necessary to have the latest improved machinery of all kinds. The modern machinery of to-day, while it is wonderful in its operating ability, it is also wonderful in its cost. Persons unacquainted with the cost of printing machinery can hardly realize what such machinery will cost. When we say to our delegates that a book printing press costing less than \$3,500 is of practically no service to us in this work, they can hardly realize it, and yet this is true. It is also true concerning automatic press feeders, automatic folding feeders, folders, paper cutters, book trimmers, wire stitchers, book sewing machines, automatic pamphlet trimmers, embossing machines, linotype or type setting machines, stereotyping outfit and a great number of other machinery too numerous to mention in this respect, all costing prices that would astonish the average readers unless they were acquainted with the work these machines are capable of performing.

We regret to report that we are at least six months behind with work that ought to be accomplished. This delay in work is caused by a lack of sufficient quarters, a lack of sufficient quantity of machinery and a lack of skilled labor; all of which we must have in the speedy performance of this work.

New Machinery and Enlarged Quarters.

The General Secretary has reported to the Board from time to time the crowded condition and overstocked work of the printing and manufacturing department. The Board has made a careful investigation of the same, and finds that the Secretary's contentions are well founded, and that work is piled up until it is impossible with present quarters and present machinery to ever accomplish the work necessary. Therefore the Board in its June and July meetings discussed this matter carefully and fully. After entering the contract with Messrs. Boyd and Beckham to erect these new buildings on their property joining the publishing plant at a cost of \$8,000, which they agreed to do on the condition that the Board would make them a guaranteed lease of from five to ten years, the next question turned upon new machinery.

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Board has authorized him to proceed to put in additional machinery at a cost of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The Secretary reports that he has already contracted with manufacturers for several extra additional machines, a part of which has already been shipped, and is now being erected. He reports that he has ordered a rotary board-cutting machine at a cost of possibly \$700. He has ordered four automatic press feeding machines at a cost of \$2,500 each. He has ordered an automatic folding machine at a cost of \$1,800; also a flat bed, two revolution perfecting book press at \$3,500. It was found by adding this machinery, that the steam engine used, which has been in constant use since July, 1900, is both considerably worn and entirely too light to pull this additional machinery. Hence he has contracted with the Erie City Engine Company for a fifty-horse power engine at \$500.

All of this machinery is expected to be in operation not later than January 1, 1908. This will throw the Board considerably in debt

again, but the Board has felt that it would be better to retrench in many other instances and deduct something possibly from the missionary department than to have customers suffering the losses that they are now suffering. This the Board felt could be easily done, as since the last report, and since the report of the investigating committee, the vendor's lien notes on one of the purchase lots and buildings, has been entirely cleared away. This additional machinery and other necessary improvements will possibly place the Board again in debt for the next two or three years, but it will enable the Secretary to prosecute the work with greater rapidity and accomplish the aims and purposes of the Board, and give better satisfaction to the constituents and patrons of the institution, all of which the Board feels is its greatest mission and greatest duty and service to give satisfaction to its constituency.

The Working Department and Skilled Labor.

The Publishing Board in its manufacturing department was compelled to start out by employing a considerable number of white skilled workmen for the reason that Negro mechanics capable of operating this department could not possibly be had. Skilled workmen or mechanics to operate perfecting presses, folders, book sewing machines, gold and metal embossing, making book cases, marbling and coloring books, operating linotype machines, electrotypes, stereotypes, engravers and such skilled work, was unknown to Negro mechanics. We tried from Maine to California and were unable to find one of these. We have therefore been compelled to take raw laborers and spend years training them for this work, but as soon as we have them trained we are now confronted with another difficulty. We find that Negro printing establishments, schools of technology, and even the government printing office is drawing on us for our skilled laborers, and competing with us in offering them prices.

This year we have been compelled to supply from our operating department pressmen for the government printing office. Two or three other printing establishments have drawn on us for foremen to run their establishments, and two large schools of technology or industry have drawn on us for teachers in their printing departments. They have been able to offer them better wages, better inducements and more lucrative positions than we were able to pay, hence we readily gave our consent to these young men and women to better their conditions by accepting these positions. We have had to content ourselves with putting in new recruits and promoting the men and women we had with us.

The Clerical Department.

The clerical department of the Publishing Board is equal in importance to the manufacturing department in the well-being and progress of the institution. Unless we have efficient help in the clerical department it is impossible to carry on correctly the correspondence necessary and to fill orders, ship and despatch goods, supplying the demands of our various churches, Sunday-schools and individuals. The general idea is that our schools and colleges would be able to supply this demand on short notice, but we find this to be a mistake. Strange as it may sound, our colleges can not be depended upon to prepare help for this department. The time of our colleges seems to be taken or the chief object and aim of them is to furnish teachers, preachers and such professions, leaving the commercial and other professions almost unnoticed. For instance, there is not to our knowledge, a college among us as Baptists that is turning out stenographers

that can take their place in a commercial business house. True some of them give some few of their scholars a rudimentary idea of this work, but nothing like perfection sufficient to enable them to enter the office and take their place. A clerk capable of entering the clerical department either as a typewriter, stenographer, assistant bookkeeper, mailing clerk or anything in that direction, we cannot find, only as we take them in the rudimentary state and train them for the work. This is indeed a hardship in this department, and causes many of the mistakes complained of.

Accuracy in the clerical department is a great factor in pursuit of the business of the Board. A chief clerk having under his supervision eight, ten, fifteen or twenty clerks in his department has but little time to overlook the entire work of the day of any particular clerk, and therefore must depend upon them for accuracy and correctness. If they fail in this we are sure to have a complaint. Yet with all of this training they demand reasonable wages. We are glad, however, to be able to report that for the last two years we have never been compelled to hire a single person outside of persons of African descent. All of our clerical, stenographic, editorial, mechanical, steam and electrical work has been performed by Negro labor, without a single exception. Some of the work, of course, has been poorly performed, but we have continued to put up with this until our skilled, clerical, technical and professional helpers have reached proficiency. Our patrons and customers have seemingly been willing to sympathize with us along this line, and have borne patiently with our shortcomings until to-day we boast that we can meet competition purely upon our merits.

Editorial Department.

For a number of years our editorial department has been a problem. When we say editorial department, we speak of this in a threefold manner. We refer to the preparation of the literature, books and periodicals to be printed. We refer secondly to the editing. This is, to the correcting and placing in the proper manner both the doctrine and diction of this literature; keeping it all in unison with each other. We refer thirdly to the proof-reading and typographical corrections of this literature. Hence all of this must be performed under one head or department known as the editorial department. We have for two years employed an Editorial Secretary, who has the chief oversight of this department. That is to say, all of the associate or corresponding writers must submit their manuscripts to him for his inspection. He must edit it as to doctrine and diction. He in turn must submit all of his to the proof-reading department. They must in turn edit it before and after it is handled by the typographers and before it goes to press. This department indeed requires more careful attention than all of the other departments, for should a writer submit a sentence or a paragraph or a verse that is not sound in doctrine, the technical, skilled and trained eye of the Editorial Secretary must be able to take it in at a glance. The business, therefore, of an Editorial Secretary is not so much to write as to read. His office must be fitted up with a complete library, which we regret to say we have not yet been able to fully supply. This department alone needs an additional library, costing at least \$2,000.

After the manuscripts have left the hands of the Editorial Secretary and his assistants, it must go into the hands of the proof-reading department. If the manuscripts are carefully edited, marked, paragraphed, punctuated, etc., before it is handed to the typographer, considerable time is saved, and advantage taken, for the reason that type

setting on Linotype machines is indeed a great deal more difficult to correct than type that is set by hand. After it leaves the typographers' hands, it must again go into the proofreaders' hands. Here, more than in any other department, we are compelled to have technical, skilled, educated help. The proof-reader must be a master of language, a master of punctuation, a master of orthography, as well as accurate and skilled in discovering typographical errors. This is the most expensive department and the hardest department in which to employ help. College-bred men and women who read accurately Latin, Greek, Hebrew and modern languages often are complete failures in the proof-reading department. We are glad, however, to report that with all these disadvantages we have been able to find men and women who have made remarkable progress, for we do not at this time call to memory a single just and well-founded criticism that has been made upon any tract, magazine, periodical or book that has been turned out from our printing establishment. Therefore under the wise management and help of our efficient Editorial Secretary, we have been able to surmount and overcome all of these difficulties, and our periodicals and literature have held their own on the market with the literature produced by other publishing concerns.

The Assistant Secretary.

After ten years' work and steady growth of the Publishing Board, the members became fully convinced that the work had reached such a magnitude that the service of an Assistant Secretary was imperative. Therefore, at the first annual meeting of the fiscal year, the matter was brought before the Board, carefully considered, and Mr. Henry A. Boyd, one of the chief clerks in the department, was promoted by electing him Assistant Secretary. It is the object and purpose of the Board in all of its departments to start young men and women at the bottom and gradually promote them. In such a way as when the older employees drop out, their places can be filled without great inconvenience or disadvantage to the work. The Board felt that as Mr. Boyd had served in all of the departments, he was the better fitted to join hands with the General Secretary, and assist in the prosecuting of the work. Under this arrangement, if the General Secretary is absent from the office by sickness, called away or any other special business, there is some one to speak with authority.

Again, as this work has grown to such a magnitude that it is scattered in six or seven buildings and in various departments, it seemed impossible for any one man to be able to have a personal observation of all of the departments at one and the same time. The Assistant Secretary, therefore, comes in immediate touch with all of the departments, having certain minor details of correspondence, buying, selling, shipping, manufacturing, etc., under his immediate control, only advising with and receiving instructions under the General Secretary. The Assistant Secretary also acts as Recording Secretary for the Board, and thereby keeps all matters in fact, as though it was run under one head.

All correspondence, documents, contracts, notes, checks, bills and other documents are signed in the name of the General Secretary. If signed by the Assistant Secretary then the General Secretary's name is used in stencil. The name of the Assistant Secretary is preceded by "Per" on documents requiring the signature of the General Secretary, which makes them legal. With one year's experience, the Board is fully convinced that it is next to impossible to correctly carry on the work without the immediate aid of an Assistant Secretary, and has, therefore, made the office permanent.

Bible, Book and Tract Department.

Eleven years ago, when the National Baptist Publishing Board was founded, it was thought that its chief work would be the publication of Sunday school magazines. It was, however, but a short time before the Board was fully convinced that the Bible, book and tract department was of equal importance, if not greater. It was found that unless our churches, ministers and laity could have a known fountain or source from which to obtain standard, religious, doctrinal literature, that it would be impossible for the Baptists to hold their own. The Board has therefore gone on from year to year, steadily increasing its Bible, book and tract work. The Board is handling thousands of copies of Bibles and thousands of copies of standard books of every grade, such as libraries for ministers, standard religious books for individuals and families. A great number of these are printed and bound by the Board, but a greater number is obtained from other publishing concerns at wholesale prices and sold at retail prices, thereby obtaining a small profit, which justifies them in the handling of such literature. Books and tracts are printed and circulated by the Board in large quantities. This, however, is one of the least important works of the Board, as tracts and booklets are much more readily read and studied by the masses of the people than large soggy books. The Board has paid considerable attention to the publication of books, booklets and tracts by Negro authors. It has encouraged this in every way possible, and still has on hand a considerable number of manuscripts from which to print books, but has found itself hampered for the want of both money and equipment sufficient to accomplish the work.

Our Periodical and Newspaper Department.

These, like the book department, have gone on each year with a steady increase. Last year we added the Senior Quarterly to our publications. However, it only had the small circulation of 45,000. This periodical, like others, has rapidly increased until this year it has a circulation of 66,000 copies. All of our other periodicals, weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies have made steady increase until they have reached the enormous circulation of over ten million.

Our Editorial Secretary, with his corps of editorial writers and assistants, has spared no pains or labor in adding to the literary style and beauty of our Sunday school periodicals. We have been deluged this year with letters from all parts of the country, laud in their praise of the improvement of our Sunday school series. Among these periodicals we particularly mention our annual Sunday School Commentary. We call special attention to this for the reason that it had been predicted on all sides that it would be impossible for the Board to obtain a circulation of this sufficient to justify its publication. We have had flattering offers this year from other publishing concerns to join in with us and publish this annual Sunday School Commentary jointly, but the Board did not undertake the publication of the National Baptist Sunday School Commentary from a pecuniary standpoint. It was not the object of the Board to publish this Commentary for a profit. But as Baptists they felt that they could not consistently continue the circulation of a non-denominational Sunday school periodical of such vast importance to the doctrinal welfare of the future generation as a Sunday School Commentary that was to be studied exclusively by preachers, teachers and Sunday school workers.

Therefore, the Board undertook the publication of this periodical, sound in Baptist doctrine, regardless of cost. But we rejoice to say

that this, like other periodicals, has reached such an enormous circulation that the Board feels perfectly justified in making it permanent and continuing its publication.

The Board desires to call special attention to the prices of our Sunday school periodicals. At the time of fixing the price of Sunday school literature, material, labor, machinery, etc., were at such low prices, that it could well afford to print and circulate its periodicals at those prices, without the danger of a great loss. But the steady increase in all raw material, all machinery, the steady increase in the price of skilled labor, and the price of their living, have brought us to the point where our Sunday school periodicals are no longer a paying proposition. Unless the prices of Sunday school periodicals are raised it will be impossible to publish them without loss to the Board. Were it not for the great and extensive circulation of these periodicals, the Board would now be losing large sums of money each year. To give some idea of the popularity of these periodicals, we give the following figures of circulation, and the increase over last year. The following is the circulation for the present fiscal year.

NAMES OF PERIODICALS.	No. Circulated		Inc. Over	
	This Yr.	Last Yr.	This Yr.	Last Yr.
Teacher (monthly)	201,100	200,500	9,600	9,600
Senior Quarterly	66,000	45,000	21,000	21,000
Advanced Quarterly	920,000	800,000	120,000	120,000
Intermediate Quarterly	608,610	500,000	9,610	9,610
Primary Quarterly	607,530	600,000	7,530	7,530
Lesson Leaflets, etc. (monthly)...	906,341	900,000	6,341	6,341
Lesson Cards (weekly)	3,951,433	3,852,300	99,133	99,133
Bible Picture Lessons (weekly)...	99,957	96,856	3,101	3,101
Baptist S. S. Catechisms	90,470	75,000	15,470	15,470
Child's Bible Question Book	204,650	110,900	93,750	93,750
National Baptist Convention Quarterly	2,300,000	1,500,000	80,000	80,000
National Baptist Easy Lesson Primer	376,301	286,300	210,001	210,001
	10,233,422	9,006,766	636,656	636,656

Newspaper.

For a number of years the Boards jointly have attempted to furnish the Convention with a National Baptist circulating medium for the benefit of preachers, teachers, Sunday school workers, laymen and families. This was found to be indeed a vexing problem from many standpoints. First, the Convention had no money with which to employ an editor, or money to pay for the mechanical work. The paper, which is like other religious papers, did not and does not pay its way in dollars and cents. Upon the recommendation of the President and the adoption of the same by the Convention in 1901 at Cincinnati, the Home Mission and Publishing Boards joined in with the B. Y. P. U. Board to publish a newspaper, which was then known as the Young People's National Baptist Union. This paper was enlarged in size, and the wording "Young People" was dropped and it was made the standard denominational paper for the entire Baptist denomination. The Convention undertook for one year to elect an editor, but it was found at the close of that year that there was not a dollar to pay his salary, and not a dollar to pay the deficiency for the expense of printing and circulating this paper. For the next two or three years

the B. Y. P. U. Board, the Publishing Board and the Home Mission Board undertook to run the paper jointly, dividing the expenses. As the B. Y. P. U. Board and Home Mission Board were purely missionary institutions, and as the paper did not pay its own expenses, it was found that they could not afford to make up this deficiency from their missionary funds. At the beginning of this fiscal year, the Publishing Board agreed with the B. Y. P. U. and Home Mission Boards to take over the entire responsibility of printing and circulating this paper. This agreement was readily conceded to by both Boards, and the Publishing Board now has full control of the printing and circulating of the National Baptist Union, a sixteen page weekly paper, which has never failed in a single issue. They have employed Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board, as the regular editor. This position has been made permanent and is not an elective or movable position, for the reason that the position of editor of a denominational paper is of such vital importance that we could not afford to publish this paper with a movable or elective editor at its head. We have therefore made this matter permanent, and, if changed, sufficient notice of an intention to change must be given, and time sufficient given to make this change so as not to disturb the denomination. This arrangement has not only been satisfactory to the Boards themselves, but has proven so satisfactory that the National Baptist Union has doubled its circulation during the present fiscal year.

Correspondence.

The correspondence of the National Baptist Publishing Board creates a considerable financial standing both as to postage, stationery and clerk hire, besides requiring considerable time of the general assistant and field secretaries. However, it is one of the most important of our departments, and there is more dependent upon it possibly than any other one department, as all work is dependent on the mail order department. We must have correspondence at least four times a year with all Sunday schools supplied, and it is essentially necessary that we correspond with each missionary and colporteur at least monthly. When it is understood that all of our work is operated through the corresponding department, all information is received and given out through that department, it will be readily seen that without this department, it is impossible to carry on the work necessary.

To give our constituents and delegations some idea of the magnitude of this work, we give the monthly, quarterly and annual amount of letters received. We also give the amount of letters mailed. We do this for the reason that so many of our constituents write us during the year and complain that they do not receive a prompt answer. It is hoped that when they shall have studied carefully these figures, they will see the magnitude of this correspondence, and draw a conclusion of the vast amount of work incumbent upon the management of this Board. The following is the quarterly and annual statement of letters.

Fourth Quarter, 1906.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Quarterly Statement.
Letters received	7,372	8,166	3,458	
Letters mailed	2,749	3,188	2,424	
Circular letters mailed			26,000	
Total letters handled	14,121	11,354	64,484	89,959

First Quarter, 1907.

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Letters received	5,954	10,058	5,646
Letters mailed	2,735	4,330	3,460
Circular letters mailed			17,000
Total letters handled	8,680	14,388	26,106

Second Quarter, 1907.

	Mar.	Apr.	May
Letters received	12,242	12,359	9,875
Letters mailed	7,483	3,086	3,801
Circular letters mailed			16,000
Total letters handled	19,725	15,445	28,676

Third Quarter, 1907.

	June	July	Aug.
Letters received	13,334	12,104	44,629
Letters mailed	3,193	7,664	3,479
Circular letters mailed			23,000
Total letters handled	16,527	19,668	71,008
Total number of letters handled during the fiscal year, 273,181.			107,110

National Baptist Sunday School Congress.

We called attention last year to the fact that the Board had inaugurated an annual meeting of its members to which it invites all Sunday School superintendents, teachers, officers and Sunday School workers, together with all Sunday School missionaries and colporters. This meeting we have styled a Sunday School Congress. The Congress met this year in the city of New Orleans, and we are pleased to report that this has proved to be one of the greatest features of our work. In fact, we know of no gathering that has proven so essential and so profitable to Sunday School work and Sunday School workers as the Sunday School Congress. The Board has decided to perpetuate this Sunday School Congress, and have it movable from year to year. We would be glad to locate this at the headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., if it was thought advisable. However, for the time being, we have moved this from place to place in an opposite direction to the place of meeting of the National Convention. For instance, the National Convention meets this year in the city of Washington. We held the Congress in the city of New Orleans. Next year when the Convention resolves to convene in another portion of the United States, the Congress will possibly go in an opposite direction, so as not to burden the people with national meetings.

This Congress, it is true, has been a considerable source of expense, with but little financial profit to the Board, but we feel that money could not be expended in a more profitable way than by encouraging Sunday School workers throughout the entire country.

This Sunday School Congress is not a deliberating body. It elects no officers, does not attempt any missionary or educational legislation, not even so much as voting on the time or place of meeting. But the entire time of the Congress is taken up in discussing vital questions pertaining to missionary and Sunday School work.

World's Sunday School Congress.

This International Sunday School gathering met this year in Rome, Italy. The Board could not see its way clear to send its General Secretary or Editorial Secretary, as was intended in last report. But the Board was fully represented by the person of Dr. J. E. Ford, then of Denver, Colorado, now of Jacksonville, Florida, and Mrs. V. W. Broughton, of Nashville, Tenn. The Board also had a full exhibit of all of its Sunday School literature, song books and other Sunday School prerequisites. We have been reliably informed that the Sunday School periodicals, song books and prerequisites of the National Baptist Publishing Board compared favorably with any other publishing concern that was represented at this great world's meeting. We hope, however, that Dr. Ford will be able to make us a short talk on this subject, and give the Convention a clearer idea of the work of this great Association.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM AUGUST 31, 1906, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1907.

Receipts.

Balance in hand, September 1, 1906	\$ 3,650 26
Receipts of fourth quarter, as shown in quarterly report from September 1, 1906, to November 30, 1906	22,841 96
Receipts of first quarter, as shown in quarterly report from December 1, 1906, to February 28, 1907	24,061 13
Receipts of second quarter, as shown in quarterly report from March 1, 1907, to May 31, 1907	33,341 41
Receipts of third quarter, as shown in quarterly report from June 1, 1907, to August 31, 1907	33,690 42
As shown in Missionary report of Home Mission Board from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907, on page —	42,576 96
Total receipts	\$160,152 14

Disbursements.

1—For salaries, wages, printing material, and other incidental expenses, pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	\$ 62,037 62
2—For merchandise, material, freight, drayage, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	28,063 35
3—For stamps, postage, telegrams, telephone, telephone rents, expressage, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	7,338 45
4—For editorial work, advertising, traveling expenses, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	2,836 84
5—On real estate notes, leases, interests, legal advice, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	5,104 83
6—For machinery, insurance, repairs, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	7,678 13
7—Fuel, gas, electricity, ice, water taxes, horse feed, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907	2,672 22
8—To salaries of missionaries, colporters, field secretary and other missionary expenses, as shown on page — in Home Mission Board's report from September 1, 1906,	

To August 31, 1907..... 42,576 94
To balance in hand on September 1, 1907..... 1,838 73

Grand total \$460,162 14

Nashville, Tenn., September 2, 1907.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the National Baptist Publishing Board, and found the same correct.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Auditor of National Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD.

R. H. BOYD, General Secretary.

HENRY A. DOYD, Assistant Secretary.

Rev. J. P. Robinson, chairman of the Home Mission Board, was introduced and addressed the Convention on the work of the Board and concluded by introducing Rev. R. H. Thorborne, prospective missionary to Panama.

Rev. R. Bell, missionary to Arizona, addressed the Convention on the condition of the work in his field.

By motion of Dr. Cole, Missouri, the reports of the Home Mission and Publishing Boards were adopted.

The President named the following as committee on Pulpit Supply: Revs. J. Anderson Taylor, Philip Stewart, J. C. Dent, Thomas Smith, W. J. Robinson, Shelton Miller, J. J. Loving, I. Tolliver.

Rev. C. M. Wells, D. D., Alabama, reported for the Committee for Time and Place.

By motion of Dr. Brown, Louisiana five minutes were given each city desiring the Convention to place itself in nomination.

Dr. E. B. Topp, Mississippi, nominated New York; Dr. A. Hubbs, Louisiana, nominated New Orleans; Dr. M. A. N. Shaw, Massachusetts, nominated Boston; Dr. S. E. Pierce, California, nominated Los Angeles; Rev. W. H. Jernigan, Oklahoma, nominated Oklahoma City; Dr. R. Mitchell, Kentucky, nominated Lexington.

After a very heated discussion the Convention decided to meet in New York in 1908.

The Committee on Divine Services submitted its report. The report was adopted.

Mr. President: Your Committee on Pulpit Assignments submits the following as our report:

Nineteenth Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. H. L. M. Williams, D. D.; 3 p.m., platform meeting.

Second Baptist—11 a.m., Rev. L. L. Campbell, D. D.

Third Baptist—11 a.m., S. N. Vass, D. D.; 3 p.m., J. C. Patton, D. D.

Vermont Avenue—11 a.m., Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D.

Zion—11 a.m., Rev. L. L. Griffith.

Metropolitan—President Morris.

Manassas—11 a.m., J. C. Brown, D. D.; 3 p.m., Rev. C. M. Cartwright.

Friendship—11 a.m., Dr. Hall; 3 p.m., Dr. Stumps; 8 p.m., Dr. Lawson.

Brooklyn (southwest)—11 a.m., N. J. Odmead; 3 p.m., T. B.

C. Meador, D. D.

New Bethel—11 a.m., J. D. Corrothers; 3 p.m., Rev. Bennet, D. D.

Mount Jezreel—11 a.m., Rev. Dills Bligham; 3 p.m., Dr. Haines.

Mount Zion (northeast)—11 a.m., Rev. J. H. Holder, D. D.; 3 p.m.,

W. R. Ashburn.

Saltah—11 a.m., M. W. Gilbert, D. D.; 3 p.m., Dr. S. N. Vass; 8

p.m., Dr. Ford.

Enon—11 a.m., Rev. A. D. Johnson; 3:30 p.m., Dr. Maloy; 8 p.m.,

J. J. Washington, D. D.

Trinity—11 a.m., P. J. Bryant; 3 p.m., G. B. Howard, D. D.

St. Luke—11 a.m., W. R. Ashburn, D. D.; 3 p.m., J. H. Holder.

Mt. Moriah—8 p.m., Harry More.

Reheboth—11 a.m., W. F. Batts, D. D.; 3 p.m., Rev. Thornton.

Mt. Olive—W. H. Jernigan, D. D.; 3 p.m., E. W. Merchant.

Providence—11 a.m., A. D. Jarferan, D. D.; 3 p.m., Rev. Calhoun.

Liberty—11 a.m., Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D.; 3:30 p.m., W. H.

Moses; 8 p.m., F. L. Light.

Tenth Street—11 a.m., W. H. Moses, D. D.; 3:30 p.m., W. M. Win-

frey, D. D.; 8 p.m., W. H. Brown, D. D.

Bethlehem, Anacostia—Rev. J. B. Pries, D. D.

Enon, Baltimore—Dr. Barber.

Mount Airy—11 a.m., Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D.; 3 p.m., Rev. R.

Fox, D. D.; 8 p.m., J. C. Brown.

Salem—11 a.m., J. W. Bowling; 3 p.m., J. S. Kelsey; 8 p.m., D.

A. Gaddie.

Roxslyn, Va.—11 a.m., W. H. Brooks, D. D.

Emanuel, Garfield, D. C.—11 a.m., Rev. James Brooks.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal—11 a.m., Rev. E. T. Irvin; 3 p.m., J.

P. Walker, D. D.

John Wesley—Dr. G. E. Carter, D. D.; 3 p.m., N. R. Rainey, D. D.

St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal—11 a.m., J. C. Allen, D. D.;

3 p.m., J. E. Washington, D. D.

Union Wesley—11 a.m., S. M. McEwen, D. D.; 3 p.m., C. M.

Wells, D. D.

Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal—11 a.m., C. S. Morris,

D. D.; 3 p.m., W. N. Collin.

Lincoln Temple—11 a.m., A. S. Jackson, D. D.; 3 p.m., Dr. Knox.

Galbraith—11 a.m., J. H. Carter, D. D.; 3:30 p.m., Dr. Gains;

8 p.m., Dr. S. N. Vass.

Lane's Chapel—11 a.m., Dr. Jackson; 3 p.m., W. W. Whitten, D. D.

Israel Metropolitan—11 a.m., S. E. Griggs, D. D.; 3 p.m., T. J.

Seagr, D. D.

Trinity Baptist, Baltimore—11 a.m., W. J. White, D. D.

Mount Zion, Arlington—3 p.m., Rev. M. Sparks.

Rock Creek—11 a.m., F. G. Lofton; 3 p.m., H. Weary.

Zion, Alexandria, Va.—11 a.m., S. J. Townsend; 3 p.m., B. F. Fox,

D. D.; 8 p.m., F. C. Scott.

First Baptist, Bladensburg—Rev. W. S. Smith.

