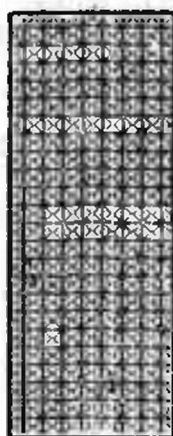


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Whereas, It is the sense of the colored Baptists of the United States of America, convened in the city of Atlanta, Ga., September 28th, 1895, in the several organizations known as "The Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America," 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 Sec-

retaries of any of the Boards for the objects of the work fostered by the Convention at any time during the year. (2) Life. Any one in good standing in any regular Missionary Baptist church may become a life member by the payment of Twenty Dollars at the time of enrollment, or Five Dollars for four consecutive years. (3) Annual. Any one who is a member of a regular Missionary Baptist church in good standing may become an annual member by the payment of One Dollar annually.

#### ARTICLE IV.—Officers.

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

#### ARTICLE V.—Duties of Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE VI.—Management.

The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting a Foreign Mission, a Home Mission, an Educational, a B. Y. P. U., a Publishing

Board and other Boards, as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and these Boards shall continue in office until a new election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE VII.—Qualifications.

All agents, missionaries, district, field and corresponding secretaries employed by the Boards of this Convention must be members of some

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

## ARTICLE VIII.—Annual Meetings.

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

## AMENDMENTS

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

*Cities in which the sessions of the National Baptist Convention have been held from its organization in 1880 to the present.*

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
OF THE  
National Baptist Convention.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

Morning.

10:00—Called to order by the President.

Devotions conducted by Rev. J. H. Wynn, Texas, and Rev. G. W. Wyatt, Ohio. Theme: "The Leadership of the Spirit."

10:30—Welcome addresses:

- (1) On behalf of the colored Baptists of Lexington—Rev. E. W. Hawthorne, D. D.
- (2) On behalf of the State—Gov. Augustus E. Williams.
- (3) On behalf of the colored Baptists of the State—Rev. J. H. H. Frank, D. D.
- (4) On behalf of the white Baptists of the city—Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D., pastor First Baptist Church (white).
- (5) On behalf of the citizens of the city—Mayor John Skain.
- (6) On behalf of the colored citizens of Lexington—Dr. W. H. Ballard.
- (7) On behalf of the educational institutions and Negro school-teachers—Prof. G. P. Russell.
- (8) On behalf of the sister denominations of the city—Rev. C. C. Townsend.
- (9) On behalf of the Local Executive Committee—Rev. J. W. Hawkins, D. D.
- (10) On behalf of the Lexington Ministers' Meeting—Rev. R. T. Frye, A. M., B. D.

11:30—Response to the welcome address, by Rev. D. H. Harris, D. D., Chicago.

12:00—Benediction

Afternoon.

2:00—Devotions by Rev. P. A. Callahan, Fla., and Rev. R. Kemp, Kemp, South Carolina. Theme: "Loyalty to Christ."

2:30—Annual address of the President, Dr. E. C. Morris, Helena, Ark.

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- 3:30—Remarks by Chairman M. W. Gilbert, D. D.  
Presentation of the report of the Educational Board, Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.  
5:00—Adjournment.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions by Rev. T. W. Walker, D. D., Alabama, and Rev. J. D. Zuber, Mississippi. Theme: "God's approval of the year's work."  
8:00—Annual Sermon by Rev. T. J. Searcy, D. D., Memphis, Tenn. Alternate, Rev. W. D. Wood, D. D., Roanoke, Va.  
9:00—Announcement of Committees. Collection. Benediction.

## SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:00—Devotions by Rev. A. W. Bryant, Ga., and Rev. G. D. Grinn, D. D., North Carolina.  
9:30—Reading Journal of previous day's sessions.  
10:00—Presentation of the Report of the B. Y. P. U. Board, Rev. E. W. O. Isaac, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.  
11:00—12:00—Discussion of the Report of the Educational Board, led by J. E. Shepherd, M. D., Durham, N. C., and Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., Augusta, Ga.  
Adjournment.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions led by Rev. A. B. Flood, Louisiana, and Rev. W. H. Patterson, Indiana.  
2:30—Remarks by Chairman C. H. Parrish, D. D.  
Presentation of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board by Dr. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary.  
3:30—Discussion of the B. Y. P. U. Board Report, led by Rev. H. M. Williams, D. D., Galveston, Tex.  
Collection for the B. Y. P. U. Board.  
Adjournment.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions led by Rev. Jones Watkins, D. D., Maryland, and Rev. C. H. Anderson, California.  
8:00—Sermon by Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Chicago. Alternate, Rev. M. W. Reddick, Americus, Ga.  
Collection for the Educational Board. Benediction.

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## THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:00—Devotions led by Rev. R. W. Patterson, Arkansas, and Rev. C. A. Buchanan, Oklahoma.  
9:30—Reading Journal of previous day's sessions.  
10:00—Remarks by Chairman Rev. C. B. Brown.  
Presentation of the Report of the N. B. B. A. Board, Rev. A. A. Cosey, Corresponding Secretary.  
10:30—Short addresses on work of F. M. Board: "The needs as I see them after seven years' experience in Central Africa, fourteen thousand miles away." Rev. L. N. Cheek, returned missionary.  
11:00—The outlook for supplying the needs of our workers on foreign fields. Rev. J. G. Fishback, B. D., Kansas.  
11:15—Holding the rope for the life-savers sent out by the National Convention. Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., Pennsylvania.  
11:30—How to gather the ripened grain, and roll-call of the faithful few. Secretary Jordan, Kentucky.  
11:45—Address: "Outlook for Christianity in the Philippine Islands," by Rev. E. W. W. Gladden, D. D., Sacket Harbor, N. Y.  
Adjournment.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions led by Rev. N. Hix, South Carolina, and Rev. S. G. Lampkins, D. D., Washington.  
Remarks by Chairman Dr. J. P. Robinson and Chairman C. H. Clark, D. D.  
2:30—Presentation of the Home Mission Board and Publishing Board Reports, Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.  
3:45—Discussion of the report of the N. B. B. A. Board, led by Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., Pittsburg, Pa.  
4:30—Miscellaneous business. Recess.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions led by Rev. S. P. Anderson, Missouri, and Rev. E. B. Young, D. D., Mississippi.  
8:00—Sermon by Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, Kansas. Alternate, Rev. L. A. Carter, D. D., Knoxville, Tenn.  
Benediction.

## FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:00—Devotions, led by Rev. J. A. Dingsman, Nebraska, and Rev. W. A. James, Kentucky.

- 9:30—Discussion of the Report of the Home Mission Board and Publishing Board.
- 11:30—N. B. Benefit Association Board's Sermon, by Rev. A. N. McEwen, D. D., Mobile, Ala. Theme: "The Duty of the Church to the Aged and Decrepit Ministers." Alternate, Rev. J. D. Hankerson, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Collection for the N. B. B. Board. Benediction.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions led by Rev. I. V. Brynnt, W. Virginia, and Rev. A. C. Ward, Massachusetts.
- 2:30—Open Parliament for discussion of plans for the future work of the Convention, opened by Rev. J. F. Thomas, D. D., Chicago.
- 5:00—Recess.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions conducted by Rev. D. V. Jemison, B. D., Alabama, and Rev. T. D. Atkins, Virginia.
- 8:00—Discussion: "Economic questions affecting the race."
- "The spirit and letter of State laws for separate railroad accommodation of the races." Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., Ala.
- "Statutes of the States as Enacted," Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.
- "The railroad accommodations in the South for black and white people compared." Miss N. H. Burroughs, Kentucky.
- "Moral suasion on the subject, and what of the train porter." Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D.
- "Legal suasion as a way out: how to begin and where to end." Attorney W. H. Harrison, Oklahoma.
- Adjournment.

## FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:30—Mass Sunday-school. Collection by States for the Publishing Board.
- 11:00—Sermon by Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.: "What Organization has done for the Negro Baptists." Alternate, Dr. E. J. Fisher, Chicago.
- Collection for purchasing lot in Panama Zone.

## Afternoon.

- 3:00—Missionary Mass Meeting. Dr. C. H. Parkes, Chairman Foreign Mission Board, presiding.
- Singing—Chorus.

- Devotions, Rev. T. L. Griffith, Iowa, and Rev. J. C. Love, B. D., New Jersey.
- Solo—Miss Florence J. Pamplin, Illinois.
- "Our aim as applicants for foreign fields." Bros. R. Z. Johnstone, Va.; Wm. J. Purcell, S. C., and J. E. East, Pennsylvania.
- "My farewell to the National Convention ere I return to Africa." Rev. L. N. Cheek, returned missionary.
- "What next for us as pastors?" Rev. Jno. H. Frank, D. D., M. D., Ky.
- "Duty ours, victory and the glory belonging to God." Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D.
- Solo—Prof. H. B. Britt, Kentucky.
- Collections for Foreign Missions. Benediction.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions led by Rev. E. J. Prince, Ohio, and Rev. W. D. Vann, Florida.
- 8:00—Sermon by Rev. E. R. Carter, Atlanta, Ga. Theme: "The Home Field." Alternate, Rev. J. C. Love, Mt. Clair, N. J.
- Collection. Convention benediction.

## SIXTH DAY—MONDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:00—Devotions, led by Rev. S. W. Flinn, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. J. B. Green, Louisiana.
- 9:30—Reading and correcting the Journal.
- 10:00—Reports of Committees and consideration of same.
- 12:00—Collection. Recess.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions led by Rev. John Mark, Louisiana, and Rev. A. R. Griggs, Texas.
- 2:30—Consideration of Recommendation and Alterations, etc.
- 3:30—Report of Women's Auxiliary Convention.
- 5:00—Recess.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions, led by Rev. P. Jones, Texas, and Rev. J. R. Nelson, North Carolina.

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- 8:00—Closing Sermon by Rev. P. R. Nell, Ardmore, Okla. Alternate.  
Rev. J. B. Beckham, Denver, Col.  
9:00—Closing remarks by the President.

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| Rev. Wm. Haynes, D. D.  | Tennessee |
| Wm. H. Stewart, Esq.    | Kentucky  |
| Rev. Geo. E. Stevens    | Missouri  |
| Rev. J. H. May          | Georgia   |

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| Rev. J. B. Miller, B. D.  | Alabama      |
| Rev. W. H. Heard          | Tennessee    |
| Rev. J. R. Bennett, D. D. | Illinois     |
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| Rev. Geo. McNeal          | Kansas       |
| Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D.  | Virginia     |

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| Rev. Calvin Hunter                 | Mississippi |
| Rev. Wm. Ward                      | Indiana     |

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,

R. C. MORRIS, D. D., Chairman.  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

## MINUTES.

## WEDNESDAY—FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 16, 1908.

The National Baptist Convention was called to order in its twenty-eighth annual session in the Auditorium by Dr. E. C. Morris, the president, at 10:15 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Wyatt, of Ohio, was introduced to conduct the devotional services. "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" was sung as the opening number. Rev. Wyatt read the 10th chapter of Romans, and Rev. A. Barber, D. D., of Texas, offered a fervent prayer invoking divine guidance during the sessions. "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" was sung under the direction of Dr. N. H. Pius, musical director. Rev. Dr. Ward offered prayer. "I am a soldier in the army of my Lord" was sung. The official program was read by Prof. R. B. Hudson, Secretary of the Convention.

On motion of Dr. C. T. Walker the official program was amended by fixing Thursday at four o'clock as the time for holding the election of officers.

On motion of Dr. E. W. D. Isaac the program was changed so as to provide for a paper by Dr. S. E. Griggs, subject, "The Amicable Adjustment of the Race Question and the Part the Young People are to Play," Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Collection for the B. Y. B. U. Board follows Dr. Isaac's report.

On motion of Dr. Robt. Mitchell the report of the Statistician and Auditor were set for Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was permitted, by motion, to substitute a program for the one in the official program for Sunday afternoon. The official program as amended was adopted. (27)

The president announced the time for the welcome addresses and greetings.

The announcement of the death of Rev. J. W. Hawkins, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, city, was made.

A recess of five minutes was taken out of respect to the memory of the deceased brother minister, and a fervent and earnest prayer for the relief and consolation of the stricken family and congregation, was offered by the venerable Rev. D. A. Gaddie, D. D., of Louisville, Ky. "Jesus lover of my soul" was sung by the Convention.

The following addresses of welcome were delivered:

On behalf of the Colored Baptists of Lexington, by Rev. E. W. Hawthorne, D. D., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. On behalf of the Baptists of Kentucky, by Dr. John H. Frank, of Louisville. On behalf of the white Baptists of the city, by Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D., pastor of First Baptist Church. On behalf of the citizens, by Hon. John Skain, Mayor. On behalf of the colored citizens, by Dr. W. H. Ballard. Further addresses of welcome were deferred to the evening session, and Rev. D. H. Harris, D. D., of Chicago, was introduced to respond to the addresses of welcome on behalf of the Convention. All of the addresses were fittingly appropriate and heartily received by the Convention.

Several announcements were made as to the meeting of State delegations and the Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. L. L. Campbell, of Texas.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled in afternoon session at 3:30 o'clock. The president, Dr. E. C. Morris, presiding.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Newman, of Florida, and Rev. P. Jones, of Texas.

The congregation sang "I am a soldier in the army of my Lord," led by Rev. N. H. Pius, the musical director.

Rev. Newman read the 46th Psalm.

The Convention arose and sang "I feel like going on."

Prayer was offered by Rev. P. Jones.

Song, "Ye Christian heralds go proclaim."

The Secretary announced the mail for the delegates.

Prof. G. W. Hynes, the noted exhibitor of Nashville, announced the arrangement for taking the picture of the delegation.

"Jesus Lover of my soul" was sung.

Rev. W. W. Whitton, Vice-President for Tennessee, presented Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President of the Convention, to deliver his annual address.

The Convention arose in one great body and enthusiastically received President Morris, who spoke as follows.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Comrades:—In rising to address you upon this important occasion, I am deeply impressed with the tremendous responsibility of the hour. For fourteen consecutive years you have required me to come before you to deliver what is called the annual address of the president of your Convention; and for as many years you have, with a unanimity hitherto unknown to deliberate bodies, accepted in the most part these addresses as an outline of the policy to be pursued by the Convention; and, I may add, that with the same unanimity of action you have seen fit to elect me to preside over the deliberations of this great Convention. I would show myself less than human if I did not feel, yea, express my very high appreciation of the honors conferred and confidence expressed by such action, and, yet, I must say that I feel myself very unworthy of the many notable distinctions which you have thrust upon me.

To attempt to pilot an organization like the National Baptist Convention, which is the most conspicuous representative of the religious life of the ten million Negroes in this country, is a very great task, and one which requires more than human strength and wisdom to direct.

Our meeting here to-day is an evidence that an unerring Providence watches over us, and often overrules our plans and purposes. When we closed the meeting one year ago it was our most sanguine hope that this session of the Convention would be held in the great metropolis of our country—New York City—but unforeseen conditions arose which made it necessary to bring the meeting to this beautiful city, situated almost in the center of the great state of Kentucky, and in the very heart of the famous bluegrass region about eleven hundred feet above the sea level, where

we can enjoy for a few days the pure atmosphere and genuine hospitality of the "Old Kentucky Home."

I congratulate you, and, indeed, our race upon the fact that we have given more attention to the religious life of our people than any other phase of their life. It is sometimes said that the Negro is too religious and that he has given too much time and money to religious organizations, but, in my opinion, no better foundation could have been laid for the future of the race than that which has been laid—Christianity. Nor has the task been an easy one; for while the ministers of the Gospel have been proclaiming aloud to the people to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," the politician and many of the professional men of the race have endeavored to lead the people into the notion of making Christianity a side issue, to be used only at convenient seasons. I hope you do not underestimate your success, and the wonderful influence you have over the people; and since the foundation has been well and properly laid, that you will exercise your great influence in building thereon.

The millions of dollars invested in church edifices, and the thousands of dollars spent by and through the church for the support of Christian schools, and the thousands spent for the training of men and women for Christian service, is the best evidence of the success of the real leaders of the people—the ministers.

I wish to urge upon you the importance of resisting with all the powers of mind and soul the present day inclination to so modernize Christianity as to strip it of all the fires of enthusiasm and make of it a cold, frozen bundle of relics of the past which have lost their value. Your position and achievements have set you forward as the world's greatest benefactors, and as the race's most successful professional men and you can well afford to point with pride to the achievements of the Negro ministry since the emancipation of our race in this country.

Nothing short of the great judgment morning will disclose the many heart-aches and privations borne by the men who have been the foundation builders of a race of people in a country like ours.

#### *Much Patience Needed.*

The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States were enacted at a time when our race was, so to speak, in swaddling clothes. Those amendments were intended for the protection of the emancipated people, and while these have been severely criticised and many good

people hold that they came at the wrong time, yet they were the only defense that a helpless people had under the changed conditions; but without entering into a lengthy discussion of whether these amendments came too early or not, it should be accepted that a people who has reduced its illiteracy from nearly 100 to 40 per cent in less than half a century are entitled now to every right which those amendments were intended to secure. To live and be considered an integral part of a Christian nation and to be required, comparatively speaking, to bear an equal part of the taxation necessary to support the government and then be denied the ballot and the right to participate in the affairs of the government, and forced by proscriptive laws to accept third-class fare for first-class price on railroads, steamboats and the like, which laws are at variance with the Federal Constitution, are some of the conditions which our race is facing at this time. But can we not find ground for patience under these trying conditions? Do you not know that the poisoned arrows of race hatred which have disgraced so many of our states and have no other purpose than the humiliation of our race, and to make them feel themselves less than men, have fallen harmless at our feet? The man or men who pose as statesmen deserve the pity of intelligent, thoughtful people, who would imagine that the manhood of the Negro can be crushed beneath jim-crow laws—such a man is very ignorant indeed. And do you know that the segregation laws on the public carriers of the country have rather increased than diminished the race problem?

The Negro is the one proscribed being, and, therefore, will be the only man to get any benefit from the infamous class legislation. The first, second and third class white American; the first, second and third class European who may chance to be in our country, every class of the white immigrants from the old world, the Japanese, the Chinese, the Indian, the Philippino, the Jew, the Greek and, in short, all except the Negro, must mix on the public highway under the jim-crow laws; hence, under these debasing laws the Negro is the only man to enjoy absolute separation. Such nonsensical legislation is, of course, a reflection upon the statesmanship of the century. The one and only solvent for the inequality which exists in the civil and political rights of the people is Christianity, and the Christian influences in the country are abundantly able to overcome the political demagogue and bring the government back to those fundamental principles of equal rights to all and special privileges to none; and permit me to say, that if these just and equitable conditions cannot be obtained through Chris-

tianity, then they never will come to abide. I am sure that the Christian conscience of the nation has not been fully aroused to this all important matter, for when it is, the civil and political powers will yield to the irresistible force of those higher and nobler principles.

Paul, though bound with chains and surrounded with an armed guard, was the master rather than a prisoner in the court of Festus and Agrippa. The time has come to put the crucial test to American Christianity to ascertain whether it is a hollow mockery, or whether its principles are to be relied upon. It is said that the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it;" if so, then why should it permit its most vital principles to be crushed beneath race and class hatred?

The prophet Jeremiah said, "And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. Therefore thus saith the Lord; ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine." (Jeremiah 34:15, 16, 17.) Unless there is a getting together of the Christian forces in this country, this awful prophecy made concerning the people of old may be repeated upon our nation. Nearly every effort put forth for civic righteousness is checked by reference to the race question, which clearly demonstrates that many professed Christians would rather yield their hope of eternal life than grant to the black man all the rights due him under the Constitution of our country.

#### *The Progress of the Race.*

The question is frequently asked, if the progress made by the Negro people fully justifies the enormous sacrifice of time, money and men that have been spent for their elevation? to which we answer, emphatically, yes. But to sustain the truth of such an answer, a careful survey of the entire broad expanse of our great country wherever there are any considerable number of our people, must be taken under consideration, without overlooking the tremendous odds against which they have had to contend.

The distance between the present status of our race at



this day and its condition at the time of the emancipation is inconceivable, and the unparalleled advancement and achievements of the race under the conditions is one of the marvels of the age. Such master minds as Ray Stannard Baker are going to the very bottom of the race question in this country and are turning up to the astonishment of the world such facts as will justify the statement that the Negro's progress is, without question, one of the wonders of the world.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, whose position in the commercial world sets him forward as authority upon industrial and commercial matters, when returning from the Great Peace Conference, and while in his native country, being called upon to make an address, chose as a subject, the American Negro and his Progress, and paid a tribute to the race which will pass down the ages as an unimpeachable testimony that the American Negro is on the upward march.

Judge Wm. H. Taft, in a recent address, said, in effect, that there is developing in the South (referring to the Negro) an element of citizens of whom the whole country should be proud. When the progress of the race is so pronounced as to attract the attention of such men, and bring forth such expressions from such master minds, we may safely say that the progress of the race fully justifies every dollar that has been spent for its freedom and elevation. But, my friends, there are some essentials to good citizenship which must not be overlooked by the leaders lest we be driven away from the paths which lead to honor and greatness. We must not permit ourselves to be driven from the love of country and its glorious ensign by Negro haters or designing politicians. There should be no cessation of our efforts to become taxpayers, owners of homes and constructive builders of our own fortunes. Our ministers should continue to preach a gospel which is full of hope for the ultimate triumph of Christian principles.

#### *The Baptist World's Alliance.*

No matter which way we may turn in this country we meet what is called race conditions. In 1911, it is planned to hold the second session of the Baptist World's Alliance in the United States. In all probability the meeting will be held in the great city of Philadelphia, a city which has long been called the "City of Brotherly Love." But despite the latter name, it will probably be necessary, even though the meeting be held in Philadelphia, to make special arrangements for the entertainment of the Negro messengers to

save them from embarrassment and humiliation in some of the public places. This is not too early to begin the preparation in so far as our organization will be concerned. In all probability there will be representatives here from every part of the habitable globe; many of those who will come will be persons of our own race, and the fact should not be overlooked that they will be coming to a country where the conditions are different from those in any part of the known world which makes any pretention whatever at being a Christian nation. As much as we may regret it, there is no denying the fact, that in most of our American cities Negroes would be denied hotel accommodation on no other grounds than the color of their skin. Those of our people who come from abroad will not find in this country that same warm-hearted, open door reception which was extended to the forty or more Negro Messengers by the people of old England in 1905. Of course, there are notable exceptions in our country, but the rule in this regard is pretty general.

In view of the many special courtesies extended to the Negro messengers to the London Congress by the English, German and Russian Baptists, who, without an exception, so far as I was able to discern, received all without regard to color, on the broad plain of the universal brotherhood of man. I would suggest that a committee of not less than one hundred persons be appointed by this Convention to arrange a reciprocal reception for those of our brethren who do not recognize color in the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to perform such other duties as do not come within the purview of the Executive Committee of the World's Alliance.

#### *Denominational Growth.*

It should be gratifying to you to know that as the years roll by and the race becomes more and more enlightened, that the denomination increases in numbers, wealth and influence, which fact is a refutation of the oft-repeated statement that the colored Baptists are not friends to educational progress. It is not extravagant to say that fully five-eighths of all the Negroes are Baptists or inclined to Baptist principles. The last religious census taken by the government of the United States showed them to be in the majority over all the other Negro denominations in the country, and it is safe to predict that the twelfth census will show a marked increase over the past. The ratio of increase in membership is far greater than the increase of the Negro population, which should give genuine encouragement to those who

believe that Baptist principles should dominate the world, and that they are the principles enunciated by the Great Head of the Church, and that in the same proportion is the influence of those principles being exerted and recognized upon every phase of human condition and human endeavor. The individual idea of the rights of all men, the absolute freedom of conscience, the supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures, are being more and more accepted as the only safe and sane rule for the conduct of the affairs of the world.

In a material way very rapid advancement is being made. Scores of magnificent and costly churches are being erected each year. Old buildings are being torn down and larger and more substantial ones erected in their places. Christian schools are in successful operation in all the Southern and some of the Northern and Western states. The principle object before nearly all the state and district meetings seems to be the support of one or more denominational schools.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised and spent each year by the Negro Baptists in support of education. Without assuming to dictate to local organizations, I beg to say, in our anxiety to promote the cause of Christian education, we should not overlook that equal if not more important feature, the missionary work. The missionary work cannot be neglected by any of our organizations without proportionately affecting every other feature of it.

But, my brethren, the very rapid growth of our denomination brings forward new problems which the leaders must solve for the benefit of the masses. How are we to utilize the tremendous forces allied with our churches and not come in conflict with what is so often referred to as the internal rights of our churches? How are we to perpetuate a great organization like this for effectual work among the masses without coming in conflict with that class of men who seem to have no other calling than to see to it that the churches continue to flout in the face of the organization its independence? These are some of the difficulties in the way of what some call "The organized work," and must be successfully met and overcome.

#### *Economical Conditions.*

Shortly after the adjournment of the Convention one year ago, the whole country was thrown into a most depressing panic, the effect of which was felt in almost every home and in nearly every other walk of life. It would be a difficult matter to get at the reason for such depression, and it would

be useless for us to try to locate the cause, as there would be no power in us to correct it, no matter how deeply we may be affected by such conditions; but they argue one thing, and that is, that there is corruption, greed and graft among these who hold the purse-strings of the nation and that the common people may be at any time thrown at the mercy of the rich. Economic conditions are affected for good in proportion as righteousness is made the rule in the conduct of the affairs of the government, the church and the home. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Our work has felt very materially the effect of the recent panic and will prevent the boards from showing the same degree of increase as has been shown in former years. But I am glad to say that a brighter day seems to be approaching, a saner thought seems to have seized the minds of the industrial and commercial kings and we may confidently hope for better times in the near future. Under such conditions as the country has just passed through, the people should exercise great patience with those whom they have intrusted with the management of their affairs. The Negro Baptists should congratulate themselves upon the fact that in no department of their work has there been a failure or a cause for bankruptcy, notwithstanding that the appeals from the several boards have in many cases been turned down because of local conditions.

#### *Mobs and Anarchy.*

A mighty and almost irresistible wave of crime is sweeping over our country and in some instances it has assumed a most malignant form. Some of the things which are said to give rise to the mob spirit are blood curdling in the extreme; and, to an impassioned mind, would suggest summary revenge; but such a mind should not be allowed to control in a country like ours. It is not out of place for me to appeal to you, who compose a large per cent of the leaders of our people to make a careful and dispassionate study of those things which are said to lead to the unlawful taking of human life as well as the awful crime of the mob.

If the newspaper reports can be relied upon, there are scattered over the country a few low, unprincipled, degenerate beasts in human form, who are bringing on the awful rage of mad men, whose appetites are sharpened for indiscriminate carnage and bloodshed, and while that class is by no means confined to any particular race, yet it is the Negro to whom I particularly refer at this time. How is that Ne-

gro who is causing so much trouble and humiliation to the upright members of our race going to be reached so as to put an end to such outrages; as have brought on so much trouble? I am sure that there is no sympathy in the breast of any true man of our race for any one who is guilty of an assault upon any woman; hence it is incumbent upon us to help find a remedy to prevent such crimes.

It should be the purpose of every sensible man in the race to stand ready to co-operate with the officers of the law and the law-abiding citizens of the white race to keep the peace.

I regret to say that some good, reputable men of our race have been quoted in the newspapers as advising our people to "arm themselves," which can only mean further acts of violence in a Christian country. It is not at all doubted but that those men thought they were giving the right kind of advice; but when it can be seen, as in the case of Gov. Deneen and the good citizens of Springfield, Ill., and other instances which I might cite, that the armed force of the state government is ample, and has been called into play to suppress rioting, such advice is entirely out of place. Despite the criminal acts of a few low-bred, vicious Negroes in various sections of the country, our race, as a whole, has maintained the record of a peaceful, law-abiding class of American citizens, who detest the spirit of anarchy and mob violence. Do not be driven from that position by any occurrence anywhere, for as surely as the government at Washington shall stand, mob violence, anarchy and the like will be stamped out whether it be in the North or in the South, in the city or in the country, in the mine or in the factory; no matter where or by whom defiance is raised, in the end the law will be supreme and order will prevail.

As Christian leaders you cannot afford to advocate a policy which is at variance with that sung by the angels who came to announce the birth of Him who is the Prince of Peace; and as we sail against the awful current of race prejudice, let us get inspiration out of the fact that we are moving upward and onward.

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In closing my remarks on this occasion, you will pardon me for what seems to be a reference to myself, or my relation to our Convention work, which relation covers all the time from its organization to the present. My official connection with the Convention began in 1887, or twenty-one years ago, and for fourteen consecutive years you have seen fit to place upon my shoulders the chief official toga. How well and honorably I have worn it will be left for others to

say, but I make bold to brush aside becoming modesty, to say that I have endeavored to do my whole duty, with a view to promote in every honorable way the interest of my race and denomination. These interests are so great that I consider the sacrifice of a life a small price to pay for their promotion.

One who has been honored with the presidency of a great Convention like this may expect to be severely criticised and even have his motives, however pure they may be, impugned by the outside world; but it is not expected that men of the same rank, comrades in a common cause, whose interests are supposed to be identical, would, from selfish motives, attempt to overthrow both the character and reputation of those who have been put forward as leaders, and who by years of ceaseless toil, endeavored to lead an honorable life for their own and the denomination's welfare. I plead now for whoever may be my successor in office, and for all who may be set forward as leaders in the great organizations among Negro people; no matter what others may say to detract from their usefulness and influence, let there be one general rule among us, and that is, to support in every honorable way those whom we may choose to set forward to represent us in the higher councils both among our own and the other races.

If this should be my last time to appear before you as an officer of the National Baptist Convention, and if before another annual meeting I should be called upon to answer the final roll call, I beg to assure you now, that *I have done my best*, for the cause which I love as dearly as my own life, and no one thing will bring greater joy to my soul when I have been assigned a place in the general assembly on the other side of the river of death than the fact that while laboring for the good of a poor and despised race of people that *I did my level best*.

#### SUPPLEMENT.

In view of the fact that the address of the President is, as a rule, liberally received and read by the large constituency of the National Baptist Convention; and as an evidence of the interest which he has in every department of the work carried on by the Convention, this supplement to the annual address is submitted with the hope that it may be carefully read by all who may chance to get hold of a copy of the address.

For thirteen years the general work of our denomination has been directed or managed by Boards chosen by the mes-

sengers to each annual session of the Convention. It is needless that I should say that no wiser step could have been taken than the one which placed the Negro Baptists in one great organization and at the same time placed its various interests in the hands of competent boards to superintend the work from year to year. The plan is intended to cover the entire field, and comprehend every phase of denominational work, and I am glad to say it is not only getting well in hand the work in this land, but is reaching out into the countries beyond the seas.

Fortunately for the Convention, men have been chosen to have charge of the several boards who have proven themselves to be thoroughly competent to do the work intrusted to their hands.

Our Foreign Mission work is succeeding, notwithstanding the little support it is receiving from our many churches. One cannot think of that work now without feeling his heart go out to those of our brethren in far-away Africa and in South America. These brethren have left all for Christ's sake, and their only dependence for support is that which is given through the Foreign Mission Board by the lovers of Christ's cause in this country.

Brothers Bouey, Murff, Proud and Sister Murff are not strangers nor were they vagabonds when they left this country, but to the contrary they were filling successfully positions as pastors and Christian workers. And notwithstanding the fact that they were doing well and were loved and honored by their people, they could not resist the Macedonian cry to "come over and help us."

The same may be said of Brother Cheek, who is now in this country preparing to return to his loved ones and to the poor heathen, to whom he has dedicated his life. These good brethren are supported in their work by native preachers and helpers, who are doing no little towards turning the dark places of the earth into well-springs of joy and light.

The denomination is not doing its duty towards the Foreign Mission cause, which is perhaps due to a lack of information upon the important subject, "Missions," and which information can only be conveyed to the great mass of Christian people through their ministers.

Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) should be considered a small amount to be contributed each year to Foreign Missions by our denomination, and twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) should be given on every annual Foreign Mission Day.

The Home Mission work as conducted by our Home Mission Board is succeeding fairly well. Fortunately for this

board it has the co-operation of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and co-operates also with several of the State boards among our own people. The plans adopted and pursued by the Home Mission Board have proven very satisfactory wherever they have been given a fair and impartial trial. It is needless that I should recount the noble achievements of the Home Mission Board as much of those results is now a matter of history, but one of the latest efforts of this board is to preach the gospel at Panama, which effort will prepare the way for the denomination when the teeming millions of the Old World begin to pass through this new gateway into our own country.

The publishing interests of the Convention have been directed by a master mind and a steady hand and needs no special comment to convince the public that it is one of the greatest enterprises now operated by our people. It has afforded opportunities that no other department can give. Many persons who never had a thought of preparing sacred literature to be read by the coming generations have held positions on the editorial staff and are developing into first-class expositors, and others who were well prepared for such a work have found in it an opportunity. But it is not out of place for me to drop a word of warning. For sometimes when these enterprises are succeeding most they are nearer the danger line. Some people imagine that a great business like our publishing house is a machine to make money and that somebody is really getting rich off of the few dimes which they occasionally give, and when the spirit of selfishness arises in such persons they at once set up a boycott, or devise some other means to make the board feel their displeasure. Every member of our great denomination should feel that he is supporting and perpetuating an enterprise which belongs to and will continue to be a monument to the coming generations of Negro Baptists.

There was never a time when the need for trained men in the ministry was greater than the present, and so urgent is the demand that the heads of most of our colleges are urging the importance of ministerial education.

For several years we have been planning for the establishment of a great Baptist theological seminary. Some have become discouraged and have despaired of ever seeing such a school, but if it be true that "necessity is the mother of invention," the seminary is a certainty. The plans set forth are feasible and should not meet with any difficulty in being carried into execution. It is reasonably certain that most of the States will raise the amount allotted to them, but it should be borne in mind that the apportionment

to each State as already given out will only lay the foundation for such a school as we must have.

As a means of collecting the apportionments made to each State, I would suggest that the secretaries of the several State organizations in sending out blank letter forms to be filled by the churches in their reports to the State meetings leave space for this work and other work.

The following form will be good and would bring the churches in direct touch with all the work:

We send for Foreign Missions.....  
 We send for Home Missions.....  
 We send for National Baptist Seminary.....  
 We send for State Educational Work.....  
 We send for General Expense.....

Note.—I do not include in this the B. Y. P. U. and the Publishing Boards for the reason that those departments have State organizations, separate from the regular State Convention, and the same form could be followed by State Sunday-school and State B. Y. P. U. Conventions.

The work to be done for and by our young people is very great, and presents a problem that is not easy of solution. But every thoughtful Baptist, every lover of his race, can see how important it is to reach the young people in our churches. The B. Y. P. U. Board is striving hard to solve the problem and is making some progress, but cannot succeed without the co-operation of the pastors and other officers in our churches.

When one thinks of the large amount of crime that is charged against young Negro men, and, too, that class of Negroes who never see inside of a church door, will at once be impressed with the importance of the mission of the B. Y. P. U. The conquest for stimulation of Christian service should be pushed until a B. Y. P. U. button is seen upon the lapel of the coat of every Baptist young man in the country, and until those Negroes who are bringing shame to the race have been reached and redeemed.

The aged ministers' department impresses me deeply, and should be given more than a passing notice. When we think of the misery and want that linger now in the homes of some of the men who were once great heralds of the gospel, it brings a blush to our cheeks and we are forced to ask where are the people whom these old saints led into the baptismal waters, and whose loved ones were so tenderly followed to the grave by them? Surely it is only necessary that the churches be asked to give something to aid the aged and worn-out preachers to get a ready response from them.

The N. B. B. Board, which has this matter in hand, is doing well in the insurance department, but has not succeeded in developing the aged ministers' fund.

Like this Convention, the Women's National Baptist Auxiliary Convention is having its critics and opposers. But when we take under consideration the fact that the women have only been working in a separate way for a few years we must admit that they are doing well. The training school project is gaining new friends each year, and despite the little friction which occasionally arises, it is making progress.

Very truly yours,

E. C. MORRIS.

Dr. Morris has ripened in experience and judgment with the passing years of his successful administration and his able address was listened to with rapt attention and more than ordinary interest. The address was brimful of hope and inspiration and contained a striking survey of the work of our denomination in all of its various departments. It was a message of love and good will, evincing in its preparation and delivery the highest ideals of Christian citizenship. Dr. Morris concluded his magnificent address amid a wave of enthusiastical approval, and on motion of Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Chicago, the rules were suspended and Dr. Morris was re-elected by acclamation.

On motion of Dr. R. H. Boyd the president's address was adopted and ordered preserved in pamphlet form.

On motion of Dr. A. N. McEwen, the rules were suspended and the following constitutional officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz. Recording Secretary, Prof. R. B. Hudson, A. M., Alabama; Statistical Secretary, Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., Missouri; Treasurer, Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., Alabama; Auditor, Rev. Robt. Mitchell, D. D., Kentucky.

On motion of Rev. J. M. Codwell the recommendation of the President that the constitution be so amended as to provide for four assistant secretaries was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Stevens, of St. Louis, the address of the President was ordered sent to the leading journals of the country, and on amendment by Dr. L. G. Jordan it

was ordered sent to our representatives in Congress. Further amendment by Dr. Ward that a committee be appointed to have the address published in the religious papers of the country. By Dr. E. J. Fisher that the address be given to the Associated Press.

The original motion with all the amendments was adopted.

Dr. A. R. Griggs offered a resolution relating to the printing of the minutes and other purposes, which was amended by Dr. Campbell to provide that the Boards be required to pay for the printing of the minutes in proportion to the amount of matter furnished by them for publication.

The resolution under the suspension of the rules was adopted with the proviso that the matter be referred to a special committee for adjustment.

WHEREAS, It is generally conceded by the intelligent world that "Printers' Ink" is the most powerful agency in the hands of the human family in moulding sentiment, and WHEREAS, A "reading people" make a "thinking people," and any person whom you may be able to get to think will become active, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body that the printed proceedings of this National Baptist Convention are calculated to both stimulate and quicken the activities of the constituency.

Secondly, That the minutes be printed within ninety days with money provided by each of the Boards in proportion to the amount of matter furnished by each Board.

A. R. GRIGGS.

On account of the death of Dr. Hawkins it was announced that the Women's meeting will be held at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church.

The Convention adjourned with the benediction by Dr. L. G. Jordan.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Prior to the opening of the Convention, Col. Allensworth, retired officer of the 24th Infantry, spoke of the work on the Pacific Coast.

Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Chicago, spoke of his insurance plan in connection with his church work in Chicago.

At 8 o'clock song service was conducted by Director N. H. Pius, Rev. J. Franklin Walker, of Ohio, presiding. Rev. T. W. Walker, D. D., of Alabama, read the 12th chapter of Romans.

In the absence of Rev. J. D. Zuber, the vice-president called Rev. Jno. W. Cook to the rostrum. Rev. Cook fervently invoked divine favor upon the deliberations of the body. The choir sang "Come to the Fountain."

The regular order was suspended and Prof. G. P. Russell welcomed the Convention "On behalf of the Educational Institution and Negro School-Teachers of Lexington." The address of Prof. Russell was well received.

Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Educational Board, was introduced to make the report of that Board. The report is as follows:

*Mr. President and Members of the National Baptist Convention:*

The Corresponding Secretary of your Educational Board begs, herewith, to submit our report:

On the 16th day of last May, in the city of Washington, D. C., your humble servant was unanimously elected to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. David Abner, who had previously tendered his resignation to Dr. Gilbert, Chairman of our Board. This honored Board—I mean the Educational Board—commanded the new secretary to close up his work at Princeton, resign his church, leave his wife, two lovely little children and a pleasant home; and, without giving him a pencil or a piece of paper, or even five cents with which to pay car fare, told him to go out and build a National Theological Seminary for 2,500,000 Negro Baptists.

The new secretary, inspired by the thought and moved by altruistic principles and the Jesus Christ spirit, bought a new suit of clothes and a first-class suit case and started out to build the much talked-of-seminary.

Not far down the road, he met a big man of our denomination, who asked the secretary: "You're going to take it?" The secretary said "Yes!" He replied "I am sorry for your wife and children." Then he said: "I have a man for your

church." We told him to hold a minute, that there would be no hurry on that score. On, on! we went, and in our journey we met three other big preachers, every one of whom said to the secretary, "You are a fool." Since the Secretary has been here at this convention, he has been told that he is a fool.

Before this appointment the secretary's sanity had not been seriously questioned. But being told so often that he is a fool, and after traveling a few thousand miles and meeting a few hundred Baptist preachers in state conventions and churches, and having been reminded of the fact that our predecessors are all *wise, brave, bold and daring adventurers*, in the persons of the thinker, Powell; the scholarly and eloquent Johnson; the sarcastic and erudite W. A. R. educator and statesman-like Abner; none of whom have yet given a glowing account with reference to their discovery of the National University or Theological Seminary, the new secretary has about concluded, that either by an over-dose of optimism or a brain storm he has been swept into the category of fools.

But if this be true, the secretary takes great comfort in the fact, that a few fools have done some wonderful things in this world, and he hopes that he may yet be one of them.

Columbus was called a fool, but he discovered America. Abraham Lincoln was called a fool, but he preserved the Union and freed the slaves. Booker T. Washington was scoffed at by some of the big men and called a fool, but he built Tuskegee. They said Boyd was a fool, but he has built out of nothing our great publishing house which is one of the marvelous achievements of the age. Hence, we conclude: what some fools have done another fool might do; let us try it. No one ever disgraces himself when trying to do a noble deed; it will not hurt us to try.

Well, what are some of the objections and difficulties we must meet and overcome? For the Scriptures teach us that a wise man will first count the cost before he attempts to build.

First, it is objected that we do not need it, because it will enter into competition and interfere with our local and state schools; that our people already have more burdens than they can bear; that their mental vision has not sufficiently grown to take in this conception.

We answer, first: That the great National Baptist Convention has more than thrice voted that we should and must

have a school of national scope and character. So we feel that this secretary should not here be called upon to prove that fact. But we must meet arguments with facts.

Should the local church say to the association we need no association? or the association say to the state convention, we need no state convention? or the state convention say to the National Convention, we need no National Convention?

Should the Walker Baptist Institute of Augusta, Ga., say to the Atlanta Baptist College, we do not need you?

Should the State of Virginia say to the National Government: we do not need you? A citizen of Virginia, in a foreign country, under a foreign flag, is respected and protected not because of Virginia, but because of our Union of states. The United States Government is great, because it represents the wealth, the energy and brain of 80,000,000 people. The National Baptist Convention is great because of the purpose for which it stands, as well as the 2,500,000 Baptists who are willing to rally to that purpose when they are properly led.

The National Baptist Convention is sacredly committed to the prosecution of the work of our five Boards, viz.: The Foreign Mission Board to work in the foreign field; the Home Board to work in the United States; the B. Y. P. U. Board, to develop and make strong and useful our young people; the National Benefit Board to protect our good people in the hour of distress; and last, but by no means least, is our Educational Board. Its object is to encourage the general education of our people, along all lines, but more especially to build a school of national prominence, for the full and complete equipment of our young preachers, in higher Biblical scholarship and stronger character for the safe and Godly leadership of the coming generations. This, to our mind, is the fundamental basis and most important of all our work. If we would be strong as a denomination, here we must lay our first foundation stones.

The National Seminary is not to enter into competition with any local or state school, but must sustain the most cordial and harmonious relation to each and all of them; and thus develop into a great institution, the decisions of whose faculty on questions of dogmas and theological dispute will have great weight in our denomination and throughout the world. We need to build and foster just such a school.

The Northern Baptists have their Newton, Colgate and

Crozier; the Southern Baptists have their Louisville Seminary; the white Methodists their Drew; the Presbyterians their great Princeton and Union; the Negro Methodists have their Wilberforce, Morris Brown, Allen and other schools that they foster through their general church machinery. But what have we ever done as a national body along this line except pass resolutions and go home, and come back the next year and move to adopt the self-same resolution, pay the R. R. a big fare, go back home and fall to sleep again? Is it not time for us to rise up and build? We have the numbers, we have the money. Have we the pride, the self-respect and the sense to do it? What will we gain by delay? Already we have waited too long; brethren, let us rise up and build. When the time comes, if it should ever come, when our people will have no money for excursion trains, theatres, shows and barrooms, because they are compelled to use it all for legitimate home use, I will then agree with you that we have too many burdens to build a National Theological Seminary.

There is one thing which greatly hinders our work, viz.: the endless machinery and detail-work of our Boards. We are not finding fault with our *vigilant, hard-working* and efficient secretaries; we have nothing but praise for them. They are all in full accord and loyal to our educational work. Dr. Jordan was the first to subscribe \$100.00. Dr. Boyd subscribed \$100.00 at this convention.

There is too much machinery used in collecting the money to carry forward the work of these Boards. This, coupled with endless appeals of state and local institutions, creates confusion and makes it exceedingly difficult for us to operate with any very marked success. We would most respectfully recommend that the executive officers of our five boards be instructed to meet in a conference and arrange harmonious and progressive methods for the better prosecution of our work on the field. At a convention, not long since, appeared five representatives of our National Boards and five other representatives of state and local work, all clamoring to be heard and given a collection for their work. We realized then as never before, that such a procedure is more than sufficient to paralyze and dry up the stream of benevolence of any convention on earth. You may say that this is a rare occasion; but we answer, that a repetition of this is liable to happen almost any time. So vigilant and energetic are the secretaries of our Boards that they send their representatives everywhere. If there were a Baptist convention in heaven and Dr. Boyd heard of it he would send Dr.

Beckham there; Dr. Jordan would in all probability send Dr. Fishback or some good lady to represent him. Dr. Isaac, on this occasion, I am persuaded to believe, would decide to go himself; and Bro. Cosey, having no business there, would neither go himself or send a representative.

Beginning our work July 10th, 1907, we have traveled 5,325 miles, written 158 letters and postal cards and made the following collections and subscriptions:

*Cash.*

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| New England Baptist Convention.....          | \$12 52  |
| Rev. E. Dewers, New York.....                | 1 00     |
| Bright Hope, Princeton.....                  | 9 00     |
| The Woman's Aux. Western Con.....            | 5 00     |
| The Western Baptist Con.....                 | 10 00    |
| The Mt. Zion, Lincoln, Neb.....              | 2 57     |
| The Mt. Zion, Omaha, Neb.....                | 1 67     |
| The S. S. Workers' Con. of Georgia.....      | 3 00     |
| The State Baptist Con. of Tennessee.....     | 10 00    |
| The Ebenezer, Chicago.....                   | 5 00     |
| The Bethesda, Chicago.....                   | 1 75     |
| The Olivet, Chicago.....                     | 23 25    |
| The St. Paul, Boston.....                    | 3 46     |
| The Ebenezer, Boston.....                    | 4 00     |
| The Third Baptist, Springfield.....          | 4 15     |
| The Afro-American Baptist Con.....           | 10 00    |
| Rev. J. P. Pinckney, Georgia.....            | 5 00     |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, Connecticut.....       | 14 71    |
| Rev. J. D. Carrothers, Washington, D. C..... | 11 00    |
| Total.....                                   | \$137 18 |

*Pledges of \$25 to \$100.*

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| Dr. L. G. Jordan.....                  | \$100 00 |
| Rev. P. S. Morris, New Jersey.....     | 50 00    |
| Rev. M. L. Harvey, Massachusetts.....  | 50 00    |
| Rev. M. N. Morton, Connecticut.....    | 25 00    |
| Dr. A. Childs, Pennsylvania.....       | 25 00    |
| Rev. L. B. Goodall, Connecticut.....   | 25 00    |
| Rev. Theo. Hawkins, New Jersey.....    | 100 00   |
| Dr. Lee O. Porriah, Massachusetts..... | 50 00    |
| Rev. B. Page, New York.....            | 25 00    |
| Fr. C. D. Douglass, Colorado.....      | 25 00    |

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| Rev. C. H. Mendenhall, Iowa.....           | \$ 25 00 |
| Rev. G. W. Harts, Kansas.....              | 25 00    |
| Dr. E. H. Wilson, Kansas.....              | 50 00    |
| Dr. R. D. Wynn, New Jersey.....            | 50 00    |
| Dr. W. P. Lawrence, New Jersey.....        | 50 00    |
| Miss L. A. Cottrell, New Jersey.....       | 25 00    |
| Dr. Geo. E. Morris, New Jersey.....        | 50 00    |
| Dr. W. H. Phillips, Pennsylvania.....      | 50 00    |
| Dr. W. A. Creditt, Pennsylvania.....       | 50 00    |
| Rev. E. Elliott, New Jersey.....           | 50 00    |
| Dr. C. S. Morris, New York.....            | 100 00   |
| Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tennessee.....             | 100 00   |
| Rev. G. H. Thomas, Illinois.....           | 50 00    |
| Dr. E. J. Fisher and Church, Illinois..... | 60 00    |
| Dr. E. C. Powell, Connecticut.....         | 50 00    |
| Dr. Harrold, Connecticut.....              | 50 00    |
| Rev. Mr. Gay, Connecticut.....             | 50 00    |

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| Total.....                          | \$1,325 00 |
| Pledges from \$1.00 to \$15.00..... | 640 00     |

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| Total pledges.....     | \$1,865 00 |
| Collected by Cash..... | 137 18     |

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| Total..... | \$2,002 10 |
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| Expenses, R. R.....                     | \$ 98 33 |
| For printing, postage and sundries..... | 19 39    |
| To Mrs. E. Tyler for expenses.....      | 14 71    |
| To Rev. J. D. Carrothers for ex.....    | 11 00    |
| To Secretary's salary.....              | 250 00   |

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| Total..... | \$393 43 |
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| Balance Cash and Pledges..... | \$1,609 75 |
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All of the money and pledges were given by our own people. The Secretary was instructed to go to the colored Baptists to raise the \$10,000.00 according to the proposition of the Home Mission Society. No commission has yet been given to the Secretary to approach others.