Lutheran Church—Rev. Mr. Simms; Rev. G. W. Alexander.

Brown Memorial, 14th and R streets n. e.—11 a.m., A. T. Stewart,

D. D.; 3 p.m., Rev. Samuel Cyrus, Jr.

Plymouth Congregationalist—11 a.m., Rev. P. S. L. Hutchinson,

D. D.; 6:30 p.m., Miss Nannie Burroughs.

Elizabethtown, N. E.—11 a.m., J. P. Robinson; 3 p.m., J. W. Woodson,

D. D.

People's Congregation—11 a.m., Rev. A. E. Edwards, D. D.; 3 p.m.,

M. W. Gilbert.

Mount Zion M. E.—11 a.m., Rev. F. H. Cook; 3 p.m., Dr. J. B.

Brooks.

Mount Vernon—11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Brazzell.

Pilgrim Baptist Church, northeast—8 p.m., Rev. L. C. Cost.
Respectfully submitted.

S. MILLER, D. D., Chairman;
REV. A. J. TYLER,
REV. PHILIP STEWART,
REV. W. J. ROBINSON,
REV. J. C. DENT, D. D.,
REV. THOS. SMITH,
REV. J. I. LOVING, D. D.,
Committee.

The special committee on the Illinois land grant as a home for aged ministers reported as follows:

Aged Minister's Home.

We, your special committee to investigate the proposition offered by the Braidwood Commercial Club of Braidwood, Ill., for a home for Negro Baptist ministers and their wives, have carefully considered the terms and propositions as set forth in their charter by the Board of Directors of the same and we therefore recommend.

That the same be accepted by the National Baptist Convention and that the home as mentioned above become and is hereby made a part of the work of the National Baptist Benefit Association Board.
Respectfully submitted.

REV. A. J. STOKES,
REV. J. H. BOON,
REV. J. J. TOTTEN,
REV. W. B. JOHNSON,
REV. M. PROFFIT,
REV. W. D. WHITTON,
REV. R. L. WILLIAMS,
REV. D. S. SHODD,
REV. T. W. WRIGHT,
REV. E. B. TOOP,
REV. W. A. BOWREN,
REV. J. R. DENNETT,
REV. D. H. KENNEDY,
REV. A. A. COSEY,
REV. E. CALVIN COLE, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Resolutions from Rev. J. L. White and Rev. J. A. Taylor, D. D., were by motion referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. S. M. Hall, Kansas.

Night Session.

The Convention reassembled at 8 o'clock with Vice President E. Anderson Taylor, of the District of Columbia, presiding.

Dr. S. H. Pius conducted the song service.

Rev. J. F. Walker, D. D., Ohio, conducting the devotions, with Phil 4 as a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. P. H. Hughes, D. D., of Alabama.

By motion of Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D., Arkansas, 11 a.m., Monday, was named as the hour for memorial services.

By motion of Rev. L. G. Jordan, a memorial page was ordered in the minutes and in the Baptist Year Book.

Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Chicago, was introduced to preach the educational sermon. He took his text from Phil. 4:19. "My God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory." Theme, "Christ's Message to the Church for the World."

The sermon was strong and impressive.

Prayer, Dr. C. H. Clark, Tennessee.

Collection, \$65.82, for education.

Benediction, Dr. E. J. Fisher.

FIFTH DAY—Morning Session.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock for Sunday School Mass Meeting. Dr. C. M. Wells, D. D., Alabama, General Superintendent, conducted the mass meeting.

After the devotions, the school was divided into states, during which time the lesson was taught and the collection taken. Rev. Wm. Beckham, D. D., had charge of the collection. Arkansas raising the largest amount, was awarded the banner for the year.

After remarks by Dr. Beckham, Dr. Wells, and Rev. H. Allen Boyd, the mass meeting closed with benediction by Dr. Wells.

At 11 a.m. the Convention assembled for preaching, with President E. C. Morris presiding.

Rev. L. J. Green, Ph. D., conducted the devotions by reading the 107th Psalm as the lesson.

Prayer, Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., Alabama.

Rev. W. F. Lovelace, D. D., of Arkansas, was introduced to preach. He used Exodus 3:2, "The bush burned and was not consumed," as his text. Subject, "God's Way."

Prayer, Rev. Jno. C. Dancy, of District of Columbia. Hon. C. R. Douglass, son of the Hon. Frederick Douglass, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

A collection of \$22.88 was taken.

\$5.10 was taken for Rev. L. F. Nichols, of Missouri.

"Praise God" was sung, and benediction said by Rev. E. W. D. Isaac.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention assembled at 3 o'clock in the Convention Hall for missionary mass meeting, with Rev. L. G. Jordan presiding.

Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D., conducted the devotions. Short addresses were made by Dr. Jordan, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Prowd, Rev. D. E. Murff and other returned missionaries from Africa and South America.

A good collection was taken for foreign missions.

Benediction, Rev. C. H. Parrish.

Night Session.

The Convention assembled at 7:30 o'clock with President E. C. Morris presiding. Rev. D. S. Klugh, of New Jersey, conducted the devotions.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. A. E. Edwards, of Virginia.

Rev. A. A. Casey, of Arkansas, presiding, presented Rev. W. L. Burr, of Ohio, to preach. Rev. Burr took his text from Isaiah 6:6: "Then flew one of the seraphims to me," etc.; theme, "Preparing for Service." The sermon was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. Prayer by Rev. P. W. Wrenn.

Collection, \$22.54.

Benediction, Rev. E. B. Topp, D. D.

SIXTH DAY—Morning Session.

The Convention re-assembled at 10:45 o'clock with Rev. A. W. Moss, of Texas, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. T. Stauns, D. D., Ph. D., of Mississippi, who used Prov. 8 as the Scripture lesson. Prayer, Rev. J. P. Brockington, of South Carolina. The Journal was read and approved.

Rev. Robert Mitchell, D. D., reported as Auditor:

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Greetings:

In compliance with my constitutional duties, I went to Nashville Tenn., where three of our boards are located. It is a pleasure to report to you that I found the secretaries at their post and the work of their boards in a splendid condition. The new building erected by the Messrs. Boyd and Beckham, which has been leased for a term of years by the Publishing Board, is admirably fitted for the full business of this board. The secretary has recently contracted for improved machinery to supply the place of the old. This addition will enable the board to do its work with greater dispatch than hitherto.

B. Y. P. U. Board.

This board on account of the force of circumstances has purchased a building in which it will be operated at the expiration of its lease of the present building. The property is in easy reach of the business portion of the city as well as the Publishing House, which makes it a very desirable place for this department of our work. I would urge our brethren to increase their support of this work.

Foreign Mission Board.

Having finished my work on the books and accounts of our board in Nashville, I went to Louisville, Ky., where the Foreign Mission and Woman's Boards are located. I am delighted to state that I found the secretaries most efficiently located in their old quarters, which have been greatly improved.

I found them in magnificently equipped offices, each working hard preparing for this meeting. I found Miss Burroughs handling two funds which are kept separately as follows: Mission funds and the

Training School fund. I examined both sets of books and found the facts as per report.

Home Mission Board.

The books show money raised and expended the past fiscal year, \$12,576.96.

Publishing Board.

Receipts from August 31, 1906, to September 1, 1907, \$160,152.14.

Missionary Department Included.

Disbursements, \$158,313.41; September 1, 1907, balance, \$1,838.73.

Foreign Mission Board.

September 1, 1907, receipts for fiscal year \$16,727 61
Disbursements 17,542 65

Balance \$ 1,185 01
Designated for school building in Queenstown, S. Africa.... 1,100 12

B. Y. P. U. Board.

September 1, 1907, receipts \$12,514 46
Disbursements 12,500 99

Balance \$ 13 47

This is to certify that the above reports are correct to the best of my ability.

ROBERT MITCHELL,
Auditor N. B. C.

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. K. Griggs, B. D., of Tennessee, read the report of the Committee on State of the Country. The report had been discussed much prior to the opening of the Convention, hence the members were ready for it. After reading the entire report, by motion, the Convention decided to adopt it by sections. The time allotted to the discussion of each section was warmly discussed. It was decided, by motion, that speakers be limited to three minutes each, and the time for each section be limited to twenty minutes.

As the President took issue with some sections of the report, he asked Rev. J. Francis Walker, vice President, of Ohio, to preside.

After some discussions, not animated, sections 1 to 4 were adopted as read. Section 5, pertaining to the "Brownsville Affair," caused a very heated discussion. After a lengthy and heated discussion the following amendment offered by Dr. E. C. Morris, was adopted as a substitute for the original:

In common with all the people of our country, we deeply deplore what is known as "The Brownsville Affair" and hereby express the hope that the real perpetrators of the dastardly deed may be found out and punished according to law. We feel that the whole country is indebted to the Honorable J. B. Foraker and others in their efforts to uphold the law by thoroughly investigating the matter to the end that no innocent person shall be punished.

E. C. MORRIS,
President National Baptist Convention.

The report as a whole was adopted, which is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF COUNTRY.

We, your Committee on the State of the Country, beg leave submit the following report:

These are troublous days, days of great unrest throughout earth. Forces of dynamic power are at work well nigh everywhere looking to the readjustment of the relations of man to man. In Asia, in Persia, and even in sleeping China, the worm of a subject has begun to men and demands that he stand on a different footing with his monarch to that hitherto endured.

In Africa the awakened African is beginning to cast about for a readjustment of the relations between himself and the white suzerain within his gates.

The backward races of the world are more and more acquiring a secret of the progress of their more advanced brethren, and are moving forward at a pace that is raising in an acute form the question of the future relations of the races.

Throughout civilization labor is fast awakening to the existence of its great unharnessed strength and bids to make demands upon organized society that would involve changes in the social organism as now constituted.

In conservative England the spirit of unrest has seized an industrial group of women who are employing the proverbial zeal of a man's nature to advance woman to a plane of equality with her queen, lord and master—man.

To-day in our own nation we find ourselves in the throes of titanic struggle, the republic grappling with wealth grown mad, persistently seeking to debauch the electorate and live above the duly enacted laws of the land.

Unless all signs fail, our earth is pregnant with dissension, wranglings, wrappings, between giant forces, and ere conditions come settled, grave danger exists that the rougher spirits of the human race may inject into the equation the whedding of blood and horrors of war.

Never in all the history of the earth has there been the greater need of the presence in the world of that mighty queller of strife—Jesus of Nazareth.

We, therefore, fervently call upon the entire Christian world to recognize itself in the spirit of Christ, in whose spirit alone can prompt a righteous peace out of this universal unrest.

Among the problems confronting mankind none perhaps are more grave than what has come to be known as the American race question. A leading American weekly thus sets forth the gravity of the question: "Is the statesmanship of our times adequate to avert a direful crisis? Or will it fail to solve the Negro problem just as the statesmanship of 1860 failed to find a solution by the bloody episode of civil war? That is undoubtedly the one great question for American civilization to answer."

The Church of Christ is well within its sphere when in the hour of the Master it approaches the question fraught with so many possibilities of good or wee for the human family. In the name of Christ we call upon the Christian forces of our nation to see to it that this whole question is approached from every side, having as its measuring stick that ideal adjuster of the relations of men—the Golden Rule.

Approaching the question thus, hope may be entertained for an outcome pleasing in the Divine Creator, whose spirit travaileth in peaceful and righteous earnest.

To the members of the race with which we are immediately

afflicted by ties of blood, we issue a call to righteousness, looking upon it as being fundamentally true that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." We urge upon them as far as in them lies to be at peace with all mankind, and would particularly urge that they seek to have the esteem and good will of their immediate neighbors. We urge them to pay attention to the higher needs of the sovereign states wherein they reside and labor diligently to be on the side of morality in every contest waged within the range of their influence.

We call the attention of the entire nation to the need of having the Negro race dealt with justly in the Southland, where the great body of our people reside.

Injustice reaches the more readily the weaker members of the social group. Much of the emigration from the South to the North on the part of the Negroes has been due to the conception fast taking hold of the Negro that he is dwelling in a section where the machinery of the law is but a huge engine of oppression. Too often those least prepared to leave their homes and stand the vigorous temptations of Northern city life are the ones to go. As a result they often succumb to evil influences in their new environments and bring the name of the race into reproach among strangers.

Justice in the Southland is a national question, for the nation is made heir to the product of any given section of the country. A Czolgosz may be nurtured in a corner, but the expansive skies are required to cover his crime.

We express our deep regret at the means resorted to by that candidate for the governorship of the State of Georgia who, to reach the goal of his ambitions, summoned from their slumberings the more savage instincts of his fellows. We likewise express our reprobation of the Mississippian who resorted to the same reprehensible tactics to obtain the governorship of his state and sought to reach the United States Senatorship. We brand all such appeals to the lower passions as crimes against human advancement, and warn the nation that the evil spirits called forth to devour the helpless sons of Ham will not come therefrom and at once return from whence they came, but will abide to taste of the blood of Shem and Japheth. Sooner or later the earth will know that in at least one respect evil is like unto God—it is no respecter of persons.

In common with all the people of our country, we deeply deplore what is known as the "Brownsville affair," and hereby express the hope that the real perpetrators of the dastardly deed may be found out and punished according to law. We feel that the whole country is indebted to the Hon. J. B. Foraker and others in their efforts to uphold the law by thoroughly investigating the matter to the end that no innocent person shall be punished.

The conditions under which our people in the Southland are compelled to travel are a blot upon our civilization. They are forced often to sit in filthy dens and ride in dirty and inferior cars. They are denied even on journeys requiring several days of travel all privileges of the lunch room. Apart from the discomforts suffered the very act of segregation is harmful in that its inevitable tendency is to breed insolence in the race responsible for the legislation, and sullen hatred in the race that is made its victim, all of which militate against that spirit of fraternity without which righteous peace cannot come to our nation of diverse races.

We call upon the national government to watch with an eagle eye at this particular time the development of peonage in the Southland. Word reaches us that this evil is far more widespread than is suspected by the general public.

Let it be borne in mind that the South was not converted to the cause of human liberty by the processes of enlightenment, but abhorrence of human slavery from a moral point of view is yet lacking in many quarters, and that in these times of the great death of labor in the South, such of the old enslaving spirit as yet lingers is very apt to reassert itself.

And especially does this danger exist since the race has been shown of political power, has no voice in the regulation of the courts, and its outspoken members stand in constant dread of an assassin's bullet or a mob's violence.

One of the most baneful influences at work in our national life is the penal system in force in our Southland. The absence of reformatories for youthful criminals, the convict lease system making the prison life in the South of profit to the State and thereby putting a premium on the conviction of accused parties, call loudly to the forces of civilization for reform, unless they desire to see great sections of the Negro race submerged in crime. For these conditions are the greatest crime breeders in our national life. We condemn the chain gang and the practice of exhibiting in stripes the criminal element before the eyes of the children of the land as is done in the Southland and in the District of Columbia.

We call upon the American people to take note of the unequal suffrage laws now obtaining in various of the Southern States and urge them to insist in season and out of season for the ideals of the nation as proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence and Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

We commend the present administration for its vigorous prosecutions of perjury cases and solicit its continued activity along these lines.

To our brethren in Georgia who have recently been called upon to pass through a fiery ordeal, and whose liberties are even now in jeopardy, we extend our deepest sympathies and pray that the forces of right may be victorious in their impending conflict with the forces of injustice.

To our people everywhere we send out the message—Be hopeful. The spirit of progress, of lofty endeavor, of noble living, of worthy achievements characterizes the element now dominating the life of the race.

Let us by the lives we live and the deeds that we perform put this whole question of our status in the American nation up to the white Americans. Let us live as unto God, unto whom alone we are to render a final account of our stewardship.

In the valley and the shadow of sorrow into which as a race we may yet be called to go, let us carry our mark of human brotherhood, calling incessantly for equality of treatment before the law and knowing that in the end God and right will prevail.

The following resolution offered by Rev. G. S. Middleton was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS ON NEGRO HISTORY TEXT BOOK.

Whereas It is universally accepted among thoughtful men that no race or individual can rise higher than the ideals held up to it, and

Whereas, The Negro youth who is being educated in our schools is thus taught to see all the virtue and progress in the Brother is White, and

Whereas, The silence regarding the Brother in Black is construed as a reflection on his ability and worth, and

Whereas, The mention made is too often more unkind than the offense, as it points him as a weakling, morally and intellectually,

educating our youth to magnify the Negro's vices and to minimize his virtues; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the National Negro Baptist Convention affirm its unalterable belief in the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. That it deeply deplores this condition in our schools which cripples the aspirations of our people.

2. That the National Baptist Convention urge that all Negro schools under Negro control adopt some standard Negro History by a Negro Author.

3. That to supply such a need, if it exists, the National Baptist Convention hereby appoint a committee of its most noted educators and authors who shall associate with them and such other authors of the race, of repute, who shall prepare a true, accurate and impartial history of the race.

4. That we adopt the same in our denominational schools and the National Board of Publication publish the same and place on the market.

5. That we urge that all the State Conventions memorialize its School Boards and authorities to adopt the same in its public schools.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Rev. Dr. L. J. Campbell, of Texas, and is as follows:

Whereas, The Bible commands total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, pronouncing "Woe to him who giveth his neighbor drink," and upon him "who buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity;" and

Whereas, Licensing the saloon involves every man who votes for the saloon in the complicity of giving his neighbor drink, and building a town with blood, and establishing a city by iniquity; and

Whereas, The saloon, a cancer upon society, eating out its vitals, proves a most formidable foe to the Church and country, working untold harm upon the human family, often doing its worst work upon the weaker of the two races in this country, as was aptly illustrated by the Atlanta riot, in which some of the noblest colored Americans were foully murdered by drunken white ruffians from whom no protection could be given until the saloons were closed; and in Texas where nearly three hundred lynchings have occurred, only two have taken place in prohibition counties; in the same year of the riot in Atlanta there were about three thousand Negro women arrayed before the police court of that city in dishonor, and nearly every case raveled out led back to the saloon, similar conditions prevailing throughout the South where saloons are permitted, with little boys and girls on the streets and alleys with beer pails in their hands growing into manhood and womanhood with no chance for purer and nobler life.

Whereas, The Church moves in triumph against all evil, and

Whereas, The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has proven a mighty foe as a part of God's Church at work believing that right conscience exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people, and

Whereas, Nations have gone down in the past by ignoring the warning from God's word concerning the dangers of strong drink,

Resolved 1. That the National Baptist Convention subscribe to the following pledge: "I hereby solemnly promise with God to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of, and the traffic in the same."

2. That a pledge-signing movement be pushed with new vigor in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and every department of Church work until the Church shall be clean of the evil which hangs as a weight around the neck of Christian influence.

3 That we make as strong an effort to save the young from the use of tobacco in all its forms, and to help the old.

4 That we encourage prohibition as a measure being supported by the Protestant Churches throughout the length and breadth of the nation placing our uncompromising condemnation upon the entire vicious liquor traffic, from the lowest beer saloon to the vilest distillery and brewery which stand in defiance of the Church in its soul-saving mission.

5 That the National Baptist Convention stands pledged with pulpit voice, prayers and votes against the saloon.

6 That any Negro man who hires to Brewera's associations, Liquor Dealers' organizations, and Prohibition committees, to support the saloon that causes riots, and lynchings, and murders, and that so degrades the womanhood of a struggling race, already handicapped by oppression and race-prejudice, be regarded by this Convention as an enemy to the Church of Christ, and a traitor to the race with which he is identified, until he shows membership in the Baptist Church and below the level of good society.

7 That we hail with joy Colorado's falling into line with Maine, North Dakota, and Kansas as prohibition states, and shall welcome the day when from our nation's capital to the remotest corner of our country, the prohibition of the liquor traffic shall be complete.

8 That we rejoice over the great victories for prohibition all over the country, but most particularly in Kentucky and Tennessee by voting the saloon out of their territory in all but three counties in each state.

9 That we endorse the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their noble effort to save the child, rescue the drunkard, and protect the home from the curse that "At the last lieth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

MRS E. E. PETERSON

The report as amended was adopted.

By motion, the following resolution introduced by Rev Jas. B. White, of Washington, D. C. was unanimously adopted:

A Resolution Endorsing the Petition to Present to the 60th Congress.
Resolved, That we, the National Baptist Convention, do heartily endorse the petition for the passage of bills to reimburse depositors of the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Co. to provide a home for aged and infirm colored people, and to aid in the industrial education of the colored youth of the South out of the money in the treasury due to deceased colored soldiers and depositors of the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Co. that cannot be paid to individual claimants on the account of previous condition.

Presented by REV JAMES L. WHITE.

Rev A. J. Stokes, D. D. of Alabama, Treasurer of the Convention, presented his annual report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1907.

Washington, D. C., September, 1907.

Mr. President I had to submit the following as my report for the year 1907:

Montgomery, Ala., April 2, 1908.

The following is a statement of the money paid out at the Memphis meeting in September, 1907.

Dr. E. C. Morris \$100 00
Prof. R. B. Hudson, Assistant Secretary \$10 00

Prof. S. W. Barcott, Statistician	\$ 60 00
Prof. H. T. Washington	218 00
Prof. C. B. Brown	19 50
Prof. N. H. Pius, Music	30 00
Rev. L. J. Jordan, Missions	49 00
Prof. W. L. Canler, Secretary	95 70
Dr. R. H. Boyd, Publishing House	150 00
Mr. Chas. Stewart, Reporter	65 00
Rev. T. O. Fuller, Special Committee	110 40
Rev. H. Brown, Expenses of Finance Committee	35 00
Grand Total	\$1,822 60

A. J. STOKES.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

The Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention held at Washington, D. C., September, 1907. The report was called in order by the president. After discussion the Finance Committee submitted its report as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have received from all sources, \$2,042.60.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. BROWN, Chairman.

On motion the report of the committee was received and adopted. The following bills were read, approved and passed:

To Dr. A. J. Stokes, for money advanced during the year	\$100 00
To Dr. A. J. Stokes, expenses	22 25
To Dr. R. Mitchell, expenses	25 00
To Dr. S. W. Barcott, services	100 00
To Dr. M. W. O. Norman, expenses	105 00
To Publishing Board on printing minutes	100 00
To Members of the Finance Committee for services	60 00
To Messengers for services	10 00
To Prof. N. H. Pius, musical director	38 00
To Prof. Chas. Stewart, official stenographer	65 00
To account of Hall rent	260 00
To W. W. Holaway for printing 6,000 tickets	9 50
To St. Louis Rutton Co., for 1,000 badges	47 00
To express on badges, tickets, etc.	75 00
To Finance Committee for rubber stamp	1 00
To carriage for use of President	00 00
To Dr. Cooker T. Washington	75 00
To the four assistant secretaries (\$10 each)	40 00
To Prof. R. B. Hudson, for the President's office for the year	100 00
To Dr. E. C. Morris, expenses	00 00
Total	\$2,042 60

Note.—The excess of expenses over receipts was made up by the officers of the Convention giving the amount necessary to balance the accounts.

E. C. MORRIS, President.
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was adopted as amended:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16, 1907.

To the National Baptist Convention,

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to present the following report:

After careful consideration of its important work, pro and con, your committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following resolutions as in keeping with the principle of high ideals and the policy of progress that has always characterized our great national body.

Very respectfully submitted.

W. J. M. PRICE, Chairman;
REV. F. DANCY, Secretary;
G. S. MIDDLETON,
G. A. MARTIN,
W. D. JONES,
WM. Z. THOMAS.

To the Metropolitan Church, Baptist Ministers' Alliance, and People of Washington, D. C.:

Whereas, The National Baptist Convention, representatives of more than two and one-half millions of people, have been the recipients of the most magnificent hospitality in its history, and

Whereas, The cordial invitation of the Metropolitan Baptist Church and its great pastor, Dr. M. W. D. Norman, is responsible for our presence in our national capital, an inspiration to our great denomination.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the National Negro Baptist Convention extend to the Metropolitan Church its sincere thanks and high appreciation of this great hospitality, and to the Baptist Ministers' Alliance of the District of Columbia and vicinity, of which Rev. W. D. Jones is President, who so ably supported our hosts, and to the good people of Washington, Baptists and Proto-Baptists, churchmen and non-churchmen, who have vied with each other in the wealth of hospitality extended our great body, and our thanks to the Columbia Ice Company for ice furnished gratis during the Convention.

COMMITTEE.

The time having arrived for the Convention to take steamer for Jamestown, the President announced that the remainder of business would be transacted on board the steamer while en route to Jamestown.

After several announcements, the twenty-seventh session of the National Baptist Convention closed to meet in its twenty-eighth session in New York, September 16-22, 1908.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

Benediction, Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., of Alabama.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, D. D., President;
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary;
REV. C. T. STAMPS, D. D.,
REV. T. O. FULLER, Ph. D.,
REV. E. H. McDONALD, D. D.,
REV. J. H. A. CYRUS, D. D.,
Assistant Secretaries.

APPENDIX.

Panama Zone Pledges.

State Street Baptist, Rev. R. Mitchell \$30.00
First Baptist, Columbus, Ga. 25.00

Rev. H. R. Johnson, Houston, Tex.	16 00
Rev. S. G. Gather, Lake Providence	25 00
Rev. A. Scott, Lake Providence	5 00
Rev. W. C. Owens, Birmingham, Ala.	10 00
Rev. R. Spiller, Newport News, Va.	10 00
Rev. C. T. Walker, Augusta, Ga.	25 00
Rev. A. N. Wyatt, Wharton, Tex., in thirty days	10 00
Rev. H. H. Williams, Gulf Port, Miss.	2 25
H. W. Childs, Lancaster, Pa.	10 00
Rev. J. C. Jackson, Lynchburg, Va.	25 00
Rev. J. L. Dart (Colored Baptist St.) Charleston, S. C.	25 00
Jerusalem Baptist, Rev. J. Johnson, Edisto Island	10 00
Rev. P. F. Maley, Springfield Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.	10 00
Rev. J. H. Luler III, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Altoona, Pa.	5 00
Rev. A. T. Stewart, Helena, Ark.	25 00
Rev. J. F. Walker, Cincinnati, O.	25 00
Faith Street Baptist Church, E. B. Topp, Jackson, Miss.	25 00
M. E. Robinson, Houston, Tex.	25 00
C. H. Clark, Nashville, Tenn.	25 00
R. L. Dorton, Chicago, Ill.	25 00
R. Mitchell, Bowling Green, Ky.	25 00
Union Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.	25 00
New Bethel Grove, P. H. Collier, Houston, Tex.	25 00
S. A. Gaines, Lake Providence, La.	25 00
E. H. Garland, Ravenna, Tex.	10 00

The following gave amounts opposite their names in Foreign Mission Rally:

A. J. Stokes	\$10 00
Wm. Alexander	5 00
Wm. Brown	25 00
Wm. Jones	1 00
C. T. Walker	1 00
W. R. Brown	1 00
C. T. Walker	2 00
Wm. Gladden	1 00
R. L. Dorton	1 00
Frank Dwyer	1 00
R. L. Dorton	1 00
A. R. Woods	1 00
R. L. Dorton	1 00
H. H. Nash	1 00
R. L. Dorton	1 00
W. R. Brown	1 00
A. W. Miles	1 00
R. L. Dorton	1 00
P. H. Chapman	1 00
Chas. P. Dwyer	1 00

E. N. Grimes	1 00
R. S. Harris	1 00
R. F. Morton	1 00
M. A. Alexander	1 00
D. T. Guley	1 00
Mrs. U. Wallard	1 00
H. M. Williams	1 00
S. W. Dorsey	1 00
L. P. Blakely	1 00
J. W. Pinnington	1 00
Deacon Queenan	1 00
Wright Allen	1 00
Thomas A. Smith	1 00
John R. Brown	1 00
O. L. Lights	1 00
C. W. Graham	1 00
S. E. Percy	1 00
C. S. Shelton	1 00
Mrs. M. S. Gathon	1 00
J. H. Vanlee	1 00
G. E. Stevens	1 00
E. S. Brown	1 00
Wm. Cannon	1 00
T. P. Henry	1 00
P. A. Tait	1 00
Rev. J. A. Robinson	1 00
A. Williams	1 00
A. R. Barote	1 00
A. S. Hall	1 00
G. C. Chinn	1 00
H. C. Tolton	1 00
Dr. Clew	1 00
J. H. Hurd	1 00
R. D. Rice	1 00
N. P. Pullam	1 00
J. J. Littlecote	1 00
J. B. Lake	1 00
S. M. Fisher	1 00
R. T. Schell	1 00
E. W. Green	1 00
E. H. Dlar	1 00
C. M. Cartwright	1 00
C. H. Lee	1 00
C. M. Butler	1 00
F. G. Lofton	1 00
S. J. Mosely	1 00
F. A. Gaines	1 00





REV. T. O. MILLER, D. D., PH. D.