We thoroughly believe in self-help, but we are also convinced, that our white brethren will never repay our race for 60 years of unrequited toil in this country. Therefore they should lend us a helping hand when we undertake large and weighty enterprises for the good of our race and

the harmonious development of our people. To this end we are glad to report that The American Baptist Home Mission Society's offer still holds good whenever we are able to meet it. The Society proposes to give us \$10,000.00 worth of land, \$10,000 for building purposes, and \$5,000 for equipment, when we show our good faith and willingness to do something for ourselves by raising \$10,000 to meet this proposition. This is a fair and most reasonable proposition and we accept it as such, and thank the Society for its kindly and Christian sentiments.

But how shall we meet the proposition? This is easily done if we can agree upon anything.

Your Secretary proposes the following plan to raise the needed \$10,000 to begin the work:

First, "That we find in this convention or our denomination, hundred broad-hearted self-sacrificing Christian lay men or pastors, who will pledge themselves, or their churches to pay to the Corresponding Secretary, or the Treasurer, within one year from date, \$100 each, to be used for nothing whatever, but building purposes.

Second, "That the said list of names shall be known in the annals of this convention and in the Baptist history of this country, from Maine to Texas, from the rock-bound shores of the Atlantic to the peaceful waters of the Pacific as the 'Famous Hundred' who made our National School a possibility.

Yours faithfully,

D. S. KLUGH,

Corresponding Secretary of the Educational Board.

ANNUAL REPORT — M. W. GILBERT, D. D., Chairman  
New York.

*To the President and Members of the National Baptist Convention of America Assembled in the Twenty-eighth Annual Sessions at Lexington, Ky., September 16-21, 1900*

Dear Brethren:—We, the members of the National Baptist Educational Board, through the Corresponding Secretary, beg to submit to you this our annual report of work done since our last session in Washington, D. C.

In submitting this report we regret to state that extreme illness, during almost the entire past winter, spring and early summer, made it impossible for your Secretary to be in the field, or do much work for the proposed National The-

logical Seminary, except about four months and a half, since our last session.

We would also call attention to the fact that the money panic ('07 and '08) which blocked the channels of finance and paralyzed the wheels of industry, together with what is now called an off year in politics, the local prejudices and general indifference to our work, made it exceedingly difficult for us to operate with any very marked degree of success. Yet, we have persisted in the face of these and other difficulties, believing as we do that our cause is a righteous one, and that God is on the side of right; therefore, in due time, we shall realize the cherished desire of our hearts, if we labor on and faint not. Inspired by these noble sentiments, your Secretary, last November, went south and west to visit Baptist state conventions and churches in the interest of our National Educational work. In a certain western city our fare was so miserable that had not the wash-pail, the water bucket and other vessels setting around consented to come to our rescue by setting upon the bed to catch the floods of water that poured through the roof it would have been impossible for us to have remained in the bed long enough to get to sleep. But by vigilance and great effort for a time we staid awake and emptied the vessels as fast as they filled. But finally great fatigue by long travel in "Jim Crow cars" got the better of us and we fell to sleep only to find ourselves a few hours later soaking wet. This doubtless brought on "La Grippe," from the effects of which we have not yet entirely recovered. The pastor of that church is responsible for all this denominational drawback and suffering on account of said illness.

#### THE GREAT NEED OF A CENTRAL BAPTIST INSTITUTION OF LEARNING.

In our President's annual address of last year he truthfully said: "It is urged by some that our great state colleges can furnish all the theological training demanded by the race." And then he also wisely concluded: "But I beg to tell you that the Negro Baptists more than any other people need a great central institution which will evidently develop into a great university, 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 organi-

zations that will in themselves command the respect and attention of great national characters."

These are clarion notes of a philosophic and broad mind which looks far in the future and discovers the right path into which the great Baptist host of our convention should march to victory and success. Such an institution is a positive necessity for the full rounded and harmonious development of the future leadership of our denomination and the Negro race.

#### NO CONFLICT WITH STATE OR LOCAL SCHOOLS.

There will be no more conflict between the National Seminary and the local or state schools than there is between the national government and the government of the several states. No one, unless it is a base politician, ever dreams that the central government is in opposition to the local or state government. No one but a religious crank would ever think that the National Baptist Convention exists only for the sole purpose of opposing the local state or district conventions. No one but a simpleton would ever think that the state convention is in opposition to the association or local church. No one but a narrow-minded man, would ever conclude that the National Seminary will be a financial or theological hindrance to any state or local institution.

As in "Union there is strength," in disunion there is also weakness; therefore for the common good of the church and the uplift of humanity, the wise and aggressive forces in each state should unite with the National Educational movement and rise up and build. There is a time when one stroke means liberation from thralldom and victory over the enemy; to be passive and silent at such a time, when chains are being daily forged to bind your posterity in perpetual bonds of inequality, in the civil and political privileges and God-given rights of the race, is criminal.

#### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

The Negro Baptists of this country still have an unusual opportunity to build a Central National Institution that shall produce a broad and able leadership in our pulpits who will be able to see our difficulties and our needs not from a sectional view point alone, but from a national as well. To have such leaders on a large scale, the united church must take a hand in producing them.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society's offer to

help us in building a National Theological Seminary for the thorough training of Baptists preachers still holds good. Just how long they will wait for us to raise the needed \$10,000 to meet or secure their \$25,000 I know not. But I fear if we shall wait much longer to seize the liberal offer that it will finally be withdrawn. This would be a lasting disgrace and shame upon the present leadership of the Baptist churches of our great convention.

#### THE KEY TO THE SITUATION.

The Negro preachers, since the day of emancipation, have been the chief leaders of our race. Perhaps, for one hundred or more years to come, the preacher will continue to lead our people. This is very fortunate for us, if the preacher is of the right stamp, but very unfortunate, if he be of the wrong stamp.

We are told in the philosophy of physics that water cannot rise above its level. This is also true of society. No race of people can rise above their leaders. It cannot be disputed, the preacher has stood in the forefront in building our churches and denominational schools. Let him have the praise; honor to whom honor is due. Let me say, if the National Theological Seminary is ever built, the Baptist pastors must take the lead in *raising the money*; fine resolutions and big speeches will not do it. The Secretary and your Board are absolutely powerless without the full and cordial co-operation of the pastors; for they have the people, and they know it; and the people have the money. So if we succeed, with the pastors we will share the honor, but if we fail, the pastors must bear the blame. For we have borrowed money and rode all night and all day in "Jim Crow cars" to meet appointments and fill engagements, in a city where Baptists were almost as dense as the proverbial locusts, yet on Sunday morning your Secretary found himself preaching in a Methodist pulpit because there was no opening in Baptist pulpits, simply because those Baptist pastors felt they could not preach us without giving a collection for the work. This and similar kinds of treatment might be multiplied but we stop here.

#### HOW THE MONEY MIGHT BE RAISED.

We have within our ranks, according to statistical report, 2,500,000 Baptist communicants. If we could get the pastors to induce their churches to give a half of a cent per

member, we would have \$12,500; one cent per member would give us \$25,000; five cents per capita would bring to the work \$125,000.

It is further stated that we have 17,000 churches and 16,000 preachers. If this be true and we could induce the pastors to let the churches give one dollar each, we would have \$17,000 dollars for our Seminary. Then, too, if the pastors feel that it would not be just right to burden the churches for an after-collection to get one dollar the preachers themselves might give one dollar each to train other preachers to take their places when they are gone, then we would have \$16,000. Or each state might become responsible for their pro rata. Acting upon this basis, the following budget of each state's pro rata of the needed \$10,000 has been prepared by your Board and a number of the States have adopted it:

|                           |          |
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| Alabama.....              | \$500 00 |
| Arkansas.....             | 500 00   |
| California.....           | 200 00   |
| Colorado.....             | 300 00   |
| Connecticut.....          | 300 00   |
| Delaware.....             | 300 00   |
| District of Columbia..... | 400 00   |
| Florida.....              | 50 00    |
| Georgia.....              | 750 00   |
| Illinois.....             | 400 00   |
| Indiana.....              | 400 00   |
| Iowa.....                 | 300 00   |
| Kansas.....               | 400 00   |
| Kentucky.....             | 500 00   |
| Louisiana.....            | 500 00   |
| Maryland.....             | 450 00   |
| Mississippi.....          | 500 00   |
| Massachusetts.....        | 450 00   |
| Michigan.....             | 100 00   |
| Minnesota.....            | 100 00   |
| Nebraska.....             | 150 00   |
| New Jersey.....           | 500 00   |
| New York.....             | 500 00   |
| North Carolina.....       | 600 00   |
| Ohio.....                 | 400 00   |
| Oregon.....               | 50 00    |
| Oklahoma.....             | 150 00   |
| Pennsylvania.....         | 500 00   |
| Rhode Island.....         | 200 00   |
| South Carolina.....       | 500 00   |

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| Tennessee.....     | \$500 00 |
| Texas.....         | 750 00   |
| Virginia.....      | 750 00   |
| West Virginia..... | 400 00   |
| Washington.....    | 50 00    |
| Wisconsin.....     | 50 00    |

Let each member of our board bestir himself and see to it that each state send up its pro rata to our convention.

The need and demand for trained and consecrated ministers was never greater and more urgent than it is to-day, and the denomination must do something to meet the demand of the hour.

#### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM AUGUST 31, 1907, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1908.

##### Receipts.

|                                                                          |          |
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| Balance on hand September, 1907.....                                     | \$100 00 |
| Public collection taken at the New Brunswick Conference.....             | 66 39    |
| General Baptist Convention of Texas.....                                 | 25 00    |
| Ebenezer Baptist Church, Chicago.....                                    | 25 00    |
| Dr. W. M. Gilbert, New York.....                                         | 1 00     |
| Rev. R. W. Whiting, Tenn.....                                            | 1 00     |
| Lydian Missionary Society Union, Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Penn..... | 25 00    |
| Dr. E. J. Fisher, Chicago.....                                           | 10 00    |
| Miss Sarah Jackson, Chicago.....                                         | 1 00     |
| Dr. C. L. Fisher, Alabama.....                                           | 9 00     |
| John Riceston, Illinois.....                                             | 50       |
| Dr. W. M. Gilbert, New York.....                                         | 1 00     |
| Kansas Baptist State Convention.....                                     | 20 00    |
| Rev. Dr. T. J. Searcy, Tennessee.....                                    | 1 00     |
| St. John's S. S., Dorseyville, La.....                                   | 1 00     |
| Dr. John C. Jackson, Va.....                                             | 5 00     |
| General Convention, Miss.....                                            | 7 00     |
| Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D., Va.....                                      | 5 00     |
| Grace Baptist Church, Conn.....                                          | 5 00     |
| Mrs. Malinda Hill.....                                                   | 5 00     |
| E. J. Fisher, D. D., Chicago.....                                        | 10 00    |
| Rev. S. M. Hall, Kansas.....                                             | 2 00     |
| Rev. H. E. Dewers, N. Y.....                                             | 2 00     |
| Baptist State Convention of New York.....                                | 10 00    |
| Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.....                          | 10 35    |
| Collins Chapel (Methodist) Tenn.....                                     | 5 53     |

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| Dr. T. O. Fuller, Tenn.....                        | 1 00  |
| Baptist Convention of Arkansas.....                | 30 00 |
| Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Kansas.....         | 4 00  |
| Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.....         | 2 05  |
| Metropolitan Baptist Church, Kansas.....           | 10 00 |
| Second Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.....          | 11 36 |
| Mrs. Minnie B. Robinson, Washington, D. C.....     | 15 50 |
| Virginia Baptist State Convention.....             | 3 50  |
| Virginia Baptist State Convention.....             | 23 50 |
| Second Baptist, Newport News, Va.....              | 2 01  |
| First Baptist, Norfolk, Va.....                    | 14 00 |
| First Baptist, Newport News, Va.....               | 4 00  |
| Union Baptist, Philadelphia, Penn.....             | 2 42  |
| B. Y. P. U. State Convention of New Jersey.....    | 5 15  |
| Union Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.....             | 5 42  |
| Tabernacle Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.....        | 5 03  |
| Cross Roads Baptist Church, Greenwood, S. C.....   | 5 13  |
| Union No. 1 Little River Association, S. C.....    | 5 00  |
| Macedonia Baptist Church, Greenwood, S. C.....     | 1 50  |
| Morris Chapel Baptist Church, Greenwood, S. C..... | 5 00  |
| Abyssinian Baptist Church, N. Y.....               | 20 00 |
| Princeton Baptist Church, N. J.....                | 50 00 |

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| Total Cash.....                    | \$601 51    |
| Pledge due at this Convention..... | \$13,651 55 |

Total.....\$14,253 09

#### Disbursements.

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1—For traveling expenses.....      | \$133 09 |
| 2—For postal cards and stamps..... | 6 49     |
| 3—For express.....                 | 1 00     |
| 4—For telegrams.....               | 2 63     |
| 5—For stenographic work.....       | 1 35     |
| 6—For freight on minutes.....      | 88       |
| 7—For printing minutes.....        | 25 00    |
| 8—For printing report.....         | 25 00    |
| 9—For salaries, etc.....           | 295 25   |

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| Total.....                                            | \$490 69  |
| Cash balance.....                                     | 110 85    |
| Pledges due to be paid during this<br>Convention..... | 13,651 55 |

Grand Total.....\$14,253 09

The following persons have started "Founders' Roll" by

giving \$1.00 each, which is included in the above statement and is designated and can be used for none other purpose than buildings or grounds for the National Baptist Theological Seminary.

Walter P. Taylor, Va.; Joseph Burgess, Va.; Henry C. Palmer, Va.; James Summerville, Va.; R. H. Bowling, D. D., Va.; John Turner, Va.; Deacon Cyrus Young, Va.; C. T. Walker, D. D., Ga.; S. E. Floyd, D. D., Ga.; Rev. Henry Jackson, Ga.

Respectfully submitted by your Board,

D. S. KLUGH, Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. Klugh set forth in forceful language the need of a central National Theological Seminary, and brought much that was instructive and encouraging to the attention and consideration of the Convention. Discussion of the report was deferred.

The Convention arose and sang "Come ye that love the Savior's name."

Dr. Word, of Roanoke, Va., being absent, Dr. W. R. Brown, of the same place, was selected as alternate to the speaker of the evening. Dr. Brown read from the 6th chapter of Matthew 19-24 verses.

Dr. J. Franklin Walker, vice-president, presented Rev. T. J. Searcy, D. D., of Memphis, Tenn., to preach the annual sermon.

"The policy of the Kingdom of Christ" was the subject announced. The settled method by which the affairs of a nation or individual are administered was given as the definition of the term "Policy." The text, Dan. 4:3, "How great are His signs—How mighty are His wonders. His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and His dominion from generation to generation."

#### A. The Kingdom negatively.

1. Not of this world.
2. Not meat and drink.

#### B. Positively like heaven.

1. Like mustard seed.
2. Hidden treasure.
3. Pearl of great price.

C. *He spoke of God's policy.*

1. Reciprocity—Help and get help.
2. Foreign Policy—The world for Christ.
3. Civil Policy—Justice to all men.
4. The record of Redemption cannot be defaced or destroyed.
5. The Majesty and Victory of the Kingdom.

No brief outline would do the speaker justice. The sermon was an able, soul-inspiring effort and was richly enjoyed by the vast congregation.

After announcements the Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. J. F. Walker, of Ohio.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 10 o'clock the President called the Convention to order and introduced Rev. A. M. Johnson, D. D., Vice-President, from Mississippi, who presided during the devotional hour.

"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah," was sung.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, by consent, made a statement concerning the business of the Home Mission and Publishing Boards and their representatives for the benefit of those who may have business with them.

Another selection was sung.

Rev. H. M. Young, of Miss., read the 12th chapter of Romans.

The Convention was led in prayer by Rev. J. B. S. Boatwright, of Miss.

The journal of the previous day's session was read and approved.

"My Soul be on thy Guard" was sung by the Convention.

The Secretary read the mail for the delegation.

Vice-President A. W. Johnson presented Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board, who pro-

ceeded to make the annual report of his Board. Dr. Isaac spoke as follows:

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD.

*To the officers and members of the National Baptist Convention:*

Despite the fact that the country has passed through a most serious and trying financial panic, and the more significant fact that business has been disturbed in all sections of the country, this Board has as usual enjoyed a pleasing degree of business prosperity. This department of the denominational work is going forward with a rapidity that under the circumstances is startling. There was a time when a B. Y. P. U. Society was regarded as a dangerous appendage to some first-class churches. That time has ceased to be. On the contrary progressive Baptists now question the intelligence of both church and pastor where such an organization does not exist. The church is supposed to be out of joint with the times, and the pastor labeled as a back number. This auxiliary work having reached this favorable point, we feel doubly assured that our labors have not been in vain.

## CO-OPERATIVE PROCESS.

We have stuck to our plan of co-operation in all the states where we could work this plan satisfactorily and effectively. In some of the states we could not work it because the state boards preferred to experiment with plans of their own. We know of two of these boards that passed resolutions to print B. Y. P. U. literature, and furnish the B. Y. P. U. Societies in their own state, thus cutting them off from the national headquarters, and setting up a little independent kingdom of their own. We don't know why these resolutions were not carried into effect, unless it was due to the fact that these self-constituted agencies found themselves unable to set aside the copyright-laws that obtain in cases of this kind. This is the manifestation of a very bad spirit and if these schemes should be permitted to work in any of the states, it would, in our opinion, be equivalent to a rebellion; or a secession from the National Baptist Convention. Your Board has adhered to its policy of not entering into any state, or making any appointments of any kind, unless these were made through the State B.

Y. P. U. Board. We will not depart from this custom, because it is right and proper that we should adhere to it strictly. Under our present system of co-operation, we have five District Secretaries, more than fifteen State Organizers, a Field Secretary and a National Organizer. This force is not sufficient to keep the work properly before the people of the country. Much visiting, therefore, has been required on the part of the General Secretary. This co-operative force could be increased, if any reasonable number of the local societies would send us the tithing money required by our constitution. We only request them to send us one-tenth of their monthly collections, and if they did this, we would not be in any wise embarrassed for the want of money with which to prosecute our missionary work.

#### INCREASED GENEROSITY.

We are very much delighted at the thought that the generosity of our constituency toward this department of the work is steadily increasing. A greater number of the pastors have reached the conclusion, it seems, that this is a worthy and deserving portion of the work of the denomination, and that it is their duty to support it, and make contributions to it as regularly as any other phase of the work. Your Board would be delighted to give the names of the pastors who never refuse to respond favorably to an appeal from its Corresponding Secretary. We are pleased to state, also, that not a few of the local societies not only respond to the appeals of our Secretary, but make voluntary contributions to the work of the Board. We are indebted also, to the regular Baptist State Convention for the liberal manner in which they have contributed to this department of the work. Wherever our Secretary has gone, doors have been thrown wide open to him, and the authorities of these Conventions have endeavored to make the contributions to the work as large as possible. The State B. Y. P. U. Conventions have tried to do their duty. We know of only two of these that appropriated all the money they raised for something else, and gave nothing to the work of this Board.

#### SOME PLEASING COMPARISONS.

Your Board recognizes the significant suggestion that comparisons are odious. It realizes also the fact that comparisons may sometimes be used to good advantage. It is in the most charitable spirit that we chronicle the comparison made here. The National B. Y. P. U. Board is the

only Board of the kind in the United States that is operated on an independent and self-sustaining basis. Our white brethren, North and South, appear to be unable to make their young people's work successful apart from their Sunday-school and publication departments. The Southern white Baptists some years ago located their B. Y. P. U. Board at Birmingham, Ala., elected a Corresponding Secretary, and the sanguine and hopeful among them prophesied great things. After a period of two or three years the business department of this Board was thrown back on the Sunday-school Board, and that Board is issuing the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly, and such other literature as they publish for their young people. It is otherwise directing affairs pertaining to the young people's work. After several brave attempts, our white brethren at the North found it necessary to transfer the business department of the B. Y. P. U. A. to the American Baptist Publication Society. Thus it may be seen (we suggest it modestly) that the National B. Y. P. U. Board of the National Baptist Convention is the only one of this trio still standing on its feet, and maintaining itself at its own charge. Up to the present time we have not felt that it was necessary to throw this department back on any other of our denominational enterprises. On the contrary, we have positively refused to consider any proposition looking forward to such a transfer of our interests. We are still doing business in the name of our Board, and maintaining, we are pleased to state, a very decent business reputation. We are delighted with the thought that during all these years, we have never brought the Convention a debt of more than Six Hundred Dollars in any one year. In view of this unexampled prosperity, we verily believe that we are entitled to the most hearty commendation, and the most liberal support of the people whom we are serving.

#### EMERGENCY APPEALS.

We wish to thank our brethren for sympathizing with us in our endeavor to regain the health of our Corresponding Secretary. It has been a source of gratification to us that they have responded most liberally to the appeals made during the winter season, and thereby enable the Secretary to remain in doors, and operate the business from his office. Your Board is of the opinion that the denomination should exercise the greatest care possible in preserving the health of its Secretaries, as upon these more than any other set of men, depend the success of our operative

work. The people look to them, and to them only for the success of the work of the Boards. They are necessarily required to labor most earnestly and assiduously, and to sacrifice both health and energy, for the purpose of making the work of their respective Boards a success. We are also pleased to state in this connection that notwithstanding the fact that our Secretary was compelled to go through a trying campaign in the early spring, as a result of which, he received a serious physical back-set, he is now enjoying better health than at the time when he submitted our last report to this Convention. We shall feel under many obligations to all of our constituents, if they will remember the work of our Board during the coming winter periods as they have in the periods past, and contribute a sufficient amount to prevent him from exposure and cold, in attempts to raise money with which to prosecute this work.

#### OUR EFFORTS TO SYSTEMATIZE.

We are still very much concerned about systematic endeavor on the part of our young people. We desire to commit them to systematic study, systematic effort, systematic giving, systematic report making, and to this end we labor most zealously. Very much improvement has been made among the young people along this line, and we are desirous of witnessing a greater ratio of progress than we have witnessed heretofore. It is reasonable to suppose that as intelligence increases among us our young people will become more and more inclined to do things in an orderly and systematic way. However reasonable this proposition may be, we can hardly expect that order and system will spring spontaneously out of their youthful minds. They must be given attention, painstaking care, and most assuredly these happy results will follow.

#### THE B. Y. P. U. RALLY DAY.

Our Rally Day was not observed as generally as we had expected. We consider this due in some measure to the financial panic which was just about distressing the whole country at that time. This much we regret, because this day means very much to us. We contemplate that we will be able at this time to raise a sufficient amount of money to take us through the winter. If we could raise just One Thousand Dollars on the Rally Day, together with what is sent in response to our appeals, we could go through the whole of the winter season without experiencing any em-

barrassment, undergoing any hardships, or borrowing any money and paying thereon. We trust sincerely that this day will be kept in mind this year, and that the pastors of our churches, and presidents of our young people's societies will see to it that it is observed, and that the money raised for our Board on that day, comes to our office. We have complained heretofore of some pastors taking the money that was raised by the B. Y. P. U. Societies, and appropriating it on their salary, or a new suit of clothes, or applying it in some way for other expenses of the church. We trust that all of our pastors have been very far removed from any feeling of this kind, and that strict integrity will be employed in dealing with the money that is raised for this Board on the fourth Sunday in November.

#### THE NATIONAL BAPTIST UNION.

Your Board congratulates itself upon the signal success of the denominational paper. We have labored faithfully to give the denomination a high class, religious journal, one that was educational and inspiring in every respect. We are encouraged by the hundreds of testimonials that have come from our brethren all over the country to the effect that the paper has been such a great help to them that they would not make any attempt now to get along without. Several successful pastors have stated that, occasionally when they are crowded for time to prepare a sermon, they take the editorials in THE UNION and gather sufficient material therefrom to make a sermon. We have noted with pleasure the significant fact that a few of the leading magazines of the country have clipped from THE UNION with now and then a favorable mention of the literary character of the paper. The management of the paper has been entirely in the hands of the Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, from whom we learn that the circulation has increased very rapidly. Our Board has been responsible for the editorial work and the literary character of the paper, and we are delighted with the manner in which our Corresponding Secretary has performed this duty. As heretofore, it has been true to the interest of all the boards and loyal to the principles and policies of the National Baptist Convention. We need not urge that a strong denominational paper is a necessity: this much has been discovered by the humblest of our constituents. Once more we plead for the unqualified support of all the pastors and leaders in our religious organizations in the maintenance of a high class religious paper.

## CHRISTIAN DILIGENCE.

The B. Y. P. U. Society stands for diligence in Christian service, and your Board never loses the opportunity to thus impress the young people. If a B. Y. P. U. Society is not a working organization, and does not assist in the church which maintains it, it is not the kind of organization that the constitution provides for. Sweet singing of harmonious chant and melodious anthem is all right, but this harmony and sweetness are lost on the desert of air when they come from the throats of lazy members who do nothing but sing. We admonish them to do something aside from singing. This admonition is before them as often as they look upon the pledge chart that we hang on the walls of the church. Herein is our task difficult. The great majority of our people are without culture or training of any kind. Many of their notions of God, man, time, heaven and eternity are essentially erroneous: to them, therefore, must be applied the general principle that the doing of good work implies the undoing of some previous work. When a clock moves, it is the unwinding of a spring or the falling of a weight which keeps it going, and some one must have wound it up to begin with. If the water of a river falls year after year over a cataract and is intercepted to drive mill-wheels the river continues to run because some power (that of the sun) is continually raising and returning to the hill-tops the water which has flowed into the sea—a process precisely equivalent to the daily rewinding of a clock. If the powder in a rifle explodes and drives out a bullet, its explosive energy depends upon the fact that some power has placed the component molecules in such relation that, when the trigger is pulled, and the exciting spark has, so to speak, cut the bounds which hold them apart, they rush together just as a suspended weight would fall if freed. So with the work among the untutored and undisciplined. The teacher of religion among such people must challenge ignorance, superstition, misdirected emotion and self-conceit to a duel, and he must win in the contest. Before these opposing forces he must stand like a sentinel on guard, constantly making the firm declaration, "you may build up this temple of debauchery and shame but I will tear it down again." Our work then is both destructive and constructive. "We study that we may serve," is our never changing, never-varying motto, and we are inclined to the opinion that the good we have done by emphasis of this motto is value received for all the money expended in this department. Our status is as follows:



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| State B. Y. P. U. Conventions .....       | 36     |
| District B. Y. P. U. Organizations .....  | 300    |
| County B. Y. P. U. Conventions .....      | 480    |
| Local B. Y. P. U. Societies .....         | 7,320  |
| Converts furnished the churches .....     | 19,360 |
| Number taking Bible Reader's Course ..... | 76,500 |
| Number taking Baptist History .....       | 70,310 |
| Number taking Baptist Doctrines .....     | 66,480 |

## MONEYS CONTRIBUTED.

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| For Christian Education ..... | \$ 58,300 00 |
| For Home Missions .....       | 45,450 00    |
| For Foreign Missions .....    | 32,380 00    |
| For State Missions .....      | 25,190 00    |
| For Church Repairs .....      | 66,220 70    |

## EDUCATIONAL FEATURE.

Your Board insists that this work is paramount and abiding because it is educational. We are not only making Baptists, we are making intelligent Baptists. Our Christian Culture Courses are doing more to increase the ratio of intelligence among Baptists than any other agency among us except perhaps the Christian school.

Our young people must be educated in all that the term implies if we are to build on solid foundations. Man is an organism for reacting on impressions: his mind is here to help determine his reactions, and the purpose of his education is to make them numerous and perfect. Our education means, in short, little more than a mass of possibilities of reaction, acquired at home, at school, or in the training of affairs. This "training of affairs" is the practical test of an intelligent, orderly Christian system. Nothing can promote and advance such a system as rapidly as the distribution of sound, wholesome literature. It is alarming when we contemplate the greed with which the average young person devours trashy literature. Among our people the trashy dime novel has the right of way. With them the cheap novel is the ship, history, philosophy and solid literature the sea. In a previous report we called attention to the fact that the legislature of New York State felt the necessity for condemning millions of copies of such damaging works, and ordering that they be burned. This action was taken because it was discovered that the enormous increase of crime in that state was due in large measure to the pernicious influence of these cheap

novels. Similar experiences were had recently in Paris, France, and the following accounts of them appeared in the Associated Press dispatches:

Paris, August 1.—George Cleretis and Dr. Sighels, Lombrazen pupils criminology, are publishing some most interesting facts anent crimes induced by literature.

After tracing certain recent crimes to European "penny dreadfuls," dealing with the "dismembered corpse and the trunk," various cases are cited showing that high class literature is often responsible for murder.

"George Sands in his celebrated Novel, 'Indiana,' tells of a double suicide of lovers. The book was read by hundreds of thousands and soon after its appearance so many excitable French people, young men and young women, imitated the scene that the Coroner of Paris declared that it was high time to revive the law giving the Public Prosecutor the power to destroy such books as 'Indiana.'

"The late Paris criminal Barrister Lacenaire, gained fame and fortune not only by his oratorical gifts before the court, which freed numberless criminals, but by his alluring description of crime in books that sold by the hundred thousands. His books and his oratory were responsible for many murders and murderous assaults. Not so long ago Jules Morriset declared, standing on the platform of the guillotine in Paris, that not he but Lacenaire should die for his crime, since it was the author's murderous imagination that put the danger into his hands."

The essay closes as follows:

"Herastratus, who fired the Temple of Artemesia to gain eternal fame, has thousands of imitators and every courtroom is a theatre."

If people with centuries of culture and experience find it necessary to give serious attention to the character of the literature that is circulated among their young people, why should we be less concerned about our young people? A careful study of the needs of our young people in this particular has constrained us to undertake to carry forward the following educational process:

#### BIBLE STUDY.

The systematic study of the Bible is a thing of such vital importance that we give it the first place in the system of Christian education. A church composed of Bible reading people is much easier to direct and control than one composed of non-Bible reading people. Realizing that fact

we push our Bible Reader's Course with all possible vigor. We solicit the most faithful co-operation on the part of the pastors in our efforts to extend this course. We should have at least two hundred thousand young people taking this course. With such an army reading a portion of God's word each day, the future will disclose greater loyalty to Christ and his kingdom. The Bible is the best book that a young man can read. It has exercised a powerful influence in restraining immoral literature as well as creating a literature that is pure and noble. It is impossible to overestimate its direct influence along this line. The best way to preach down error is to preach up truth, and the only way to drive out darkness is to let in light. The Bible thus excludes ignoble and immoral literature by filling the home and heart with noble thoughts, pure aspirations. Thus the Bible is in all times and lands the friend of knowledge, the herald of progress, the source of literature, and the richest benediction to human life in all its broad ranges and various interests.

#### BAPTIST DOCTRINES.

We feel that it is important to teach our young people the Baptist doctrines. We still believe that doctrines are fundamental; that a man's religious creed involves both his intellectual and spiritual life; that they are the summation of his knowledge of Bible truth and the most substantial exponent of his mental honesty. We endeavor, therefore, to give a most thorough drill in Baptist doctrines. Nearly seventy thousand young people are taking this course, and the great majority of these are delighted with the task. A B. Y. P. U. Society is set for the defense of the doctrine, and it never surrenders that right for friends or popularity. In view of that particular quality, it should have priority and supremacy when compared with the auxiliaries proposed by Pedo-Baptist denominations. Baptist churches should not maintain Christian Endeavors at the expense of the B. Y. P. U. Society. The principle is wrong. The compromise era has passed. The so-called liberal preacher is not wanted in Baptist circles. The generosity which leads to a compromise of Baptist principles is dangerous. It is an overdose of charity, which men of vigorous intellect, of iron resolve, and painstaking consciousness never take. It is a great sin to appear wise, cultured, dignified or social at the expense of truth. It is our duty to know what we believe, to believe it fully, and to defend manfully, for the prevalence of that doctrine.

Our aim is to increase the ratio of intelligence among young Baptists so that every one can give a satisfactory reason for the hope that is within him.

#### BAPTIST HISTORY.

Another prominent feature of our educational system is a course in Baptist History, which we give to as many as we can induce to take it. There is no surer way to make firm loyal Baptists than to acquaint them with the characters of the heroes and martyrs who have given their lives for the Baptist principle. When we cite the examples of history, we animate to virtue, and arm with fortitude. Like the famous witch of Endor, we call up the illustrious dead to inspire and improve the living. We have been delighted with the progress that we have made in efforts to develop this course. We plead for the sympathy and co-operation of the teachers and leaders in our churches, touching this phase of our educational work.

#### MATERIAL PROSPERITY.

In our last report you were advised that we had taken option on a building at 409 Gay Street, and contemplated making a cash payment of (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars on the first day of November. We asked the Convention for the Four Hundred Dollars that we needed. It gave us only One Hundred and Forty Dollars, leaving us puzzled as to the next best thing to do to secure the property. Our Corresponding Secretary then served notice that he would go to Alabama, and raise a sufficient amount to complete the cash payment. He did so, and in fifteen days the Baptists of Alabama gave him the money required to make the purchase. Our office was moved into it on the first day of January. This property is situated one and one half blocks from the state Capitol Building and two and one half blocks from the public square. The property has been improved and would sell now for one third more than the amount that we paid for it. With a few minor improvements this property can be put in such shape as to be worth Ten Thousand Dollars. The notes are payable in sums of (\$250.00) Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars semi-annually. We hope to secure the co-operation of the entire constituency in discharging this obligation.

#### THE EXALTED RULER.

Our watchword, "Loyalty to Christ," and in whatever point we may fail we never lose sight of this precious

watchword. Like the prophet Isaiah we believe most fully in the Christic reign. We believe that "of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end; upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of Jehovah will perform this." To our mind it is certain that Jesus rules this world; that his pierced hand is on the scepter of the universe, and that his will is law in heaven above and earth beneath. He walks amid the universe, and is going before the nations to-day as he went before Israel of old, with a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. His religion can settle peaceably all problems of humanity. Only let us believe that loftier than all the thrones of earth and mightier than all the scepters of czars, emperors and kings, is the august throne and the resistless sceptre of the Christ of God. Nothing is more certain than that the dominion of Jesus Christ is to extend to the ends of the earth and to every interest of the human race. On an unknown mountain, he commanded a handful of disciples to go out and secure the mastership of the world. In giving that command, he showed himself to be the foremost thinker of the world. Other founders of religion were ethnic, racial, or at most only national in their sympathies and ambitions. There was a religion for a locality, a race, or a cult; but Jesus Christ, for the first time in human history, proclaimed a religion equally needed by, adapted to, and intended for all classes and conditions of men in all countries and centuries. Confucius, Zoroaster and Buddha were provincial in sympathy, ambition and endeavor. Even Judaism, notwithstanding its occasional unlimited outlook, became by the misinterpretation of its expounders, sectional, racial and even provincial. A similar remark applies to the cults of classic Greek and Rome. Jesus Christ was the greatest cosmopolitan thinker that this old world ever knew. Away over the rock hills of Palestine went the preachers of glad tidings. Soon the islands of the Aegean became stepping-stones for the feet of the sacramental host of God's elect. Ancient philosophers, hoary traditions, classic mythologies, all disappeared before the simple story of the cross. The cross battered down the walls of heathen error; soon it became the symbol of victory on banners of armies, and finally Christ was recognized on the throne of the descendants of the Caesars. In his matchless career he is the Prince of peace. In him lost harmony is restored, and the desire for peace rests in the deepest soul of his creatures. He is to have dominion from sea to

sea and his reign is to be perpetual. His name is to be praised from the rising of the sun until the going down of the same. His government can never be superseded by a higher and better dominion; and against it the gates of hell can never prevail. Its triumph means liberty and law, peace and prosperity, civilization and Christianity. It means the universal recognition of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Let us be loyal to Christ. In him all conflicts cease and blessings have their origin. In his dominance we may literally realize the dream of Robert Burns.

"Then let us pray that come it may,  
As come it will for a'that  
That sense and worth on a'the earth,  
May bear the gree and a'that,  
For a'that and a'that,  
Is coming yet for a'that,  
That man to man the world o'er,  
Shall brothers be for a'that."

## RECEIPTS.

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| Balance Sept., .....       | \$ 13 47           |
| General Fund .....         | 4,363 27           |
| Merchandise .....          | 1,576 43           |
| B. Y. P. U. Missions ..... | 3,936 88           |
| Foreign Missions .....     | 45 60              |
| Christian Education .....  | 3,470 00           |
| Advertising .....          | 53 41              |
| Subscriptions .....        | 330 07             |
| <b>Total .....</b>         | <b>\$13,789 13</b> |

## EXPENDITURES.

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| For Salaries .....             | \$1,208 18 |
| For Traveling .....            | 329 91     |
| For Merchandise .....          | 139 22     |
| For Printing .....             | 524 74     |
| For Postage .....              | 267 10     |
| For Freight .....              | 31 78      |
| For Telegrams .....            | 5 80       |
| For Advertising .....          | 10 26      |
| For B. Y. P. U. Missions ..... | 4,972 58   |
| For Foreign Missions .....     | 4 00       |

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| For Christian Education ..... | 3,470 00 |
| For Miscellaneous .....       | 2,814 84 |

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| <b>Total .....</b>                       | <b>\$13,778 35</b> |
| Balance to the credit of the Board ..... | 10 78              |

Respectfully submitted,

P. JAS. BRYANT, Chairman.

E. W. D. ISAAC, Secretary.

NASHVILLE, TENN., SEPT. 1, 1908.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the National Baptist Young People's Union Board, and found the same correct.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Auditor of National Baptist Convention.

While envelopes were being distributed the choir sang "Standing by the Cross."

Dr. Isaac made an excellent report as he usually does in his characteristic manner, but he dwelt more practically upon the disadvantages connected with the prosecution of his work. The whole denomination is devoted to Dr. Isaac and his work will live in the hearts of the people as long as sacrificing labors are appreciated. A collection for the work of the B. Y. P. U. Board was taken to be applied to meeting the note on the building recently purchased to be used as the headquarters of the Board.

According to the program, Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, was now introduced to discuss the report of the Educational Board. Among other things, Dr. Walker said, "The ignorant minister is as bad as a quack doctor in the family." This is an exceedingly practical age, and the minister should keep ahead of the pew. Our ministry should be trained by competent *Negro preachers*. This emphasizes the great necessity for our National Theological Seminary. "The preacher," said he, "should be *himself*," illustrating very effectively how dangerous it is for one minister to try to imitate another in manner of delivery. The minister is, above all, a *messenger*, rather than simply a speaker, or an orator. Dr. Walker spoke of certain misconceptions of education, notably the segregation of the educated from the uneducated. A kind of "standing aloof" from those we

hope to reach was deprecated—criticised. Blessing others was given as the supreme purpose of the noble life. The lack of the true missionary spirit was pointed out. "The reason the Theological Seminary has not been built was that the Baptists had not decided to have it," said the speaker. "God has always honored consecrated learning. The great need of the race to-day is honest, trained, faithful, intelligent, consecrated leaders. Leaders who will stand with our people in every crisis. Industrious, optimistic leaders, who keep their faces turned toward the rising sun. Men should not attempt to preach unless they have a divine call. And these men are going to succeed because God is going to bless their efforts. Ninety-nine per cent of the work of the ministry must be done by the Holy Spirit. The man is only one per cent." Sublimar flights of matchless soul-stirring eloquence are seldom, if ever, heard in the counsels of men. Dr. Walker is one of the idols of the assembled host of Negro Baptists and they followed the brilliant train of his enchanting oratory with a joy and pleasure that cannot be described.

Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Chicago, followed with suitable remarks, and a collection was taken for the Theological Seminary.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. W. DeYampert, of Alabama.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 3:30 o'clock.

Song service led by Dr. N. H. Pius.

Rev. W. R. Forbes, D. D., Vice-President from the Missionary Convention of Georgia, presided.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," was sung.

Rev. W. H. Pattison, of Indiana, offered prayer.

Mrs. Henry Linden, of Ohio, was introduced by President Morris. Mrs. Linden spoke of her work in connection with the Association of Colored Women's clubs at Springfield, Ohio, which are engaged in preserving and training the young womanhood of the race.

Rev. E. W. Hawthorne, D. D., made a statement concerning the work of the local entertainment committee.

Dr. C. H. Parrish, of Ky., Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, was introduced and spoke of the work and achievements of that Board, notably the securing of recognition by this and other countries of the organized operations of the Board in foreign fields. Dr. Parrish concluded by introducing Dr. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Jordan was given the Chautauqua salute as he arose to present his report. He said he would not confine himself to the exact text of the report because of its length. He would impress certain important features and urge the consideration of some facts and conditions which the report contained. He spoke as follows:

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

*To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Assembled; Greeting, Comrades in Service:*

With gratefulness, your Board brings to you its twenty-eighth annual report.

We have not labored during the past conventional year unmindful of the great task assigned us, nor of our need of the guidance of our Father in heaven, that we might act wisely in the discharge of the great trust committed to our care. Every effort has been made to interest the churches on the Home Field in our infant work in Foreign Fields. We realize more than ever, that "the greatest foes of modern missions are prejudice, indifference and ignorance, the mother of them both." This has caused us to undertake, by printing of tracts, a larger circulation of the HERALD and the holding Institutes this year, a more substantial and lasting educational work on this great subject than any year since our organization.

We have been greatly grieved over the lifeless condition of thousands of our fellow-Christians, pastored by men who have had Christian training; and still, it seems, pastors and people are asleep, or at least deaf to the call of their Lord and Master to the needs of the heathen world. Indeed, while heathen men serve not the Lord, because they have never heard about him, thousands in our home-land seem

never to have read, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman, therefore hear the word of my mouth." When I say unto the wicked, "Thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning: the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hands." "Thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

Will the eighteen thousand watchmen on Zion's wall, connected with our convention, sleep while all this missionary awakening is going on in Christian lands? Millions of God's creatures in various corners of the earth are asleep; yea, dead in sin; they must be aroused, awakened and quickened from the dead by the all-powerful Word of God. With a house on fire, a ship on a rock in the distance, a dreaded disease in the community, or molten lava preparing to leap from its fiery vault on to a sleeping people below, would we wait to give minute instructions or quibble over non-essentials? No; but we would peal out the trumpet note, as the man on horseback who rushed ahead of the Johnstown flood, shouting, "Make to the mountains, the dam is bursted," or as an angel in the narrow streets of Sodom, exclaiming, "Escape for thy life."

Our Lord Jesus, with saddened countenance, humbly speaking, saw this ruined world, smitten with sin, and its millions going down to death and grave. Yea, more, to the second death and hell with lightning-like rapidity; and he issued a correspondingly rapid proclamation—The Gospel that saves. He spake no uncertain sound, but urged his followers to go; not wait for others to go, but go to every creature, continuing to go, circumnavigating the globe, and in clarion notes, peal forth the warning of the impending doom of the eternal death that awaits all who know not the Lord, and extend the invitation, offering pardon and peace through the blood of God's own Son, until every creature shall hear about it. Nowhere, in God's book, are we called upon to wait for or to expect reward because of results. These we cannot control. Noah, the Missionary to the ante-deluvian world, that grand old preacher of righteousness, preached for one hundred years, his sermon, an illustrated one, using the ark as an object lesson. Every blow of his hammer was a warning to flee from the oncoming flood. With all of his efforts, he did not have a convert, and from the window in his ark he saw the people of the then known world of ungodly men and women, sink

beneath God's great wrath in the form of a flood of water. Isaiah used twenty-seven chapters telling of "him, who came from Eden, with dyed garments, traveling in the greatness of his strength," and at the close of his life, with whitened beard, wrinkled brow and saddened heart, he exclaimed: "Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" The Christ of God himself, who spake as man never spake, wrought as never man wrought, too often found his words of love and comfort converted and used as snares and traps for his feet. So many of the acts of his life were attributed to the agency of the devil, and now may we say, "The disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his Lord." Carey preached in India seven years before he had one convert, but that convert and the missionaries who followed, saw the whole land awakened and ten thousand born into the kingdom in one year. Richardson preached on the Congo seven years and in the hour of his great discouragement God honored his word and he lived to see twelve thousand souls saved in one month. Our own missionaries, from the days of Solomon Cosby to this good hour, have encountered discouragements and obstacles that at times seemed unsurmountable, but the heralds, with the messages of life, are not to stand still, but with a burning desire must make known their message where'er man is found.

Danger is common to all who attempt this work. Criticism and fault finding on the home field, dishonesty and desertion on the part of supposed friends; yea, death and hell are mounted on their awful steeds, not only pursuing to huddle the lost, but to weaken and make of as little force as possible many who should otherwise be strong and faithful. With all the haste possible, the true missionary churches should push those who are called to go to the outer rim of the globe. The only thing that should cause delay should tarry for enduement of the Holy Ghost and to receive power from above. The spirit of all truth is doing his work wherever the word is faithfully preached and the day is breaking everywhere.

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

This movement is not an organization, but the coming together of young people to work in harmony with the Mission Boards of the various denominations. At their meeting held in Pittsburg during the month of March, they

showed five text-books issued, as follows: "The Uplift of China," issued in June, 1907, sixty-one thousand of which had been sold; "Daybreak in the Dark Continent," issued in 1905, sixty thousand of which had been sold; "The Christian Conquest of India," issued in 1908, fifty-five thousand and seven hundred having been sold; "Aliens or Americans," issued in 1906, fifty-three thousand sold; and "The Challenge of the City," issued in 1907, thirty-two thousand five hundred sold. So eager have been the young people throughout Christendom to study all phases of missionary work that it is hard to publish these books fast enough. They have succeeded in getting a missionary thread woven into the International Sunday-School Lessons. Your Board feels very grateful to the Committee of Management of this movement for the use of one of their trained teachers without cost, to aid us in one of the best missionary study classes in the city of Newark, N. J., that we have been able to conduct during the year. If we could secure a hundred thousand Baptists, young or old, who read "Daybreak in the Dark Continent," we would have an exceeding great army of informed missionaries, who would do much to help long wronged Africa. The Board of Management of this Young People's Movement closed their report with the word, "Outlook," under which caption they say: "With the missionary leaders determined that the entire church shall be missionary, with the Sunday-School leaders and experts assisting in the Sunday School field, with the leaders of young people's organizations desiring to take their part, with the leaders of men's clubs anxious to co-operate, it is not difficult to see that from the missionary standpoint, the church of the future will be vastly different from the church of the present. It will be different, not simply in its relation to the whole missionary enterprise, but it will become a much stronger evangelizing agency in the communities of our own continent. The church is beginning to feel added life, her indifference is being changed to interest, her ignorance to knowledge, her selfishness to sacrifice, her carelessness to prayer."

This movement is undenominational, aiming only to create sentiment in behalf of world-wide missions. The National Baptist Convention was represented by ten delegates at the meeting in Pittsburg. We would suggest to our churches and people to get in touch with this great movement, which has for its object the creating of missionary sentiment in all denominations throughout Christendom.

#### THE LAYMEN MOVEMENT.

In every Church of the various denominations there are to be found a number of men who, in some way, have been moved to have the "Message" go to others. This has taken shape recently in the formation of the "Laymen's Missionary Movement." Laymen from the Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians have sent deputations to the various corners of the earth without calling upon their churches for the money, that they might see with their own eyes what is being done. On their return, these DEPUTATIONS have held great meetings in a number of the larger cities, with the result that all Christendom, among our white brethren, seems to be ablaze with missionary zeal. We would recommend to our brethren everywhere, when these great conferences of the Laymen Movement are held in their cities or communities that they attend them for information and inspiration.

#### THE SPECIAL WORK OF OUR CONVENTION.

##### SELF-SUPPORT FOR OLD FIELDS.

Our Board is very anxious that we make one stupendous effort to pay for the church properties in Barbados, British and Dutch Guiana, and then depend upon the people maintaining their own pastors. We believe that the doctrine of "One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism" should be preached to the nations of the earth, and we are committed to the work of bringing this thing to pass. In the South American Colonies and some of the Islands, the Baptists are weak and in some places unknown; yet there are religious sects of various kinds, laboring in these countries; so the people are not wholly without the gospel. But Africa is so sadly neglected, and sadder still to contemplate, that there are missionary boards in our country who spend thousands in China and Japan among the people they have never wronged, while Africa, the land whose children have been carried in chains to enrich men in various corners of the earth, is left with a missionary here and there, and by some boards neglected altogether. Our Board feels, as in the case of Zaccheus, preparation ought to be made by our white brethren where the greatest wrong has been done. Men in search of wealth and territory go to Africa in large numbers, sowing vice through the rum traffic, the tobacco habit and every thing that degrades, but so few

go with the Bible and with the love for these people, as if they were not men created in the IMAGE OF OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. To illustrate the conditions, we can find nothing more adequate than the following from the report of Rev. Wilson S. Nailor, of Wisconsin, who was a traveling companion of Bishop Hartzel. The address was delivered before the Young People's Missionary Movement at Pittsburgh, March, 1908:

"I speak to you in behalf of the greatest mass of raw paganism in the world. In that respect, Africa is unique among the mission fields. I leave it to you to debate whether, for that reason, it is a more difficult field, or whether it is in greater need than other fields. At any rate, it presents this peculiarity—that there are more pagans in Africa than in all other fields of the world combined. Aside from her 50,000,000 of Mohammedans, Africa has 90,000,000 of pagans, who have neither written religious books nor doctrinal systems. African religion is without form and void. Chaotic confusion reigns and darkness covers the face of the spiritual deep.

"I speak to you in behalf of a lost people. Without reference to future condition, the African is lost physically. Pestilence and contagion walk abroad at noonday. There is no adequate sanitary or medical system. Therefore the African is a peculiar prey to the ravaging diseases. Were it not for his persistent physical vigor, the race would have long since become extinct. The African is lost mentally, not but that he has mental capacity, but he has not even so much as the alphabet nor the rule of three to stimulate intellectual activity. Who will attempt to imagine the wearying ennui of an immortal soul reduced to the treadmill of gross animalism. He is lost morally. Some writers say that he is unmoral and, like the animal, has no responsibility for moral action. We may take exception to the characterization, but the fact that the contention can be seriously maintained is most significant. He is lost religiously. His duties are overgrown savages, and abettors of vice and crime. Fundamentally, he is what he is because of his religion. If you would change the African, you must change his religion.