REV. H. H. McDONALD, PH. D.



REV. C. T. STARNES, PH. D., D. D.

ASSISTED SELECTION OF THE NATIONAL MARTYR CONVENTION

MINUTES.

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J. M. Winder	\$ 1 00
L. H. Mills	1 00
Wm Simmons	1 00
C F. Williams	1 00
Mrs. M. V. Wyles	1 00
E. V. Gasaway	100
W. F. Milo	1 00
A. M. Patterson	1 00
F. M. Cobham	1 00
J. L. Murry	1 00
J. H. Henry	1 00
W. S. Ellington	1 00
C. T. Dortch	1 00
David Duke	1 00
A. Anderson	1 00
H. Parker	1 00
I. L. Hawthorne	00
S. G. Gathon	00
H. Galley	1 00
D. Hubbard	00
C. McKlancy	1 00
W. P. Lawrence	1 00
A. Childs	1 00
L. G. Harris	00
Charles Williams	00
S. Harris	00
J. R. Richardson	00
M. S. Jones	00
H. S. Powell	00
A. S. Jackson	00
J. W. Robinson	00
M. C. Martin	00
Prof. F. A. Peters	1 00
H. B. Brown	1 00
C. Washington	00
J. B. Reese	1 00
T. W. Walker	1 00
E. B. Weaver	00
D. W. Huggins	00
H. E. Young	00
E. F. Harper	00
M. C. Moul	00
L. T. Thompson	00
J. B. Ellis	00
J. G. Bailey	1 00
W. D. Adams	1 00
J. H. Johnson	1 00

Mahala Vaughn \$ 1 00
Rosa Wells

LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Alabama.

Rev. C. C. Williams, Coalburg, \$1; Rev. B. P. Pearson, Stansel, \$1; Rev. J. H. Thornton, Selma, \$1; Rev. R. C. Phillips, Laneville, \$1; Rev. S. W. Devampert, Brookwood (Box 101), \$1; Rev. A. J. Fike, Birmingham (Elyton), \$1; Rev. M. W. Moore, Decatur, \$1; Rev. L. J. Green, D. D. Florence, \$1; C. C. Davis, Mt. Meigs, \$1; Rev. D. L. Johnson, Elyton (311) \$1; Rev. A. C. Morris, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. C. C. Windham, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. B. J. Brown, Ramsey, \$1; Rev. S. M. Smart, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. J. A. Dill, Brilliant, \$1; Dr. L. C. Cost, Birmingham, \$1; M. J. Thompson, Mobile, \$1; Rev. J. W. Goodgame, Anniston, \$1; Rev. A. W. Hagland, Marion, \$1; J. S. Prentice, Aldrich, \$1; Rev. David Duke, Claborne, \$1; Rev. N. A. Battle, Anniston, \$1; Rev. A. A. Battle, Anniston, \$1; Rev. L. Hawthorne, D. D. Pollard, \$1; Rev. T. L. Lewis, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. J. E. W. Wilson, Avondale, \$1; Dr. P. Wallen, Woodlawn, \$1; Dr. E. W. Pickett, Selma, \$1; Rev. J. S. Talmon, Roba, \$1; Rev. James Peterson, Eufala, \$1; Rev. O. J. Jackson, Mobile, \$1; Rev. W. L. Maddox, Anniston, \$1; Rev. C. M. Wells, D. D., Montgomery, \$1; Rev. J. B. Miller, D. D., Birmingham, \$1; Rev. G. M. Jones, Hazen, \$2; Rev. A. C. Collins, Hazen, \$2; Rev. W. L. Jeffries, D. D., Marion, \$1; Rev. S. L. Martin, D. D., Birmingham, \$1; Rev. C. J. Davis, Mt. Meigs, \$20; Rev. J. R. Thomas, Mossburg, \$1; Rev. F. A. Chelma, New Castle, \$1; Rev. W. C. Owens, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. J. D. Kant, 335 John street, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. L. R. Robbio, Georgiana, \$1; Rev. L. H. Hendricks, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. W. S. Whitte, Uniontown, \$1; Rev. Wm. Madison, Jr., Pratt City, \$1; Rev. T. J. Flood, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. I. S. Fountain, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. M. C. Cleveland, Whitley, \$1; Rev. G. S. Smith, Bessemer, \$1; Rev. V. B. James, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. M. W. Williams, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. C. A. J. Mallory, Saginaw, \$1; Rev. T. W. Dee, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. C. H. Farley, Birmingham (Third Avenue), \$1; Rev. J. H. Parker, Pratt City, \$1; Rev. M. E. Evans, Bessemer, \$1; Rev. S. L. Duncan, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. W. Trenholm, Tusculumbia (Box 126), \$1; Rev. R. C. Nixon, Shelby, \$1; Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. P. E. Casten, Birmingham (1926 Twentieth Street), \$1; Rev. W. L. Howard, Birmingham, \$1; Rev. Ira McKinney, Birmingham (1929 Avenue A), \$1; Rev. A. D. Byrd, Mobile (Franklin Street), \$1; Rev. Wm. Hinton, Felix, \$1; Rev. L. B. Barnett, London, \$1; Rev. Wm. Carter, Sheffield, \$1; Rev. S. M. Robinson, Decatur, \$1; Rev. P. A. Talt, Ft. Deposit, \$1; Rev. J. H. Branham, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. A. Hawkins, Pratt City, \$2; Rev. S. B. Brownlee, Talladega, \$1; Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham, Carrollton, \$1; Rev. J. K. Robert, Tallassee, \$1; Rev. T. P. Lowe, Montgomery, \$1; Rev. H. Stephens, Scott's Station, \$1; Rev. S. M. Fisher, D. D., Mobile, \$10; Rev. G. B. Johnson, Courtland, \$1; Rev. A. W. Deyampert, Ensley, \$1; Rev. S. B. Bracy, Daphne, \$1; Rev. W. E. Shepard, Elmore, \$1; Rev. W. H. Reddick, Greensboro, \$1; Rev. M. C. Lowery, Greenville, \$1; Rev. J. S. Kolay, Tuskegee, \$1; Rev. W. Brazel, Carleova, \$1; Rev. L. A. Foster, Montgomery, \$1; J. B. Jennings, Shelby, \$1; G. P. Rodgers, Mobile, \$1; W. P. Talt, Selma, \$1; Miss Matilda Darnes, Tuscaloosa, \$1; Rev. J. H. Smith, Tuscaloosa, \$1; Rev. W. H. Montgomery, Alberta, \$1; Rev. J. C. Hendrik, Montgomery, \$1; S. T. Simpson, Opelika, \$1; J. O. Pennington, Margaret, \$1; Rev. P. W. Walte, Georgiana, \$1; O. B. Burton, Anniston,

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Rev. W. R. Spiller, Harper's Ferry, \$1; Rev. J. D. Ellis, Orange, \$1; Rev. S. A. Garland, Lynchburg, \$1; Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., Petersburg, \$1; Rev. T. M. Bowman, Petersburg, \$1; Rev. W. T. Johnson, 1813 Leigh St., Richmond, \$1; Rev. E. B. Fendleton, Corbin, \$1; Rev. R. H. Bowling, Norfolk, \$1; Rev. E. L. Hall, D. D., Drake's Branch, \$1; Rev. E. R. Jackson, Arlington, \$1; D. Webster Davis, D. D., Second Baptist Church, Richmond, \$1; J. Henry Crutchfield, Richmond, \$1; Caleb G. Robinson, Meadville, \$1.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

Nashville, Tenn., March 26, 1908.

The Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, pursuant to the call of the President, met in the Chapel of the Publishing Board at 12 o'clock. President E. C. Morris called the meeting to order and asked Rev. L. G. Jordan to conduct the devotions. "I must tell Jesus," was sung as the opening song. Luke 24:36-53 was read as the Scripture lesson. Prayer was then offered by Dr. Jordan. The calling of the roll showed sufficient members present to transact business. After stating the object of the call, the Secretary was requested to read the same.

The secretary read a communication from the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, in which the church regretted that the occasion had arisen to compel it to withdraw the invitation for the Convention to meet with it in September, in its 28th annual session. Regrets were expressed by the President and other members of the Board at the invitation being withdrawn.

By motion of Dr. R. H. Boyd, the withdrawal of the invitation be accepted. It was accepted.

President Morris stated nominations were in order for the holding of the 28th session of the National Baptist Convention.

The following cities were nominated, after the reading of many letters, telegrams and proxies: Lexington, Ky.; Savannah, Ga.; Kansas City, Mo.; Indianapolis, Ind.; New Orleans, La., and St. Louis, Mo.

After much discussion, the vote was taken and resulted in favor of Lexington. By motion the vote was made unanimous.

After some announcements, the Board stood adjourned, with benediction by Rev. Dr. C. H. Clark.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, D. D., President.

PROF. R. R. HUDSON, Secretary.

REV. T. O. FULLER, D. D., Assistant Secretary.

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OF THE

WOMAN'S CONVENTION,

Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention,

HOLDEN

THE VERMONT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Washington, D. C.,

September 18-23, 1907.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the churches connected with the National Baptist Convention desirous of stimulating and transmitting a missionary spirit and grace of giving among the women and children of the churches and aiding in collecting funds for missions to be disbursed as ordered by the Convention, organize and adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This organization shall be known as "The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention."

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The twofold object of said Convention shall be to distribute information and stimulate effort through women's local, district and state organizations where they exist, and where they do not, to encourage the organization of societies; to secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for education and missions at home and abroad.

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 from the city where the Corresponding Secretary resides. These shall constitute the Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Women's Convention, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual Meeting.

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 National Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE V.

Representation at the Annual Meeting.

The officers of the Woman's Convention, State Conventions, that have paid \$20 to the work, District Associations that have paid \$10, local societies that have paid \$5, and Children's Bands that have paid \$2.50, shall be allowed two delegates for each \$5 paid. Only such delegates as are personally present and duly accredited by the Convention or local societies they represent shall be entitled to a vote. Any individual may become an annual member by the payment of \$1. Annual members are entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VI.

Conduct of Meetings.

Every session of the Woman's Convention shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting thirty days previous notice having been sent through the State Secretary to the Woman's Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each Vice President of the proposed amendment.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. The President shall preside at the annual meeting 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 an ex officio member of all standing committees. She may, through the Corresponding Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when in her judgment needful, or at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. In her absence the Vice President from the State where the committee may be located shall take her place. The Vice President shall represent the interest of the Convention and Boards in their respective States or Territories, in cooperation with the State Boards, State Conventions and State Missions.

Art. 2. The Vice Presidents shall be considered an Advisory Board of the Executive Committee, who are entitled, when present, to vote at its sessions.

Art. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send to the Corresponding Secretary of each State, and to societies where there is no state organization, three months before the annual meeting, a blank for the report of such organizations; and from these reports the Corresponding Secretary shall collect the annual reports. She shall conduct the correspondence of the Executive Committee, and shall be authorized to organize societies, and transact all necessary business connected therewith.

Art. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the annual meeting, compile and distribute the minutes and see that minutes are sent to all members, whether life or annual.

Art. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys 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 nominated by a committee appointed for that purpose, and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. It shall be their duty to advise the Corresponding Secretary in her work, hear her monthly report and pass upon the same. The Executive Committee shall also keep in hand two hundred dollars for Corresponding Secretary, in case of emergency. Instead of reporting monthly to the committee, she may report quarterly. There shall be five members in the city or thereabouts.

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 nominated by the delegates from her own State, and shall be elected by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered. An Assistant Corresponding Secretary may be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer, and the delegates shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two highest nominees for each office.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee is directed to form and maintain 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 session of the Baptist Woman's Convention what has been done toward carrying out the objects of the organization.

Art. 11. The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting, three months previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to the Woman's Missionary

MINUTES.

Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each President of proposed amendment.

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

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Woman's Auxiliary Convention

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Other states failed to appoint superintendents of this important department. Hope all the states hereafter will see that this office is filled by some sister of their delegations.



OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF THE Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

TUESDAY—Evening.

7:30—Executive Board Meeting, Tenth Street Baptist Church, Tenth and R Streets, Rev. S. G. Lamphos, D. D., pastor. All officers, Executive Board Members and Vice Presidents are urged to attend this meeting.

WEDNESDAY—Morning.

8:00—Call to order by President.
Devotional Services led by Mrs. M. M. Gilmore, Rockhill, S. C.
8:30—Formal Opening of Convention.
Music, Convention Choir.
9:15—Addresses of Welcome: The City and Baptist Churches—Miss Mattie White.
10:00—Organization and Other Demonstrations—Miss Mattie R. Bowen.
10:15—Response: Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Atlanta, Ga.
Music. Enrollment of Delegates. Appointment of Committees.
Collection. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

1:00—Devotional Services led by Mrs. Julia A. Burgess, Chicago, Ill.
2:30—Report of Committee on Enrollment and Credentials.
Seating of Delegates.
3:00—Annual Address of President.
Music.
Roll call of Vice Presidents. Two-minute greetings from the states they represent.
Music.
Collection. Announcements. Adjournment.

Evening.

7:30—Song Service.
Devotional Services led by Rev. N. H. Pius, Indianapolis, Ind., assisted by Rev. R. Kemp, Charleston, S. C.
Duet—Misses Jennie Burnley and Eudora East, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

MINUTES.

- Essay: "Success or Failure"—Miss Abba B. Myers, Tampa, Fla.
 Solo: Miss Parthenia Cornelius, Tampa, Fla.
 8:00—Annual Sermon—Rev. H. M. Williams, Galveston, Tex.
 Music. Collection. (The collection for the evening goes to defray the expenses of the President. Each delegate and friend is requested to make an offering for this purpose.)
 Announcements. Adjournment.

THURSDAY—Morning.

- 9:00—Devotional Services led by Mrs. J. V. Donley, Palmyra Mo.
 9:30—Report of Corresponding Secretary.
 Report of Treasurer.
 Collection. Announcement. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotionals led by Mrs. L. W. Landrum, Reevesville, I. T.
 2:30—Address: "State of the Country"—Mrs. M. E. Fowler, Tampa, Florida.
 2:45—Address: "Some Essential Reforms"—Mrs. M. E. Clarke, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 3:00—Address: "Lessons on the Race Problem from Magazines and Daily Papers"—Mrs. Florence Cook, Quincy, Ill.
 3:15—Address: "The Taint of Race Sentiment"—Mrs. E. E. Whitefield.
 3:30—Address: "Recent Educational Gifts, and What They Mean to the Masses"—Miss Cecilia B. Garey, Columbia, S. C.
 3:45—Address: "The Labor Question and the Negro's Relation to It"—Miss M. M. Kimball.
 4:00—Address: "The Immigration Question and the Negro's Relation to It"—Mrs. M. E. Addison, Baltimore, Md.
 Discussion—(Persons desiring to speak on either of the above questions may send their card to the President, stating upon which subject they desire to talk. Three minutes will be allowed each speaker.)
 5:00—Collection. Announcements. Adjournment.

Evening.

- 7:30—Devotional Services led by Mrs. R. T. Pollard, Selma, Ala.
 Essay: "True Greatness in Woman"—Miss C. G. Brown, Tampa, Fla.
 8:00—Address: "Six Striking Incidents in Missionary History, and the Lessons Taught Therefrom"—Mrs. P. H. Hughes, Birmingham, Ala.
 8:15—Address: "Struggles and Achievements on the Foreign Mission Field During the Past Year"—Mrs. M. A. B. Smith, Lockhart, Texas.

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- 8:30—Address: "The Duty of the Christian World to the Congo People"—Mrs. M. E. Golae, Jefferson City, Mo.
 8:45—Address: "The Value of Missionary Literature to Creating a Deeper Interest in Our Work"—Mrs. M. M. Booker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 9:00—Discussion—(Persons desiring to speak on either of the above questions may send the President their card, stating the subject they wish to discuss. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes.)
 Collection. Adjournment.

FRIDAY—Morning.

- 9:00—Devotional Services led by Mrs. Amanda East, Williamsport, Pa.
 9:30—Address: "The Value of Denominational Schools"—Mrs. M. A. W. Thompson, Red Star, West Virginia.
 9:45—Address: "An Essential Education that One Cannot Get from Books nor Teachers"—Mrs. Mary R. Hayes, Lynchburg, Va.
 10:00—Address: "Miss Mary G. Berdette, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society."
 10:20—Address: "The Parents' Duty to the Public Schools"—Mrs. Julia A. Hayes, Washington, D. C.
 10:35—Address: "Children Who Do Not Attend School, and Our Duty to Them"—Mrs. O. J. Nichols, Boston, Mass.
 Discussion—President will allow three persons three minutes each to discuss either of the foregoing addresses. Send your card in.
 11:00—Address: "Home Happiness and How to Promote It"—Mrs. M. A. Bell, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 11:15—Address: "Social Attitude Toward the Working Classes"—Mrs. Lula M. Jackson, Shelbyville, Ky.
 11:30—Address: "What the Training School Will Do Toward Preparing Missionaries for Home and Foreign Fields"—Mrs. M. D. Griggsby, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Discussion—(Persons desiring to speak on either of the above questions will send their cards to the President with the name of the subject they wish to discuss. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes.)
 Collection. Announcements. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotional Services led by Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Louisville, Ky.
 2:30—Address: "Reformatory and Juvenile Court Work"—Mrs. Lucinda Holliday, Atlanta, Ga.
 2:45—Address: "A Plea for Our Boys"—Mrs. L. D. Pruitt, Monroe,

3:00—Address: "Why a Children's Band in the Church, and How to Make Their Work Interesting and Attractive"—Mrs. A. E. McDonald, Providence, Rhode Island.

3:15—Address: "How to Select Books and Papers for Juvenile Readers"—Mrs. M. W. Gilbert.

3:30—Discussion: Persons desiring to speak on either of the above questions, will send their cards to the President, stating the subject they wish to discuss. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes.

4:00—Field Hour—"Our Problems."

Three minutes will be allowed each delegate desiring to tell of the problems that are confronting her in the prosecution of her work at home. We hope from this meeting to get a number of helpful suggestions that may assist them in overcoming their difficulties.

5:00—Collection. Announcements. Adjournment.

Evening.

7:30—Devotional Services led by Mrs. L. V. Melbane, Greenville, N. C.

8:00—Address: "The Individual Problem"—Mrs. D. G. Mack, Baltimore, Md.

8:15—Address: "How We May Make Favorable Public Sentiment in the Race"—Mrs. J. J. Delaney, Pine Bluff, Ark.

8:30—Address: "Cause of and Cure for Lending and Criminality"—Mrs. C. T. Durrah, Pensacola, Fla.

8:45—Address: "The Liquor Question, and How We May Help Settle It"—Mrs. P. H. Brown, Plainfield, N. J.

9:00—Discussion—Persons desiring to speak on either of the above subjects may do so by sending their card to the president stating the name of the subject which they wish to discuss. Three minutes will be allowed each speaker.)

SATURDAY—Morning.

8:30-9:00—Executive Board Meeting at Tenth Street Baptist Church

9:00—Devotional Services led by Chairman of Oklahoma Delegation.

9:30—Reports of Committees

10:00—Undispatched Business.

Election of Officers

Collection. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

2:00—Training School Meeting. (See Special Program.)

Evening.

Attend Session National Baptist Convention

SUNDAY—Morning.

11:00—Devotional Services led by Rev. W. G. Parks, Philadelphia, Pa. Assisted by Rev. J. Goina, Jefferson City, Mo.

Solo: "The Unseen Hand." Mrs. Christius Brown, Pittsburg, Tenn.

Sermon—Rev. G. B. Howard, Petersburg, Va. Alternate—Rev. Geo. S. Stevens, St. Louis, Mo.

Special Music.

Collection. Announcement. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

Attend Session National Baptist Convention.

Evening.

7:30—Devotional Services led by Rev. A. D. Lewis, Hinton, W. Va. Assisted by Rev. R. Doyle Phillips, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sermon—Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Chicago, Ill.

Installation of Officers.

Collection. Announcements. Adjournment.

MONDAY—Morning.

9:00—Attend Session National Baptist Convention.

Corresponding Secretary will report work of the Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention on Monday.

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FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11, 1907.

Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, convened in their eighth annual session in the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. Geo. W. Lea, pastor.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. M. M. Gilmore, of South Carolina. Song, "Glorious Fountain." Bible reading, Psalm 134. Song, "The morning light is breaking." 2 Tim. 2:10 was commented upon by Mrs. Gilmore. Songs, Jesus, lover of my soul, "Blessed assurance." Prayer.

President B. W. Layton arose and announced officially for the evening time that the time had arrived for the formal opening of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. She made a few appropriate remarks in Christian greeting, expressing her joy to meet so many of the dear sisters who had labored with her all the years of our organization's life, and also her added joy to see so many new faces. She then announced committees on Enrollment and Finance. (See committee reports.) Song, "A charge to keep I have." Prayer by Rev. Wm. Phillips, the venerable father of our National President.

Welcome address was delivered by Miss Mattie McIntosh. She spoke many kind words in suggestive terms of the work we represent. She assured us that all the good women of the fifty-three Baptist churches of Washington extended us a hearty welcome, and they stood ready to supply all our needs, and make our stay in Washington the pleasantest of all the places that had entertained us. Mrs. Julia Mason Layton said a few words more of hearty welcome, and then introduced little Miss Eloise Smoot, who very cutely welcomed us in behalf of the little tots of Washington. Miss Mattie R. Bowen, in her own lovely manner welcomed us on behalf of other denominations and all organizations. A most thrilling and earnest address was delivered by the only one Miss Mattie R. Bowen. Song, "I feel like going on." Response by Mrs. P. J. Bryant. Mrs. Bryant expressed thanks for the most cordial welcome speeches delivered. She assured the friends who had made us welcome that our time would be devoted especially to the work of the Convention, as we hoped through our deliberations to advance our work along all lines.

High compliments were paid the Corresponding Secretary and President for their excellence in the management of our Convention's work.

Mrs. Bryant briefly reviewed the seven years' work of the Convention. This review gave evidence of the phenomenal success.

The industrial feature of the work was emphasized, and a striking illustration given of the success of one of our young women in bread making. She made it clear that no industrial work when well done failed to bring satisfactory returns.

Washingtonians were urged to make sure the success of the missionary training school within their gates.

Mrs. Curtis, the representative of the Negro Exhibit at Jamestown, was introduced. She said our people had made a creditable exhibit, and extended a cordial invitation to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to attend the Exposition while in that section.

Mrs. C. M. Wells, Vice President of Alabama, brought the greetings of Alabama. She made an excellent report of the good work being done in the State of Alabama by the women of both the State Conventions.

Mrs. N. L. West, Vice President of Louisiana, spoke of the work being done in her state, assuring the Convention that Louisiana was wide awake and actively engaged in the work of Christian missions and education.

Mrs. L. E. Sturdivant extended the greetings of North Mississippi. She said her section of Mississippi was in line with the Convention work.

Mrs. S. A. Peyton, Vice President of Illinois, reviewed the work of her state, which evidenced marked progress had been made in Illinois. She especially emphasized the missionary feature of the work.

Mrs. P. J. Bryant, in the absence of Georgia's Vice President, spoke of Georgia's work. She told of a reformatory the women were establishing.

Mrs. L. Washington, Vice President of Georgia, reported the work of her Convention as progressing, and they were laboring earnestly for the educational work in their bounds.

Mrs. J. Corran, of New Era Convention, Alabama, brought greetings from her Convention, and said she came to the national meeting to encourage every feature of the work.

Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Vice President of Louisiana, testified to the great work they were doing in her Convention, and assured us that her Convention was in line with all departments of the work in hand.

Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Vice President of Ohio, said her state was doing a good work, and she was there to forward every feature of the Convention work.

Mrs. M. L. Saunders spoke for Missouri. She said that the erection of a girls' dormitory was a special object of endeavor in Missouri. The women of her state were in full accord with our efforts to evangelize and educate the nation.

Mrs. S. M. Mitchell, Vice President of Florida, brought the greetings of her State Convention. She said that the women of Florida

were wide awake, the equals of the women in any of the states in their interest to foster the cause of missions and education.

Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Vice President of Kentucky, gave a statistical report of the work done by her Convention. Marked progress was evidenced from the report given. Work among the lowly had been given much attention; also a number of conversions were reported.

Mrs. Ananda East, Vice President of Pennsylvania, extended the greetings of Pennsylvania. She assured the Convention that Pennsylvania was in full accord with every phase of its work.

Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, Vice President of Tennessee, brought greetings of Tennessee. She said her Convention had a most successful year's work; had encouraged every interest to which it was pledged. She referred especially to the help the Tennessee women had given their educational work during 1907.

Mrs. West, of Pennsylvania, said that her association was in full accord with every feature of the Convention work.

Mrs. M. M. Buckner, Vice President of Texas, brought greetings from Texas. She said that their work was growing, the women were all interested, and every district in Texas was in line with the work of the National Baptist Convention. She paid a high compliment to the very excellent field work of Mrs. E. E. Whitfield. She told of an orphan home that was being fostered by her State Convention.

Mrs. H. Weakley, Vice President of Texas, assured us that the women of her Convention in Texas were also wide awake and were actively engaged in the lines of Christian work as outlined by the Convention.

Mrs. Emma Gaines, Vice President of Kansas, said that she brought the greetings of Kansas, and would say "Amen" to all that had been said by the Vice Presidents who preceded her.

Mrs. S. C. Shanks, Vice President of Arkansas, brought the greetings of her state. She said that she had had sickness during the year that somewhat hindered her from her usual personal efforts, but her sisters were wide awake throughout the state of Arkansas and aided in various forms of charitable and missionary work and giving substantial assistance to all the denominational schools. She said that Arkansas was in full accord with all lines of work fostered by the Convention.

Mrs. A. E. Webber, of Indiana, brought the greetings of Indiana. She said that her state was well organized and the sisters were doing good work. They were especially interested in missions.

Mrs. R. T. Pollard, of Alabama, and Mrs. H. Weakley, of Texas, raised the collection. Amount collected, \$4.10.

Announcements were made of the various State Conferences called to meet Thursday.

Doxology.

Invocation by Rev. Cassius Johnson, Raleigh, N. C.

Evening Session.

The Convention was opened by a song service, led by Rev. R. Kemp, Charleston, S. C., and Rev. Lawson, Texas. Bible reading, John 17, by Rev. Huff. Prayer by Rev. Johnson. Song, "Nearer my God to Thee." President Layton made some announcements, and he stated that all delegates report to Enrollment and Finance Committees.

Miss N. H. Burroughs introduced Misses Jennie Burnley and Eudora East, of "The Shish Little Reapers Band," Williamsport, Pa. The girls sang a beautiful duet, thus giving encouragement to our children everywhere who will join with the missionary sisters in the great work of our Convention.

Congregation sang, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." Master Turner Layton played an accompaniment.

Rev. Huff introduced Rev. H. M. Williams, of Texas, who preached the annual sermon.

Text, Joshua 1:9; theme, "Great Strength Essential to God's Service."

(1) He gave Bible illustrations of the activity of angels. (2) Great object of the church was to preach the gospel. Spiritual strength and love necessary. (3) The cause of Christ not suffering for numbers; (a) The members need disciplinarian, too weak to serve; (b) spiritually strong Christians the demand of the church. (4) Things that should encourage us to press forward. (a) Christ would divide the spoil with the strong.