"I speak to you in behalf of a neglected people. Notwithstanding the fact that Africa was most intimately associated with the history and fortunes of the Bible patriarchs, prophets and apostles, as well as having been most responsive to the missionary appeal of the early

church, yet 1900 years after Christ sent his disciples forth to preach the gospel to every creature vast stretches of the continent are still darker than midnight. One block of territory can be traced on the map diagonally across the continent from Portuguese East Africa to Angola on the west, 300 miles wide by 1,500 miles long, or 450,000 square miles, without a single missionary. From the Congo basin, stretching eastward for twelve thousand miles, there is a strip of territory six hundred miles wide, or 720,000 square miles without a single missionary. Take your stand in imagination on the northern bend of the Congo River and look off to the east and imagine the line of your vision extended until it reaches the first mission station, and then let your eyes sweep on to the northeast, to the north, to the northwest and west, over the territory unoccupied by Christian missions, and you can know that half of the continent of Africa and more than half of the population thus falls under the extended line of your vision, and in all that wide territory of 6,000,000 square miles and about 100,000,000 of people, there is not a single missionary. Stations have recently been planted on the upper waters of the Nile in the east, and at the junction of the Benue River with the Niger in the west. Between these two points is a section 1,500 miles long and 1,000 miles wide of the most densely populated region of Africa. Fully 80,000,000 of the finest people of the continent are here furnished with the gospel in the same ratio that the United States would be had we one missionary in eastern Maine and another in western Texas, and not a ray of gospel light between. To be sure, 3,000 missionaries are maintained in Africa and 1,000 foreign mission stations, with their 15,000 helpers and their 5,000 out-stations, but if the missionary territory and forces were proportionately indicated in red on that large map, people in the back part of this room could scarcely see the line running around the coast of the continent which would represent the Christian occupation of Africa. And yet we stand at the dawn of the twentieth century, 1900 years after it was said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation;" and in spite of that great commission, we face such conditions in the continent whose principal river rocked the cradle of the great Hebrew lawgiver, whose friendly people sheltered the persecuted Christ, and whose city of Cyrene furnished the first man to bear Christ's cross as he staggered under it on the way to Calvary."

## AFRICA.

## WEST AFRICA.

The work on the West Coast is in fair shape, but suffers for the need of sufficient money to erect the necessary buildings and equipments for its proper prosecution. Good Dr. Bouey has labored and had remarkable success, everything being considered. The following letter received from him as we were making up our report, will tell its own story:

Cape Mount, Liberia, W. C. Africa, July 24, 1908.  
To the Foreign Mission Board:

I sometimes wish that our dear brethren and sisters, who give out of their little earnings, and sometimes too, to their privation, for the support of the Bendoo Mission and "Jordan Industrial School," could see some of the happy and far-reaching incidents occurring here in our work. But, like all other religious work, its full merits can not be told by words.

We might have located our mission and school at or near Cape Mount, which would have made the costs of operation much less and the work easier in many respects, though not with the same results for good. It seems that the gospel and other civilizing agencies must be carried to and among the people who have not been awakened to their need, and a consequent thirst for a higher life. The President of Liberia and his officers appreciate the missions and individuals who carry their teaching and exemplary living back among these people who know not the God of the civilized world.

Your Bendoo Mission is thirty miles east from Cape Mount. In this we have not only brought the gospel to Africa, but into the stronghold of ignorance, superstition, idolatry and Mohammedanism.

When we came in 1902, there was no regard for the Lord's day in this whole Bendoo country. Thank God, we have been instrumental, under God, in changing this Mohammedan disregard for the Lord's day. I see now plainly the hand of God in my coming to the Bendoo country.

The Vey country is cut into four (4) sections, viz., Te-wah, Gowan, Bendoo and Tumba. The Bendoo country, or section, is the one our mission is in. It is about thirty-five miles square, with a population of about 55,000. The capital of this Bendoo section is the Big Bendootown, four miles from my mission. The Mohammedans have a set

of priests in each section. That is, a Chief Priest and his consorts. The Chief Priest and his centralized influences are close to me with that Christless Mohammedan doctrine. I preach at Bendootown and the Mohammedans pray and live there. Even the Mohammedans come to hear me preach. The brother of the king of this section and who lives in this capital, is my friend, and also is an Episcopal, and through him I gained the king's favor. The whole town comes to my preaching. After the king passed the law respecting the Lord's day, the old Chief Priest demanded that his day be thus respected. But God seems to have given the victory to his Son's day. So our mission is known, felt and respected throughout this whole Bendoo section of the country. We are prepared now to push our school work among the *Golabs*, as we are so close to them. They are calling us to take their children into our school. Nothing hinders our "Jordan Industrial Mission School" to sixteen scholars but the lack of support for more. These are Vey, Congo and Golah boys. We were forced last week to release three Golah and two fine Vey boys for the lack of house room and other support.

Just at this point I was stopped by a visit of the second to the Chief Priest, from Bendoo section, who listened to a half hour conversation in which I related all I knew of Mohammed and his people, and how he came to his present notoriety. He was much interested while I was showing that Mohammedanism was confined to heathen and ignorant countries, such as Africa; that Arabia was nothing compared to America, England, Germany and France. I said, God blessed the countries that believed and accepted his Son, Jesus Christ. Then he said, I must go and come again.

It is pitiful, even to a painfulness of heart, to hear soon in the morning, at first cock crow, the plaintive cries of these people, "*Ela! Ela! Harcubardo*," which means, "God, God, forgive us." The painfulness is to see the people thirsting and reaching out after forgiveness, and no one to direct and teach them the Bible way. So they, in their ignorance and helplessness, take this man's religion—Mohammedanism. What else could they do? Jesus Christ has not been heard of in all their land. And some of them knowing there is a God, and wishing to but know how to please him, turn to various objects, such as idols. But Mohammedanism, having a system of priests, and these people finding this in the Bible, are hard to convert. He is no better who accepts Mohammedan than the one who

worships the other visible objects. It is as you know, a Christless religion which God cannot respect. It raises no light in the dense darkness back of, and in fact, all around us.

Oh the depth of ignorance, stupidity, superstition and moral night in which these people live and die? God send us help. Yes, Dr. Jordan, as I sit penning these lines, my heart is swelling with a painful sympathy for the people. Some are ignorantly contented, and some who are awakened are needing and asking for light.

These poor, naked, lost godless Gohah and Vey that I am working among are needing the gospel while churches in America have it to spare. I have determined and am learning the Vey tongue, that I may the better preach to them in their own language in the towns back of me. I can plead with them better. I said five years ago I came to Africa to teach English and the Bible and not Vey, but now I see that I must learn the Vey to be useful to these people in the highest degree. My sons all know Vey and Gohah. Robert reads and writes the Vey language. They are teaching my Vey boys English and teaching me Vey. With what I know of Vey, God helping me, speak it in six months. The interpreter is good, but the message loses as it goes—spiritual.

God bless you, and all your friends and contributors, in my prayer morning and evening.

Your missionary,  
H. N. BOUEY.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

What New York is to North America and London is to England, Capetown is to Africa.

It is generally conceived that the largest number of African people, who have been most in touch with our modern Christian civilization, are in South Africa. With its ever-increasing railway facilities, its magnificent fleet of vessels, reaching all corners of the earth, South Africa is indeed the strategic point of mission work for Africa. Queenstown, with a well-equipped school for training leaders, with missions extending to Bulawayo, on the end of the railroad, pointing to the very heart of Africa, will give us, within the next decade, native missionaries penetrating the dark corners of the neglected continent, carrying that light which "lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

#### CAPETOWN.

Rev. D. E. Murff, with his good wife, is doing marvelously well at Capetown, with the means at their disposal. We have sent since May, \$1,350; he ought to have had \$2,500. It will take \$1,500 to put the school house and mission home in use, and \$3,000 to complete the church building. More than once, during the year, Brother Murff has gone into the Atlantic Ocean to bury happy souls with Jesus in Baptism. He has had an opportunity to visit among many of our stations and, as superintendent of our work in South Africa, has the situation fairly well in hand. He reports seventy-nine baptized at Middledrift during June. It is at that station where we have nearly completed the Girls' Building of eight rooms. This work has been engineered by a little native woman, Sister Jeannie Somtunzi. Ere the late Rev. J. L. Buchanan departed this life, he implanted in the minds of these people the need of this building. He had gotten much of the material together, and these children of his, though removed from our civilization, desired to carry out his wishes in making a place for themselves to learn more of God and his righteousness. The Middledrift District is one of the largest fields under the auspices of your Board. There are more than a dozen stations extending over an area of forty square miles.

Brother Murff, our Superintendent, has not had an opportunity to visit the Colony of Natal or the Transvaal. Still our Brethren Peter and Ndhlovu, in Natal, and Rev. Lesherga, in Transvaal, with their associates, report the work in fine shape. Rev. F. Solani, of the Transkei, who in company with Rev. Mngqibisa, visited the States a few years ago and told of the sufferings they had been called upon to bear, in trying to preach in the Colony of Natal, are now on the border of that Colony, where they may preach the gospel to their flock, from whom they have been parted nearly four years. Scarcely a year has flown since the dispatches told no black man would be allowed to preach or teach in Natal, unless there was a white man over him; and yet, in this short period, the Colonial Government has granted the right of marriage officers to the Zulu ministers in Natal, in a way of which we have never dreamed. What seemed black darkness one year ago, has really given away to the brightest opportunity possible, for the native Christian work in that Colony. Surely the prayers of God's children throughout the earth for the benighted Africa, are being answered.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., pastor, has set our churches throughout the country a splendid example, in pledging the support of Rev. J. E. East, who is fitting himself for work in Africa. He has placed his services at the disposal of the Board and we are hoping to have Brother East take charge of the work at Middledrift, succeeding the late Brother Buchanan.

#### LOTT CAREY ACADEMY.

For four years we have talked of a high school, which shall bear the name of Lott Carey, a pioneer missionary of our race, who bought his freedom for \$800, through extra work in the tobacco factories of Richmond, Va., that he might go to Africa and preach the gospel of the Son of God to his less fortunate brethren. He sailed for Africa in 1812.

Rev. E. B. Koti, who pastors the First African Church at Queenstown, looks after our school work and has labored at a great disadvantage during the year. The lack of proper support with which to pay off \$1,200 against the church and school property at Queenstown, has been a great disappointment to him in his effort to preach and teach. We are praying the Lord that money for the relief at this point may be raised in this Convention. Our Board has been considering the advisability of having Mr. Wm. J. Purcell, of Society Hill, S. C., go out to take charge of the school, that Brother Koti may give his entire time to the preaching of the gospel and gathering from the natives food stuffs to aid in caring for the boarding students. His going will depend very much upon what South Carolina will do to aid in his maintenance. Brother Purcell and his good wife have offered their services, and we pray in the Providence of God, that they may finally reach the Academy, to the glory of God, the good of benighted Africa and the spread of the kingdom of Christ in all the world.

The enrollment at the Academy for the year has not been all it should have been, for lack of sufficient force to aid Brother Koti in pushing the work in the schoolroom and out among the people. Give our Board money to supply a good teacher and we will soon have a Bible class at the Queenstown Academy, from whose ranks will go trained men and women who will make glad that end of the earth.

#### EAST CENTRAL AFRICA.

Climatic conditions have always been a serious question to missionaries and travelers in the tropics. The climate

in Chiradzula is more trying than that on the West Coast; and yet our workers have braved it and done good there with a good church house, two mission homes and ninety-three acres of ground paid for. Baptists have a fine opportunity to win thousands of souls for Christ in this densely populated region. It was here Miss E. B. DeLaney wrought for years, and Rev. L. N. Cheek for seven years. At present they are both on the home field leaving Rev. John Chilembwe in charge of the work. (See report.) Brother Cheek expects to return in March, and because of his ripe experience and thorough knowledge of the language of the people, he will be better equipped now, than ever before, to do great good in East Central Africa. Our Board needs nothing so much as it needs specialists in mission work.

Some friends of missions, at home, slacken in their gifts and interests, because our missionaries come home and do not return. Of course few of us hear of the loneliness of life in strange lands, and especially tropical climates. The following article, appearing in the current number of the *Missionary Review*, will illustrate this point:

"Every mission field in heathen land has its special difficulty for the missionary worker that calls out our sympathy. Listening to narratives of personal experience, in almost any missionary convention, there will be, from some, stories of physical deprivations; from others, theological or national or class antipathies and oppositions; from all, personal trials of their moral and spiritual natures. But, as to isolation, I think only Point Barrow, within the Arctic Circle, and Tibet surpass Africa in the loneliness that awaits candidates for mission service. The pain of isolation, that at first does not strike the listener to the story as a very great affliction, is one that grows, and for which there is little relief. But mankind is gregarious. Isolation is an affliction that, though at the moment less sharp than a wound, disease, hunger, cold, heat, or insult, becomes erosive, like the continued wearing away by a persistent waterdrop on a stone. Dynamite, in a moment, could shatter that stone to fragments; the explosion would be heard and commented on; and then the shattered stone would be forgotten; for, simply, it no longer exists. But the block, lying under the drip, drip, day and night, year after year, is being worn away by a species of torture the while its 'days go on, go on.' The physical distresses of cold and hunger are temporary, and have their possible relief in change of clothing and new supplies of food; for diseases, there are medicines; intellectual trials find their

relief in books; and the moral and spiritual, in communion with the Master. But isolation persists in its loneliness.

#### CREDIT FOR THE MISSIONARIES.

The African Lakes Incorporation of Scotland has been very kind to our workers in East Central Africa, in allowing them to have on credit necessary goods for trade in labor and food-stuffs, among the natives. Brother Chalmers made a debt of more than \$1,800, reported in last year's work, much of which is still unpaid. We are looking forward to help from this meeting, that we might be relieved of this embarrassment.

#### BRITISH WEST INDIAN ISLANDS.

##### BARBADOS.

Rev. A. S. Phillips, at St. John's, and Rev. T. E. Smith at Bridgetown, are our missionaries in the Island of Barbados. Brother Phillips has two churches under way of construction. Both are of stone and when completed will last for years. Rev. T. E. Smith is also putting up a new church. \$1,500 spent here would give these brethren church homes, relieving us of further effort in that direction. The wages of the people on this Island are meagre indeed, and you may well wonder how the women could live on seventy-five cents and one dollar a month and the men on seventeen cents a day. Somehow, the poverty among masses on this island is indescribable; but they have a faith that must live in heaven or hell, and they need to know Christ, "whom to know aright is life eternal." The missionaries suffer the pangs of hunger with their brethren and endure other hardships, almost to the crying point. We bespeak for them the sympathy and help of our brethren everywhere. One of the churches under Brother Phillips' charge is about completed, but in debt.

##### JAMAICA.

The latter part of the seventeenth century George White of Savannah, Georgia, went to the West Indies to preach the gospel to his enslaved brethren of the island. Sacred and profane history tells of the bitter agony of those people; and how, when the English Baptists sent their missionaries, among whom was Wm. Knibb, to the island, George Lisle had a church with a membership of more

five hundred. It seems from that day until now there has been a small group of Baptists calling themselves "Fellowship Baptists," who have asked and contended for pastors from among their own people, while another crowd has stood by the white missionaries sent them from England. These white missionaries have pastored the larger churches and superintended the work with the natives as assistants. With money from the Mother Church in England they have founded good schools, built commodious churches and have paid their English pastors good salaries. The little churches with which the black pastors have struggled on, inspired by the life of Lisle, have believed it possible for Negroes to pastor and teach Negroes. After the earthquake, they sent Rev. G. E. Stewart to this country, and as he touched the leaders among his own people here, his soul took fire and he realized the dream of a lifetime. He found here strong, scholarly Negroes at the head of great institutions of learning, pastoring large churches of from 500 to 5,000 members, presiding over great conventions—mastered or overseen by white men, but treated by them as equals and fellowshipped as brethren. Brother Stewart returned home without the money he so much needed, but with a burning desire to more thoroughly organize his brethren. So much were our brethren impressed with his manly bearing and Christian fidelity, that Eckstein Norton University, presided over by Dr. Parrish, the Chairman of your Board, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on him.

The Publishing Board, through our Board, hopes to open up a repository where books published by Negro authors may be read among our people in the West Indies. The following article, taken from the *Daily Telegraph*, published in Kingston, Jamaica, will tell its own story:

"The Social Baptist Churches of Jamaica have been affiliated with the National Baptist Convention of the United States. In future the Jamaica churches will be known as the National Baptist Convention of America, in Jamaica; under the Presidency of Rev. G. E. Stewart, who has labored in Jamaica for years.

"The first convention was held in Kingston during the past week. General satisfaction was expressed at the affiliation which has been effected by the Rev. G. E. Stewart during his stay in the United States. It may be interesting to know that the National Baptist Convention of America has 18,000 churches and a membership of 2,500,000.

## RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT.

"On the arrival of the President, Rev. G. E. Stewart from America, he received a hearty welcome on all sides. The flock to which he ministered in Kingston before his departure from the island tendered him a warm welcome. Addresses were presented to him by his churches; and all wished him long life and continued success, in which the *Daily Telegraph* cordially joins.

## ONE OF THE ADDRESSES.

"The following is a copy of one of the addresses presented to Mr. Stewart:

"KINGSTON, JULY 28, 1908.

"Rev. G. E. Stewart,

"President of the N. B. Convention of Jamaica.

"Rev. and Dear Sir.—We, the ministers of the First National Baptist Convention of Jamaica, beg to tender most cordially and respectfully our united gratitude to you for having labored successfully and indefatigably for the advancement and prosperity of the colored race of Jamaica as well as our churches. We have to commend and congratulate you with hearts united with joy and thankfulness for having affiliated our churches in connection with the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, one of the largest denominations in the world, and placing us on a better footing and equality with the leading denominations at home or abroad.

"We must assure you most earnestly that the good you have done for us can never be forgotten and erased from the fingers of Time, but it will ever be borne as memo of your indefatigable labors and enthusiasm achieved for the affiliation of our denomination.

"We wish you abundant success and prosperity as the first President of the National Baptist Convention of Jamaica, and we since only hope and pray that your life may long be spared to officiate in the vocation of the new appointment conferred upon you, and finally reap your eternal reward when the Chief Shepherd shall appear."

"We have the honor to be your obedient brethren,

"J. N. JOHNSON AND OTHERS."

## CLERGYMAN'S REPLY.

"The Rev. G. E. Stewart replied as follows:

"KINGSTON, JULY 28, 1908.

"Dear Co-workers.—It affords me no little pleasure to be with you in this National Baptist Convention. During

my thirteen months' stay in the United States of America, I have labored successfully for the good of the native Baptist churches in the land of my nativity; and we have now risen above the depreciation of others who spoke ill of us, and are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention in the United States of America, consisting of 18,000 churches with 2,500,000 baptized members. I thank you for your appreciation of my services. I bring you greetings from the brethren in America. It is my intention to seek for all the independent Baptist churches, and have them united with us.

"I ask your co-operation in the establishment of the Master's cause, and trust that in the near future we may be able to say, 'Give room.'"

"Let us pray and labor for the God of Jacob is with us.

"I can joyfully sing,  
Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

"May this convention be a memorable one. Since we have lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes, let us press forward to the mark of the high calling in Christ, and this is the earnest prayer of

"Yours fraternally,

"G. E. STEWART."

## HAITI.

Rev. L. Ton Evans, Superintendent of our work in Haiti, mailed for that field, via Jamaica, May 30th.

He reports that the unsettled condition in Haiti has prohibited his reaching there, but that he is in touch with a number of the brethren who are pastoring on that unfortunate island. Rev. Evans reports thirty-three baptisms in April, with a number of converts awaiting baptism, and New Chapel at Jacmel, finished, save the roof, which will cost \$150.

These faithful Baptists in Haiti have struggled on, despite poverty, war and famine on that Rome-cursed and Priest-ridden isle. The Welsh Baptists, through the English Missionary Baptist Society, Rev. Dr. Morris, General Secretary, sent to our Board in April, \$1,214.41, besides the \$750.00 reported by Brother Evans, specially designated for Haytian work. From this fund we have paid \$1,663.00 on printing and salaries of Superintendent Evans and our native pastors in Haiti.

We are glad to report the indications are that our Welsh brethren, with the little we shall be able to raise, will give long neglected Haiti an opportunity to have the message of life, which alone can save her from internal strife and possibly from final destruction. This is the land of Toussaint L'Ouverture, and now, after all these years of freedom from physical slavery, it seems, in a large measure, to be bound to Romanism and Voodooism, which will destroy any people. The open Bible and God-fearing men, who proclaim its blessed truths, the only ladder by which these unfortunate ones, as well as other people, may reach favor with God and good men throughout the world.

Our Board hereby expresses its sincere thanks to all the friends, and especially that large number in Wales, who have made it possible for us to undertake Baptist work in Haiti.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

Many of us will recall the visit of Rev. H. D. Prowd, D. D., from South America, who was with us at the meeting in Washington. He has charge of all work in South America and the West Indies, aside from Haiti. We are glad to report the two churches in Georgetown, pastored by Dr. Prowd and Brother Richardson, have enjoyed excellent spiritual helpfulness during the entire conventional year. Through the kindness of Abbysinia Baptist Church of New York, Brother Richardson has been enabled to complete the building for Nazareth Baptist Church. Dr. Prowd, in an effort to have more room, is enlarging the Bethel Baptist Church, the corner-stone of which was laid on July 18th.

The following letter to our Corresponding Secretary gives details:

GEORGETOWN DEMERARA, B. G., JULY 11, 1908.

My Beloved Dr. Jordan:

This leaves me in the midst of great work, plans and preparation in the service of God and our denomination. I sincerely hope my last letter has reached you, and that even at a sacrifice, you have already forwarded the \$300 to help me. You see we can not get on without a school; therefore, in putting up the enlarged church-house I thought it wise to make room for the school at once. Of course, you will readily see that it will be cheaper to us in the end. I send you clipping from our leading daily concerning the building. The people are poverty itself, and if we are to still carry on our work among them, the Board must be prepared to help them. Every church in

Colony is Missionary. I mean supported by a parent body. The A. M. E. Church has just sent back their missionary, Mr. Luckie, to the field and with him a new man. They are equipped with a school house to each teaching place, and also with school material. And what in our denomination would blame me for pushing forward our side?

Now my brother, a very serious trouble confronts me. You will remember my telling you that unless you make monthly payments I would be positively unable to carry on the work. The reason of this is in the fact that I have to get things on credit to eat, and no one will wait months for me for payment of my account. If you can not make monthly payments, I must reluctantly give up the work. I am getting old in the Lord's service, and I am prepared to make sacrifices, but I ought not to be subjected to disgrace. God bless you. I press toward the mark. Our convention comes off next month. Send relief.

Your Brother in the fight and in need,

H. D. PROWD.

The following, from one of the dailies in Georgetown, will illustrate what the good doctor is doing:

"The Rev. Dr. Prowd, of the Bethel Baptist Church, applied for the use of the Town Hall on about twelve Sundays for services in consequence of his church being rebuilt. He asked that the only charge made should be out of pocket expenses.

"The Town Clerk said the proper tariff charge was \$5 rent, \$3 for light, \$1.20 for constables and \$1 for warder.

"The Salvation Army always obtained the use of the Hall for payment of expenses.

"The matter was referred to the Town Hall Committee."

Your Board has been greatly grieved over the conditions in Dutch Guiana, South America. Rev. C. P. Rier reports himself and congregation out of doors. They are making an honest struggle to secure a place of worship, and it is the intention of your Board to give them relief during the coming conventional year. This is an exceeding hard field, and needs the sympathy and co-operation of all the churches in this home land.

#### RUSSIA.

The work in Russia seems to be in fair shape. Baron xikiull, during his sojourn in the States last year, secured money enough among Baptists, North and South, to build a Theological School for the preparation of the Russian

Baptist ministers on the home field. The one hundred dollars a year pledged by our Board to Russian work has gone to the support of Rev. Frederick Brauer.

### HOME FIELD.

#### OUR FIELD SECRETARIES AND WORKERS ON THE HOME FIELD

Rev. C. G. Fishback, B. D., our Field Secretary for the territory lying west of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, for some cause has not resigned his church and gone into the work wholly during the year. In this we have been disappointed and the work has suffered, as your Board had mapped out a certain amount of work for him to do. During the month of June we selected Rev. Wm. H. Moses, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., as Field Secretary for our country east of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. He has given two months service. If the territory thus divided is properly worked, we believe that the coming conventional year will bring to us gratifying results.

Miss E. B. DeLaney, who has labored faithfully under your Board since her return from Africa, gave up field work beginning with May, and is now giving her whole time to the superintendency of foreign mission work among children. She was elected to this position during 1907. We are pleased with the service rendered. She has collected \$1,224.65 among the women and children, aside from her public meetings, for the building of the Girl's Dormitory in connection with the Lott Carey Academy at Queenstown, South Africa.