The sermon was a spiritual feast, and was enjoyed by all. Song, "Leading on the everlasting arms."

Rev. G. W. Lee made an announcement. Miss N. H. Burroughs called attention to the literature and other articles on hand for distribution and sale.

A collection of \$20.00 was raised at this point to defray President S. W. Layton's expenses.

President Layton introduced Miss Parthenia Cornelius, Tampa, Fla., who sang a solo, title, "Sighing."

Miss Anna B. Myers, of Florida, read an essay, "Success or Failure."

The paper showed some thought had been given to its preparation. Other announcements were made, and meeting closed.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Charles Morris, of New York City.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

An early prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Mary H. Flowers, Tennessee. Bible reading, John 4. Theme, "Need of Holy Spirit's Power." This was a blessed service; all present were edified.

Devotional services, 9 A.M., were conducted by Mrs. M. V. Mebane, of North Carolina. Bible reading, John 17:1-16; theme, "One

law." Mrs. Mebane emphasized the thought of unity, and urged that we work together in peace and harmony. Prayer was then offered.

Minutes of Wednesday's session read and approved.

Time was again given for state representatives to report.

Mrs. Tyrrell, of Virginia, reported the work of education and missions in a prosperous state in Virginia.

Mrs. B. F. Fox, Vice President of Virginia, added other words which assured us the Baptist women of Virginia were wide awake and pressing forward. She especially urged the women to be dignified, honor their executive officer, and get cavil for office.

Mrs. Grant brought greetings from the women of the Western Baptist Convention. She said that there was plenty of room in the West, and all good Baptists were welcome who desired to locate in that section. She said also that the Baptists of the West were uniting their forces and striving to have one good denominational school in their section.

Mrs. West, of Pittsburg, Pa., presented a picture of a minister's home the women were fostering in Pennsylvania, and asked the Convention to remember their effort in its contributions.

Miss Queen, of the District of Columbia, spoke of a similar home in Garfield, D. C., that some of the women of the District of Columbia were fostering.

Mrs. E. H. McDowell, of Rhode Island, was introduced. She said her state was small, but the women were in line with our work; they reported to "the various Boards of the National Convention" last year, and had come now to join the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and do what they could to advance the work.

Mrs. Marie Williams, of Maryland, expressed joy in being in the meeting; and would return home inspired to do more work than ever.

Mrs. Wiley brought greetings from New York. She was glad to be present and to say that the women of New York were working along similar lines as those reported by others.

Mrs. P. H. Brown, New Jersey, brought greetings of New Jersey. She said that the women of the New England States were wide awake and carrying on the various forms of Christian work that were reported by others.

Miss Dr. F. E. Kneeland, Tennessee, was introduced as the only female practicing physician among us. Dr. Kneeland said a few suggestive words pertinent to her profession, urged the women to see that their bodies were well cared for, and assured them should any of them get sick during the meeting she was prepared to administer to their every need.

Mrs. J. M. Layton, of the District of Columbia, told of the different lines of Christian work done by the women of the District, assuring us that 25,000 women there were earnestly engaged in charitable and reformatory work; there was a missionary society in every church; and the women were in full accord with the work of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention.

called of God from labor to reward to that blessed land where saintly immortal reign. Song, "Leaping on the everlasting arms." Dr. Prowd, the returned missionary, was asked to pray. Song, "There is rest for the weary."

President Layton called the participants on the program to the platform and proceeded to the regular order of business.

Mrs. P. H. Hughes, Alabama, delivered an address; subject, "Six Striking Incidents in Missions History."

(1) Enthusiasm for missions moved Wm. Carey to begin the great work of modern missions. Dr. Rowland's statement to Carey, "That when God wanted to save the heathen He would do so without his aid," was truly anti-missionary.

(2) Judson's conversion at sea to the principles of the Missionary Baptist's faith.

(3) Dr. L. G. Jordan's "Up the Ladder in Missions," informed of our early missionaries who were contemporary with Carey and Judson. Among the early women missionaries, Mariah Peabody was referred to.

(4) The emancipated Negroes in America sought the spiritual freedom of their brethren in Africa.

(5) Stanley's work among the native Africans reviewed.

(6) Livingstone's work also was appropriately commented upon, and the love and gratitude the native African manifested in carrying his body from the interior of Africa to the Atlantic Ocean.

Mrs. M. A. B. Smith, of Lockhart, Texas, delivered an address, subject, "Struggles and Achievements of the Foreign Mission Field." The special fields of our foreign mission work were Africa, South America, and West Indies.

Poor accommodations and lack of adequate support for our missionaries great hindrances to the work.

Scarcity of laborers another hindrance.

Systematic Christian giving necessary to remove these hindrances.

The awakened womanhood of our churches could do much to alleviate the present struggles of our missionaries, and God was calling upon us to measure up to the limit of our opportunities.

Mrs. M. E. Colins, of Missouri, address: "The Duty of the Christian World to the Congo People." King Leopold's attitude toward the natives was strongly condemned. Japan, China, India and other heathen lands were being blessed through missionary endeavor, and we should be aroused to do our full duty toward the evangelization of Africa.

Mrs. Colins' paper was a very instructive paper upon the conditions in the Congo.

Rev. J. B. Parks, of Pennsylvania, led a song of his own composition, title, "Holding the Banner till the Saviour comes."

Rev. J. B. Green, of Louisiana, preached from the text Acts 1:8. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

(1) The church needs the Holy Ghost; (a) God can't use many church members because they have no power.

(2) The world claims the attention of church members to such an extent few will consecrate themselves to God's service. (a) Few in touch with God don't pray nor praise enough; (b) haven't time to commune with God.

(3) Power of Holy Spirit comes through study of the Bible and living according to its precepts. (a) To do effective service you must surrender yourself to God, walk with him and talk with him.

(4) Our strong, educated men and women going away from God and leading the children away. (a) worldly amusements too largely encouraged; (b) strong appeal to return to God and serve him in the beauty of holiness.

We praise God for this timely and soul-stirring message that made us see we could not live consistent Christian lives without the power of the Holy Ghost, the controlling force in our lives.

Songs, "Higher ground," "I will work till Jesus comes," "Yes, 'tis heaven."

Collection, \$11.41.

Dr. Prowd, the returned missionary from South America, was introduced, and made a report of his work. He spoke of the various stations he had labored in. At Georgetown he found twenty church members, and now the number was 285. He had paid the debt of the church and was trying now to buy a home. His report assured us he had done a good work and should have our continued encouragement and support.

A collection of \$31.18 was taken for Dr. Prowd.

The following gave to Dr. Prowd: Dr. C. S. Morris, \$5; Mrs. Nellie Bishop, \$5; Mrs. S. A. Gates, \$1; Mrs. H. Weekly, \$1; Mrs. L. M. Jackson, \$1; Mrs. Barrett, \$1; Mrs. L. Harris, \$1; Mrs. Nannie DeLoach, \$1; Mrs. S. E. Bailey, \$1; Mrs. Genn, \$30; Mr. Howard, \$1; Mrs. Alice Tucker, \$1; Mrs. Amy Slaughter, \$5; Mrs. F. V. Banks, \$1; Mrs. H. M. Miller, \$1; Mrs. N. L. West, \$1; Mrs. M. J. Sanders, \$1; Mrs. Rhoda Thornton, \$5.

Benediction by Dr. White.

THIRD DAY—Friday Morning.

The entire prayer service was conducted by Mrs. M. H. Flowers. Sister Bailey, of Arkansas, took an active part in this prayer service. Usual devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Amanda East, of Pennsylvania. Song, "Blessed Assurance." Bible reading, John 15: 1-8. Prayer. Song, "Saviour, wash me in thy blood." Prayer. Song, "Alas! and did my Saviour bleed." Prayer. Song, "What can wash away my sin." Prayer. Song, "Higher ground." Many Scripture texts were repeated.

Mrs. Brown, of Philadelphia, Penn., former Vice President, made a few remarks. She assured us of her devotion to the Master's work.

and means. "The fullness of time has come, and it behooves all disciples to awake and hew themselves. The Master's eternal purpose concerning this world, should be so engrained on our minds and hearts that no doubt can ever arise as to our duty."
 "For God has sounded forth His trumpet, that can never call retreat, He is sifting out His saints before His judgment seat: Be swift, our souls, to meet Him, be jubilant, our feet, For God is marching on."

THE BUSINESS END.

The very best evidence that the work of this Convention is growing, is shown by the immense increase in the number of letters that come in the office day by day. They are from every section, asking every question, seeking every help, wanting everything. It is absolutely necessary that we give very close attention to our correspondence, and we have tried to be prompt in answering every letter in detail. There are times when the Secretary has been forced, not only to travel and deliver addresses and organize missionary societies, in addition to dictating hundreds of letters and attending to the regular routine office work, but to roll up her sleeves and pitch in in order to keep from running behind.

If the business end of our work is not given the closest attention, we will find ourselves falling. We take it for granted that people would not write letters if they did not expect them properly disposed of by persons to whom they are sent, and matters that may seem minor to you, may be of the gravest importance to the writer, and so we give each letter very careful attention. If our sisters to whom we send so many letters month by month, would treat us as we treat them in the matter of correspondence, our letters would not find their way to the waste-basket before they are read. But perhaps, the blue envelope has become such a familiar visitor to some homes, that our good friends take it for granted that they about know what the contents are, and do not concern themselves about opening them. We could not possibly send first-class letters to all of our correspondents, but it does seem that when you consider the fact that we have gone to considerable expense in the matter of printing and postage to write you about the work in which you claim to be interested, that you would at least drop us a postal card, telling us that you have received the letter, but regret that you cannot comply with the request or give it such an answer as you think it deserves. This is ordinary business courtesy, and we trust our women will not be lacking.

Many of those who never answer a letter we send them would feel terribly offended if we would treat them as they treat us, should they happen to send even a circular letter to the office.

Of course, there are hundreds of women who give their correspondence proper attention, but there are many more from whom we would like to hear once in a while. You may not be able to make a contribution or do as we request; but just to let us know that you are still interested, is encouraging.

Since October we have sent 6,590 circular letters to systematic givers; 15,368 circular letters and hundreds of first-class letters; 27 telegrams; 35 special deliveries; 441 letters have been sent making engagements and attending to field work for Mrs. E. E. Whitfield; 292 letters sent for Mrs. Lulu M. Jackson; 302 letters for Miss M. M. (Kimball).

We have received 2,203 letters; 387 postal cards; 19 telegrams; 21 special deliveries. In the supply department, we have filled orders for 1,089 quides; 342 charts; 978 buttons; 590 reports; 236 Record

Books; 48,000 tracts; 2,351 pictures; 105 mite boxes; 10,300 topic cards; and 750 miscellaneous orders, books, etc., besides handling 1,448 books of every kind for the National Baptist Publishing Board.

You must know that a great deal of this work must be done by correspondence, and it would be impossible for the field missionaries to accomplish very much without very closely pushing our correspondence. We are glad to report that there are hundreds of women who had never been in touch with our organization, brought to us this year as enlisted soldiers. These reinforcements come by personal contact and by correspondence. We have 164 new missionary societies added to the list and 39 children's bands. All of them are not represented in the Convention, but they are working under our Constitution and contribute through the National channel.

We have held a number of institutes, but this work has not been pushed as we would like to have it, and we trust that next year much attention will be given to the development of this phase of the work of the Convention. It will mean an awakening that can only come by contact and study and prayer on the part of those who are anxiously laboring for the spread of the Gospel.

There is no end to the addresses we have delivered. We have talked "in season and out of season," incessantly and unceasingly, all with a hope of awakening and inspiring and putting to work this great army of women who are just beginning to wake from their lethargy and indifference, to realize that God has a place in the Plan of Redemption that woman alone can fill.

Elsewhere in this report, we have made mention of the importance of workmen supplying themselves with necessary tools. We have tried to emphasize this fact in letters and through the Herald. At times we felt that we could not go to the expense of getting out certain things and waiting on our women to buy them, but the great demand for whatever has been put on the market, has fully warranted us in making the outlay. The returns from sale of supplies have been two-thirds more than the money spent for them. The expense of good these helps are to our women. Those who have not supplied their societies with the Minute and Record book are invited to inspect it and take a copy home with them. Such supplies as buttons, mite boxes, chart tracts and topic cards, pictures of our missionaries, mite boxes, chart tracts and books have been brought here that you might not go down from this place and begin another year's work without them.

WORK DONE BY VICE PRESIDENTS.

The very fact that we allow ourselves to be elected to position, carries with it the sacred obligation to discharge every duty incident to the office. The delegates who come to these meetings elect some one every year to represent their respective states.

The Convention is expecting the women who are selected, to help prosecute its work, and to be loyal in every particular. You will render us great service, if you will not elect persons who simply come to these meetings honor-seeking.

The woman we need is the woman who works—
 The woman who toils, though the next woman shirks;
 The woman who stands in her deep distress—
 With her head held high in the deadly press—
 Yes, she is the woman we need.

The woman we need is the woman who knows
The value of deeds and the worth of souls,
Who a lesson learns from the woman who fails,
And a moral finds in her mournful walls—
Yes, that's the woman we need.

The woman we need is the woman who stays
In the unsearched paths, hedge and highway
And finds pleasure in lingering now and then
To help some failure to rise again—
That's the woman we need.

There is no place on the roll for "annual devotees," who have Convention fairs, but no annual work to back them up. We want the very best you have without regard to friendship or section. There are women here who have been loyal to this Convention, and have tried to execute every order given.

Following are the reports of the Vice-Presidents of money sent to the office during the year for Missions:

Alabama, Mrs. C. M. Wells, \$11; Arkansas, Mrs. S. C. Shanks, \$1; California, Mrs. Minnie J. Davis, \$13.40; District of Columbia, Mrs. J. M. Lacey, \$1; Florida, Mrs. S. M. Mitchell, \$10.06; Georgia, Mrs. S. F. Hays, \$1.95; Idaho, Mrs. Lulu J. Washington, \$1; Illinois, Mrs. A. M. Peyton, \$3.10; Indian Territory, Mrs. W. Landrum, \$1; Kentucky, Mrs. C. H. Parrish, \$1; Kansas, Mrs. Emma Galtner, \$1; Louisiana, Mrs. A. D. Thompson, \$1; Maine, Mrs. N. L. West, \$20.43; Maryland, Mrs. Victoria Brooke, \$12.30; Mississippi, Mrs. M. E. Ford, \$1.17; Missouri, Mrs. C. R. McIlwain, \$1; Minnesota, Mrs. I. E. Gibbs, \$3.80; New Jersey, Mrs. P. H. Brown, \$1; Ohio, Mrs. H. E. Jackson, \$27.35; Pennsylvania, Mrs. A. East, \$29.42; Tennessee, Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, \$1; Texas, Mrs. M. M. Beckner, \$1; Texas, Mrs. J. Miller, \$1; Mrs. Mattie D. Grigsby leads the roll of Vice-Presidents.

She reports monthly and is anxious to have her state do its part in every appeal we make.

We wish to call the attention of the delegates from the following States to the fact that they had no official representative last year, and we trust that when their State delegations are called, they will not forget to appoint a Vice-President and an Executive Board Member:

Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Virginia.

There may be some States in which our people are sparsely settled, but if there is but a single Baptist church in an entire State, we ought to have some representative to keep the women informed as to the work of this organization, and to awaken them to a sense of their duty, in helping bring THE WORLD TO CHRIST.

IN MEMORIAM.

Fires familiar to you and to me are absent from this meeting. Sister C. V. Foster, the first Treasurer of the Woman's Convention, is in the Glory Land looking down upon this magnificent assembly of these she-loved most and best. We would not have you think of her as dead. There is no death to those who live such beautiful and exemplary Christian lives as she—zealous in good works, leading the educational and missionary forces in her own state, and standing

shoulder to shoulder with us in our National work. A noble life crowded with good deeds—for such there is no death.

"A star goes down,
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown,
She'll shine forever more."

Extremities, co-laborer, friend—we miss you. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Rev. L. J. Buchanan (the father of Mary, one of the African girls we are educating) fell at his post in Africa, December, 1906. He was one of the most successful missionaries under the Foreign Mission Board and was cut off in the midst of many great plans for the enlargement of the work. A daughter on this side of the ocean, preparing to return to share with him the burden in prosecuting the work. Now that he is gone, how much more necessary is it that she be well-prepared to finish the great work the father began.

The secretary of the National Baptist Convention, W. L. Canster, has fallen—faithful, conscientious, painstaking—the best and most favorable known layman in our denomination—our own friend and brother; removed from the flesh that had grown so weary from toil, to the Land of Eternal Rest.

We do not recall a period in which we have lost so many of our ministers. Letters have come from State after State, announcing the death of some well-known preacher.

Rev. S. E. Smith, one of Kentucky's foremost divines, is gone. He was a friend to every department of the Convention, and always attended our Woman's Meeting, and gave us a word of encouragement and good cheer. It is impossible to make up a roll of all the faithful who have fallen. Beautiful lessons come to us from each of these illustrious lives. Each one spent his strength in the Lord's cause. How many of us die comparatively unknown, even in our own community. We have not lived, we have not labored, save for ourselves, but these lives emptied themselves in service for the Master, and today the entire denomination mourns their loss.

But heaven is nearer and dearer to us, because they are there. Sisters, we are all sailing home, and by and by, when we are not thinking of it, some shadowy thing (men call it death), at midnight will pass by and call us by name, and will say, "I have a message for you from home; God wants you; Heaven waits for you." There fore let us live that when our summons comes to join

"The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death.
We go, not like the quarry slave at midnight,
Scourged to his dungeon; but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach our grave,
Like one that draws the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

CONDITIONS ON THE RAILROADS.

Last year we brought to you a number of letters from the operating officials of leading railroads. It will be remembered that we petitioned them to provide a sleeping box for Negro passengers. It is gratifying to report that nearly all of these lines acted favorably upon our petition, and while at some places we have been compelled

NEEDLE WORK.

The exhibition in the lecture room of this church is a result of the work of consecrated women, who like Dorcas, are always willing to make garments for the kind ought always to be shown how religion may be done and how even material things can be of the Lord—how quilts and dresses and aprons and needles and thread may be used in preaching the Gospel.

There are reports for the year would be a personal benefit accruing from the sales, but we feel that the Lord can be in serving Him, and they come are doubted. In fact, there is an opportunity ask that you inspect the work, anything that you may prosecution of your work, we considered that service. Most of the State independent have done their work well, and we take it is their wish that the delegates not because they need them, if only a handkerchief, take as a memento.

BUILDING UP THE WASTE PLACES.

The Home Mission Society of which Rev. R. H. Boyd, D.D., is Secretary, has, under the Board of the Southern States Convention, assisted us for several or two field missionaries. We feel and take this opportunity of thanking work done has been so satisfactory we may be able to on the field.

During the two Boards contributed towards paid to report that she has Meetings, organized 41 Children's Societies, held 24 Institutes, deacons and leaders in each into 225 homes in which copies of the and handled 1,448 books of every raised \$2,674.74 for the work of and churches have been Hundreds of men have been who heretofore were idle.

we must increase our force a man will spend their time in going and uplifting and teaching our women with those who claim that we have near them, even in their mouths, and are going to ruin who have ourselves up. Those willful sinners and those who are wickedness and Christians.

women who can go down among the masses and lift them up. But do not think that we can excuse ourselves from giving the Gospel to the heathen across the waters by this plaintive wail that is set up by Christless men and women, who want some excuse for not doing anything either at home or abroad. The question comes to you and us at this hour: what are we going to do with these women who live amid filth and squalor and bring their children up under miserable environments, only to add their names to the list of criminals and loafers? How are we going to clean out these great settlements in our cities, these congested districts, where vice and immorality flourish on every hand? To those who declare that there are heathens at home, we ask: What are you doing to save them? When are you going to give them the Gospel? How long are you going to withhold the Message of Salvation? The millions who have been sitting in darkness for centuries and have never seen the light, will never see it if these "home heathens," as you choose to call them, are to be saved before you can save the foreign heathens. The fact is, that these people who are trying to create sentiment against foreign missions by feigning to love the neglected at our doors, do not love anybody, and will not save anybody, and will keep you from saving anybody. If you would call upon us, to report the work that has been done by these people who do not believe in foreign missions, it would not require a page of this report in which to chronicle their acts of charity and philanthropic gifts. The people who believe in world-wide missions are the people who are doing the Home Mission work and all the rest of the work.

Now there is a deal of charity and church aid work that is being done by Missionary Societies, and reported through our various District and State organizations as missionary work. There is a vast difference between charitable, church aid and missionary work. Then there is another phase of so-called missionary work that is nothing more nor less than benevolent work. There are societies bearing the name of Home and Foreign Mission Societies, that look after the members when they are sick and either pay their burial expenses, and full or contribute toward it. Our sick must not be neglected, and our dead must be buried. But a missionary society ought to prepare for souls for heaven, not by administering to their material wants, but to their spiritual wants, and no missionary society ought to use the money collected in the name of Missions to pay funeral expenses. The following letter came to our office some time ago, and will give you a vague idea of the way in which some of our missionary organizations are appropriating the funds collected for the spread of the Gospel:

..... Tenn., July 4, 1907.

"Miss N. H. Burroughs:

I have not heard from you in a good while, and would like to get some instruction from you just now, because we need it very badly.

The Missionary Society seems to be growing very successfully; our number now is about 111. We had a little rally Sunday and raised \$17.00. We have had three deaths, and we buried them with some of our money, to a certain extent. We took care of them during their illness. The total amount for sickness and burying was \$11.00. The remainder in the treasury now is \$88.00. Now, we came to the conclusion that we want to pay some of the mission money this year, and send us word when and how.

Right now we need your instruction very bad. We are very sorry that we have not done anything in the foreign missions.

Through your assistance, we want to send some money and want to know how to send it. I won't write any more now. I remain your friend,
E. H."

Our Convention has in its employ a trio of the best workers to be found anywhere. They are faithful, conscientious, untiring, self-sacrificing workmen, who go from door to door, from church to church, and from State to State, preaching the Gospel of hope, of Christian piety, that has been the source of awakening the women of North, South, East and West.

Mrs. E. H. Whitfield comes with another year crowded with good work. Truly God raised up this woman for us and she is being used in His own sweet way and glory. She is never too tired, the way is never too rough, the night never too dark for her to press the Lord's claim to the heart of our great Baptist Zion, and that her many letters that come to headquarters, telling of her visits and of the inspiration gained from her addresses. To each one who helps in making their work a success, we feel indebted, for these field workers often have a tough road to travel, and the door open at the end of the journey.

Mrs. M. M. Kimball, of Texas, was appointed January 1st, and we have never had a worker more faithful in the discharge of every duty than this daughter of the "Lone Star State." As it is provided of Texas and Texans to do great things, we believe that she has done her best to keep us from being disappointed. Since January she has delivered 179 addresses, visited 439 homes, held several meetings for women, and raised \$597.75.

Mrs. Lulu M. Jackson has spent five and a half months on the field since January. She has delivered 146 addresses, visited 686 homes, held 21 Mothers' Meetings and three Institutes. She has raised \$142.42. Neither the report of Mrs. Whitfield, Mrs. Jackson or Miss Kimball for the month of August is included in this Annual Report, but will be published in the Supplement at the close of the Convention. We are compelled to go to press in order to have our annual report ready in time, and it is the first day of September, and the missionaries could not mail their August reports until the last day of the month. We make this explanation so that those who have contributed will not think it an oversight.

Much of the territory into which both Mrs. Jackson and Miss Kimball have gone was at one time hostile to the work of our National Baptist Convention, and this is the first visit by any representative since the relationship has been more amicable. Their visits will mean much to the work in the future, for they have been able to make friends, and to prepare the way for better results.

One of our field missionaries visited a Convention in which the women expressed themselves as delighted to have her, and yet they said that they did not feel that they could represent at the National Convention because there were no special benefits to be derived from the Woman's National organization. Yet in this same Convention, the women were using bibles, record books, topic cards, charts, they could possibly get the service rendered by this organization to the women throughout the country. Is it certainly worth the ten or twenty dollars representation fee, and whatever contribution they may make to the work during the year. For had it not been for this organization leading its life to the very finger tips of our great Baptist body, hundreds of women would be still asleep, and

unconscious of the power that comes when Christians unite to do battle for the Lord.

Much of the new life that has come into the denomination has come in consequence of the spirit emanating from this Convention, and all our missionary societies and Woman's organizations in the churches have certainly been helped and inspired.

Seven years ago our women were practically dead. The women in one State did not know the women in another State, and the women in one county scarcely knew those in the other. They were perhaps doing some kind of missionary or educational work, but nobody knew anything about it but themselves. Through our National organization, women from the North, South, East and West know each other by name, and are in sympathy with the work that is being carried on in the respective sections.

Then from these annual meetings, where we come up as to Jerusalem to be endowed with the Holy Spirit, we go down fired with the spirit of Pentecost. Let us go from this place determined not to be satisfied until every church and every missionary society shall be a veritable burning bush, with every leaf and twig aflame with the presence of Jehovah.

Our missionaries have come in from the field with the reports that the harvest is ripe. We must put in the cycle, we must double our efforts, and go forth to conquest and to conquer.

ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING ON TIME.

Constitutions that are not lived up to or enforced are worthless documents. The United States Government will face shame and reproach if it continues to condone by its silence the acts of citizens in any section, North or South, who defiantly nullify or abridge the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Magna Charta. These Amendments are just, and to deny or abridge them will mean eventual disaster in our Republic. So with the Constitution of this or any other organization—it ought to be enforced. In order to expedite business, avoid mistakes and unnecessary labor during the sessions, the Constitution orders that reports from organizations representing be sent in on or before August 31. Instead, however, of following the Constitution, there are representatives here now who have not paid in the money sent up for the work. The Finance and Enrollment Committees must sit here and wait until the last minute to get money and reports that should have been sent to the office, as set forth in the Constitution. The sessions are disturbed, and many who are interested in the meetings are not given an opportunity to listen because they must work. Delegates complain after we leave the Convention because the reports of money paid in at the Convention are not forthcoming. Remember that the reports of money that you pay in here must go in the minutes, and if the minutes do not come out your societies cannot hold us responsible.

We take pleasure in reporting for the following organizations that have complied with the Constitution, and are entitled to representation in this meeting.

State Convention of Florida, Florida, \$20; Mrs. A. E. Murray, State, Mrs. L. E. Jones, Ferdinandina.
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Indiana, \$67; Mrs. Mattie D. Griggby, Mrs. Annie E. Webber, Mrs. Eliza Murphy, Mrs. Ada Burton, Mattie Ivory, Brentie James, Indianapolis.
Woman's Missionary Convention of Mt. Olive East Association, Illinois, \$10; Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Du Quoin; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Du Quoin; Miss M. M. Wall, Cairo.

Woman's Home Mission Society, Indian Territory, \$5; Mrs. P. Barber, Muskogee.

Woman's Auxiliary to First District Iowa Convention of Western States, Kansas, \$15; Mrs. Selma Brown, Des Moines; Mrs. W. L. (Mrs. Whitfield), Ardmore.

Missionary Society of First Baptist Church, Indian Territory, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Ardmore.

Missionary Society of First Baptist Church, Indian Territory, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Wilburton.

Missionary Society Bethlehem Baptist Church, Indian Territory, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Hartshorn.

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Thirteenth District Association, Louisiana, \$10; Mrs. Sallie Williams, Shreveport.

Woman's State Work, Mississippi, \$12.50; Mrs. E. J. Catlin, Tchula.

Ladies' Missionary Society, Mississippi, \$5; Mrs. S. A. McGhee, King.

New Shiloh Missionary Society, Mississippi, \$5; Mrs. M. J. Scott, Shuqualak.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Society, Mississippi, \$5; Mrs. Adalze Woods, Brooksville.

Second Baptist Church Missionary Society, Mississippi, \$5; Mrs. Ada B. Griggs, Brooksville.

First Baptist Church Missionary Society, Mississippi, \$5; Mrs. Mary O. Thompson, Winona.

New Hope and Second Meridian Woman's District Association, Mississippi, \$15; Mrs. M. J. Scott, Shuqualak; Mrs. Julia C. Birch, Shuqualak.

St. Mark Missionary Society, Mississippi, \$5; Mrs. M. E. Wrenn, Greenville.

Ladies' Missionary Society Macedonia Church, Maryland, \$5; Mrs. Eliza H. Mack, Baltimore.

Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, Maryland, \$20; Mrs. V. R. Brooks, Baltimore.

Woman's Missionary Society, North Carolina, \$6; Mrs. Alis Fouts, Cass.

Missionary Society Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church, North Carolina, \$5; Mrs. C. L. Cartwright, Belcross.

Society, Oklahoma, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Enid.

Woman's Missionary Society Calvary Baptist Church, Oklahoma, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Oklahoma City.

Presbyterian Baptist Missionary Society, Oklahoma, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Shawnee.

St. Zion Missionary Society, Oklahoma, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), W. Hennessy.

Grasson Chapel Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, Oklahoma, \$5; Mrs. Ada Johnson, Enid.

Missionary Society Tabernacle Baptist Church, Oklahoma, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Oklahoma City.

Sunday School of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Oklahoma, \$5; (Mrs. Whitfield), Oklahoma City.

Woman's Missionary Society, Pennsylvania, \$5; Mrs. J. M. White, Altoona.

Senior Circle Carson Street Baptist Church, Pennsylvania, \$5; Mrs. Mary Price, Pittsburg.

Missionary Circle Ebenezer Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. L. A. Richardson, Mrs. Annie Haley, Mrs. S. E. Grooms, Mrs. M. J.

Barbour, Mrs. Mary Mason, Mrs. L. Pankey, Mrs. Eliza Quarles, Mrs. Helen Robinson, Mrs. Mattie Morgan, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Flora Backusdale, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Mrs. Patience Carter, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Mattie Franklin, Mrs. Corene Brown, Mrs. Fannie Jester, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Jennie Anderson, Mrs. Blanche Smith, E. B. Delaney Mission Circle Shiloh Baptist Church, Ohio, \$10; Mrs. Josephine Allen, Columbus.

State Convention, Ohio, \$20; Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Washington C. H.; Mrs. Fanny White, Cincinnati; Mrs. Mamie Clarke, Cincinnati; Miss Mahala Saunders, Cincinnati.

TEMPERANCE CAUSE GAINING GROUND.

This has been a record-breaking year for the cause of Temperance and Prohibition. Reforms that are lasting, are of slow growth. A battle against the saloon has been going on for years. At one time it seemed that this hydra-headed monster was growing so strong and rolling himself so completely around our homes and about all around our hearts that it would be impossible to tear him away. But men and women who knew that the reign of King Alcohol meant the destruction, not only of the Republic, and of the institutions that have been built up by toil and sacrifice, but also the destruction of all that is best and noblest in man continued to baptize themselves in tears, prayers and blood, and with desperate daringness, soldiers of the Royal Legion have gone into the strongholds and have come forth with victory perched upon the flag of purity, singing with new vigor, "Saloons must go."

of the Southern States and in county after county, the Prohibition Cause is destined to triumph. A number of towns that have not been "dry" since the invention of "fire water" voted overwhelmingly against the saloon. Georgia won a signal victory and put herself on the list for prayer when the entire State registered its protest against the saloon. Indiana has gained ground, and in Kentucky, county after county, town after town, has gone "dry." God has worked for the strength that comes to the Cause by these successes. We have gained sufficient ground upon which to pitch our tents and prepare for a National battle against the saloon. In local conflicts the Negro raised himself to a height of true manhood that brought him encomiums of praise and won for him the friendship of that class in our communities to whom he may look for protection and encouragement in all of his endeavors. It is a compliment to the Negro to be able to count as his best friends the men and the women of the most superior type of the citizens who stand for law and order and who believe that justice ought to be meted out to all men. It is only that class whose records are ghastly with the triumphs of fraud whose souls are alimy with the virus of hate, and whose hands are red with the emoluments of murder, that infect our communities, run saloons and dives for Negroes, ride into office on the backs of the Negroes, and are responsible for the unpleasant conditions that arise from time to time.

If the Negro will do as he has done in the Prohibition movement and stand as he has stood on the local option question, he will be able to win signal victories for himself. In nearly every town or county where the cause of Temperance gained ground, the leaders with one accord have said that "It was the Negro vote that put the saloon people out of business in this town" or in this county. Since we have certainly helped ourselves in a very material way, and helped the communities in a very general way, and the taxpayers in a very

better than the city girl. We have studied the situation first hand, and there are women who are engaged in teaching in the rural districts who testify to the fact that there are some very serious dangers lurking in the lives of the people in our rural districts.

We might as well face the problem and see what we can do to save the country girl. In the first place, there are so many two and three-room houses in which large families must live. Children of all ages are huddled together and forced to sleep in the same room, and often in the same bed, and in hundreds of instances, half-grown girls sleep in the room occupied by their parents. There is comparatively little privacy, and a schooling that could not beget the strongest moral life is the outgrowth.

These country trawls, and all-night suppers, and protracted meetings all afford opportunity for long jaunts through hush and forest, and often a "Miss" of fifteen or sixteen is found straggling with a man many more years her senior, or with an irresponsible youth. Country girls are "turned out" too soon, and are "torching out" is simply a license to go when they please, and with whom they please. They are not kept in school long enough. Perhaps the schools are poor, but it is better for the girl to be in school learning the same lesson every day than to be hired out for two dollars per month, surrounded by influences that such lucrative positions are likely to bring about her.

Then the country girl has a hungering and thirsting for story. Her city cousin visits her occasionally and sows the seed of sentiment and discontent that is seldom ever satisfied until the girl makes her way to some city, unprepared for the new life, and is lost in the great whirl.

Now, the training of our women and girls of the rural districts is being sadly neglected. There needs to be a toning up in the home life. We need better schools in our country settlements, we need more active Missionary Societies in country churches; and we need women who will scatter books and periodicals to be read around the fireside; for often in a great community you will not find a daily or a weekly paper, or a magazine of any kind. There is indeed a great work to be done among the rural people, and we trust that the women here may resolve to help us in this particular work. Institutes for mothers and girls must be held, and to these meetings a careful study of the conditions with a view of remedying many of the evils ought to be given careful and determined consideration. Well prepared Rural District Missionaries are needed.

SAVE THE YOUNG WOMEN.

Nearly sixty years ago a movement designed for mutual edification, Bible study and united prayer among young men was started in the city of London by Sir George Williams. It spread across the ocean, and encompassed the world, until to-day, including heathen and Christian nations, there are millions of young men working together in the bonds of world wide fellowship. Later on it was thought that a Young Women's Christian Association, for the redemption and mutual edification of the thousands of our sex, who, as young men, feel that there ought to be a tie to bind a hand to help those who might be lost to the glory and honor of God.

The Young Women's Christian Association has done an excellent work, especially among white women, but for some reason the organization has not taken hold in our young colored women, and you will find only a few Young Colored Women's Christian Associations, and in

MRS. E. ARLEIGH WILSON,
BETHLEHEM.



MRS. M. E. COOPER



MRS. E. WHELAN ARBER,
TOMBALL.



this city we are soon to have a magnificent building, in which our young men may meet to pray, to study God's Word and to prepare their minds, their souls and their hands for better service. But what are you doing for the young women who number three and a half to one man in most of our cities? The young colored girl is being neglected by the members of her own race, and as long as this is true, there is danger and temptation ahead that she will not be able to withstand.

She has not the home environment, and very often she is deprived of the opportunity of early training that would prepare her for self-defense, and it is not surprising that she is the prey, and often the victim of designing men of both races.

Now, we must go to the rescue of our girls and go at once. These dance halls, big excursions, picnics, houses of ill-fame, street corners and dives are thrown wide open to them, and there are fifty men who will take a girl into either of these places who would never think of inviting her to the House of the Lord. Now, over against these positive demoralizing influences must be set influences for good that are just as positive, and just as alluring. We are all certainly anxious to save our young men, for unless they are saved, our girls are unsafe, but unless our girls are saved, it is a waste of time and a fruitless effort trying to save our men, for while they may take the opportunity of association with Christian young men in the building set apart for them, each day they leave those buildings they seek the association of young women, whether it is Christian association or not. Our young men are not going to spend all of their time in these buildings, and if we are not preparing young women for Christian companionship, and as Christian associates, the work carried on among our young men will not be as effective as it would be.

There are thousands of young girls drifting to these great cities year by year. Many of them come from Christian homes; many of them are members of churches; but so often take up their abode in lodging houses, where the Bible is never read, and where the rag-time music and the beer kettle afford amusement by night and by day. There is a widening gulf between our young girls and the church, and practically nothing is being done to unite the two. Enough young women are not found in the prayer meeting; you do not find them in the Sunday-school; you do not find them in the rank and file working for the uplift of our race. Where are they? They are in the streets of this city and of your city; they are going the rounds of pleasure, and have no interest in these organizations that are intended to strengthen and protect them.

Funding fault will not remedy conditions. If Christian women will not prepare places in which these girls may spend their time and improve themselves, they ought to shut their mouths and never murmur a complaint, for if you have not that which will uplift and save them, the world steps in with its inducement, and even if your bread is the best, unless you are willing to give it to the beggar, you have no right to censure him for seeking the husks obtained from your next-door neighbor.

WORKING WITHOUT TOOLS

There is hardly an individual who would expect a carpenter to build a house without necessary tools, and no sculptor would attempt to carve a statue out of a block of marble without instruments with which to accomplish the work. It matters not how skilled the workman may be, he needs tools with which to execute in order to obtain satisfactory results.

Perhaps nothing has more seriously affected the progress of our work than the fact that we have indulged in a kind of makeshift business. We have tried to make brick out of straw. We have not only tried to build up a work without any preparation for service, but in many instances have tried to execute without plans or tools.

The first thing a real missionary needs is the Spirit, fired with heavenly zeal, made brilliant by the light of a cultivated mind, supported by a

"Faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe;
That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief and pain
Will lean upon its God."

The second thing necessary is such helps and guides in the line of missionary books and magazines as will inform and awaken the great army that is to be disciplined and prepared for active service. Perhaps the work of our missionary organizations is in the hands of ablest workmen, and we are perhaps getting the best results that could be expected, when it is remembered that they have not been provided with material with which to do the work.

Music is one of the most important features of a religious meeting, and yet how many of our missionary societies own their own singing books, and have this special work in the hands of a competent musician, who will so teach us in sing the "Songs of Zion" that our hearts will be inspired to love and to dare?

During the year we issued topic cards for use in Women's Missionary and Educational Societies. We regard them as necessary tools with which to build up our mental and spiritual structures. While it is a reflection upon our intelligence, it is certainly a fact that in many missionary societies may be found women "hunting" the Bible over for a suitable chapter to read, and in many missionary organizations women simply come together to sing and pray, and have nothing to talk about, nothing to inspire, nothing to teach. A little collection is taken, and they go home.

The present day craving for knowledge and the longing to be able to talk intelligently about any work in which we are interested creates a demand for the lesson cards that we have sent forth. You will find that the women who are able to talk interestingly and enthusiastically about their work will be able to enlist others, while there are those whose hearts are all right, but who are not prepared to discuss the subject in which they claim to be interested, and therefore, win very few converts. With the help of these cards hundreds of our women are attending their missionary meetings, prepared to take an active part in the discussion of the weekly topic. They prepare themselves at home. Since last October we have filled orders for over 150,000 topic cards. This, in itself, is an indication of the fact that our workmen were simply waiting for tools.

The Secretary's Record and Minute Book found its way on the market during the month of January, and many societies are using it. It is as necessary to keep an accurate record of the work of your missionary society as it is to have the minutes and record of this organization properly kept. This is the Lord's business, and it seems to us that the orderly, systematic way in which He conducts the affairs

of the Universe would suggest to us the fact that the business committed to our charge by Him ought to be conducted after the same Divine order. The world is getting to the place that it has contempt for slipshod, unbusinesslike methods and people do not like to ally themselves with organizations that do not believe that business is religion, and "religion is business; for the man who does not make a business of his religion, has a religious life of no force, and the man who does not make a religion of his business, has a business life of no character." With the help of the Record Book, the secretaries are able to keep a correct account of all important transactions, and can, at a moment's notice, render reports to the churches or the missionary organizations. Those of you who have worked in missionary societies, will remember how some of our poor little secretaries forget and take their minutes on scrap paper, leave them in some book, or in the Bible at the church or home, and then when called upon for the record, they have absolutely nothing but their memory, and while secretaries may be very brilliant folks, they should not be expected to carry the doings and sayings of our missionary system around in their minds, without being eventually afflicted with the "forgetts" and thus bringing upon the society a number of unpleasant controversies as to important transactions. Every missionary society in this country that means to do business in a businesslike way ought to get the Secretary's Minute and Record Book.

We have always urged the copious use of tracts and leaflets, for these little speakers have fallen in many by-ways and have been picked up and read. They have taken messages to many a wayward son or daughter almost ready to let go and be lost in the great whirlpool of sin. They have often found the wanderer and brought him home to Jesus.

From the tract we turn to the book. The missionary press is groaning under the mighty weight of volumes that are being prepared by missionaries and travelers for the purpose of informing and inspiring the Christian church. There may be missionary societies trying to do missionary work, that have not a single volume of any book on Missions. That reminds me of a preacher who came to our headquarters some months ago, telling of the great work he had done in his section of the country, and informing us of what he proposed to do in the Kentucky metropolis. It developed that this Baptist preacher did not even own a Bible. The idea of a man to have one on hand, and we presented him with it. The preacher groaned in a Prince Albert coat, and not owning a Bible, there is something just as presumptuous about these missionary societies claiming to be interested in Missions, and meeting weekly and monthly to discuss Missions, and not owning a single book giving information on the subject. A well-selected missionary library is a missionary society is a positive necessity. It may be that you will not be able to secure but one book a year, but if you are going to do the work, you must have tools. The lawyer has his library; the physician is surrounded with the latest magazines and books on medical science; the school teacher has his great library from which to store the mind with wisdom that is almost infinite. But we poor missionary workers go to our places of meeting and open our mouths and expect the Lord to fill them. We have any number of excellent books that can be secured for twenty-five and fifty cents each, and if properly studied, will prepare us to more skillfully and satisfactorily work the work of Him that sent us.

THE CAPE TOWN MISSIONARY HOME.

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention has already laid the foundation for a \$6,000 church at Capetown, South Africa. Rev. D. E. Murff, who has spent two years there, and is now in attendance upon this Convention, is in this country for the purpose of raising this amount and returning to his post to push the work to completion.

The Foreign Mission Board is very anxious that a Missionary Home be built in connection with, and under the same roof as the church. The building now in course of erection will be an imposing stone structure, on the institutional church order. It will require \$2,500 to include five rooms in which our missionaries may be domiciled. The following is the request to this Convention:

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 23, 1907.
To the Executive Committee of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention:

My Dear Sisters: The Foreign Mission Board remembers with thankfulness your contributions to build the Missionary Home in Central Africa, your pledge for \$200 per year for our Middledrift work, \$125.00 of which has been paid. We appreciate your gifts to the general work of our Board.

The coming Convention will (D. V.) be one of unusual activity in our Foreign work. The Board is pledged for quite \$20,000. More than \$6,000 will be required to finish the Shiloh Church and Mission Home in Capetown, South Africa. We write to ask if our sisters will undertake the raising of \$2,500, which will pay for the "Mission Home." Here Brother and Sister Murff will live during their stay in South Africa. It will be the headquarters for all our work in that country, and will be a lasting monument to the loyalty of our good women to the last loving command of the Lord.

Trusting to hear favorably from you, so we may include your answer in our report, and thanking you in advance for any reasonable disposition made of our request, we are

Yours in His Name,

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

L. O. JORDAN, Secretary.

We trust that you will not go down from this place without favorably considering this appeal and giving us your written pledge or a pledge for your missionary society, for as much as you can possibly contribute. There is no use playing about matters of such grave importance. There is a paltry sum for this number of Missionary Baptist women to raise, and if the delegates here assembled will be fired with the proper spirit, from this Convention they will return to their homes, arrange for great echo meetings, lay the matter before the people and, in less than fifteen days, the \$2,500 can be in hand.

All we need to do is to get in earnest about these matters, and be able to present them in a way that the people will feel that the obligation is too personal and too sacred not to be met.

Whatever we attempt to do for the Lord, let us not be so slow about it. For you remember the King's business requires haste.

THE SONTUNZI CLUB.

Rev. J. I. Buchanan, one of the most faithful and successful missionaries under the Foreign Mission Board, fell asleep December 18th. There has not been a time when we needed the very best men at the head of our work, not only in America, but in Africa, more than now; and when the news came across the ocean that this valiant

soldier had fallen, we wondered why the Master would take our best at a time when the fields are so ripe and the laborers so few.

The St. Joseph Station at Middledrift is at this time the most important center of the work of the Foreign Mission Board in South Africa, and when Brother Buchanan fell the Board realized the importance of keeping this work alive in order that from this station the work at the out-stations might not grow weaker and die. The Board felt that it was so heavily taxed with building churches and schools and caring for workers that it could not assume the responsibility without some special help.

Miss Jeanie Sontunzi, who had been the very faithful and able assistant of Brother Buchanan, wrote, urging the Board not to let the work die. An appeal came to our Executive Board for help in keeping St. Joseph Mission open. We immediately pledged them to raise a special fund of \$300.00 per year. An appeal was sent to one hundred of the best missionary workers on our roll, asking for 25 cents per month, to be used exclusively for the work at Middledrift. Help came at once, and we have sent twenty-five dollars each month since April 1st. The women of South Carolina at their Convention in Charleston, paid a month's salary in full. The Morris Street Missionary Society, Charleston, S. C., has been contributing five dollars per month; the Little Reapers Band, Shiloh Church, Williamsport, Pa., has been contributing one dollar per month. The Missionary Society of the Shiloh Church, Williamsport, Pa., gave us \$4.00, and Society at the Shiloh Church, Williamsport, Pa., gave us \$4.00, and have pledged to continue their contribution. The Missionary Society of Carson Street Church, Pittsburg, Pa., pledged \$25.00 per year, but nothing has yet been paid on this pledge.

In all our work, we have once in a while some individuals to make a personal sacrifice for the Lord's cause. While we have the following individuals who have pledged 25 cents per month, there are a few others who, unsolicited, have given more. Miss C. A. Washburn, of Texas, pledged \$25.00 per year, payable quarterly, and Miss Mary White, of Minnesota, Mrs. Laura Pettiford, of South Dakota, are each paying one dollar per month into this fund. A missionary society, through Mrs. S. Johnson, of Ohio, pledged us \$1.00 per month, but has not made a payment as yet.

TWENTY-FIVE CENT CONTRIBUTORS.

Missouri—Mrs. O. L. Hurt, Mrs. Lucy Downing, Mrs. M. E. Goin, Rev. E. S. Redd, Mrs. S. M. Edwards, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Mrs. C. T. Graham, Mrs. M. Henderson, Miss Hattie A. Cooper, Missionary Society, care of Mrs. S. Woolridge, Mrs. M. A. Knauer, Miss Katie Boswell, Mrs. Ada Robinson, Mrs. E. E. Colishy, Mrs. Lucy Roberts, Mrs. S. W. Cochran, Mrs. B. H. Burton, Miss Minerva Strother, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Mrs. L. Butler, Mrs. E. Henderson, Mrs. N. Smith, Mrs. E. Hafford, Ohio—Mrs. E. B. Delaney, Miss Society, per Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. M. E. Faulks, Mrs. Rosetta Clarke, Mrs. A. C. Thomas, Mrs. B. Overton, Mrs. J. L. Murray, Mrs. L. O. Jackson, Miss E. Belle Vivens, Miss I. V. Ferguson, Mr. Alex. Foster, Mrs. M. A. Annis, Mrs. E. C. Lagarias, Mrs. M. R. Powell, Mrs. Bettie Frye, Mrs. C. E. Bibb, Mrs. Mattie J. Fields, Mr. A. Haley.

Pennsylvania—Mrs. A. East, Mrs. M. A. Gordon, Miss A. A. Brown, Mrs. E. L. Gould, Mrs. Alice Peach, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Mrs. Cecelia Powell, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, Mrs. T. H. C. Messer.

Indiana—Mrs. G. D. Brown, Mrs. Pettie Blythe, Mrs. N. E. Conrad, Mrs. Mary Bodenbaugh, Mrs. R. B. Harris, Mrs. Julia Harris, Mrs. Alice

Marshall, Miss Willard Webber, Mrs. S. Harris, Mrs. A. E. Webber, Miss Beatrice James, Mrs. Kate Allum, Miss Ida Cusloberry.

New York—Miss Caroline G. Ewen, Miss Rosa Armstead, Mrs. Ella Brown, Mrs. E. N. Decker.

New Jersey—Missionary Society, care Miss C. C. Marshall, Mrs. Wesley Anderson, Mrs. Rosa Blackwell.

Mississippi—Mrs. E. L. Brooks.

Texas—Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. S. Washington.

South Carolina—Mrs. M. D. Ewe, Mrs. M. J. Daniels.

Alabama—Miss Arle Dandley, Miss N. Deloach, Miss C. L. Strauth.

North Carolina—Missionary Society, per Mrs. Alec Foote, Mrs. A. R. Williams.

Washington—Mrs. Julia Parsons.

Minnesota—Missionary Society, per I. L. Gibbs.

Kentucky—Miss Alice Nugent.

Florida—Mrs. M. J. Walker.

Miss Sontunzi has been paid as regularly as the months have come, and our October contribution will be ready to go forward the first week in next month. We trust that before we shall go down from this meeting fifteen more friends will hand in their names, so that we may make out the one hundred club members.

In this report you may have the pleasure of looking at the school building in which Miss Sontunzi is teaching. Rev. Buchanan was getting ready to build, as the present quarters are not ample to accommodate the boys and girls who are hungering and thirsting after knowledge. The stone is already on the ground, and we really feel that this Convention should and will contribute the money to put up the school building. The twenty-five dollars per month sent Miss Sontunzi is not for salary alone, but for paying for supplies and carrying on the general school work. Rev. Murff tells us that she is an excellent young woman and that the hand of the Lord must have directed us in selecting her as one of our special beneficiaries. The help given has inspired her and she is pushing the work with new vigor. We appeal to the club members to join us in sending their missionary and the St. Joseph Station a large Christmas box of unbleached cotton, calico, needles and thread.

SPIRITUALLY DEAD.

because

They Are Not Self-Propagating.

Painful as it is to us to make the statement, there are thousands of disciples of the Lord, not only failing to discharge their personal duty to a lost world, but who are responsible for putting obstacles in the way of those who would join in the world's evangelization. It is our profound belief that the vitality of our churches and Christian organizations is dependent not only upon self-government and self-support, but upon self-propagation. Our churches, conventions, associations and missionary bands may exhibit signs of outward growth and prosperity, but the real spiritually active life will be choked out of them by selfishness and narrowness, if they do not plant the seed of self-propagation, with which to sow other harvest fields. We have hundreds of dead churches, and as many dead missionary societies, but they are dead simply because they are not sowing the seed of self-propagation, to spring up and bear fruit, some fifty, and some as hundred-fold.

How can Missionary Baptist Churches and Missionary Societies live when they give absolutely nothing for the spread of the Gospel either at home or abroad? They cannot enjoy the blessings at God's hands, that He has in store only for those who, knowing His will, do it with pleasure. True our Heavenly Father has many blessings to dispense, but He bestows them wherever an investment pays, and pays well. Perhaps the spiritual ebb in our churches is very low; perhaps many pastors find it difficult to have revivals; perhaps of them find the "week of prayer" a fruitless effort to wake their members up or work them up to that spiritual ebb that will bear the entire church onward upon a wave of spiritual enthusiasm and consecration, that alone can catch men up and bear them heavenward. But there must be a cause for this spiritual dearth. If there is a low spiritual ebb, it is all because our churches are not aggressively evangelistic, and cannot, therefore, be evangelical. The only possible way to revive the church is to enthroned Missions in its very heart. We base hundreds of letters in which women tell us that they cannot do anything for Missions, because their churches: they ought to be freed with debt. Now, we must have churches; they ought to be good, substantial buildings, but they ought not to be built at the sacrifice of the work to which the church owes an eternal obligation. Building churches will not excuse you from saving souls, and though the church has erected a ten or twenty thousand dollar building, that has added to the beauty and wealth of earth, unless this same church has been instrumental in saving souls, it has added nothing to the wealth and glory of heaven.

Ought we allow the satisfaction of our own vanity and the desire to have the largest and most costly church thwart God's purpose to use the church at all times as a gospel-spreading agency? The primary mission of the church is to give the world the Gospel, and the deceiver has not been sent forth out of Zion to release a single church from this obligation.

The individual members in the church must not forget that religion is a personal matter, and that our faith in Christ must beget a personal love for lost men. It is the duty of the whole church to give for the spread of the Gospel; it is the duty of individual members to give for the spread of the Gospel. It ought not to be necessary for our members to give independently of the church, for the church ought to insist upon each individual member giving as the Lord has prospered him, not only to build the church, but for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad. But if the church does not give God is going to hold the individual members responsible for the discharge of their individual duty.

If there are those among us who claim to know Christ and are not willing to make Him known to others, they are, as Christ said, "the object of missions and not the subject of them." In many communities it is certainly high time for us to hold revivals to Christ and evangelize the "Christians." Be it understood that no church has a divine right to exist, except for the vindication and justification of our faith and belief in the purpose and power of the Gospel to save a lost world. Remember you cannot gather water into heaps unless you allow it to freeze; fire will spread, while it finds fuel, and when it can no longer spread, it dies to embers, then to ashes. The nature of the Word of Life is to run and spread, but there are hundreds of our churches, either stiff frozen or burnt up. They are busy piling up everything for themselves; there is no spread, no going on; no running and glorifying. They are not helping us

purpose is to stimulate and transmit the missionary spirit and cultivate the grace of giving among the women and children. The very fact that the National Baptist Convention is composed of Missionary Baptist Churches, whose divine right to existence is dependent upon the active interest they take in the work of evangelizing the world, makes it evident that whatever is a part of the National Baptist Convention must necessarily ally itself to the Missionary Cause. Whatever the National Baptist Convention is interested in, this organization finds delight in helping it to do; whether it is education, home missions, or foreign missions, we are with the Convention, and there is nothing that our parent loves that we will not love with the same fondness. Not a Cause that the Convention espouses shall ever suffer at our hands.

This matter of giving the Gospel to the world is upon the shoulders of our great organization, and the Foreign Mission Board will never find a friend more loyal and true and willing to sacrifice and give than the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Foreign Mission Board can count on this organization in its every undertaking on the foreign field. It matters not how many Training Schools we shall build, it matters not how much home mission work we may do, our Foreign Mission work will always be paramount. The women who come into our Training School shall live in a missionary atmosphere, and it will not be very many years before women well prepared to do medical missionary work in heathen lands will come forth and petition the Board to send them to the remotest and most desolate parts of the earth to relieve suffering humanity. It will not be many more years before the women who are working under the Foreign Mission Board on the home field will be reinforced by trained workers, who shall come out and go into our churches and join our pastors in teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

If there is any one thing our Foreign Mission cause needs more than another, it is Christian women who have been brought up under the influence of sound doctrine. We need trained workers for the home and foreign field, and in the very building of the Training School, we shall be able to supply the demand made by your Foreign Mission Board for skilled workmen to represent them at home and abroad, so our Convention shall not be giving only money, but shall also be giving consecrated women to the Board for service.

OUR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR.

How Can \$20,000 Be Secured?