Superintendent Murff and Brother Koti have the Queenstown work well in hand, and hope to begin the building in October or November. The school, when completed will cost \$2,500. We feel sure if all the good women who pledged to this fund would pay it to Sister DeLaney we would have the money in hand for the completion of the building.

Mrs. Josephine Straughn, our Sister from South America, has given three years of satisfactory service. She has done much toward helping us keep the work going in her own country.

Miss Julia A. Holmes, of Alabama, has won a place as a faithful worker for our missionaries.

Rev. R. A. Jackson, who has spent fourteen years on Foreign fields, is now working under the Board in this country. He has spent most of the year in South Carolina and Texas. The brethren speak commendably of his services, wherever he has gone.

Miss Sidney J. Davis, who has so faithfully represented our Board in various parts of the country for the past four or five years, because of ill health, has not been very active during the past conventional year.

There are other workers who aid our Board in various States, but do not give their entire time to the work.

The Board takes this method of extending its most grateful thanks and the thanks of our missionaries beyond the seas, to each and all the workers, pastors and friends, who have, by sympathy, word and deed, helped in this great work of soul-winning in regions beyond.

### OUR FOREIGN STUDENTS.

Since 1887, we have had from three to fourteen students from Africa, South America and the West Indies to arrange for in the schools of this country each year.

At present they are located as follows: Harry Maponane, Conroe College, Conroe, Texas; Robert Sisusa and Daniel Malakabo, Selma University, Selma, Ala.; David Tesei, Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va.; Monte Kamma, Eckstein Norton University, Cane Springs, Ky.; P. L. Seme, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; Johnnie Rier, Natchez Baptist College, Natchez, Miss.; Misses Delia Rudolph and Mary Buchanan, under the Women's Convention.

Mr. Chas. S. Birmingham, a student for the ministry, sent to us by Dr. Prowd, reached here August 29th, and will doubtless enter State University in Kentucky. Our denomination will never know the good it is accomplishing in preparing these young people for service in their own land. Like Moses, trained in the Court of Pharaoh, these young people will become great Christian leaders among their people.

We ask for them the prayers of our brethren and sisters everywhere.

### PLANS FOR WORK.

"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build," may be truthfully applied to the subject of missions. As much as our Lord wishes to have this world saved, his plan is, men must reach men and bring them into the kingdom. He calls upon his children, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." No plan, however wise will succeed unless prayerfully pushed by goodly men and women.

I. In 1896 the late Rev. M. Vann, of Chattanooga, Tenn., adopted the plan of taking an offering for foreign missions before his sermon, on each Lord's day. For joy, we published this plan and told about it as we went from State to State, getting quite a number of pastors to adopt it; but as the plan succeeded, so many pastors became covetous, and for this year only one has kept his word. Many of these pastors have used the money thus collected for representation in associations and conventions, and others used it for State missions and church expenses. We are praying for some plan to be adopted by our pastors, to which they will stick, when they feel good and to which they will stick when they are lukewarm on the subject of missions. "Stick to it, as a duty they owe God and our workers. Taking an offering for missions before the sermon is a good plan and keeps the matter before the people.

II. A large number of churches promised a collection once a month; but only three are still adhering to this plan. No Baptist church would die from giving a little after-collection to their own missionaries on foreign fields, ordered there by the Lord Jesus, the founder and head-pastor of every Baptist church. Our churches will be strengthened by contact with their Lord in this work of world-wide missions.

III. We are making an effort to find fifty thousand Baptists who will give at least \$2 a year, for the next five years, the Lord willing, that we may have the necessary funds for carrying on mission work in foreign fields. This would mean a little above one-fifth of the two and one-half million people in our Baptist Zion. We are calling upon all missionary pastors to help us secure missionary recruits for regular service. The Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Pittsburgh, has raised during this year nearly \$500 for foreign missions and pledged \$600 a year for five years. Among the eighteen thousand Baptist churches of our denomination, there are more than one thousand that could do just as well, if our Father's sons, the pastors, would adopt it and say, "It shall be done."

IV. We are making an effort to have each of the five hundred Baptist Associations among us give space in their annual letter form for foreign missions. We may not get all the money coming up from churches, as is true in many cases now, but it will be a source of education for the denomination and will throw the responsibility of their Lord's last command upon the individual churches.

## DANGER AHEAD OF US.

Nearly every leading pastor among our people in the large centers subscribe for one or more of the leading religious journals, published by our white brethren. These papers bristle with good news and gladdidings from the harvest fields beyond the sea. They breathe the spirit of world-wide missions. They tell of the wonderful work of the Lord. We never read them without desiring to continue the battle with the army already on the firing line.

Why is it that these fail to move our pastors? They are men of the same caliber as their white brethren. Will we go on giving the crumbs for the evangelization of benighted Africa and treat ourselves to loaves of pleasure, after we provide well for the necessities of life?

Within the past six months, more than forty letters have come to headquarters about money sent through others. In two cases, the money was sent through pastors and never reached the Board. These pastors, when chased down, confessed the mistake theirs and called upon your Board to save them from exposure to their people. Do we not see in this the most stupendous and colossal crime of our modern times? The thing charged against Ananias and Sapphira was that, when pledging, they were willing to give all they had to the Lord, but when the money was in hand, it seemed too much to give and they stole a part of it, and to make matters worse, told a downright lie about it. The apostle Peter asked the question, "Was it not thine own, and why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?" Any pastor who is not going to act honest with our missionaries beyond the seas, honest with the Lord Jesus, who calls them into the ministry, honest with our National Baptist Convention in carrying on the work it has mapped out among the nations, who know not the Lord, should not take money in the name of foreign missions and use it for other purposes. Your Board has a list of Association officials who retain the money they raise for foreign missions, to buy tickets for themselves to these meetings. A great deal of money is sent here that we never get. The Holy Ghost has gone into the churches and found a faithful few who love their Lord and believe in the Great Commission, and when they know of this wrong, it may cause their exclusion from the church, but they are becoming God's flail, to undermine the strength and influence of these men in sheep's clothing, who cry, "Missions, Missions," and rally the people, secure money in the name of the Lord's cause, and then use it for themselves.

Your Board finds no pleasure in publicly stating these facts, but truth is mighty, it alone will destroy error. We most humbly pray the Lord to save our ministers and leaders from dishonesty in this matter. It would be infinitely more humane to tie rocks to the necks of our missionaries and drop them in the ocean, or to carve them to pieces in the most brutal form known to the most heartless savages, than to put them five, ten or fifteen thousand miles away from the homeland and squander the little money the people give for their maintenance.

Another mistake, very detrimental to the moral and religious life of our people, is the effort to encourage every tramp, claiming to be a prince or some chief from Africa. In parceling out Africa, the civilized nations of the world have control of every part of it, except Abyssinia and Liberia. Wherever the white man holds a protectorix in all corners of Africa, the position of chief and kings has been reduced to that of an agent; hence, all these would-be princes, chiefs and warriors who prey on our credulous people, are imposters of the first water. We call upon our pastors to protect their people and save the denomination by closing their doors to these fakes. Many encourage them, in order to draw a crowd and get money. Brethren, if you will pray often and preach the clean-cut gospel, God will draw the crowd for you. Jesus Christ can draw a bigger crowd than all the kings and princes of earth combined. Our Lord said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." The whole gospel preached by men fresh from the valley of humility and prayer, will save men as no sensational man from Africa, or any other region, can possibly save.

#### RECEIPTS BY MONTHS.

| ALABAMA.        |           | July .....   | 8 00      |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|                 |           | August ..... | 61 53     |
| September ..... | \$ 189 17 | Total .....  | \$ 807 81 |
| October .....   | 18 30     |              |           |
| November .....  | 76 17     |              |           |
| December .....  | 5 50      |              |           |
| January .....   | 52 12     |              |           |
| February .....  | 1 35      |              |           |
| March .....     | 6 15      |              |           |
| April .....     | 246 38    |              |           |
| May .....       | 105 42    |              |           |
| June .....      | 37 37     |              |           |

#### ARKANSAS.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| September ..... | \$ 122 72 |
| October .....   | 11 75     |
| November .....  | 314 77    |
| December .....  | 9 92      |
| January .....   | 174 01    |

REV. T. O. FILLER, D. D., TH. D.



REV. E. H. McDONALD, D. D.



REV. E. ARLINGTON WILSON



|                |          |               |           |
|----------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| February ..... | \$ 15 53 | January ..... | \$ 13 05  |
| March .....    | 10 52    | July .....    | 11 57     |
| April .....    | 254 80   |               |           |
| May .....      | 111 20   | Total .....   | \$ 655 30 |
| June .....     | 27 03    |               |           |
| July .....     | 29 23    |               |           |
| August .....   | 29 96    |               |           |

Total .....

## CALIFORNIA.

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| September ..... | \$ 9 35 |
| November .....  | 1 85    |
| December .....  | 3 85    |
| March .....     | 2 00    |
| May .....       | 10 00   |
| June .....      | 2 50    |
| August .....    | 2 00    |

Total .....

## ARIZONA.

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| April ..... | \$ 3 25 |
|-------------|---------|

Total .....

## CONNECTICUT.

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| September ..... | \$ 1 35 |
| November .....  | 15 00   |
| January .....   | 11 40   |
| April .....     | 10 00   |
| May .....       | 13 00   |
| July .....      | 5 00    |
| August .....    | 1 00    |

Total .....

## COLORADO.

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| May .....  | \$ 66 00 |
| June ..... | 2 10     |

Total .....

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| September ..... | \$ 239 84 |
| October .....   | 75        |
| November .....  | 215 09    |

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 50 65 |
| October .....   | 15 50    |
| December .....  | 25 00    |
| November .....  | 27 86    |
| December .....  | 4 22     |
| January .....   | 174 91   |
| February .....  | 13 30    |
| March .....     | 137 16   |
| April .....     | 159 47   |
| May .....       | 34 69    |
| June .....      | 30 95    |
| July .....      | 1 85     |
| August .....    | 6 35     |

Total .....

## FOREIGN.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 1 40  |
| December .....  | 59       |
| February .....  | 4 87     |
| March .....     | 3 00     |
| April .....     | 1,214 41 |

Total .....

## GEORGIA.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| September ..... | \$ 106 44 |
| October .....   | 13 50     |
| November .....  | 28 89     |
| December .....  | 5 70      |
| January .....   | 75 71     |
| February .....  | 35        |
| March .....     | 11 49     |
| April .....     | 100 97    |
| May .....       | 57 12     |
| June .....      | 1 20      |
| July .....      | 9 45      |
| August .....    | 18 90     |

Total .....

## MINUTES.

| ILLINOIS.       |           | December .....  |             | \$ 2 00 |  |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|---------|--|
| September ..... | \$ 75 75  | January .....   | 142 74      |         |  |
| October .....   | 3 26      | February .....  | 183 44      |         |  |
| November .....  | 110 51    | March .....     | 3 00        |         |  |
| December .....  | 10 00     | April .....     | 46 29       |         |  |
| January .....   | 63 90     | May .....       | 34 44       |         |  |
| February .....  | 30 65     | June .....      | 6 65        |         |  |
| March .....     | 10 00     | July .....      | 1 70        |         |  |
| April .....     | 85 16     | August .....    | 3 70        |         |  |
| May .....       | 65 80     | Total .....     | \$ 523 96   |         |  |
| June .....      | 8 25      | KENTUCKY.       |             |         |  |
| July .....      | 37 64     | September ..... | \$ 98 89    |         |  |
| August .....    | 17 36     | October .....   | 43 90       |         |  |
| Total .....     | \$ 518 28 | November .....  | 219 25      |         |  |
| INDIANA.        |           | December .....  | 11 85       |         |  |
| September ..... | \$ 25 00  | January .....   | 185 55      |         |  |
| October .....   | 16 56     | February .....  | 16 54       |         |  |
| November .....  | 16 25     | March .....     | 10 39       |         |  |
| December .....  | 17 09     | April .....     | 199 65      |         |  |
| January .....   | 51 30     | May .....       | 74 67       |         |  |
| February .....  | 4 50      | June .....      | 24 67       |         |  |
| March .....     | 4 65      | July .....      | 32 24       |         |  |
| April .....     | 72 74     | August .....    | 111 28      |         |  |
| May .....       | 2 40      | Total .....     | \$ 1,023 86 |         |  |
| June .....      | 7 00      | LOUISIANA.      |             |         |  |
| July .....      | 56 42     | September ..... | \$ 58 33    |         |  |
| August .....    | 20 05     | October .....   | 13 70       |         |  |
| Total .....     | \$ 293 96 | November .....  | 30 02       |         |  |
| IOWA.           |           | December .....  | 15 04       |         |  |
| November .....  | \$ 42 00  | January .....   | 45 72       |         |  |
| February .....  | 10 00     | February .....  | 6 58        |         |  |
| April .....     | 1 00      | March .....     | 16 08       |         |  |
| May .....       | 32 25     | April .....     | 127 51      |         |  |
| June .....      | 20 00     | May .....       | 149 62      |         |  |
| Total .....     | \$ 95 35  | June .....      | 58 49       |         |  |
| KANSAS.         |           | July .....      | 10 86       |         |  |
| September ..... | \$ 9 00   | August .....    | 3 68        |         |  |
| October .....   | 4 75      | Total .....     | \$ 530 62   |         |  |
| November .....  | 187 25    | MASSACHUSETTS   |             |         |  |
|                 |           | September ..... | \$ 14 00    |         |  |
|                 |           | November .....  | 41 32       |         |  |

## MINUTES.

| December .....  | \$ 2 50   | July .....      | \$ 170 01   |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| January .....   | 6 00      | August .....    | 21 30       |
| March .....     | 1 69      | Total .....     | \$ 1,264 10 |
| April .....     | 4 75      | MISSOURI.       |             |
| June .....      | 1 50      | September ..... | \$ 81 16    |
| July .....      | 7 00      | October .....   | 10 00       |
| August .....    | 1 00      | November .....  | 202 56      |
| Total .....     | \$ 79 76  | December .....  | 1 45        |
| MARYLAND.       |           | January .....   | 101 23      |
| October .....   | \$ 7 21   | February .....  | 31 30       |
| November .....  | 2 00      | March .....     | 1 70        |
| January .....   | 1 00      | April .....     | 32 93       |
| April .....     | 10 00     | May .....       | 62 53       |
| May .....       | 2 00      | June .....      | 53 75       |
| July .....      | 15 00     | August .....    | 3 15        |
| Total .....     | \$ 206 17 | Total .....     | \$ 561 76   |
| MINNESOTA.      |           | MONTANA.        |             |
| November .....  | \$ 7 00   | October .....   | \$ 90       |
| April .....     | 2 00      | March .....     | 40          |
| May .....       | 28 00     | Total .....     | \$ 130      |
| Total .....     | \$ 37 00  | NEBRASKA.       |             |
| MICHIGAN.       |           | May .....       | \$ 31 00    |
| September ..... | \$ 9 00   | June .....      | 12 05       |
| October .....   | 1 02      | Total .....     | \$ 83 05    |
| November .....  | 4 95      | NEW JERSEY.     |             |
| January .....   | 1 60      | September ..... | \$ 24 84    |
| April .....     | 2 05      | November .....  | 63 70       |
| Total .....     | \$ 18 62  | December .....  | 41 02       |
| MISSISSIPPI.    |           | January .....   | 45 30       |
| September ..... | \$ 114 70 | February .....  | 86          |
| October .....   | 38 87     | March .....     | 2 75        |
| November .....  | 90 53     | April .....     | 318 05      |
| December .....  | 8 92      | May .....       | 1 35        |
| January .....   | 109 39    | June .....      | 59 44       |
| February .....  | 27 34     | July .....      | 112 00      |
| March .....     | 29 06     | August .....    | 7 85        |
| April .....     | 395 90    | Total .....     | \$ 760 15   |
| May .....       | 142 10    |                 |             |
| June .....      | 105 98    |                 |             |

| NEW YORK. |           | July      | \$ | 8 35   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|--------|
| September | \$ 212 00 | August    |    | 1 00   |
| October   | 1 00      | Total     | \$ | 504 66 |
| November  | 138 56    | OKLAHOMA. |    |        |
| December  | 6 00      | September | \$ | 144 10 |
| January   | 57 54     | October   |    | 1 25   |
| February  | 3 00      | November  |    | 95 20  |
| March     | 2 93      | December  |    | 24 35  |
| April     | 26 23     | January   |    | 22 44  |
| June      | 11 00     | February  |    | 10     |
| August    | 3 30      | March     |    | 2 80   |

Total ..... \$ 461 56

| NORTH CAROLINA. |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September       | \$ 67 12 |
| October         | 8 50     |
| November        | 20 45    |
| December        | 8 63     |
| January         | 19 50    |
| February        | 52 21    |
| March           | 4 61     |
| April           | 114 00   |
| May             | 41 58    |
| June            | 42 71    |
| July            | 11 42    |
| August          | 6 75     |

Total ..... \$ 397 48

| NEW MEXICO. |         |
|-------------|---------|
| November    | \$ 0 95 |
| January     | 35      |

Total ..... \$ 1 30

| OHIO.     |          |
|-----------|----------|
| September | \$ 60 68 |
| October   | 69 86    |
| November  | 187 34   |
| December  | 4 85     |
| January   | 73 23    |
| February  | 4 36     |
| March     | 3 00     |
| April     | 48 68    |
| May       | 36 81    |
| June      | 6 55     |

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| July   | \$ 8 35 |
| August | 1 00    |

Total ..... \$ 504 66

| OKLAHOMA. |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| September | \$ 144 10 |
| October   | 1 25      |
| November  | 95 20     |
| December  | 24 35     |
| January   | 22 44     |
| February  | 10        |
| March     | 2 80      |
| April     | 106 11    |
| May       | 24 32     |
| June      | 8 83      |
| July      | 6 00      |
| August    | 10 00     |

Total ..... \$ 445 50

| PENNSYLVANIA. |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September     | \$ 224 00 |
| October       | 87 06     |
| November      | 227 77    |
| December      | 69 66     |
| January       | 136 43    |
| February      | 14        |
| March         | 180 34    |
| April         | 2 00      |
| May           | 229 72    |
| June          | 31 32     |
| July          | 18 00     |
| August        | 5 00      |

Total ..... \$1,201 94

| RHODE ISLAND. |          |
|---------------|----------|
| October       | \$ 1 65  |
| January       | 5 00     |
| March         | 2 00     |
| May           | 4 00     |
| July          | 10 00    |
| August        | 2 00     |
| Total         | \$ 24 65 |

| SOUTH CAROLINA. |          | January   | \$ | 104 26 |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|----|--------|
| September       | \$ 58 81 | February  |    | 4 55   |
| October         | 18 29    | March     |    | 6 55   |
| November        | 62 05    | April     |    | 103 01 |
| December        | 20 15    | May       |    | 192 09 |
| January         | 22 81    | June      |    | 25 42  |
| February        | 41 08    | July      |    | 1 73   |
| March           | 1 47     | Total     | \$ | 950 06 |
| April           | 118 08   | UTAH.     |    |        |
| May             | 139 76   | April     | \$ | 2 50   |
| June            | 26 43    | Total     | \$ | 2 50   |
| July            | 18 55    | VIRGINIA. |    |        |
| August          | 19 00    | September | \$ | 105 23 |

Total ..... \$ 534 48

| SOUTH DAKOTA. |         |
|---------------|---------|
| September     | \$ 5 00 |
| December      | 1 50    |
| January       | 3 12    |
| February      | 1 00    |

Total ..... \$ 10 62

| TENNESSEE. |          |
|------------|----------|
| September  | \$ 62 87 |
| October    | 11 38    |
| November   | 105 67   |
| December   | 5 00     |
| January    | 116 05   |
| February   | 149 82   |
| March      | 30 58    |
| April      | 128 07   |
| May        | 22 62    |
| June       | 6 90     |
| July       | 19 70    |
| August     | 22 05    |

Total ..... \$ 687 71

| TEXAS.    |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| September | \$ 176 50 |
| October   | 90        |
| November  | 317 88    |
| December  | 17 17     |

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| January  | \$ 104 26 |
| February | 4 55      |
| March    | 6 55      |
| April    | 103 01    |
| May      | 192 09    |
| June     | 25 42     |
| July     | 1 73      |

Total ..... \$ 950 06

| UTAH. |         |
|-------|---------|
| April | \$ 2 50 |
| Total | \$ 2 50 |

| VIRGINIA. |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| September | \$ 105 23 |
| October   | 3 57      |
| November  | 161 14    |
| December  | 3 22      |
| January   | 136 31    |
| February  | 3 55      |
| March     | 2 95      |
| April     | 77 36     |
| May       | 262 49    |
| June      | 6 23      |
| July      | 168 82    |
| August    | 113 85    |

Total ..... \$1,034 72

| WASHINGTON. |         |
|-------------|---------|
| September   | \$ 2 00 |
| January     | 1 00    |
| April       | 4 00    |

Total ..... \$ 7 00

| WEST VIRGINIA. |          |
|----------------|----------|
| September      | \$ 64 37 |
| October        | 110 76   |
| November       | 1 00     |
| January        | 31 85    |
| February       | 3 32     |
| March          | 3 00     |
| April          | 27 89    |
| May            | 10 16    |

|              |        |                   |           |
|--------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|
| June .....   | \$ 50  | New York .....    | \$ 461 54 |
| July .....   | 29 85  | North Carolina .. | 397 44    |
| August ..... | 140 48 | Ohio .....        | 504 64    |

Total ..... \$ 422 68

## WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

|                 |           |                   |          |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 878 10 | Pennsylvania ..   | 1,201 94 |
| October .....   | 25 00     | Rhode Island ..   | 24 66    |
| December .....  | 25 00     | South Carolina .. | 534 43   |
| January .....   | 35 00     | South Dakota ..   | 15 62    |
| February .....  | 171 68    | Tennessee .....   | 687 71   |
| March .....     | 15 00     | Texas .....       | 950 06   |
| May .....       | 25 00     | Utah .....        | 2 54     |
| July .....      | 245 00    | Virginia .....    | 1,034 73 |
| August .....    | 812 02    | Washington .....  | 7 00     |

Total ..... \$2,231 80

## SUMMARY—RECEIPTS.

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Alabama .....              | \$ 807 81 |
| Arkansas .....             | 1,111 44  |
| Arizona .....              | 3 25      |
| California .....           | 31 55     |
| Connecticut .....          | 56 75     |
| Colorado .....             | 68 10     |
| District of Columbia ..... | 555 30    |
| Florida .....              | 708 41    |
| Foreign .....              | 1,224 27  |
| Georgia .....              | 413 72    |
| Illinois .....             | 518 28    |
| Indiana .....              | 293 96    |
| Iowa .....                 | 95 35     |
| Kansas .....               | 523 96    |
| Kentucky .....             | 1,023 86  |
| Louisiana .....            | 530 62    |
| Massachusetts ..           | 79 76     |
| Maryland .....             | 206 17    |
| Minnesota .....            | 37 00     |
| Michigan .....             | 18 62     |
| Mississippi .....          | 1,264 10  |
| Missouri .....             | 531 76    |
| Montana .....              | 1 30      |
| Nebraska .....             | 33 05     |
| New Jersey .....           | 760 15    |
| New Mexico .....           | 1 30      |

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| September ..... | \$ 606 11 |
| October .....   | 1,731 11  |
| November .....  | 1,993 11  |
| December .....  | 650 11    |
| January .....   | 972 11    |
| February .....  | 177 11    |
| March .....     | 190 11    |
| April .....     | 310 11    |
| May .....       | 3,385 11  |
| June .....      | 392 11    |
| July .....      | 529 11    |
| August .....    | 1,054 11  |

Total ..... \$20,298 11

## Monthly Expenditures.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| September ..... | \$ 606 11 |
| October .....   | 1,731 11  |
| November .....  | 1,993 11  |
| December .....  | 650 11    |
| January .....   | 972 11    |
| February .....  | 177 11    |
| March .....     | 190 11    |
| April .....     | 310 11    |
| May .....       | 3,385 11  |
| June .....      | 392 11    |
| July .....      | 529 11    |
| August .....    | 1,054 11  |

Total ..... \$11,989 11

## HERALD.

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| September ..... | \$ 0 00 |
| October .....   | 62 00   |
| November .....  | 132 00  |
| December .....  | 164 00  |
| January .....   | 153 00  |

|                |          |                |          |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| February ..... | \$ 83 87 | February ..... | \$ 56 24 |
| March .....    | 79 75    | March .....    | 47 50    |
| April .....    | 1 44     | April .....    | 45 10    |
| May .....      | 69 15    | May .....      | 1 82     |
| June .....     | 71 25    | June .....     | 21 52    |
| July .....     | 164 96   | July .....     | 36 84    |
| August .....   | 124 00   | August .....   | 29 78    |