Five thousand women, \$1 each	\$ 5,000 00
Five hundred women, \$5 each	2,500 00
One thousand Missionary Societies, \$5 each	5,000 00
One thousand Mission Bonds, \$2 each	2,000 00
Twelve State Conventions, \$50 each	6,000 00
Twenty District Associations, \$15 each	300 00

\$20,300 00

If we can possibly have you work at this as apportioned, it will be an easy matter to raise every penny of this money. With a contribution of nearly three million, and certainly over one and one-half million women, we ought to find five thousand who will give a single dollar, and certainly five hundred who can afford to give five dollars of their own personal money. The State Conventions can certainly each give fifty dollars, and with the help of our Children's

Bands, and our District organizations, the entire amount can be easily secured.

Once in a while it would do us good if we would make a sacrifice for the Lord's work, and since we are trying to raise \$20,000 per year, we beg every woman here not to be satisfied until she has craved at least ten women who will give a dollar.

HOW THE MONEY IS TO BE SPENT.

The Missionary Home at Capetown	\$2,000 00
General Foreign Mission Work	6,000 00
St. Joseph Station, Middleburg, South Africa	1,000 00
Home Missions and Publishing Board	1,500 00
Bibles and literature for destitute homes	3,000 00
National Training School	5,000 00

We can raise the money, if you will but give according as the Lord has prospered you. Let us have ten thousand dollars pledged before we sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and close our Seventh Annual Session.

RECEIPT SUMMARIES.

First Quarter.		Second Quarter.	
Sept. 1, balance on hand	\$ 21 89	Alabama	41 17
Supplementary report	251 36	Arkansas	6 07
Finance committee	785 26	California	14 30
Alabama	24 45	Colorado	30 92
Arkansas	7 20	District of Columbia	4 20
California	95 75	Florida	26 33
Colorado	1 00	Georgia	3 48
District of Columbia	29 42	Indiana	43 83
Florida	22 30	Illinois	6 67
Georgia	30 40	Iowa	20
Idaho	11 63	Indian Territory	15 26
Indiana	4 83	Idaho	5 00
Illinois	7 00	Kentucky	33 25
Indian Territory	16 65	Kansas	278 64
Kentucky	8 02	Louisiana	28 33
Kansas	25 93	Mississippi	13 74
Louisiana	10 20	Missouri	57 95
Maryland	38 90	Montana	33 36
Mississippi	10	New York	90
Michigan	66	New Jersey	1 54
Missouri	66	North Carolina	26 74
Minnesota	66	Ohio	4 16
New York	2 80	Oklahoma	10
New Jersey	64 36	Oregon	16 10
Ohio	8 35	Pennsylvania	40
Oklahoma	41 20	Rhode Island	5 25
Pennsylvania	1 60	South Carolina	10 60
Rhode Island	4 70	Tennessee	68 16
South Carolina	33 20	Texas	25 00
Tennessee	201 17	Utah	4 21
Texas	2 20	Virginia	67 30
Virginia, West	75 00	Washington	6 36
Home Mission Board	14 45	West Virginia	48 35
Oregon	7 25	Maryland	60 50
New Mexico		Miss C. O. Evers	75 00
		Home Mission Board	
			\$1,234 06

\$1,386 56

Third Quarter.

Alabama	24 06
Arkansas	234 06
California	1 00
Colorado	4 00
District of Columbia	36 75
Florida	14 22
Georgia	16 94
Indiana	20
Iowa	16 45
Illinois	153
Indian Territory	41 89
Kentucky	53 35
Kansas	12 75
Louisiana	84 13
Mississippi	133 93
Missouri	7 50
Montana	2 25
New York	20 65
New Jersey	190 40
Oklahoma	95 45
Pennsylvania	2 95
Rhode Island	103 29
South Carolina	23 80
Tennessee	33 83
Texas	16 45
Virginia	20
Washington	327 07
W. Virginia	1 25
Minnesota	1 00
Michigan	55
North Carolina	23 83
Ohio	

Fourth Quarter.

Alabama	43 22
Arkansas	30 47

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED BY STATES FOR THE YEAR.

Balance on Hand Sept. 1, 1919	21 83
Supplementary Report	251 35
Received by Finance Com. (Memphis)	785 28
Alabama	134 83
Arkansas	277 79
California	132 67
Colorado	100 31
District of Columbia	41 12
Florida	146 37
Georgia	161 36
Indiana	155 11
Illinois	16 80
Indian Territory	211 68
Kentucky	103 74
Kansas	413 87
Louisiana	76 55
Maryland	97 46
Mississippi	858 85

California	9 33
Colorado	1 40
Connecticut	20
District of Columbia	3 30
Florida	62 04
Georgia	116 06
Indiana	82 71
Illinois	20 25
Iowa	21 82
Indian Territory	36 20
Kentucky	11 95
Louisiana	15 03
Kansas	14 77
Maryland	27 41
Mississippi	423 03
Missouri	135 99
Minnesota	75
Montana	1 00
New York	3 50
New Jersey	4 74
Ohio	126 10
North Carolina	2 40
Washington	3 85
New Mexico	1 20
Oklahoma	17 26
Rhode Island	20
South Carolina	39 66
South Dakota	4 25
Tennessee	198 82
Pennsylvania	82 33
Home Mission Board	75 00
West Virginia	15 60
Virginia	15 60
Virginia	1 00
Texas	163 06

\$1,364 34

Michigan	1 10
Missouri	404 37
Minnesota	4 35
New York	7 26
New Jersey	29 71
Ohio	237 62
New Mexico	8 46
Oklahoma	220 86
Pennsylvania	224 63
Rhode Island	4 05
South Carolina	152 90
Tennessee	271 68
Texas	544 21
West Virginia	161 17
Home Mission Board	225 00
Oregon	14 55
Iowa	22 22
Idaho	6 00
Montana	47 85

North Carolina	1 26	Field	7,870 33
Utah	25 00		
Virginia	21 66	Total Amount spent by Nat'l. Organization	\$13,760 30
Washington	61 35		
Miss. C. A. Owen	80 60	Total Amount spent by State & Local Organization	\$6,478 23
Nebraska	13 20		
South Dakota	4 25		
Connecticut	20		

\$6,428 23

Received from the states \$6,481 07

Received and spent by Local & State Organizations on the Home

Total Receipts	\$13,707 46
Total Expenses	\$13,760 30

Bal. on hand Sept. 1st. 1920 62 84

QUARTERLY EXPENSE SUMMARY.

First Quarter.		Printing	10 75
Disbursed at Memphis Convention		Mrs. Julia Parsons, Travelling	11 10
Home Missions	264 15	Miss M. M. Kimball, travelling	41 90
Foreign Missions	81 25	Mrs. Julia M. Jackson, travelling	13 40
African Students	490 00		
Expressage and Drayage	62 27		
Field	9 26		
Printing	35 34		
Office	196 25		
Postage	6 00		
Salaries (Field Missionaries & Sec'y)	79 75		
Supplies	318 80		
Travelling	76 61		
National Baptist Union	113 11		
Mrs. E. R. Whitfield, as follows:	7 00		
Travelling	115 31		
Printing	33 70		
Expressage	3 75		
	\$1,335 37		

Second Quarter.

Foreign Missions	1 14 00	Foreign Missions	80 60
Home Missions	113 40	Home Missions	20 00
African Students	60 01	African Students	89 55
Nat'l. Bapt. Pub. Board	45 19	Nat'l. Bapt. Pub. Board	8 50
National Bapt. Union	39 25	Printing	26 25
Printing	117 86	Postage	38 48
Postage	38 09	Supplies	129 97
Salaries (Sec'y & Field Missionaries)	48 78	Nat'l. Bapt. Union	3 05
Office	415 12	Field	8 80
Expressage and Drayage	9 00	Office	21 00
Travelling	6 95	Travelling	107 41
Field	36 80	Salaries (Sec'y & Field Missionaries)	298 60
Mrs. E. R. Whitfield, as follows:	1 84	Expressage & Drayage	3 78
Travelling	107 63	Mrs. E. R. Whitfield, as follows:	
		Travelling	76 01
		Printing	23 25
		Expressage	3 30
		Miss M. M. Kimball, travelling	89 07
		Mrs. Julia M. Jackson, travelling	56 60
		Mrs. Julia Parsons, travelling	4 01

Fourth Quarter.

Foreign Missions	8 01 97
Nat'l. Bapt. Pub. Board	205 70

African Students	66 46	Traveling	41 28
Nat'l. Bapt. Union	20 00	Expressage	1 20
Home Missions	97 00	Printing	21 50
Expressage & Drayage	3 36	Miss M. M. Kimball, trav	
Office	25 00	elling	21 40
Field	4 08	Mrs. Julia M. Jackson	
Printing	98 50	traveling	11 20
Postage	81 31	Mrs. Julia A. Parsons	
Traveling	11 35	traveling	1 40
Salaries (Sec'y & Field			
Missionaries)	391 21		
Supplies	131 65		\$2,119 92
Mrs. E. F. Whitfield, as			
follows:			

ANNUAL EXPENSE SUMMARY.

Disbursed at Memphis		aries & Secretary	1,322 26
Meeting	246 15	Supplies	246 21
Home Missions	311 28	Traveling	228 51
Foreign Missions	1,439 47	Nat'l. Bapt. Union	59 70
African Students	271 51	Mrs. E. F. Whitfield,	
Expressage & Drayage	23 27	traveling	422 24
Field	60 04	Mrs. L. M. Jackson	109 10
Nat'l. Bapt. Pub. Board	280 74	Mrs. Julia A. Parsons	16 71
Printing	438 65	Miss M. M. Kimball	139 45
Office	60 00		
Postage	237 51		\$6,423 23
Salaries (Field Mission-			

TRAINING SCHOOL SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, INCLUDING RECEIPTS FOR 1906.

(This includes the \$729.98 received in 1906.)

Alabama	\$ 52 50	New York	40 30
Arkansas	100 00	New Jersey	54 01
California	750 05	North Carolina	24 7
Colorado	17 00	Ohio	39 32
District of Columbia	42 37	Oklahoma	52 30
Georgia	91 10	Pennsylvania	171 49
Indiana	170 06	South Carolina	162 44
Indian Territory	62 24	Texas	218 11
Illinois	115 25	South Dakota	1 00
Kentucky	261 69	Nebraska	5 05
Kansas	100 43	Iowa	1 10
Louisiana	34 36	Tennessee	132 11
Mississippi	104 02	Virginia	132 38
Missouri	127 17	West Virginia	187 70
Michigan	5 00	Florida	54 00
Massachusetts	1 00	Miscellaneous	1 00
Maryland	2 00	Washington	29 50
Montana	11 55		
Minnesota	1 00	Total	\$2,933 20

TRAINING SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Postage for appeals	\$ 10	Traveling on account of	
Costs of Incorporation	00	Training School Meet.	57 00
Cuts	50 00	Cash paid on property	1,000 00
Printing appeals and			
large receipts	178 32		\$1,552 30

THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

We hardly deem it necessary to discuss this subject at length, because in each of our Annual Reports since the Richmond meeting the question has been discussed and from time to time such steps taken as you thought best. We have all regarded the school as a positive and urgent necessity because of the demand for trained workers in the religious and secular world.

The only way we can ever hope to get what we need in the line of missionaries for home and foreign fields and Sunday-school teachers is to make them for ourselves. Only the other day a letter came from the Moody Bible Institute, suggesting that we direct our women who desired Bible training to that institution. The Missionary Training School under the Woman's Home Mission Society of the West has been preparing some workers for us. The Fireside School has sent forth some women trained for Christian service. Now, do you not think it is time for us to do something for ourselves? Two million and a half Christian people, actively engaged in the prosecution of missionary work, needing the service of missionaries and Bible teachers day by day, and Sabbath by Sabbath, and yet this mighty host in its organized capacity has no school of its own, where women who desire to prepare themselves may come for study. Think of the great army of Sunday-school teachers who have never had a day's instruction to prepare themselves to teach the Word of God! Our ministers must take a theological course before they are prepared to preach and to teach, yet our women are so well versed in the Scripture that they simply get their quarterlies and go along to the Sunday-schools and read the lesson over after they get there; but, behold! old things will be done away with and new things shall be taking place within a very few years. This undertaking on the part of the denomination will place a premium upon prepared Christian workers, and women who aspire to service must first aspire to study.

Our homes need Christian women with trained hands, and the demand for stenographers, bookkeepers, musicians, cooks, laundresses, housemaids and other skilled workmen is far greater than the supply. The charge of incompetency has been made, and our women must get ready to hold their places in the domestic realm. The Training School will be the lighthouse on the hill.

At the meeting in Memphis last year, this city was selected as the most desirable place in which to locate the National Baptist Training School for Women and Girls. A committee composed of Reverends L. G. Jordan, A. R. Griggs, E. C. Morris, J. Franklin Walker, Mesdames S. Willie Layton, Julia M. Layton and the Corresponding Secretary was appointed to go to the city of Washington during this conventional year and look out a suitable location, and if same could be secured to incorporate. This committee was called to meet in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church January 7, 1907. Pursuant to the call three members were present, two were represented by proxy, and the other two sent letters. It was some time before a desirable location could be found, but we are glad to report to you that a six-acre tract of land, situated on the Benning Road at what is known as Lincoln Heights (about twenty-five minutes' ride from Fifteenth and New York Avenue), has been secured for the sum of \$5,000. On the place are a well-built four-story frame house of ten rooms, heated throughout by furnace; a number of fruit trees, a splendid well, a large stable and barn. It is the most desirable location for an institution of this kind in the District of Columbia.

Lawyer William L. Pollard was selected by the committee to

represent you, and he has submitted the certificate of title from the District and Washington Title Company, brought down to July 29th, showing completely the chain of title down to and including conveyance to the Training School Committee. We also hold the tax receipts to date and fire insurance policy in the Northwestern Fire Insurance Company of Milwaukee, covering the dwelling to the amount of \$2,000.

It is very fortunate that we are holding our Annual Meeting in this city, so that the representatives may all see the place and the Trustees will not only have the opportunity of making a personal visit to inspect the grounds, but the property may be formally conveyed to them as a whole by the Trustees who have represented you. A cash deposit of one thousand dollars has been paid, and we have made notes for the balance, as follows: \$400 October 1, 1907; \$800 March 1, 1908; \$800 October 1, 1908; \$300 March 1, 1909; and \$1,100 on or before October 1, 1909; all bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid. The denomination is in possession of a piece of property that within the next five years will be worth, as it stands, double the money we have paid for it.

We had never thought of securing a desirable place in the District of Columbia with a house on it, and so we had urged all our writers to pay their pledges that we might have money enough to dig the foundation and lay the corner-stone during this session. We knew that it would be many years before the Convention would meet in Washington again, but that this meeting would be made memorable if the denomination could lay the foundation of the first educational institution Negro Baptists as a whole have ever attempted to erect. It does seem singular that with our numerical strength, and facing, as we are, an urgent demand for trained workmen, the National Baptist Convention is not doing anything toward making material for its own use; but we are getting in line with the Northern and Southern Baptists, for the latter are preparing to erect one of the largest Theological Seminaries and Training Schools in this country in the city of Louisville, Kentucky; and the white women of the West, under the leadership of Miss M. G. Burdette, are erecting a new building for the training of women for Christian service.

The hundreds of delegates here are as anxious as we are to see the churches for whom our women have labored all these years help these same women improve themselves. We believe that God is pleased with the work we are trying to do, and thus, when we prayed for land, He gave us more than we asked for. It reminds us of the time when Mr. Spurgeon's mother remarked to her son, "I had always prayed that God would make you a good and useful man, but I did not ask him to make you a Baptist preacher." Mr. Spurgeon calmly remarked, "Well, mother, God is so good, He always gives us more than we ask for." So in this Training School movement; we asked for land, and God gave us a house, orchard, barn, stable; and instead of laying a foundation, we are prepared to dedicate a building.

We are still praying, and hope that it will be in the divine plan that we get \$25,000 this year to begin at once a building sufficiently ample to accommodate the hundreds of women who are seeking training. Perhaps it will be a surprise to you, but we had on file applications from at least twenty-five women and girls from various States before we even secured the property, and there are quite a number of them who are anxious that the work begin at once, so that they may enroll. We need a building to supplement the present one, and we need it at once.

Now, when we have something tangible, we are prepared to appeal to the people in no uncertain sound, and we believe that within the

next three years a magnificent structure will have come up out of the earth, and you will have set in motion a power for the development of Christian women for active service that can not be estimated. God grant that \$5,000 be pledged in this meeting, and that our fall campaign will give us funds to start building in the early spring.

TRAINING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. John Davis, Rhode Island; Alice White, Pennsylvania; Josephine Allen, Ohio; Nellie Gregory, New Jersey; Rosa Armistead, New York; Minnie Cromwell, Michigan; L. J. Meekins, Mississippi; M. L. Husb, Indian Territory; A. L. Anderson, Illinois; C. H. Frazier, Florida; Beatrice Perkins, Colorado; Chas. E. Norwood, California; E. W. Hawthorne, Kentucky; R. E. Pitts, Alabama; J. C. Crockrell, Alabama; Julia Mason Layton, District of Columbia; Cora S. Boykin, South Carolina; R. L. Williams, Texas; A. E. Randall, Louisiana; C. H. Douglas, Texas; E. J. Wheeler, Arkansas; H. Weekly, Texas; A. B. Webster, Indiana; B. Terrell, Virginia; Mary A. Bella, Tennessee; S. A. Hayes, Georgia; Reverends J. Q. A. Wilbitts, Alabama; J. P. Robinson, D. D., Arkansas; Walter H. Brooks, District of Columbia; C. H. Anderson, California; J. E. Ford, Colorado; A. M. Holman, Florida; P. J. Bryant, Georgia; Y. Terrell, Indiana; J. R. Bennett, Illinois; P. R. Nell, Indian Territory; J. E. Wood, Kentucky; E. A. Wilson, Kansas; A. Hubbs, Louisiana; Harvey Johnson, Maryland; A. M. Johnson, Mississippi; E. C. Cole, Missouri; W. F. Carter, Minnesota; M. W. Gilbert, New York; George E. Morris, New Jersey; Caesar Johnson, North Carolina; Daniel Wilson, Oklahoma; J. F. Walker, Ohio; E. W. Moore, Pennsylvania; John Davis, Rhode Island; J. W. Boykin, South Carolina; Sutton E. Griggs, Tennessee; A. Barbour, Texas; Thos. A. White, Virginia; R. H. Boyd, Tennessee; A. A. Coxy, Mississippi; D. W. D. Isaac, Tennessee; S. W. Hoote, Missouri; Robt. Mitchell, Kentucky; A. R. Griggs, Texas, Professors Byrd Prillerman, West Virginia, and S. B. Hudson, Alabama; Misses Hattie G. Bakridge, Georgia; Fanny Cobb, West Virginia; Hattie E. Forest, Georgia; M. J. Miller, Mississippi; Jasie E. Hood, Oklahoma; Susie Klanel, Kansas.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

In our last report, we submitted the names of all persons contributing, up to September 1, so in this report, we do not repeat these names, but give the total amount from the States in which the contributors live, and publish the names of those who have sent in contributions since last September. Following is the report of Receipts:

TOTAL RECEIPTS BY STATES.

Several State organizations have pledged one hundred dollars, for which amount we promised to give a memorial window in the chapel of the Institution. A few of the churches have pledged one hundred dollars, and the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, has paid its pledge in full. Those who give as much as ten dollars may have their names in the chapel window or on the tablets that will be placed in the hall.

Perhaps nothing has been more encouraging to us in this movement than the fact that our friends contributed freely before we had even decided upon where we would locate. They all felt that it was a worthy cause, and that wherever it went it would fill a need that has been long felt. This faith in us will not be betrayed, and with the Lord's help, all that has been promised shall be brought to pass.

Alabama	51 50
Arkansas	147 30
California	111 00
Colorado	17 00
District of Columbia	24 00
Florida	47 00
Indiana	100 00
Indian Territory	12 00
Georgia	31 66
Illinois	118 00
Kentucky	201 00
Kansas	100 43
Louisiana	31 36
Mississippi	104 00
Missouri	123 11
Minnesota	1 00
Michigan	1 00
Massachusetts	1 00
Montana	40 30
New York	4 00
North Carolina	34 25
Nebraska	5 00
Ohio	100 32
Oklahoma	62 80
Pennsylvania	171 49
South Carolina	161 48
Tennessee	268 32
Virginia	123 11
West Virginia	122 39
Washington	187 70
Wisconsin	29 30
Miscellaneous	1 00

LIGHT AMID DARKNESS.

It has been quite forty years since absolute darkness encompassed our race. There have been times when the stars shone dimly and we had in fact our way, but prayer and faith and toil brought back the sunshine.

Last year, when that horrid, atrocious massacre in Atlanta was going on, the entire race felt a bit disheartened—honest hard-working defenseless men and women, shot down like dogs, and left to rot in their own blood; but we still saw a ray of hope. It will be many years before Atlanta can fully redeem herself. Following close upon the heels of this barbarous act, came the discharge of the bravest and best fighters in the United States Army, at the hands of Theodore Roosevelt, once dubbed "the Negro's best friend," but now the dominant quantity in American politics. Following this, has come the decline of a number of educational Boards in the South. The one in Texas declaring that no Negro shall serve as trustee of the public schools in that State; and the one from Tennessee declaring that no Negro educated in a Northern school, shall be allowed to teach in Tennessee, for fear "his Yankee notions may spoil Southern Negroes."

But the God in whom we trust can make even the wrath of men praise Him, and all these evils shall work out an exceeding weight of glory for us if we will but "wait on the Lord." And by wait, we mean serve, obey, do His bidding. God is raising up friends for us; for

there are people North and South, who are watching these events with a just eye, and if the Negro will bear himself well, he will bring to his side those champions of justice and fair play, who have never been found wanting at the trial hour.

The most magnificent gift ever bequeathed to a people came only a few months ago, from Miss Ann Jean, that splendid Quaker lady of Philadelphia, who set aside a million dollars to work in the schools of our rural districts of the Southland. So you can see that while those who are determined that the Negro shall not be educated, use their influence in shutting the school doors and in keeping from the service competent men and women, simply because they come from a certain section, they will find their plans thwarted as long as God holds in reserve friends of this calibre.

The South is forever complaining about the large sums of money that are spent for Negro education, and claiming that the Negro does not pay for his education in taxes. Now, the truth of the matter is that all the education that the Negroes will get for the next fifty years, has been paid for in advance. Service during slavery and the dollars lost in the Freedmen's Bank, on which the government owes over \$1,291,744.60, bearing interest for forty years will certainly square us. The American Magazine states a fact when it says that "neither do the swarming Slaves, the Italians and Poles in our Southern States pay for the education of their children in taxes. They pay little or no taxes, and yet enormous sums are spent for their improvement. It is better to educate men in school than to let them educate themselves as to become a menace to society. The present kind of education in the South may possibly be wrong, but for the protection of society, it is as necessary to train every Negro as to train every white man," and yet there are thousands of young Negroes being made criminals through lack of training. Miss Jean's gift will go a long way toward preparing the young Negro in the rural districts to improve his condition.

Special attention ought to be called to the exposure of social conditions in the South, from whence originated this meaningless phrase: "Social equality." In the June number of the American Magazine, Mr. Baker relates a case in which an old white man, much agitated and very pale, was brought before the judge. With him came a much younger, comely-appearing woman. Both were well-dressed and looked respectable, so much so that there was a stir of interest and curiosity among the spectators. "Why had they been arrested?" As they stood in front of the judge's desk, the old man hung his head, but the woman looked up with such an expression—arrogant and tragic—as I hope I shall never have to see again. "What is the charge?" asked the judge. "Adultery," said the officer. The woman winced, the old man did not look up. The judge glanced from one to the other in surprise. "Why don't you get married," he asked. "The woman," said the officer, "is a nigger." She was as white as I am, probably an octogenarian. I could not have distinguished her from a white person. "Is that so?" asked the judge. The man continued to hang his head; the woman looked up; neither said a word. It then came out that they had lived together as man and wife for many years, and that they had children nearly grown. One of the girls was a student in Atlanta University. Some neighbors had complained and the man and woman were arrested. "Is this true?" asked the judge. Neither said a word. "You cannot marry under the Georgia law," said the judge. "I will have to bind you over for trial in the county court."

Doesn't Georgia place a high premium upon immorality? Negroes and whites can live together, but can't marry. "No social equality." What is this?

This is one of the hundreds of similar cases, existing to the knowledge of "the best white citizens of the community" to the land from which comes the cry, "No social equality." The men of this same race that so successfully keep Negro men from encroaching upon their territory, will render us great service if they will be as vigorous in pushing a campaign against men of their own race who live on our side of the line, and the best element of Negro women, throughout this country, have registered an eternal protest against these characters, and are determined to ostracize the women of our race who sell their brightness to white men for a "mess of pottage."

The daily newspapers have continued their work of magnifying every crime committed by the Negro, and of moulding public sentiment against him. There has never been a desire on the part of the best element among us to conceal crime, the statement of President Roosevelt in his last annual message, to the contrary, notwithstanding. No race has more criminals than the race to which Harry Thaw belongs, and no race has done more to make Negro criminals, than the baser element of the race in which the President of the United States belongs.

We have all followed the articles in the American Magazine from the pen of Mr. Ray Stannard Baker. We have been begging for years that the light of truth be turned upon the Negro, and this is the first time since Harriet Beecher Stowe penned the immortal "Uncle Tom's Cabin," that the Negro has had the truth fully told about his vices and his virtues.

There are two classes in this country that ought to be exposed with a view of remedying the evils wrought by their deeds—the criminal shiftless Negro, and the lazy, Negro-hating, lawless white man. Mr. Baker has done some satisfactory work in this direction. He has portrayed the vices of the bad Negro and exhibited the virtues of the good Negro; he has removed the charge of lynching and burning, poisoning and cruelty from "the best white citizens of the community," and placed it upon the white rowdies and hoodlums, who have actually committed the crimes, but have felt themselves perfectly safe so long as the press declared them to be "the best citizens of the community." Perhaps Mr. Baker has done more than anyone else to have the world thoroughly understand the real motive for all the iniquities done the Negro in the Southland.

In the "Atlanta Georgian" of October 22, 1907, Forrest Pope is quoted by Mr. Baker as having said, "All genuine Southern people like the Negro as a servant, but when ambition, prompted by real education, causes the Negro to grow restless and he bestirs himself to get out of that servile condition, then there is, or will be, trouble, sure enough trouble." Continuing, he says, "There are those among Southern editors and other public men who have been shouting into the ears of the North for twenty-five years, that education would solve the Negro question; there is not an honest, fearless thinking man in the South, but who knows that to be a bare-faced lie. Take a young Negro of a little more than ordinary intelligence, even, get hold him in time, train him thoroughly as to books, and finish him up with a good industrial education, send him out to the South with ever so good intention both on the part of his benefactor and himself, send him to take my work away from me, and I will kill him."

Gustave Frederick Martins says: "The Negro is the mudsill of the social and industrial South to-day; upon his labor is the field, in the forest, and in the mine, the whole structure reared. Educate him, and he quits the field; instruct him in the trades and sciences, and he enters into active competition with the white man in what are called higher planes of life." Commenting upon this, Mr. Baker says, "Is not this mudsill stirring to-day, and is not that the deep reason for many of the troubles in the South?" Again, he says, "the question is HOW IS THE WHITE MAN TO TREAT THE NEGRO?"

We answer, "treat him as a man; measure him by his soul; for 'the mind is the standard of a man,' and wherever the test has been made upon this high plane, the Negro has not been weighed in the balance and found wanting." He is no longer chattel or tool, but a soul, born to soar untrammelled, and these chains of prejudice can not always hold him.

From the fiery furnace, he will soon walk forth as bright as pure gold, and will begin to tune his harp to sing his sweetest lay, for verily, this man of sorrow, acquainted with grief, is heaven's reserve force, for the new spiritual and humanitarian civilization that is coming on, in which religion will be made a very practical thing, and the brotherhood of man will be declared, and we shall find men going about the world "binding up the broken-hearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives and opening the prisons to them that are bound." Then will come forth this Negro from Edon, with dyed garments from Bozrah, travelling in the greatness of his strength, rising and conquering in the grace gained in tribulations and the faith wrought through trial.

Thus we have submitted to you our Seventh Annual Report. We have not realized our expectations in all that we have attempted, but at all times we have tried to do our best. We shall go down from the Mount of Transfiguration—down from this great meeting, prepared to do a greater work for God. We have been able to catch a glimpse of the whiteden harvest field; we know the needs at our own doors; and we hear the Macedonian call from afar. We must enlarge our field of operation until we shall be able to take in the whole world. There must be no narrowness, nor selfishness, nor racism, nor individualism in this work of evangelizing the world. "The world for Christ" is our motto.

One day Michael Angelo came into the studio of Raphael, then a novice, and found his work cramped and cramped; he marked the canvas with a few strong lines and wrote beneath the word "Amplius, Amplius," (wider, wider). Christ is saying that to us to-day.

Let us go down from this place to work, to live, to lead, to follow. Remember, with all our triumphs, we still face "the petty doubt, and the vast undoubt." Since Jesus Christ said on Calvary, "It is finished," twenty-five times the present population of the world has been sent to the grave without a knowledge of the Redeemer. Even in this generation, unless we heed ourselves, a thousand million of human beings will go to the grave without faith or hope. One hundred thousand die daily, while thousands of professed Christians are idle and unmoved. Women.

"Here is the work of God half done;
Here is the kingdom of his Son;
Here is the triumph, just begun;
Let us put it through!"

MINUTES.

To us the task is given;
By us the bolt must be driven;
By the very God of Heaven;
Let us put it through!"

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Board.
MARY V. PARRISH,
FANNY WILSON,
LEZZIE C. CRITTENDON,
VIENNA PARKER,
NANNIE M. BURROUGHS, Secretary.

A motion appropriately prefaced, by Mrs. Rosetta Lawson, to show our appreciation of the Corresponding Secretary's most excellent address, that we sing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Motion prevailed.

Mrs. J. M. Layton, of the District of Columbia, testified to her joy in the great success of her own student, our Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. H. Burroughs, and added that she was prouder that day that she was a Baptist than she had ever been before. Mrs. J. M. Layton presented Miss Burroughs' a portrait of herself painted and donated by her friends, Messrs. Fox and Johnson, of Pittsburg, Pa. Miss Burroughs fittingly expressed her appreciation for the gift.

Song, "What a fellowship."

President Layton announced other committees.

[See their reports.]

Meeting adjourned in 2:30 p.m.

Friday Afternoon.

Devotions conducted by Mrs. D. F. Brown. Song, "Stand up for Jesus." Prayer. Song, "Down at the cross." Prayer.

Enrollment committee reported 424 delegates.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Mrs. L. D. Pruitt, La. made an address on "A Plan for Our Boys." She introduced her address by telling more fully of the work being done in Louisiana by her Convention. She said that the boy is the future man, the darling of the mother and fond hope of the father. Fathers are greatly responsible for the characters of their sons, since it is every boy's ambition to be like his father. Mothers exercise their influence and do much to inspire their sons to be good and pure. Condition of our boys in this age requires our immediate and most earnest efforts. Would we do our duty toward their salvation?

Dr. L. G. Jordan made an announcement and urged that we heed President Morris' request to adjourn and attend the Booker Washington lecture Friday night.

Several brethren spoke on this subject pro and con.

Secretary Hudson assured us the lecture was by authority of the National Baptist Convention.

A motion by Mrs. S. J. Gray, Illinois, to accept Dr. Morris' invitation and heed his request carried.

MINUTES.

Mrs. M. D. Grigsby, of Indiana, delivered an address, subject "What the Training School Will do to Prepare Missionaries." She said that the religious training of our children is one of our greatest services. Special attention to religious training would be given in our National Training School; Sunday school workers and missionaries for all lands will be given special training.

The National Training School would train women for all the duties of life in the home, the school and church.

Song, "Yes, Heaven."

Mrs. U. G. Mack, of Maryland, made an address, subject, "The Individual Problem." She said that the work of our race's development was largely dependent upon individual effort.

Women held the key to the situation in the home; in the church also woman's influence could be effective; hence she urged the women as individuals to do their full duty in whatever sphere of life their lots were cast.

Mrs. P. H. Brown, of New Jersey, made an address, subject, "The Liquor Question, and How We Can Help Settle It." She said that we could help settle it by following Paul's teaching on Christian living. Forces that encourage drink were mentioned. Bible examples of drunkenness referred to and the evils resulting from it. Temperance heroes and heroines of modern times should be imitated. Fellowship with Christ the most effective means of being temperate ourselves and helping others to be.

A sister from Birmingham, Ala., bade us be of good cheer and go forward.

President Layton impressed the importance of being prompt in attendance Saturday morning.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Nellie Bishop, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday Morning.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. H. E. Jackson, of Ohio. Several sisters testified to their love for Jesus. Songs, "Will there be any stars in my crown?" "Higher ground," "Yes, Heaven," "By and by," "Stand up for Jesus," "Saviour more than life to me."

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, of Maryland, stated that she had helped to organize the work of this Convention, and was thoroughly interested. Her Convention had sent Miss Burroughs \$50.00 for the work and had brought \$74.00 to the Convention to advance the work.

Mrs. Cora Boykin, of South Carolina, was introduced. She said, by request, Mrs. Jackson, one of the field missionaries, had visited her state and done much toward encouraging and strengthening their work in South Carolina. She was delighted with the results that had come from Miss Burroughs' recent visit in South Carolina. Her Convention gave Miss Burroughs \$161 for the work.

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, field missionary, delivered a stirring and

helpful address, subject, "The Trend of Race Sentiment." She reviewed much of the history of Israel; and noted their progress. Our race marching forward under God's guidance as verily as ancient Israel did. The Bible was emphasized as being our only rule of action. Woman was shown to be an important factor in advancing every righteous movement of the race. A nation was once saved in a day by a woman, and who knows but the Negro woman of this day has come to the kingdom for the salvation of her race.

The trend of race sentiment was toward higher grounds in all that pertained to its material and spiritual development.

Mrs. J. M. Layton complimented the addresses delivered by the members of the Convention, and said that Mrs. Whitfield had 200 copies of her address for sale for benefit of the Convention.

Mrs. Emma Johnson, of Virginia, brought greetings from the Tide River Association that she was privileged to represent. She expressed her joy in being present to the Convention for the first time, and would return home inspired to do more and better work as God should give her opportunity.

Mrs. S. J. Gray, of Illinois, represented the Missionary Union of Chicago. She said that the Union was composed of most of the missionary societies of Chicago and vicinity. Large numbers of colored people immigrate to Chicago annually from the South, and the Baptist women of Chicago were endeavoring to establish a Christian home for women who came there unprovided for. The Union was doing much toward stimulating the missionary spirit and uplifting the women of that section for all lines of missionary and charitable work.

Mrs. C. T. Durrah, of Pensacola, Fla., made an address, subject "Cause of and Cure for Loafing and Criminality."

(1) Force of circumstances—poor homes, family broils, cause much of the loafing.

(2) Many inducements given the young to sin.

(3) Christian and industrial education a good remedy.

(4) Churches, reformatories, and Christian homes, agencies that will aid in effecting the cure.

Announcements were made.

Dr. Prowd was given another opportunity to present his work.

Mrs. S. A. Gates, of Louisiana, asked all to come and pledge something to Dr. Prowd's work. Amount pledged, \$64.60.

Mrs. Lula M. Jackson, field missionary, delivered an able address, subject, "Social Attitude toward the Working Class." She said that the labor movement dated back to the garden of Eden; more strictly it began in England in the eighteenth century. A full resume of the varied phases of the labor movement was given. She believed Christianity was destined in time to harmonize labor and capital for general good of society.

Mrs. E. M. Abner, of Texas, Treasurer, made her annual report. She prefaced her financial statement with eulogistic words of the

untiring labors of the Corresponding Secretary and the faithful cooperation of the good women of the missionary societies throughout the Union. The Bible was set forth as the book of books and the only sure guide for all our actions; then followed the statistical report—the report as it appears in Corresponding Secretary's statement.

A motion was made to receive and adopt the treasurer's report. Carried.

A letter from Sister J. P. Moore was read by Mrs. Rosetta Lawson—a lovely, helpful, motherly letter, giving us some of her experiences of twenty years ago. A motion prevailed to publish Sister Moore's letter in the minutes.

3227 Forest Ave., Chicago, Ill., Aug. 21, 1907.

To the Woman's National Baptist Convention now in session, Washington, D. C.

I have a pleasant remembrance of last year's meeting in Memphis. This should be a much better meeting, because we grow in grace and knowledge. I cannot be with you in person; but I will be there in spirit and prayer.

I want to tell you about the first Convention of our Colored Baptist women anywhere in the South. It met May 6, 1886, in New Orleans, La., twenty-one years ago. Our memory verse was, "But it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). We recognized that it was God's work and we looked to him for wisdom moment by moment. We had a motto on the wall, "Deny thyself," which meant, "Say yes to God and no to myself." In our first meeting, at the exact hour, we had present three women, one minister from Louisiana, two from Alabama, and three little girls who begged in a polite way the privilege of reading the Bible with us. The Convention was only for Louisiana, but the fact that another state was represented at the first meeting made us hope that it would extend over all the states, which it has. The presence of the children told us of the future interest of women in the work. We held four sessions. You will be glad to know the subjects discussed:

(1) A wife's duty to her husband. (2) A mother's duty to her children. (3) Great need of economy and order in the home. (4) What does 1 Timothy 2:8 and 1 Peter 3:3, 4 mean for the women of to-day? (5) Great need of mission work at home and in foreign lands. (6) How to conduct Bible Bands. This included Bible study at home and doing all we could to interest our neighbors in the daily reading of God's word. At this time we had the children working for missions. We give you one letter, from a little child eleven years old, which is a sample of others:

"Dear Sister Moore: I want to tell you that I raised peas to help mission work and sold them for fifteen cents, which I send you. I hope all the children will earn something for missions. I am working hard on my corn and potatoes for missions. I am your little missionary. NANCY BIGGS."

I find in my minutes these words about Nancy's letter: "This letter shows us the way out of wicked ways, festivals, suppers, etc., to get money for God's cause. Our children are learning to give of their own earnings, working during play hours to earn the money. Praise God for little girls at the opening of our meeting reading their Bibles, and for little girls working to earn money for Jesus. These two are the sweetest pictures in our first Women's Baptist Convention." Many letters were read from those who could not attend. We had at this time a Baby Band in the state of Louisiana. One mother sent us

the following: "Here is the name of my boy and his ten cents for missions. Put him in the Baby Band and ask all the sisters to pray that he may become a useful, Christian man." We also give a few extracts from another letter:

"Dear Sister Moore: We give the Lord thanks for sending to us our beloved Sister Moore. Her zeal and self-denial has infused new life into our sisterhood to work for the Lord. When any trouble comes we say Romans 5:28. We are thankful that the day has come when Christian women can meet in a convention and talk of the best methods of working with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Sister Stewart is working patiently with the children in our sewing school. We call her Sister Moore."

All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

At this date in Louisiana we had eighty-three women's societies which reported money given for home and African missions. The amount raised for home missions that year was \$298.42 and for African missions, \$104.22, after which are these words in the minutes: "This is indeed a great work for these poor women, and yea these same women have given far more than their share to the support of the church work because they are learning the joy of giving and saving for God's cause." That was the second year of our paper, *Hope*. The lessons were read daily by these women. Yea, it was their daily Bible study and prayer that made them grow strong in the Lord.

Beloved sisters of today, I have given you these extracts from a colored women's convention of twenty-one years ago, showing what was accomplished by women of very little money and with very little education; but by women who loved the Bible and prayer, and their husbands and their children. I give it, I say, with the hope that it may inspire you to greater zeal and self-denial. Nothing good succeeds without personal effort on the part of God's children. I had visited all these homes many times and told them how to study their Bibles and read with their children, and stayed all night and showed them how to erect the family altar, in homes where we had very few comforts. I would not refer to my experience were it not that I want you to know if you follow Christ you must deny yourself for the sake of others. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." (2 Cor. 8. 9.) "Unless you suffer with Christ you need not expect to reign with him." (2 Tim. 2:12)

Beloved sisters, I must tell you how thankful I feel today for the forty-four years of service that God has given me with the dear colored people of the South, especially with the women and children. From the very first I encouraged them to read their Bibles daily and to deny themselves in order to help others, because I knew that this was the only way to grow a strong, Christian character. Following the fashions of the day and indulging the appetite and working for the praise of men, will be sure to develop weak, sickly Christians, who will be a dis honor to the cause of Christ. Oh, beloved, you must follow God's plan if you wish to be happy as well as useful in time and eternity.

With a mother's love and interest, I am your

SISTER JOANNA P. MOORE

Mrs. E. A. Wilson, of Kansas, Statistical, made her report. She presented her report by gratefully acknowledging the ready response to letters and filling out the circulars that she sent out. She assured the sisters their help had made it possible for her to give them the statistics she was about to present. Read the report as follows:

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from the Secretary
of the Navy
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Tenth St. Church National Convention	Washington	A. Lampkins	11 4
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FLORIDA

Mt. Monah Church	Orlando	Alcee Mitchell	2
Bethlehem	Sanford	Elbert Clark	6
First Baptist Church	St. Augustine	A. Hagler	5
Neuland Church	Titusville	Anna Myers	1
St. Paul	Union City	Parthena Carruthers	6
Bethel	Unionville	John A. Lewis	7
Florida State Convention	Jacksonville	H. K. Hill	6
		S. J. Brown	6
		T. Dorrah	6
Mt. Olive Church	Greensboro	G. M. Lee	6
Mt. Zion	Pa. Tampa City	W. C. Hamlin	6
St. Paul	Miami	James Morris	6

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MINUTES.

ILLINOIS.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION.	POST OFFICE.	MEMBERS.	Amount.
J. Ebenezer	Chicago	J. F. Thomas	\$ 10 00

INDIANA.

Second Baptist Church	Indianapolis	C. C. Ford	1 00
Metropolitan Church	Indianapolis	J. H. Pius	1 00

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Shawnee Union	Shawnee	Samuel Moore	1 00
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KANSAS.

Second Baptist Church	Kansas City	Matias Jones	5 00
North Baptist Church	Port Scott		5 00

KENTUCKY.

Romero St. B. V. P. U.	Romero St.	Wm. K. Elliott	5 00
Clifton Union	Hodgesville	Howard Conner	1 00
Green St. Union	Louisville	Sam. W. Wingo	2 00
Chenoweth St. Union	Louisville	H. Level	1 00

LOUISIANA.

St. Mark St. Baptist	New Orleans	A. Ascock	2 00
La. State Convention	New Orleans	M. Woods	5 00
La. B. V. P. U.	New Orleans	W. H. Brown	5 00

MARYLAND.

Baltimore State B. V. P. U.	Baltimore	E. Johnson	5 00
State B. V. P. U. Con.	Baltimore	S. Wormley	5 00
Loft Carey	Baltimore	Wm. Alexander	5 00
Baltimore B. V. P. U.	Baltimore	E. White	5 00

MISSISSIPPI.

Geo. Con. of Mississippi	Jackson	J. T. Davis	4 00
Mississippi Convention	Meridian	J. V. Morton	5 00
Lower Miss. Union	Natchez		2 00
Geo. Baptist Con. of Miss.			

MISSOURI.

Phoenix Church	St. Louis	Jas. H. Fowler	2 00
Elgin and Center Sts.	Hannibal	R. B. Martin	5 00
		R. Queen	1 00

MINUTES.

NEBRASKA.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION.	POST OFFICE.	MEMBERS.	Amount.
Zion Union	Omaha	Anne Harrold	1 00

NEW YORK.

St. Oliver	M. W. Oliver	New York City	5 00
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NORTH CAROLINA.

First Baptist Church	Beirons	J. P. Jones	1 00
N. C. Baptist State Con.	Elizabeth City	E. M. Darbylight	5 00
	Beirons	L. V. Lamb	1 00

OHIO.

New Hope	Cincinnati		4 00
Shiloh Church	Columbus	Paul O. Carter	5 00
Richmond Church	Richmond		5 00
Union Grove	Columbus	I. T. Walker	5 00
Zion B. V. P. U.	Cincinnati		1 00
Shawnee	Shawnee	L. E. Hester	1 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Penn. State B. V. P. U.	Philadelphia	R. Coleman	4 00
Good Hope	Pittsburg	A. E. Evans	5 00
Chenoweth Church	Pittsburg	Joe M. Clay	5 00
Good Hope Union	Pittsburg	A. E. Evans	5 00
Zion Union	Philadelphia	E. W. Moor	1 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Macedonia	Spartanburg	W. W. Bappy	1 00
N. C. State Union	Orangeburg	C. F. Holmes	10 00
New Prospect	Williamston	I. O. Allen	2 00
Macedonia	Greenville	W. W. Chappell	1 00

TENNESSEE.

Tenn. State Convention	Memphis	E. M. Lawrence	5 00
St. Stephens Union	Memphis	O. C. Maxwell	5 00

TEXAS.

First Baptist Church	Galveston	E. L. Blackburn	5 00
Old Land Mark A. S.	Galveston	A. Barber	5 00
Bethel Church	Houston	J. E. Knox	2 00
Friendship Church	Houston	N. P. Pullam	4 00
La. Grange A. S.	Grange	A. C. Smith	5 00
Texas State B. V. P. U.	Galveston	I. J. Gilmore	1 00
First Baptist Church	Galveston	J. E. Pius	2 00
Zion Hill	Galveston	E. M. Griggs	4 00
New Hope B. V. P. U.	Galveston	N. S. Jackson	5 00
Texas and La. A. S.	Galveston	A. M. Moore	5 00

MINUTES.

VIRGINIA.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION.	POST OFFICE.	NAME OF OFFICER.	AMOUNT.
Va. State H. V. P. U.	Manassas	W. H. Ashburn	9 30 00
First H. V. P. U.	Manassas	J. P. Thompson	
Second H. V. P. U.	Manassas	L. E. Edwards	
Third H. V. P. U.	Manassas	L. E. Jackson	5 00 00
Fourth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Fifth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Sixth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Seventh H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Eighth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Ninth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Tenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Eleventh H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twelfth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirteenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Fourteenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Fifteenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Sixteenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Seventeenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Eighteenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Nineteenth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twentieth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-first H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-second H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-third H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-fourth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-fifth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-sixth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-seventh H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-eighth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Twenty-ninth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirtieth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-first H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-second H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-third H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-fourth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-fifth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-sixth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-seventh H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-eighth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Thirty-ninth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Fortieth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-first H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-second H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-third H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-fourth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-fifth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-sixth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-seventh H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-eighth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Forty-ninth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		
Fiftieth H. V. P. U.	Manassas		

A motion prevailed to receive and adopt the Statistician's report.
Song, "Stand up for Jesus."

Corresponding Secretary read a supplementary report. See report.

A motion to adopt prevailed.

The Committee on Temperance made their report. See report.

A motion prevailed to adopt report.

Mrs. Jackson, of Capetown, South Africa, was presented. She told us the story of our mission work in that section, and asked to give her such personal help as we could possibly afford, as she and her children were very poorly prepared to stand the winter in this country. A collection of \$13.75 was then raised for Mrs. Jackson.

Finance Committee made its report. See report.

A motion prevailed to receive and adopt report, which had been verified by Mrs. Kimball, the Auditor. Cash reported, \$945.26.

President S. W. Layton announced the next order of business was the election of officers.

A motion prevailed to elect by a standing vote.

A motion to elect Mrs. P. J. Bryant Vice President at large carried. Votes cast, 138.

Mrs. P. J. Bryant was declared duly elected Vice President.

A motion that Mrs. Bryant's election be made unanimous carried.

A motion to elect Mrs. V. W. Broughton Recording Secretary carried.

A motion to make Mrs. Broughton's election unanimous carried.

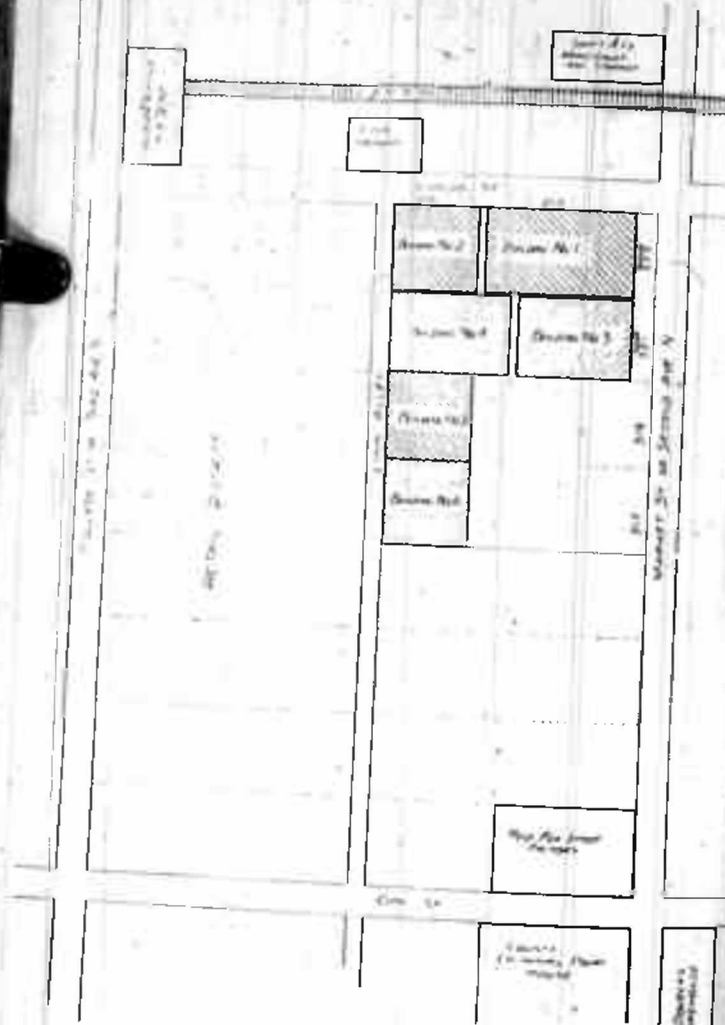
Mrs. V. W. Broughton was declared duly elected Recording Secretary.

A motion to elect Mrs. M. E. Goins Assistant Recording Secretary carried.

Mrs. M. E. Goins was declared duly elected Assistant Recording Secretary.

A motion to elect Miss N. H. Durruths Corresponding Secretary carried.

A motion to make her election unanimous carried.



Mrs. N. H. Burroughs was declared duly elected Corresponding Secretary.

A motion to elect Mrs. E. M. Abner, Treasurer, presented.

Mrs. C. H. Parrish was placed in nomination for Treasurer.

A motion to close nominations for Treasurer carried.

Votes cast for Mrs. E. M. Abner, 98; votes cast for Mrs. C. H. Parrish, 53.

Mrs. Abner receiving the majority of votes cast was declared elected Treasurer.

A motion to make Mrs. E. M. Abner's election unanimous carried.

A motion to elect Mrs. A. E. Wilson Statistician carried.

Mrs. A. E. Wilson was declared duly elected Statistician.

Saturday Afternoon.

The Convention dedicated the National Training School with imposing ceremonies. The location is all that could be desired and the conditions of purchase are considered exceptionally good. The Corresponding Secretary is to be complimented in the progress thus made toward the establishment of an institution that will stand out as a lasting monument to the Baptist women of the Union.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday Morning.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board was presented. He extended as a hearty greeting, and said that he came over to circulate his annual report among us. Many copies were taken.

Dr. C. H. Parrish announced the missionary mass meeting and presented a picture of himself standing in the Jordan. The proceeds from the sale of the pictures were to be donated to the foreign mission work.

President Layton made several announcements, also some complimentary remarks of her father and Rev. Dr. G. W. Lee as to their careful vigilance over their pulpits.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. Coles, of Missouri. Song, "Come, Holy Spirit." Bible reading, Psalm 96, by Dr. W. G. Parks Pennsylvania. Prayer. The choir sang "Stand up for Jesus."

Rev. G. P. Howard, of Virginia, was then introduced to preach the sermon for that occasion. His introductory remarks were suggestive of his appreciation to preach in Rev. G. W. Lee's church to the Women's Auxiliary Convention. His text was Phil. 1:12, 13; theme, "Helps and Hindrances in Christian Work."

(1) Like causes produce like effects in spiritual as well as in the material world. (a) God has power to turn human hindrances into helps. Apt illustration given here—Paul's misfortunes turned into blessings for the world and to God's glory." (2 Cor. 11.) (b) Price of success in Christian service suffering with Christ. Luther's

Uon gave us the Reformation; Bunyan's imprisonment gave us "Pilgrim's Progress," and thus the best works of Christians of all ages have resulted from the trials God permitted them to endure. (c) Struggles and oppositions make men and women; song writers inspired to sing from the fiery furnace of affliction.

(2) Our present condition in this country has believed would turn out to God's glory and our good. (a) Faith in God would move mountains.

(3) Christian women have ever astonished men. (Luke 24:22.) (a) Paul prayed that the Philippian church help the women. (b) Women have ever laid their lives on God's altar for service. (c) Christianity has done much for women. (d) Christ's memorial of woman, "She hath done what she could; let her alone!"

(4) God and woman in league for man's salvation. (a) Church typified by woman. The fiery furnace only refines and magnifies our worth. By suffering we climb the ladder to sweet communion with God.

Song, "I will no longer doubt thee, O Lord."

Collection taken, \$40.50.

Mrs. A. D. Hurt, of Kentucky, rendered a sacred solo very sweetly.

Dr. D. E. Murff, our returned missionary from South Africa, was introduced by Dr. G. W. Lee.

Dr. Murff expressed himself as greatly edified by the sermon, and proceeded to tell us the sad story of the work at Capetown. He said that he was here in America because of the great need on his field; while there was no law to prohibit our denomination conducting a mission, but unless we made better provision to carry on the work begun we would be so criticized and ridiculed that it would be impossible to continue our work there. His report was heard attentively, and we were made ashamed to know our cause was so neglected in South Africa. He presented samples of needle work done by the girls and boys in the school that evidenced the invaluable service his wife was prosecuting in the work of the mission. He spoke of the degraded condition of the women, and of their devotion to their many idols. \$57.10 was raised by the congregation for Dr. Murff's work.

Benediction and adjournment.

Sunday Night Session

A testimony meeting was conducted by Rev. R. D. Phillips, of Ohio. The Holy Spirit's presence was manifest. Song, "Glory be to God."

Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Recording Secretary, of Tennessee, was asked to give a brief report of her trip abroad. Mrs. Broughton thanked the Convention for the privilege given her to attend the World's International Sunday School Convention that convened in Rome, Italy, last May. She told of God's wonderful provision in making the trip possible, and gave a few of her experiences that were

calculated to inspire her for the Master's service the remainder of her natural life. As the story was too long to tell in the few moments allotted, she promised to write the same and give the sisters a pamphlet that would contain the story in full.

Mrs. Nellie Bishop represented Miss M. G. Burdette, Corresponding Secretary of W. B. H. M. Society, who was programmed to address the Convention. She said that she was pleased to be present, and asked what was left for her to say after so much wisdom and goodness had been said. She thought this meeting was the best in our history, and we would need to do much earnest, faithful work to have as good a meeting again next year. She plead that we do more the coming year to supply the needs of our work in Africa, and continue to encourage the effort to establish and maintain a Missionary Training School.

Prof. McGrith was granted permission to make an announcement. He presented his magazine and solicited subscriptions.

Music by the choir, "He leadeth me." Solo by Mrs. F. V. Banks, of Rome, Ga.