Total ..... \$1,106 52

Total ..... \$ 435 05

## PRINTING.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 92 75 |
| October .....   | 16 50    |
| November .....  | 58 50    |
| December .....  | 72 50    |
| January .....   | 43 00    |
| February .....  | 13 75    |
| March .....     | 18 48    |
| April .....     | 18 48    |
| May .....       | 29 25    |
| June .....      | 127 75   |
| July .....      | 13 25    |
| August .....    | 124 00   |

Total ..... \$ 628 21

## EXPRESSAGE AND DRAYAGE.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 10 40 |
| October .....   | 2 10     |
| November .....  | 2 50     |
| December .....  | 60 00    |
| January .....   | 1 50     |
| February .....  | 7 95     |
| March .....     | 1 10     |
| April .....     | 1 10     |
| May .....       | 1 10     |
| June .....      | 1 10     |
| July .....      | 1 10     |
| August .....    | 1 10     |

Total ..... \$ 28 52

## TRAVELING.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 46 35 |
| October .....   | 34 32    |
| November .....  | 59 04    |
| December .....  | 32 29    |
| January .....   | 20 82    |

## FIELD.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 41 26 |
| October .....   | 2 50     |
| November .....  | 30 10    |
| December .....  | 6 45     |
| January .....   | 6 70     |
| February .....  | 3 50     |
| March .....     | 8 80     |
| April .....     | 18 31    |
| May .....       | 5 00     |
| June .....      | 4 85     |
| July .....      | 4 85     |

Total ..... \$ 184 26

## SALARIES.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| September ..... | \$ 25 00 |
| October .....   | 46 50    |
| November .....  | 97 50    |
| December .....  | 81 80    |
| January .....   | 78 00    |
| February .....  | 75 00    |
| March .....     | 79 18    |
| April .....     | 60 00    |
| May .....       | 60 00    |
| June .....      | 48 00    |
| July .....      | 38 00    |
| August .....    | 68 48    |

Total ..... \$ 757 46

## SUPPLIES AND CUTS.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| September ..... | \$ 256 70 |
| October .....   | 73 25     |
| November .....  | 26 25     |
| December .....  | 10 00     |

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| January .....  | \$ 36 30 |
| February ..... | 128 68   |
| March .....    | 1 80     |
| April .....    |          |
| May .....      | 97 09    |
| June .....     | 74 67    |
| August .....   | 49 80    |

Total .....\$ 754 56

## EASTER RALLY.

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| September .... | \$ 128 65 |
| May .....      | 935 00    |

Total .....\$ 1,063 65

## OFFICE.

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| September ..... | \$ 2 25 |
| October .....   | 12 75   |
| November .....  | 6 20    |
| December .....  | 10 40   |
| January .....   | 12 75   |
| February .....  | 6 00    |
| March .....     | 6 00    |
| April .....     | 6 75    |
| May .....       | 25 25   |
| June .....      | 19 00   |
| July .....      | 13 00   |
| August .....    | 1 00    |

Total .....\$ 121 35

## RENT.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| September .... | \$ 15 00 |
| October .....  | 15 00    |
| November ..... | 15 00    |
| December ..... | 15 00    |
| January .....  | 15 00    |
| February ..... | 15 00    |
| March .....    | 15 00    |
| April .....    | 15 00    |
| May .....      | 15 00    |
| June .....     | 15 00    |
| July .....     | 15 00    |
| August .....   | 15 00    |

Total .....\$ 180 00

## INCIDENTALS.

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| September ..... | \$ 5 75 |
| April .....     | 1 25    |
| September ..... | 25 10   |
| March .....     | 2 00    |

Total .....\$ 34 10

## POSTAGE.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| September .... | \$ 27 10 |
| October .....  | 25 40    |
| November ..... | 48 00    |
| December ..... | 15 00    |
| January .....  | 26 00    |
| February ..... | 14 00    |
| March .....    | 92 00    |
| April .....    | 12 00    |
| May .....      | 20 00    |
| June .....     | 18 00    |
| July .....     | 24 00    |
| August .....   | 23 00    |

Total .....\$ 348 00

## FIELD MISSIONARIES.

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| September .... | \$ 406 00 |
| October .....  | 310 00    |
| November ..... | 185 00    |
| December ..... | 150 00    |
| January .....  | 399 00    |
| February ..... | 141 00    |
| March .....    | 80 00     |
| April .....    | 164 00    |
| May .....      | 399 00    |
| June .....     | 168 00    |
| July .....     | 136 00    |
| August .....   | 151 00    |

Total .....\$ 2,695 00

## SUMMARY—EXPENSES.

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Missions & Mis- |             |
| sionaries ..... | \$11,980 00 |
| Herald .....    | 1,106 00    |
| Printing .....  | 628 00      |
| Expressage and  |             |

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Drayage ... \$   | 28.52       |
| Traveling ....   | 435 05      |
| Field .....      | 134.26      |
| Salaries .....   | 766 74      |
| Supplies and     |             |
| Cuts .....       | 754 56      |
| Easter Rally ..  | 1,063 65    |
| Office .....     | 121 35      |
| Foreign Mis-     |             |
| sion Board. .... | 27 13       |
| Rent .....       | 180 00      |
| Incidentals ..   | 7 00        |
| Postage .....    | 348 71      |
| Field Mission-   |             |
| aries .....      | 2,695 96    |
| Total .....      | \$20,277 48 |
| Total Receipts   | \$20,298 20 |
| Total Expendi-   |             |
| tures, .....     | 20,277 72   |
| Balance .....    | \$ 21 48    |

Money design-  
ated for  
girls' dormi-  
tory, Queens-  
town, South  
Africa .... \$965 66

## LIABILITIES.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Jan. 1. Borrow  |           |
| German Ins.     |           |
| Bank .....      | \$ 450 00 |
| June 12. Borrow |           |

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Nat'l Bank       |             |
| ..... \$         | 650 00      |
| Bal. to Sept.    |             |
| 1st. Tinsley     |             |
| Mayer (cuts)     | 59 55       |
| Arthur R. Smith, |             |
| drawings Cape-   |             |
| town School ...  | 50 00       |
| African Lakes    |             |
| Corporation,     |             |
| per Rev.         |             |
| Cheek's Ac-      |             |
| count .....      | 1,295 55    |
| Rev. H. N. Bou-  |             |
| ey, D. D. ....   | 195 50      |
| Rev. Majola Ag-  |             |
| bebi, A. M. ...  | 140 00      |
| Rev. Jno. Chi-   |             |
| lembwe ...       | 100 00      |
| Rev. E. B. Koti  | 35 00       |
| Rev. C. P. Rier  | 40 00       |
| Rev. T. E. Smith | 235 00      |
| Miss E. B. De-   |             |
| laney (for       |             |
| services) .      | 115 00      |
| Barnes & Co.,    |             |
| acc't lumber     |             |
| furnished Rev.   |             |
| S. Philips,      |             |
| Barbados, B.     |             |
| W. I. ....       | 244 32      |
| Total .....      | \$3,600 37. |

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

ROBERT MITCHELL, Auditor N. B. C.

This, September 4, 1908.

# ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF STATIONS AND OUT STATIONS. YEAR ENDING JULY 1908.

## SOUTH AMERICA—Rev. S. A. Richardson, Pastor, Georgetown, Demerara.

| NAME OF STATIONS.         | When Organized. | By whom. | By Experience. | Total Membership. | NAME OF NATIVE HELPERS. | Day S. Boys. | Day S. Girls. | S. S. Boys. | S. S. Girls. | Native Off. & Ag. | Money Paid for Rent and Repairs. | And for Education. | Total.   | No. of People in and near each Station. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| Nazareth Albuoystown..... | 1902            | 14       | 5              | 42                |                         |              |               |             |              |                   |                                  |                    | \$112 00 |                                         |
| Dalgin, Dem. River.....   | 1904            | 8        | 2              | 33                | Joshua Campbell.....    | 28           | 35            |             |              |                   | \$112 00                         |                    | 87 00    |                                         |

## Rev. C. P. Rier, Pastor, Paramaribo.

|                 |      |   |  |    |                                           |  |  |    |    |   |    |         |  |    |
|-----------------|------|---|--|----|-------------------------------------------|--|--|----|----|---|----|---------|--|----|
| Paramaribo..... | 1898 | 4 |  | 69 | Brother Synas and Brother Beekdayder..... |  |  | 11 | 16 | 9 | 12 | \$35 00 |  | 69 |
| Aoverwacht..... |      |   |  |    |                                           |  |  |    |    |   |    |         |  |    |
| Domburg.....    |      |   |  |    |                                           |  |  |    |    |   |    |         |  |    |
| Lelydorp.....   |      |   |  |    |                                           |  |  |    |    |   |    |         |  |    |
| Nickerie.....   |      |   |  | 21 |                                           |  |  |    |    |   |    |         |  | 21 |

## Rev. H. D. Prowd, D. D., Pastor, Georgetown, Demerara.

|                            |      |    |   |     |                     |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|----------------------------|------|----|---|-----|---------------------|--|--|----|----|---------|----------|--|--|--------|
| Bethel.....                | 1899 | 25 | 6 | 263 | G. J. Mills.....    |  |  | 54 | 61 | \$10 00 | \$108 00 |  |  | 24,000 |
| Georgetown, Demerara, B.C. |      |    |   |     | G. Dalyumple.....   |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | R. Z. King.....     |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | C. Birmingham.....  |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | Licentiate.....     |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | L. R. Douglas.....  |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | Church Clerk.....   |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | George Jellery..... |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |
|                            |      |    |   |     | Treasurer.....      |  |  |    |    |         |          |  |  |        |

## NATAL, S. E. AFRICA—Rev. S. P. Ndlovu, Pastor.

|                                 |      |    |    |    |    |                   |   |   |   |    |    |         |  |         |
|---------------------------------|------|----|----|----|----|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---------|--|---------|
| St. John Baptist, Estcourt..... | 1905 | 14 | 6  | 12 | 32 | Paul Mahano.....  |   | 7 | 3 | 16 | 75 | \$75 00 |  | \$91 75 |
| Shiloh Unit.....                |      | 8  | 12 |    | 46 | Joseph Shezi..... | 6 | 8 |   | 13 | 25 | 16 75   |  | 32 00   |
| New Hope, Ennersdale.....       | 1907 | 13 | 7  |    | 20 | Isaac Ndumo.....  |   |   |   | 3  | 00 |         |  | 20 00   |
| Transvaal S. A. B. A.....       | 1907 | 20 | 8  | 12 | 40 |                   |   | 7 | 3 | 20 | 00 |         |  | 20 00   |
| (Hordsburg)                     |      |    |    |    |    |                   |   |   |   |    |    |         |  |         |

## NATAL—Rev. J. Gumede, Pastor.

|                   |      |  |  |    |                      |    |    |  |  | Pd. S.    | Pd. S.    |
|-------------------|------|--|--|----|----------------------|----|----|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| Kingsat.....      | 1891 |  |  | 77 | July Ndletye.....    | 20 | 19 |  |  | \$30 \$16 | \$42 \$10 |
| Umziuto.....      | 1893 |  |  | 21 | Kulose Hlongus.....  |    |    |  |  | 8         | 20 8      |
| Gomkunya.....     | 1893 |  |  | 69 | Pauli Ndlovu.....    |    |    |  |  | 27        | 12        |
| Bambani Silo..... |      |  |  | 61 | Basibeki Embale..... |    |    |  |  | 24        | 8         |
| Emtolami.....     | 1894 |  |  | 19 | Dima Kolo.....       |    |    |  |  | 4         | 16        |
| Umpombs Nyon..... | 1891 |  |  | 23 | Kulase Hobonyus..... |    |    |  |  | 9         | 4         |
|                   |      |  |  |    | July Ndletye.....    |    |    |  |  | 4         | 8         |
|                   | 1896 |  |  | 23 | Pauli Ndlovu.....    |    |    |  |  | 8         | 16        |
|                   | 1895 |  |  | 27 | Timot Qashe.....     |    |    |  |  | 10        | 11        |
|                   | 1890 |  |  | 23 |                      |    |    |  |  | 10        | 44 30     |
| South Coast.....  | 1895 |  |  | 13 | J. Matanya.....      |    |    |  |  | 6         | 4         |
| Aimbokodwen.....  | 1895 |  |  | 14 | Mdhla.....           |    |    |  |  | 5         | 4         |

## CAPETOWN—Rev. D. E. Murff, Pastor.

|                 |      |  |  |  |                  |   |  |  |  |           |          |  |          |
|-----------------|------|--|--|--|------------------|---|--|--|--|-----------|----------|--|----------|
| Matrose.....    | 1903 |  |  |  | Maud Warren..... | 2 |  |  |  | \$53 \$75 | \$166 25 |  | \$453 75 |
| Pearl.....      | 1908 |  |  |  |                  |   |  |  |  |           |          |  |          |
| Wentington..... |      |  |  |  | Matrose.....     |   |  |  |  |           |          |  |          |
|                 |      |  |  |  | W. Gumede.....   |   |  |  |  |           |          |  |          |
|                 |      |  |  |  | Teacher.....     |   |  |  |  |           |          |  |          |

| NAME OF CHURCH                                                      | When Organized | Baptism | Rec'd of Letters | By Experience | Total Membership | NAME OF NATIVE HELPER              | Don. B. Box | Don. S. O. G. | S. S. Item | S. S. Gift | Native Offerings | Money Paid for Bibles and Banners | Aid for Education | Total | Total No. of Pupils in all near-ly all Stations |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WEST COAST AFRICA—CAPE MOUNT—Rev. H. N. Bouey, Pastor.</b>       |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Beedoo Station                                                      | 1902           | 4       |                  |               | 12               | David Wilson                       | 16          |               |            |            | \$ 68 00         | \$ 76 00                          |                   |       | 16,000                                          |
| Congotown Station                                                   | 1901           |         |                  |               | 68               | Peter Cook                         | 23          |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       | 12,000                                          |
| Congotown Church                                                    | 1907           | 13      |                  |               | 161              |                                    |             |               |            | 29 25      |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Mt. Zion Church                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            | 36 12      |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| <b>Q' EENSTOWN—Rev. F. P. Koti, Pastor</b>                          |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| First African Baptist Church                                        | 1897           | 20      | 5                | 25            | James Vello      | 37                                 | 38          | 17            | 12         | \$ 55 18   | \$ 25 00         | \$ 75 00                          | \$ 102 25         | 1,000 |                                                 |
| Qiba Baptist Church                                                 | 1907           | 5       |                  |               | Samuel Neacah    |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   | 100   |                                                 |
| <b>CAPE COLONY—Rev. Andrew Nelahla, Pastor</b>                      |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Taomo                                                               |                |         |                  |               | John A. Nkhalo   | 40                                 | 161         | 26            | 37         | \$ 100 00  | \$ 46 00         | \$ 26 25                          |                   |       |                                                 |
| <b>BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA—CHIRADZULU—Rev. J. Chilembwe, Pastor.</b> |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| P. I. Mission                                                       | 1899           | 1901    | 3                |               | 204              | D. Kadya                           | 100         | 40            |            | \$ 13 45   | \$ 10 45         |                                   | \$ 15 95          | 6,000 |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | B. Mabera                          |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | M. Chilembwe                       |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| <b>BOKSBURG—Rev. W. M. Leshego and Rev. B. Mahlangu, Pastors.</b>   |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Boksburg                                                            |                | 24      |                  |               | 31               | F. C. Mokuena                      |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Richfontein E                                                       |                | 15      |                  |               | 62               | P. M. Leshego                      |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Waldefrede                                                          |                |         |                  |               | 50               | J. L. Mompoti                      |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Wandfontein                                                         |                |         |                  |               | 48               | S. Mogoblo                         |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Wandfontein                                                         |                |         |                  |               | 2                | M. Modiri                          |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| <b>ST. JOHN'S, BARBADOS—Rev. A. S. Phillips Pastor.</b>             |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Jordan, St. Johns                                                   | 1908           | 9       | 1                |               | 40               | Joseph Jones                       | 12          | 2             |            | \$ 16 04   | \$ 15 00         | \$ 1 04                           | \$ 4 08           |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | Allan Hunt                         |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Barrow's St. Thomas                                                 | 1905           | 8       |                  |               | 45               | John Harper                        |             |               |            | 40 00      | 24 00            | 16 00                             | 40 00             |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | Chas. Boyce                        |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Mypah Bridgetown                                                    | 1902           | 6       |                  |               | 15               | Chas. Adams                        |             |               |            |            |                  | 3 57                              |                   |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | Chas. Veewood                      |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| <b>HAYTI—Rev. Lucius Hyppolite, Pastor.</b>                         |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Port-au-Prince                                                      | 1890           | 2       |                  |               | 24               | Leonidas St. Nicholas              | 23          | 4             | 27         | 25         | \$ 36 00         |                                   | \$ 132 14         |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | Grecia Barbos                      |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| <b>LAGOS</b>                                                        |                |         |                  |               |                  |                                    |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Lagos                                                               | 1884           | 50      |                  |               | 350              | B. A. Ofo, H. A. Fetade and others | 60          | 50            | 65         | 60         | \$ 375 00        | \$ 100 00                         | \$ 75 00          |       | 1,000                                           |
| Central Nigeria                                                     | 1901           | 70      |                  |               | 70               | Prince Fayomiwo                    | 40          |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       | 800                                             |
| Akko Eru                                                            | 1902           | 4       |                  |               | 3                | Charles Jernvaye                   | 45          | 4             |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       | 4,000                                           |
| Celebar                                                             | 1899           | 3       |                  |               | 3                | John Goshen                        |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       | 1,500                                           |
| Bergama                                                             | 1899           | 100     |                  |               | 700              | Yomguschr John                     | 90          | 60            | 120        | 80         |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     |                |         |                  |               |                  | John Hall                          | 110         |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
|                                                                     | 1890           | 1       |                  |               | 40               |                                    | 30          |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Ikele Country                                                       | 1899           | 45      |                  |               | 85               | Garnet Amakei                      |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |
| Ahalano                                                             | 1907           | 21      |                  |               |                  | Osi Winsela                        |             |               |            |            |                  |                                   |                   |       |                                                 |

## CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

DEAR BRO. JORDAN:—We are very busy with the work on the building, and with many other things we have to do, gives us but little time to write. The enclosed photo will show you that the work is in progress, but we cannot go much farther with the amount of money you sent us. I feel sorry that the work must stop for lack of means, but hope you will send us more as soon as you can. We are anxiously looking and praying every day that means will arrive to keep things going.

All the work under your Board in South Africa at this time is encouraging. But we do need a good man at Mid-diedrift. I have done all I could to keep them together and at work. I am glad to tell you we have about perfected harmony between the English Baptists and ourselves. Bro. E. B. P. Koti and I were invited to meet the Executive Board of the South African Baptist Union, held in Rev. Baker's Church, the 4th inst. The matter was well discussed and they accepted the annexed proposition as a basis for harmony and co-operation, and these will be passed upon at their annual meeting in October. At this meeting, Bro. Koti and myself were invited as honorary members to be at their annual meeting. Please write me if these propositions meet your approval. In a word, I have all matters well in hand here in Capetown, and the papers you sent have given us a standing we have never before had nor could ever have had without them. Now, if you come to South Africa, you will feel more like a man than ever before. I pray you, keep us, if you can, at work on the building. It is useless to mention to you our sickness, but pray for us.

Yours for the Master,

D. E. MURFF.

P. S.—In going to mail this letter, I find your letter, dated July 8th, with the order for \$100. You may know how glad we were to get it, and that we must be in want of needs to go further with the work. We regret to stop, for the rains are very constant and heavy at this time of year. Things seem to be quiet with Brother Mmodana since proper documents are in my hands. I feel safe in saying that things in a short time will be harmonious with us in all South Africa.

I have hastened this to reach you before the National Convention. We sent Christian greetings to all our brethren.

BROTHER AND SISTER MURFF.

Your Board rejoices to report on the 16th of August we sent our brother a remittance of \$200 more.

## TO SOUTH AFRICAN BAPTIST UNION.

WHEREAS, the South African Baptist Association is only seeking Christian Fellowship and Mutual Co-operation; and

WHEREAS, it does not seek membership as other Associations in the Union, with voting power, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the S. A. B. A. is not to be affected by the Constitution and By-laws of the S. A. B. U.; and

WHEREAS, it is only in the power of the Church to receive or reject members. Be it therefore

*Resolved*, That this Association will adhere to everything for the peace and harmony of the work and the uplift and civilizing of the native people; and should any difficulty arise with regard to our work and workers, that a committee be selected of members from both the S. A. B. U. and the S. A. B. A., to investigate and settle or report to the main bodies; also that this Association agree to report at the annual sitting through its delegates to the S. A. B. U. of its work. Be it further

*Resolved*, That this Association be allowed to recommend to the S. A. B. U. such names of its members as are worthy to be enrolled as marriage officers.

And now the work of which we have been telling you, is distinctively the work of the churches that you represent. We stand in the presence of men commissioned by Jesus Christ to give the world the Gospel. Two thousand years have rolled away since the Christian Church received her marching orders. That great commission has not been revoked. Let this be engraven on your hearts. As ministers of the Gospel and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we call upon you to-day to again re-read your commission as found in the Gospel. Understand the orders are from heaven, and address yourselves to the great work that is before you. If, as ministers of the Gospel, we can appreciate our high calling, realize our obligation, I believe we will hasten to the very out-posts of heathenism with the message of salvation.

Next to the position occupied by Jesus Christ, stands that of the Gospel ministers, who with their Saviour, are committed to the proposition to present this world to the Father, without spot or blemish. Angels would gladly do his work—even now they stand, overawed before such a display of grace, to sinners, and from the verge of some

unfathomable abyss, gaze down upon a system of love which they desire to look into, but can not explore. Had they been entrusted with this message, they would have, on joyful wings, in legions, swept round the world, trumpeting forth the blessed news, long, long ago. It would not have been two thousand years before even one-third of the race had been practically reached with the Gospel. Angels have not tasted redeeming grace and dying love, so God crowds them back, and thrusts into the coveted place saved sinners. Gabriel, himself, can not do the work entrusted to you, and while angels may hover about the chariot of an inquiring Ethiopian, he can not speak words of peace, and Phillip must approach and guide him into understanding. The light above the brightness of the sun strikes down a persecuting Saul, but an Ananias must tell him "What thou must do." Christ alone can save this world, but Christ can not save this world alone, without us, God can not do the work of redemption, unless he abandons his original plan.

We close our Twenty-eighth Annual Report with the prayer that you may arouse yourself to this great truth, and fact that both Christ and the world are waiting for disciples to become heralds of the Gospel and witness of him to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Foreign Mission Board,  
C. H. PARRISH, A. M., D. D., Chairman.  
JNO. H. PURDUE, D. D., Treasurer.  
D. A. GADDIE, D. D., Rec. Secretary.  
L. G. JORDAN, D. D., Cor. Secretary,  
726 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

NOTICE.—The money raised by the Field Missionaries for the months of September, November, December, March and August is credited in the general receipts. Their names do not appear, but if you contributed anything you will find your name and the amount given under these months.

Dr. Jordan is recognized as a specialist in missionary work and remarkably well informed as to missionary work and conditions throughout the world.

Following the report of Dr. Jordan, the presiding officer introduced Rev. S. F. Griggs, who, according to the program arose to discuss the subject, "The Amicable Adjust-

ment of the Race Question and the Part Our Young People are to Play." Said Mr. Griggs: (1) The question cannot be settled by war—calling attention to the late Civil War. (2) The ascendancy of no one political party can adjust the question. (3) The mere development and progress of the Negro cannot effect a settlement of the question.

The hour was late, the audience restless, and Dr. Griggs expressed regret at being compelled to speak under such unfavorable conditions.

On motion of Dr. A. E. Edwards, seconded by Rev. Barber of Texas, Dr. Griggs suspended the delivery of his address on account of the lateness of the hour. And by agreement he will conclude his address at the close of the session to-night.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. Barber, D. D., of Texas.

#### EVENING SESSION.

At the appointed hour, President Morris called the night session to order and recognized Rev. S. L. Martin, D. D., of Alabama, who presented a set of resolutions relating to the Women's Missionary Movement. The resolutions were referred to the committee on resolutions.

Rev. T. W. Walker, D. D., of Alabama, called attention to the work of an imposter, who is fraudulently collecting missionary money in his state, and suggested that efforts be made to protect the churches against such persons.

The choir sang "There is a fountain filled with blood." Rev. N. N. Neely, of Montgomery, Ala., read the 16th Psalm.

Prayer was offered by Rev. G. L. Thornton, of Alabama. The church is moving on" was sung by the choir.

A meeting of the presidents of colleges and schools connected with the Convention was called for Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prof. Hudson, the Secretary, called attention to the shortage of money to meet the pressing obligations of the Convention.

Further remarks were made by President Morris on all messengers to enroll and secure badges.

"I feel like going on" was sung by the congregation.

Dr. L. L. Campbell, Vice-President from Texas, who presiding, introduced Rev. S. H. Johnson, D. D., of Chicago to preach the Educational Sermon. The speaker announced as his subject, "Christian Education." The following lines were given:

- I. The Philosophy of Education.
- II. The Art of Education.
- III. The Religion of Education.