President Layton then introduced Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Chicago, Ill., who preached the following sermon, in outline:

First he had the congregation sing, "Work, for the night is coming." Text, Eccl. 9:10, and St. John 9:4; theme, "Time to Work." He said that as a Convention we were now lined up with definite plans of work before us and would we succeed with our new effort to establish (1) a Training School, we would be compelled to work.

(2) Industrial work was emphasized as of great importance. The need of a Missionary Training School to prepare our women for active mission and Christian work, was apparent to all.

(3) Individual effort urged.

(4) He condemned the worldly popular amusements that engage the time and attention of many church members; Christians called to higher, nobler and more useful service.

(5) Our time limited; our conditions as a race such we could not afford to be idle.

(6) The reward of the righteous should stimulate all Christians to work.

The sermon was edifying and instructive. Song, "To the work."

A collection taken. Amount, \$16.90. \$1.00 donated to the Training School.

The officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by Dr. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky, and Dr. Chas. Morris, of New York.

The officers and field missionaries all expressed grateful thanks to the Convention for the trusts imposed upon them, and said that they would endeavor to give faithful service in their respective offices.

Mrs. F. R. Cooper came forward at the close of the installing service, and after making a kind and sisterly talk commending the virtues of our President, whom she had known from childhood, and

praising the Vice President for her diplomacy in ruling, she presented each of these two officers with a lovely quilt purchased by the sisters from the needle work exhibit. Mrs. President Layton and Mrs. Vice President Bryant expressed their pleasant surprise for being thus kindly remembered, and heartily thanked the donors for their gifts.

A motion prevailed to turn hearty thanks to the church and local committee for all the courtesies and kindnesses shown us during the sessions.

Committee on Recommendations made its report. See report.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report.

A motion prevailed to leave any unfinished business to the Executive Board.

Benediction by Rev. George W. Lee, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee reported cash receipts, \$346.26.

The report having been audited was received and adopted.

Committee: Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, Tennessee; Mrs. Annie Peyton, Illinois; Mrs. L. S. Edwards, Virginia; ——— Harris.

Enrollment Committee's report: Delegates enrolled, 424.

Committee: Mrs. S. A. Gates, Louisiana; Mrs. J. M. Layton, District of Columbia; Mrs. Annie Anderson.

Committee on Seating was faithful to seat the delegation in the places designated.

Committee: Mesdames S. Shanks, Arkansas; Viola Lampkins, Georgia; Eliza Wilson, Alabama; Amanda Davis, Indiana; Nancy Washington, Alabama; ——— White, Tennessee; Nannie West, Tennessee; Josephine Allen, Ohio; M. E. Addison, Maryland; S. E. Christina, Virginia; Alice Carroll, District of Columbia; M. F. Dandim, South Carolina; A. H. Brown, Missouri; Eliza Phillips, Arkansas; C. G. Fishback, Kansas; Maud Holcomb, Georgia; Nellie Young, Indian Territory; Della Wagner, District of Columbia; Rosie Rummage, Illinois; Maggie Love, Illinois.

The Committee on Appeals and Visitors saw that distinguished visitors were introduced; and any appeals presented them were brought before the Convention.

Committee: Mesdames W. L. Grant, Kansas; Mary E. Johnson, Pennsylvania; ——— Queen, District of Columbia; H. V. Irvin, Alabama; Dr. F. E. Kneeland, Tennessee; R. E. Pitts, Mary Darnell, Indiana; Alice Fowler, Alabama; Lula Goosby, Georgia; M. L. Sanders, Missouri; F. J. Wheeler, Arkansas; M. E. Jameson, Missouri; M. M. Gilmore, South Carolina; Anna Taylor, District of Columbia; P. F. Fox, Virginia; M. E. Ross, Pennsylvania; E. Clark, Ohio; J. M. Layton, District of Columbia; Hattie Bosters, Illinois; C. G. Fishback, Kansas; M. E. Ford, Mississippi.

The Committee on Lost and Found performed a greatly needed service in caring for such articles as were lost until the owners identified them.

Committee: Mesdames Victoria Brooks, Maryland; A. E. West, Pennsylvania; A. W. Tucker, Pennsylvania; ——— Overstreet, Georgia; M. L. Buggs, Georgia; B. Ellington, Missouri; M. D. Jones, Kansas; G. E. Dennis, Arkansas; Rhoda Warner, Illinois; Hattie Mallory, South Carolina; A. Frazier, District of Columbia; W. F. Grannis,

Virginia; Eliza White, Indiana; M. E. Clark, Ohio; S. Evans, Tennessee; Cordia Ford, Indiana; S. M. Fisher, Alabama; F. Vaughn, District of Columbia; Martha Smith, Illinois.

Committee on Recommendations made the following report: First. Whereas, Dr. E. C. Morris, President of the National Baptist Convention, in his report suggested that the Convention proper seek to regulate the management of our Training School so that foreign missions and other features of our work will not suffer as a consequence of this new venture, we recommend that while we are interested in the Training School project, we pledge our hearty support to the foreign mission work, and will not allow anything to draw our interest from it.

Second. We recommend renewed effort be put forth to stimulate our women and children in the work of missions by Bible study, study of literature pertaining to missions and missionaries.

We earnestly plead on behalf of Brother H. D. Prowd that in consideration of the great needs of South America and its people, that from love and mercy to those who sit in darkness we will make an appropriation to the extent of our ability for the general work in that field.

We recommend further, since we need trained workers both for the home and foreign fields and a site with buildings upon it has been purchased, that the sisters pay at least \$1 a year to the Training School, as the Corresponding Secretary suggested.

Third. That we agree with our President in her admonition of the power of practical Christianity; Christian living should be urged upon us even beyond Christian giving.

Fourth. That we deplore the extent to which our people have been imposed upon by evil designing men and women, and with us our inducement to drive all such from our homes, churches and communities.

Fifth. That we denounce the system so prevalent in collecting money—viz.: punch cards, musical entertainments on rag time order, cake cutting, etc., and seek to encourage systematic giving.

Sixth. That an altar of prayer be established in every home, and that efforts be made to bring our children and our neighbors' children to Christ early.

Seventh. That we heartily endorse the great and needed work our President is doing under the Association for Protection of Colored Women, in meeting and rescuing our girls and women from the evils that await them when they land in our large cities.

Eighth. That we are greatly rejoiced over the victory for Temperance throughout this country during the past year, and we urge our women everywhere to give their influence, time and prayer to this great movement, by being temperate ourselves, and use all our powers to prevent intemperate practices in our families.

Ninth. That the Convention appoint a committee headed by our President to wait upon or correspond with the heads of railroads or the Interstate Commerce Commissioners, or Presidents Traveling Passenger Agents or all these, setting forth the condition of the cars in which we travel, and urge in the name of 5,000 women, that first-class facilities and service be given us for first-class fare.

Tenth. That this Convention extend thanks to Dr. Geo. W. Lee and his good people for the free use of his beautiful church edifice for our sessions; also to the entertainment committee, women, and all who in any way have helped to make our stay here pleasant.

Eleventh. That Dr. F. E. Kneeland be recognized as the medical advisor of this Convention, and that she, with such other female physicians and trained nurses as she can associate with her, constitute

Bryant made an earnest appeal that we do our full duty toward meeting expenses of our President throughout the year. Mrs. F. P. Cooper spoke in defense of Committee on Recommendations as to offering the \$100.00.

Mrs. S. A. Gates, Louisiana, inquired as to the incorporation and operating of the Training School. She was told that the Training School Committee would report that matter in full.

President Layten suggested that an appropriation for general work of Convention be considered per request of President E. C. Morris, also a donation be made to Prof. Chas. Stewart, reporter. She further suggested a month's vacation be granted the Corresponding Secretary with salary continued.

A motion to grant Corresponding Secretary the vacation carried.

Mrs. Peyton, of Illinois, wished to know if State Vice Presidents were members of the Executive Board. The Constitution was read touching that question and satisfaction given.

A motion prevailed to appropriate to President Layten's expenses, \$100; to Vice President Bryant, half expenses, \$18; to Recording Secretary, V. W. Broughton, salary, \$35; expenses, \$28.66; to Assistant Recording Secretary, M. E. Goin, \$16; to Treasurer, E. M. Abner, \$25; to Statistician, expense account, less \$8.32; and give her reports to amount to \$25; to Finance Committee, \$16; to Enrollment Committee, \$16; to chairmen of Executive Board, \$16; to donate Prof. Chas. Stewart, \$10.

The Secretary of General Convention asked for a payment to be made for publication of minutes.

A motion prevailed to defer payment on minutes at this meeting.

A second motion prevailed that the Executive Committee provide for payment of minutes.

A motion to make Mrs. Murff a life member of Convention presented.

The Corresponding Secretary explained that as a department of the National Baptist Convention we had no life memberships, but it could be done through the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

An amendment to ask Foreign Mission Board to consider \$25.00 of our appropriation to them for Mrs. Murff to become a life member.

Amendment carried.

Committee on Obituary rendered their report as given.

Upon motion it was adopted.

An amendment to have a memorial hour each year carried.

Mrs. West made an appeal for a minister's home.

Mrs. Whitfield stated we were in hearty sympathy with the movement; but were not prepared to give financial aid.

Appropriations Made.

To foreign missions, \$784; to Training School, \$419; to Publishing Board, \$32; to B. Y. F. U., \$2; to minister's home, \$1; to general expenses, \$25.

Received.

From sale of supplies, \$239.25; from annual members, \$67.

Closing song, "God be with you."

Benediction, "May God watch between us while we are absent one from the other."

V. W. BROUGHTON, Secretary.

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Name and Place	Society	Mission during the year	Amount of offerings	Cong. M-400	Purpose Mission	Travelling Exp.	Educa-tion	Conferen-	Total
Rev. Fred Montgomery C H Wilson, Memphis	The Baptist Church				\$ 2.50				\$ 2.50
Mrs. J. M. Wilson	Baptist Convention				50				50
P. Fowlkes, Mrs. Alice Robinson, Birmingham	District Convention				5.00				5.00
A. A. Brown, Mrs. C. W. Wells, Mrs. R. E. Pitts, Mrs. N. T. Pollock, Mrs. A. B. Foster, Mrs. P. H. Hughes	Shiloh Mission Society	\$ 1.00		50	2.50	1.00			6.00
Mrs. Clara Sellers	Woman's Baptist Convention	956.28	5.00		10.00	3.00			974.28
L. L. Thomas, Mrs. S. Martin, Montgomery	Woman's Mission Association				1.00	3.00	1.00		5.00
J. F. Harden, Birmingham	Baptist Mission Soc. St. Peter's Miss. Co.	147.00	2.00		8.30				157.30
	Women's Bible Mission		1.00						1.00
	St. Louis St. Baptist Church				1.00				1.00

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Mrs. Susan Robinson, Mrs. Roxey Lewis, Mrs. Eliza Phillip	Woman's State Convention. Consolidated White River Dis- trict Association			1 00	3 40		1 00		\$ 20 00	20 00
Mrs. M. F. A. Rowan Mrs. S. J. Porter, Mrs. G. E. Deane, Mrs. Lidia Brooks, Mrs. Virginia Suggs	Woman's Union District As- sociation	428 00			5 00	5 00				438 00
Mrs. E. L. Kelly, Mrs. K. C. Webb, Mrs. M. E. Mullen Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. Mary Jones	St. Mark's District Wom. Asso- ciation	43 00		1 00	5 00	3 00				62 00
Mrs. S. E. Bailey, Denmark	Baptist Women's Association		1 00	1 00	6 00	1 00	1 00			10 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

William B. Gibson, Hattie McIntosh, Washington	Mission Soc. Vt. Ave. Bap. Ch.	107 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	124 00
Mrs. Lucy Haskins, Mrs. Rose Edwards, Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Mrs. Beatrice Stewart, Mrs. Annie Minnie, Washington	Mt. Hersh Bap. Ch. Mis.	14 00			5 00			19 00
Mrs. J. M. Layton, Mrs. Della Shaw, Mrs. Martha Waldron, Mrs. M. B. Wood, Mrs. Ella Bostic, Mrs. Mary Sewall, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. F. Waugh, Mrs. Annie Taylor, Mrs. Emma Willis	Baptist Wom. H. F. Mis. Soc.							
Mrs. Jane Strawn	Sisters of Mt. Airy Bap. Chn.		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00

FLORIDA

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NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY.	Last day this year	Gen'ral Expenses.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Printing of Bibles			Congrational	Total
Mrs. T. E. Knight, Mrs. M. A. Roberts, Mrs. M. A. Holmer, Mrs. E. P. Wil- lams, Mrs. A. W. Bell, Mrs. T. Dorrak, Mrs. L. A. Lett- wich	Wom. Mis. and Educa. Conv....	1,410 00	3 50	6 00	15 80	6 80		6 00		1,440 50
Pensacola Mrs. Julia A. Patterson, Jack- sonville	Home Mission Society		1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00				5 00
	Home Mi. and Edu. Bethel Ch.	155 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		160 00

GEORGIA

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Mrs. Odessa Hawk, Mrs. H. E. Harris, Mrs. C. E. Lo- gan, Mrs. L. E. Postress....	Fulton Co. Wom. Mis. Conv.		2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 00
Rev. P. J. Bryant, Miss Mat- tie Reid, Mrs. E. P. Wing- field, Mrs. E. Galtoss, Mrs. Mary Randall, Mrs. J. S. Franklin, Mrs. J. F. Crook, Mrs. Lula Goosey, Atlanta...	Wom. Mis., Wheat St. Bap. Ch.	200 00	2 00		5 00	10 00	2 00	219 00
European Bryant, Mrs. Tobie Grant, Mrs. W. F. McKin- sey, Mrs. H. E. Harris, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Mary Underwood, Mrs. Fanny								

Anderson, Mrs. C. B. Logan	General State Bap. Convention.	1,172 65	5 00	5 00	10 00	20 00	5 35	1,911 00
Mrs. C. D. Sims, Mrs. F. D.	Wom. Miss Club, St. John's Ch.	25 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	10 00	3 00	50 00
Mrs. Lella Huff, Mrs. H. McCary, Mrs. M. L. Banks,	Delaney Mission Club	121 00			4 00	1 40	1 00	129 00
Mrs. Sophia Scott, Washington	Springfield Mission Society	6 08			4 55	1 60		12 10
Mrs. M. G. McIntosh, Darlene	Mission Club, St. John's Bap Ch.	20 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25 00
Mrs. Lula Washington, Mrs. Sophia Scott, Mrs. N. T. Victoria								
Daniels, Mrs. Hattie Forrest, Mrs. L. B. Berry, Mrs. L. R. Burge	Woman's State Baptist Conv.	1,025 22	1 00	1 00	16 00	5 00	2 00	1,061 00
Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Mary Underwood, Mrs. Sarah Christal	Woman's Aux. Zion Bap. Asso	40 00	1 54	1 50	1 50	1 50		47 50

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Susie Thornton, Mrs. Ida Moore, Miss M. M. Pettacy, Chicago	Mission So. Providence Bap. Ch.	55 00	3 00		2 00		60 00
Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Mrs. Eva Hooper, Chicago	Juvenile Mission Band, Ebenezer Baptist Church		1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	6 00
Mrs. Maria Tolos, Mrs. Marguerita Blake, Chicago	Mother's Union	25 00		3 00	3 00	1 00	35 00
Mrs. Mattie Bledsoe, Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Cairo	Woman's Mission Society, 19th St. Baptist Church	4 00					4 00
Mrs. Mary Jones, Chicago	Friendship Bap. Ch. Miss Circle		1 00	1 00	3 00		5 00
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Miss M. M. Wallis	Woman's Educational and Miss Conv., Mt. Olive E. A.	66 42		3 00	6 00		76 42
Mrs. A. M. Peyton, Mrs. Nat							

ILLINOIS—Continued.

NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY.	sent during the year	General Expenses	Mission	Foreign Missions	Training School	Education	Conventions	Total
Mrs. Hester, Mrs. W. Love, Mrs. S. B. Thomas, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mrs. Rosie Rummage, Mrs. Rhoda Warren, Chicago	Woman's Home, Foreign Missions So., Ebenezer Disp. Ch.	11 00	2 00		2 00				15 00
Mrs. Eliza Logan, Mrs. Virginia King, Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. Susie Hazel, Mrs. Stella Bolden, Mrs. Florence McBride, Mrs. Marie West, Mrs. Mary Baker	Woman's Home, Foreign Missions Conv., Wood River Association	535 00							535 00
Mrs. S. J. Gray, Mrs. L. C. Gales, Mrs. D. J. Marlan	Woman's Conv., N. Wood River Association		4 00	2 00	2 00		2 00		10 00
Miss Bell Day, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, Mrs. Luvenia Davis, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Mrs. Nellie Gregg, Mrs. Bettie Seals, Mrs. Janie Scott, Mrs. M. L. Smith, Mrs. M. W. A. Hagans, Mrs. H. Wright, Chicago	Olivet Mission Circle	485 00	2 60		5 00	17 80			510 00
Miss Maud Holcomb, Miss Bessie E. Foster, Miss Minnie Banks, Miss Viola Lumpkins, Miss F. V.									

Banks, Miss Julia Woodruff, Miss Lina Huff A. Payson	Olivet Bap. Church Sunbeams.	8 00				2 00			10 00
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INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. M. L. Benson, Mrs. Nellie Young, Ardmore	C. M. Society, 1st Baptist Ch.	5 00							5 00
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INDIANA.

Rev. G. W. Ward, Indianapolis.	Lott Carey Circle, Mt Zion Ch.	7 50			3 00	1 00			11 50
Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. Delta Norton	Mission Circle, Corinthian Baptist Church								
Mrs. Hannah Kincaid, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Indianapolis	Miss. So., Metropolitan Bap. Ch. Mission Soc. Counsell Bap. Ch.				5 00				5 00
					3 00	2 00			5 00

KANSAS.

Mrs. Emma Gaines, Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Mrs. H. F. Frazier, Mrs. W. L. Grant, Mrs. C. G. Flehback, Rev. Geo. McNeal, Mrs. M. D. Jones, Rev. J. H. Vaslen, Rev. E. A. Wilson, Rev. J. H. Ramsey, Rev. F. M. Hall, Rev. J. R. Richardson	W. H. and F. Miss. Convention.	267 84	4 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	4 00		288 84
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KENTUCKY.

Mrs. D. A. Gaddie, Louisville.	Sawing Cir. Gras St. Bap. Ch.	110 88	1 00	2 00	5 00				118 88
Miss Nellie Wells, Owensboro.	Wom. Miss. Soc., 4th Bap. Ch.	30 00			2 00				30 00
Mrs. Millie Thomas, Danville.	DePaulkner Mission Society								
Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Mrs. N. Leach, Mrs. A. D. Hurt, Mrs. S. W. Underwood	Baptist Woman's Miss. Conv.	888 12							888 12

LOUISIANA.

NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY.	Sent during the year.	General Expenses.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Training School.	Bible Education.	Conventions.	Total.
Mrs. Nellie L. West, Mrs. Mamie L. Grabom, Mrs. Mary A. Cook, Mrs. L. D. Paulitt, Mrs. S. A. Gates, Mrs. S. Lewis, Mrs. M. L. Weels, Mrs. S. Williams	Baptist Wom. State Conv. (Old)		4 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00		20 00
Mrs. M. Frank, New Orleans	4th Baptist Church Miss. So.		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00
S. A. Gates, S. Lewis, New Orleans	4th Baptist Church Miss. So.		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00
Ella Major, L. Williams, New Orleans	1st Free Mis. Bap. Ch. Miss. So.		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00
Mrs. V. Tingle	Mother's Conference		40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00		200 00
Mrs. Susie O. Love, Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Mrs. Leona Davis, Mrs. Phoebe Skirt	Mission Baptist Convention		4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00		20 00
Mrs. Mary Hunter, Mrs. Dorah Austin, New Orleans	Mission of Plymouth		1 00	1 00	1 00				3 00
Mrs. A. E. Rendle	Woman's Third District Asso.	71 85	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00		\$ 76 85
Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mrs. Lulla C. Capers, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington, Mrs. Sarah Stokes	13th District Asso. of Wom. W.					1 00			1 00
Mrs. Mattie Galtner	Wom. Workers, Transylvania	25 00			2 50				27 50

MISSOURI.

Mrs. M. L. Sanders, Mrs. L. B. Capps, Mrs. S. A. Botts	Woman's Con., Mt. Zion Dis.				10 00				10 00
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Mrs. M. E. Colas, Mrs. M. L. Sanders, Mrs. A. H. Brown, Mrs. Mary B. Ellington, St. Louis	Wom. State Conv., Missouri	40 00							40 00
	Mission Church, Ebenezer Ch.	10 00							10 00

MISSISSIPPI.

Mrs. V. Carter, Ebenezer Miss. Church	Woman's Workers Club, Mt. Zion	20 00			2 50				22 50
Mrs. E. W. Jones, Mrs. L. A. Matthews, Rev. W. D. Jude, Jamestown Miss.	Abundant Baptist Church		1 00	1 00	1 00				3 00
Mrs. W. J. Gentry, Mrs. M. A. Adams, Mrs. M. E. Ford, Dr. C. T. Stamps, Prof. W. A. Singleton, Mrs. F. L. Wood, Mrs. Carrie Topp, Rev. S. H. Harris	Woman's Baptist Auxiliary Convention, N. Miss.	500 00	5 00		10 00	5 00			520 00
Mrs. B. J. Gentry, Mrs. V. E. Jones, Mrs. W. L. Phillips	Women's Conv. Auxiliary	205 00			5 00	5 00			215 00
Mrs. E. E. Shaw, Mrs. W. E. Studvant, North Mississippi	Women's H. F. Miss. Conv.	199 00			10 00		1 00		209 00
	Wom. Miss. Conv. N. Miss.	13 00		2 00	5 00				20 00
Mrs. H. C. Wicks, J. D. Carter	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	250 00			10 00				260 00

MARYLAND.

Mrs. L. A. Drew, Mrs. Mary S. S. Wormley	Baptist West Convention				22 67	50 00			72 67
Mrs. M. E. Jones, Mrs. V. E. Jones, Mrs. S. H. Harris, Mrs. L. A. Drew, Mrs. Mary S. S. Wormley	Woman's Home, Foreign Miss. Co-operative Convention				11 00	1 00			12 00

MARYLAND—Continued

NAME AND PLACE.	NAME AND PLACE.	sent during the year	General Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Education	Conventions	Total
Smith, Mrs. C. Washington. Mrs. J. L. Martin, Mrs. J. Gosway	Baptist Woman's Convention								

NORTH CAROLINA.

Mrs. Jane Jordan, Mrs. Della Brown, Ashland City	Oryll H. F. Mission Society			1 00	1 00				2 00
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NEW YORK.

Mrs. M. W. Gilbert, New York City	Woman's Mission, Olive Church	18 85		2 00	2 00				42 85
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OHIO.

Mrs. Anna C. Thomas, Colum- bus	G. De Baptist Mission Socie- ty, Bethany Baptist Church	70 00	1 00		4 00				75 00
Mrs. M. L. Batchlor, Mrs. J. W. He Tobny, Rev. B. J. West- brook, Mrs. C. A. Thomp- son, Mrs. E. Smith, Rev. Jethro, Rev. E. M. Osborn, Rev. W. Whitaker	Woman's Society		20 00						20 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Alice W. Tucker, Mrs. Mary E. Barrett, Mrs. Mar- tha Alston, Mrs. Irene Jack- son, Mrs. Fannie Barnett, Philadelphia	Lydia Mission Baptist Ch. 426 South 18th St.	482 00			50 00	25 00			557 00
Mrs. Anna Bryant, Mrs. Mi- chale Russell, Philadelphia	Sweet Beulah Cir., W. Bap. Ch.	250 00				5 00			255 00
Mrs. Anna Lettler, Mrs. Gus- sie Brown, Williamsport	Mission Bd., Ebenezer Bap. Ch. Wm. Aux. As., Union Bap. Ch.								
Mrs. Amanda East, Miss Jen- nie Burnley, Miss Eudora East, Williamsport	Little Reapers Band, Shiloh Baptist Church								
Miss Mary Gordan, Miss Lucy Sherman, Miss Elizabeth Brown, Williamsport	Mission Bd., Shiloh Baptist Ch.								

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mrs. M. M. Gilmore, Mrs. M. F. Davidson, Mrs. Ida B. Nunley, Mrs. Emma M. Walker, Mrs. Jennie M. Wal- ker, Mrs. Hattie Mallory, Mrs. M. E. Robinson, Mrs. Clara E. Berkins, Mrs. Amanda Per- sauders, Miss C. Gary, Miss Eva Hill	Woman's Baptist Mission and Educational Convention	284 37							284 37
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TEXAS.

Mrs. J. H. Moss, Mrs. B. E. Moss, Mrs. Ida Lewis	Wm. Aux. As., N. West Abilene	234 00							234 00
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NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY.	Not during the year	General Expenses	Mission	Foreign Mission	Training School	Education	Contributions	Total
Mrs. C. H. Dougless, Wondville	General Bowen District Assn	120 00	6 00			5 00			130 00
Mrs. H. Weakley, Miss M. M. Kimball, Mrs. J. R. Pius, Mrs. R. E. Reynolds, Mrs. M. Shackle, Mrs. M. E. Aikens, Mrs. M. C. Clellen, Mrs. J. N. Moss	Mission and Education Conv.		2 50	5 00	5 00	2 50	5 00		20 00
Mrs. M. M. Buckner, Mrs. N. M. Thomas, Mrs. L. V. Hurd, Mrs. V. Shaw	St. John District Association	10 00							10 00
Rev. I. A. Kelley, Mrs. H. Hensley, San Antonio	Mission Society, 2d Baptist Ch		3 00			2 00			5 00
Mrs. M. M. Buckner, Mrs. E. W. Abner, Mrs. Georgia Houston, Mrs. M. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Williams, Mrs. A. Kelly, Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, Miss Pinker	General Bap. Conv., Wom. Aux. Friendship Association	1,700 00	10 00			10 00			1,720 00
Mrs. M. E. Aikens	Woman's District Association	47 00	1 00	2 00	2 50	2 50	2 00		57 00
	Mt. Zion Association		6 00			5 00			10 00

TENNESSEE.

Mrs. M. A. Bell, Mrs. Mary Bruce, Mrs. Lizzie Elder.

Mrs. Rena Burk, Mrs. Bertha Hall, Mrs. Mattie Glenn, Mrs. Gertrude Daulela, Mrs. Minnie Cottrell, Mrs. Georgia Waters, Mrs. Mattie Black, Mrs. N. L. Bishop.	Woman's Mission and Educational Soc., 1st Bap. Church	275 00			100 00	15 00			400 00
Chattanooga	Mt. Olive Mission Society		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00
Mrs. Harriet Boyd, Nashville.									

VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Mary Hogan, Richmond.	Emanuel Baptist Church								
Mrs. S. E. Christian, Mrs. E. P. Fox, Mrs. Rosa Burk, Mrs. L. W. Tyrrell, Miss Bessie Phelps, Mrs. W. P. Graham, Mrs. A. R. Boaz, Mrs. Emma E. Johnson, Mrs. L. S. Edwards.	Woman's Baptist State Educational Convention		22 25	56 95					166 40
Mrs. Lucy Stratton, Roanoke	Mission Band, 1st Baptist S S		2 50	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 00		13 00
Mrs. Lillie Fairfax, West Vir.	Woman's National Bap. Conv.	1,200 00							1,200 00
Mrs. W. L. Grant, Mrs. Susie Hazel, Mrs. A. M. Peyton, Mrs. J. Loney, Mrs. Emma Gaines, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. Herald, Mrs. Zephora Brown, Mrs. M. H. Golts, Mrs. A. M. Logan	Woman's Conv. Aux. to the 1st Dis. Conv. Western Baptist		5 00	5 00	8 00	5 00			23 00
	B. Y. F. U. Board						5 00		5 00

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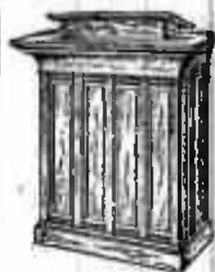
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