"Education," says the speaker, "Means to lead; to lead out; to expand." "Education enables us to see God in everything." "Man himself is the mechanism of God." (16:13.) "Be strong, quit you like men." "Stand fast for the faith and fight." "Let all your things be done in charity" is the text the speaker selected. "We watch against all spiritual enemies of Christ—trusting for strength."

"Spiritual manliness to do what God appoints. There are certain rules for the physical man and the spiritual well. Education aims to restore our rational nature to their original perfection. The man of God falls out of the world and opposes everything that opposes the Christian religion. God wants men and women, now, to know how to use their faculties in His favor. Christian education teaches men to think and judge accordingly the strictest rules of Christianity. Truth advocates; ignorance will not always succeed. Error fostered by skill and learning may, for a time, prevail. Professors should be at the head of our institutions. Teachers should be *good men*—men who have been born again."

The sermon of Rev. Johnson was in many respects able one and thrilled the great throng who heard it with joyous delight.

Dr. Morris, our President, introduced Rev. S. E. Griggs, as had been pre-arranged, to continue and conclude his address which was begun in the afternoon. Warming up his subject Mr. Griggs declared that (1) "Present nations sometimes fetter the genius of a race." "The nations of the world have ever resolved about woman." "If he be born a prince, there must be a princess as a mother."

was offered: (a) "Every evil contains the germs of its own destruction." (b) "The human mind is so constructed that it will finally yield to the constant appeals of the truth." (c) "Study your own case and be able to state it with force in the proper forum." The effort of Mr. Griggs was masterly and deserves to take rank with the pleas of the world's philosophers struggling in defense of human liberty in the early days of civilization. As an evidence of the great interest in the cause espoused by the speaker, the great congregation literally purchased Dr. Griggs' latest book—"Pointing the Way," while showering congratulations upon him. A collection for the Educational Board was taken and the convention adjourned with the benediction by Rev. D. S. Johnson, D. D., of New Jersey.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled Friday morning at 10 o'clock, E. W. Johnson, Vice-President for Pennsylvania, presiding.

"Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah" was sung.

E. J. Williams, D. D., of Memphis, Tenn., read the Psalm.

R. W. Patterson, of Arkansas, led the prayer, fervently invoking the blessings of God upon the delegation and the work of the Convention. "I feel like going on" was sung.

The minutes were read and approved.

Secretary Hudson read the list of Vice-Presidents as selected by the state delegations, also the persons selected as members of the various committees and boards. Questions arose as to the right of States to have more than one Vice-President. President Morris stated that each State is entitled to one Vice-President ordinarily, but that two states may be given the right by a vote of the Convention, to elect a Vice-President from each Convention in said states. The Vice-President ruled that the constitution provided

for one Vice-President from each state, (a provision allowing two Vice-Presidents in the case of two states having been made by vote of the Convention) the Secretary be authorized to strike out from the records and selections by delegates in conflict with the constitution.

Rev. C. B. Brown, Chairman of the National Benefit Board, was recognized. He called Rev. A. M. Johnson, Miss., who introduced in fitting manner Rev. A. A. Coe, Corresponding Secretary of the National Benefit Board, to make the report of that Board. The report is as follows:

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

*To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:*

Once more in the name of our King, we come to give an account of our stewardship. It is a great blessing to be permitted to live in this age and time. As we meet here to-day, we might ask ourselves the question, "To what purpose are we using time?" Since last we met, two busy months have passed, and thousands of our brethren "like as we are," have been called from off the stage of action, and we are still spared, here, to "work out" our own salvation with fear and trembling." Looking backward we see a rugged path, which reminds us of the hardships we experienced; but, looking forward, we see a bright future, and on further, "a joyful day," which brightens and joy are increased but the more, because of our leader Christ Jesus, the Lord.

#### PROPER USE OF MEANS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

This is an age of great movements in the Master's kingdom on earth. Men and women are rushing in great numbers to the front for the cause of Christ. We believe much in the doctrine of using the instrument we have in hand, or the means we have at our disposal and not wait for sharper tools and larger opportunities. When there was no water in the wilderness and the Israelites were complaining against Moses and Aaron, those faithful leaders of the people called upon God, and the Lord spake unto Moses and Moses took the rod, as the Lord commanded him and lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice, and the water came abundantly, and the people

drank and their beasts also. We see from this that Moses used what he had, and obeyed the Lord, and all was well with him and his people.

Coming later to our day, the lame man at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, asked Peter and John for alms. Peter first said to the man, "Look on us," and when the man had done this, Peter said to him, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he, leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, and leaping, and praising God." We see from that the lame man did what he could by looking, and Peter and John did what they could, by lifting the lame man up, and all were blessed and made to rejoice.

So then, we should use every opportunity for good, and use our honest, but scanty means for the advancement of the right. One great writer said, "Use your starlight and you shall have sunlight."

#### GROWTH ESSENTIAL FOR CHRISTIANS.

But, let us not forget that the birth of every new movement means or calls for incessant work. And let us remember still, that New Testament religion lifts the individual out of idleness and laziness, and makes him useful and busy, and gives a believer the spirit of him who said, "I must work." Brethren, it is a great thing to be a working Christian. A working Christian will see to it that the gospel is given to those who have it not. A working Christian will "grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." A working Christian will watch and stand fast in the faith. If you are a working Christian, you will strive to "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." A working Christian "is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful: But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

#### HINTS ON THE RACE QUESTION.

The gospel of Jesus Christ knows no race or color; but because of certain conditions in this country, almost every thing takes a racial turn. We have race churches, we have

race preachers, we have race religions, we have race societies, we have race schools, we have race business enterprises, and if it were left to some men, we would have a race heaven. But John says he looked into heaven and saw some who had been redeemed to God, by the blood of Christ Jesus, out every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. So, brethren, up yonder, we may be sure that "there is no difference." It is true that we have our hindrances, and so do the other races. But thanks be unto our God we have made, and are still making progress. We have educated Negroes with their other tongues, we have wealthy Negroes with their teeming thousands, we have moral Negroes whose characters are untarnished, and we have civilized and Christianized Negroes whose religion is "pure and undefiled before God and the Father." And, with these evidences, just mentioned, let us not become discouraged, but let us hold up our heads, and "go forward."

#### OUR INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

We rejoice to tell you that the work of the National Baptist Benefit Association is still meeting with success, and the membership continues to grow. It is supplying a long-telt want among our people. It is meeting its death-claims with a reasonable degree of promptness. It costs \$2.50 (two dollars and fifty cents) to become a member, and only costs \$1.00 (one dollar) the first of January, April, July and October, or \$4.00 (four dollars) a year, to keep up one's membership. The policies range from \$50.00 (fifty dollars) to \$200.00 (two hundred dollars). There are no meetings to attend, or time to be lost or thrown away, no signs, no grips, no passwords; but it must be remembered that none but Baptists may become members of the National Baptist Benefit Association, or take out policies in the same.

#### AGED AND DECREPIT MINISTERS' DEPARTMENT.

The gospel must be preached. The orders came from above and must be obeyed. Some men who preach the gospel are not careful about saving a little something to live on, when they are old and broken down. Some of them are true to their calling, to the extent, that they try to answer every summons made upon them for the gospel. The condition of the weather has nothing to do with their keeping their engagements. If it is raining, they go; if it is snowing, they go; if the weather is hot, they go; if the weather is cold, they go; if they are sick, they go; if their

families need their presence or attention, at home, they go. Yes, yes, yes! they go! they go! they go! because of him who commissioned them, and said, "as ye go, preach." Brethren, we believe that you believe that these men who have worn themselves out in the gospel, ought to be helped, when they get to the place where they need it, and for this reason, your Board is still trying to develop the "Aged and Decrepit Ministers' Department." We still insist upon our ministers putting this matter before the people, and we call upon our churches, Sunday-schools, B. Y. P. Unions, and women's missionary societies, to assist us in our effort, by contributions and donations. Your Board has under consideration the establishing of a home for aged and decrepit ministers, and plans may be put to work, for the same, immediately after the adjournment of this session of the National Baptist Convention.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mound Bayou, Miss., is a town and community made up entirely of Negroes. It is the home of the corresponding secretary, and for reasons well known to your Board, we, therefore, recommend that the headquarters of the National Baptist Benefit Association be changed from Helena, Ark., to Mound Bayou, Miss., which add no little to the standing of the Baptists in this Negro metropolis, and also be the means of making the work of your Board more convenient.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount on hand at last report (1907) ..... | \$ 301 95 |
| Membership fees .....                      | 644 00    |
| Quarterly dues .....                       | 4060 00   |
| Collections or donations .....             | 362 40    |
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|                                            | \$5368 35 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Office rent .....            | \$ 60 00 |
| Printing .....               | 284 00   |
| Drayage .....                | 6 30     |
| Traveling Expenses .....     | 216 00   |
| Express .....                | 18 40    |
| Interest and exchange .....  | 62 90    |
| Postage .....                | 163 00   |
| Refunded to applicants ..... | 10 00    |

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Agents .....             | \$ 314 00 |
| Death claims .....       | 2600 00   |
| Salaries .....           | 470 00    |
| Incidentals .....        | 1 40      |
| Indigent ministers ..... | 182 00    |
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|                          | \$1199 00 |

## LIABILITIES.

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Due board members .....         | \$ 40 00  |
| Due on printing .....           | 35 00     |
| Due on traveling expenses ..... | 28 60     |
| Due on salaries .....           | 120 00    |
| Due on borrowed money .....     | 360 00    |
|                                 | <hr/>     |
|                                 | \$ 583 00 |

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| Balance exceeding liabilities .....             | \$ 585 75 |
| Stock on hand, books, safe, fixtures, etc ..... | \$ 300 00 |

Approved by the Executive Committee, Aug. 31st, 1908.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, D. D., 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.

Rev. Cozey was well received in delivery of his address, the work of the relief of aged and infirm ministers being very dear to the hearts of the brethren.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, presiding, recognized the Rev. A. E. Edwards, D. D., of Virginia, who in a happy and eloquent speech presented Dr. E. C. Morris, the honored and worthy President of the Convention, a beautiful gold-headed silk umbrella, the gift of members of the delegation, as a token of love and appreciation of his faithful services in connection with the Convention. The gift was gracefully accepted by President Morris, whose formal speech of acceptance was deferred to a later hour.

The time having arrived for the discussion of the report of the Foreign Mission Board, President Morris gave Dr. L. G. Jordan charge of the program for the time.

Rev. T. N. Cheek, who had spent seven years as a missionary in Africa, was introduced. Rev. Cheek urged his

belief in a converted, called and cultured ministry. Not knowing the African language he preached through an interpreter and baptized five converts in one month. "Studying to show himself approved unto God," in one year he was enabled to "preach the Gospel" to the Africans in their own tongue.

Rev. C. G. Fishback, B. D., of Kansas, was introduced to discuss "The outlook for supplying the needs of our workers in foreign fields," which he did to the delight of all who heard him.

Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., of Pennsylvania, was the next speaker. "Holding the rope for the life-savers sent out by the National Convention," was his subject. Dr. Moses emphasized the church as the base of operations. Upon the condition of this base depends the success of the work in foreign fields. He spoke of this as the close of the church-building period of the race—and the forces are rapidly moving into one grand base of operations for a great forward movement for Christ. The address of Dr. Moses was one of great power and stirred the Convention to its depths.

Dr. Jordan made the closing talk.

Song, "Over the Sea."

The collection for Foreign Missions followed.

The doxology was sung and the Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. P. Hunter, of Mississippi.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled Friday afternoon, the President, Dr. E. C. Morris, presiding.

An appropriate selection was sung.

Rev. G. S. Lampkin, D. D., of Washington, read the 27th Psalm.

Dr. A. S. Jackson, of Pennsylvania, led the congregation in prayer.

The Secretary announced the Committee on Resolutions.

Dr. Curry was recognized to present a resolution touching the race question, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

President Morris made a statement concerning the World Alliance to be held in America in 1911, and Dr. L. L. Campbell moved that a committee of one hundred be appointed to look after the interests of the Negro Baptists in connection with the Baptist World Alliance, provided that two be appointed from each state and the President appoint twenty-six from the country at large. Carried.

Rev. J. Franklin Walker moved that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Columbus, Ohio, in 1909.

Rev. Wm. E. Thomas set forth the claims of Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. S. P. Simon, of Louisiana, presented the claims of New Orleans.

The President introduced Rev. W. H. Jernigan, of Oklahoma, who made a strong plea for Oklahoma City.

Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., extended an invitation to the Convention to hold its next session in Kansas City, but at the close of his address withdrew in favor of New Orleans. The vote was taken and Columbus, O., was declared to be the meeting place of the next session of the Convention.

#### SISTER MOORE'S LETTER.

*To the National Baptist Convention, Lexington, Ky:*

"Peace be to the brethren and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 6:22.)

After another year's blessing, you are together telling what God has done and on your knees planning and praying for the work of the coming year. I have kept you in my heart and on my prayer list all the days. God has blessed me with health and courage for the battle all the year. Six months were spent in traveling through the South cheering and helping the workers. I was much encouraged in most places. The Bible is read daily around more firesides than ever before. Six months were spent in the North doing about the same kind of work. During all this time I have written many letters besides writing our Bible lessons and other articles for our paper, "Hope," of which we now send out 16,500 copies every month.

The Bible grows to be a greater comfort to me as the years pass on. I have had several lessons for you, my brethren, at this meeting, but you will only have time for one short

one. It is a part of Jesus' prayer for *you* and for me. I am glad Jesus gave us these words because it gives us some idea of the kind of intercession He is making *now daily* at God's right hand for us. First—That you may be "kept through His name," and be as loving as He and His Father. (Read John 17:11.) Second—That you may be sanctified through the truth which is the word of God. This word teaches you how to be wholly set apart for His service as Jesus was for his work (vs. 17-19). Third—He repeats the prayer that you may be *united in one*. Only thus will the sinners be led to believe your teaching (v. 21). Fourth—and the most wonderful—He prays that we may be able to see His glory and enjoy Him forever (v. 24), and ends with the desire that we may have the *same kind of love in our hearts that the Father has for the Son* (v. 26).

Beloved brethren, if this prayer be answered you will have the most harmonious and profitable meeting in the history of your organization. Such love is the oil that makes the machinery run smoothly. Be sure to read the verses in the Bible as you read the letter. Keep looking unto Jesus for wisdom, for these are days when only God is able to strengthen and protect you. Again, we say, "*Keep looking unto Jesus*," be *much in prayer*, and all will be well.

As ever your loving sister and friend,

JOANNA P. MOORE.

The enclosed five dollars are for the missionary department of your society.

Dr. R. H. Boyd simply distributed the report of the Home Mission Board without making any address.

After introducing Mr. Welch the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Wm. Beckham, and the Convention adjourned.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Convention assembled in evening session at 8 o'clock. An inspiring song was conducted by Dr. N. H. Pius.

Rev. J. R. Thomas, of Ohio, read the 19th Psalm, and Rev. J. T. Keer, S. T. B., of Ohio, offered prayer. "I feel like going on" was sung. The election of the assistant secretaries was entered upon.

On motion of Dr. C. H. Clark, Rev. T. O. Fuller, of Tenn., was elected one of the assistant secretaries. Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, of Kansas, was elected one of the secretaries.

Dr. E. H. McDonald, of Rhode Island, was elected on motion of Dr. C. M. Wells, of Alabama. Dr. J. H. A. Cyrus, of Virginia, was also elected, thus completing the list of assistant secretaries.

President Morris recognized Rev. A. A. Cosey, of the National Benefit Board, who exhibited a check for two hundred dollars which would be used in payment of the policy of the late Dr. B. F. Fox, who recently passed beyond the river. The check will be handed to the widow of the deceased by Secretary Cosey.

Editor Wm. H. Stewart, of Kentucky, made a statement concerning the funeral of the deceased Dr. Hawkins, late pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Lexington, Ky.

Dr. A. L. Hall, of Memphis, was introduced by the President. Dr. Hall spoke of the needs of the St. Paul Baptist Church, the pastorate of which he has recently accepted, mentioning also the books which he had written, notably the "Ancient, Mediæval and Modern Greatness of the Negro."

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Secretary of the Home Mission and Publishing Boards, was introduced amidst much applause to make his report. The report is as follows:

#### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

*To the President, Delegates and Members of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of America Assembled in the City of Lexington, State of Kentucky, September 16-21, 1908:*

Dear Members —We, the members of the Home Mission Board, are glad that we are spared to render to your body this our thirteenth annual report of work done from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908. During these twelve months we have had many things for which to be thankful, and over which we rejoice. We are thankful that our Heavenly Father has continued his unstinting blessings upon our labors, and we rejoice to tell you that our field of labor is expanding, souls are continuously being born into our Heavenly Master's family, churches, Sunday-schools and associations are continuously increasing and adding to our numbers. The Lord seems to be blessing the laborers in their missionary efforts everywhere. A great many of the

monthly, quarterly and annual reports of our few but faithful laborers seem to be encouraging. Yet there are those impediments and obstacles constantly arising, which, at times, grieve us and cause us much anxiety of mind and sadness of spirit, when we extend our views over the broad territory that must be covered by your board with such limited resources.

#### *The General Organization of the Board.*

The Home Mission Board, in its general organization, is made up of fifty-three members appointed from the same number of state and territorial conventions by your body. We have a general organization. This organization holds annually two sessions when at the sitting of the convention, for the reason that it is a financial impossibility to bring these members from the various parts of the United States and its insular possessions oftener than once a year. However, we, by the provision of the Constitution, have an executive board, located at Little Rock, Ark., and we have a missionary committee working in co-operation with the executive board of the National Baptist Publishing Board, located at Nashville, Tenn. We co-operate with them both in the employment of a missionary or corresponding secretary, and in performing missionary work; by this method we are attempting to economize as much as is possible, and use all the available means on purely missionary work. This method of operation has proven beneficial to the field and satisfactory to both boards.

#### *The Plan of Missionary Operations.*

While our plan of operating missionary work on home fields is not as satisfactory as we have continuously prayed for, yet we are thankful to say that we are slowly, yet we feel permanently, doing some substantial work and giving substantial aid and encouragement to state and territorial organizations.

We regret that our plan of missionary operation, together with our limited means and limited resources of obtaining means, are so little known or understood by our brethren throughout the different states and territories, for we believe if the work and the plans were better understood by the members and pastors throughout the different states and territories, more financial aid would be given to this board to help in its efforts to spread the Gospel of the Son of God. The board has very few independently appointed missionaries or agents. The most of its work is done in co-opera-

tion with other organizations. The policy of the Home Mission Board is to strengthen and encourage state, territorial and district organizations. Hence, we endeavor to make all of our appointments in co-operation with these organizations, holding them responsible for both the character and labor of the employees, exacting only duplicate reports. While it has been hard to instruct the employees and missionaries to know their exact relation to both, yet we have endeavored to always convince them that while they should be loyal both to the National Convention and to their own state or territorial convention, in all cases preference should be given to their state or territorial organization. In this way we have the hearty approval of the state and territorial organizations.

#### *The Co-operative Work with State and Territorial Conventions, and Its Results.*

Your board is not altogether satisfied with the results of the accomplishments of its co-operative missionaries on the field, and many times has just reason for complaint. When the results are taken as a whole, it is quite gratifying to know the amount of work done. The Great Head of the Church said on one occasion, "No man can serve two masters." It is this fact misunderstood by our missionary employees that sometimes prevents them from accomplishing the good that might be accomplished by them. It seems to a large majority, even of our well informed Baptists, to view upon the association as one organization, the state convention as another organization, and the National Baptist Convention as still another and different organization. If our brethren could be educated to the fact that the associations, the state conventions and the National Convention are simply one army of Baptists marching against a common foe, sin, ignorance and superstition, and that this army is subdivided for convenience, a majority of these impediments would be removed.

Our military geniuses have long since learned that a successful army, to properly perform military services, must be drilled and marched into companies, battalions and regiments. These separate organizations are organized by military geniuses for convenience, for discipline and because commands can be better understood and more successfully obeyed, than by marching, drilling or even fighting in a mass as a whole.

What is true with the military armies is equally true with the spiritual or Christian army. The Baptists can better

direct their forces and better accomplish their objects by having these minor organizations. They can more nearly reach the masses. The churches united, forming these auxiliary organizations or movements, can accomplish great things for both missionary and educational purposes if they would study and understand the plans of organization. We are sometimes pained to learn that when our secretaries or representatives visit, for instance, an association, territorial state convention, they are looked upon as visitors or representatives of another organization; and if a contribution is taken for the work in which they are engaged, it is looked upon by the members as a charitable gift or as a contribution made to some object or purpose foreign to the work in which the organization giving it is interested. This should not be. The state organizations should be looked upon as upon the national organization as its own body, and it should be thoroughly understood that whatever work done, whatever encouragement is given in that territory by the National Baptist Home Mission Board is done for and by that state organization. If this fact could ever be understood, the accomplishments of our missionary workers would be far greater. We are praying for a speedy coming of this understanding.

#### *The Work of Our Field Secretary.*

The board has kept a field secretary on the field during the year. He has, however, not traveled quite as extensively this year as in previous years. Under the instruction of the board this year he has attempted to dwell longer in the states and do his work more thoroughly. However, he has spent less time in the office this year than in any previous year. Each of his visits has extended from one to three months, taking the entire field almost by districts.

It has been the purpose of the board this year to have the field secretary visit each state and district missionary, and make a personal observation of the work that is being accomplished by each missionary, and report his findings to the board. Some few of our missionaries have not taken kindly to this method, but a large majority of them has made the coming of the field secretary a profitable epoch in their work. Those who have best understood the work have largely advertised the coming of the field secretary, and we had meetings appointed in stated or given places and we made the missionary and Bible conferences a source of usefulness both to themselves and to the pastors. When we can have our brethren and sisters who are engaged in

missionary work to thoroughly understand this, they will greatly profit by a visit from the field secretary.

We regret to say it has been found, by having the field secretary visit the fields of the different missionaries, that he has been pained to find a number of them not as active as they should be, and are not giving as satisfactory faithful service as they should be giving for many reasons. We also find that a number of our state boards are inactive and are not paying as much attention to the missionaries working in co-operation with them as they should. This has caused the board in a number of instances to fail to co-operate with state boards because men and women appointed in co-operation with them are really not giving as much of their time to the field and to real missionary work as they should be doing.

*Missionary and Colporteur Work Performed Jointly.*

The board wishes again to report that it is unaltered in its opinion that the only successful way in which the Negro Baptists of this country can successfully capture and hold the people of the United States to form an unadulterated Baptist policy and principles is to have missionaries perform both missionary and colporteur work in co-operation with each other. The Gospel may be preached, souls may be converted, but will the doctrines, principles and polity of the Baptist denomination be thoroughly understood by these people? The sermons, the lectures and even the instructions given in the community by an able, intelligent missionary, agent or secretary may be received with enthusiasm, but when he or she is gone, they will soon be forgotten? But if this secretary, agent or missionary could have with him a few sound, wholesome, constructive, Baptist tracts, pamphlets or books, and then roughly scatter them in the community, it would be seed that would spring up and continue to yield Baptist fruit for months and even years after his or her visit. It is a fact that there are very, very few communities, towns or cities where good, sound Baptist literature can be obtained. Bookstores, booksellers, book-agents, etc., do not handle sound, unadulterated Baptist literature. Hence the community just depends upon the knowledge of its pastor, or upon this literature, or upon the instructions given by the visiting secretaries, agents or missionaries as to where and how to obtain Baptist literature. Your board is, therefore, more determined in the future than in the past to compel each missionary to carry with him or her at least samples



REV. W. BECKHAM, D. D.,  
Field Secretary National Baptist Convention.

our regular Baptist books, pamphlets, tracts, etc., and instruct the people where and how to obtain this literature.

*Our Co-operative Work with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.*

A few years ago the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention entered into a negotiation. This negotiation was entered into because the Southern white Baptists had awakened to the consciousness, first, that they—the white Baptists—were better informed, better prepared, had better opportunities, better environments, longer experience, therefore were doing a greater and more thorough missionary work among themselves than the Negro Baptists were prepared to do for themselves. They fully appreciated the fact that the Negro in the South was the white man's opportunity to perform a great missionary work. They were anxious to undertake this burden, but conditions made it impossible for them to understand just how this work could be best performed. There were broad, liberal-hearted, devoted Christians among the white Baptists, whom the Lord had blessed to be successful in business operations, and they were feeling a yearning to give a portion of their substance to have the Gospel in its purity reached to the Negroes throughout the country, but just how to accomplish this they did not understand. The Negro Baptists of the country in turn felt that their white brethren had in some way lost a part of that Christian interest in them that they should have, but the Holy Spirit seemed to guide and direct a coming together of these two boards—the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. After long consultations, earnest devotion and prayer, the present co-operative plan was entered into as an experiment both on the part of the Southern white Baptists and the National Baptists. After a few years' experiment, your board is fully convinced that it is no longer an experiment, but that it is God's own plan, and, if properly executed, will bring results and do untold and lasting good, that after generations, even centuries from to-day, the world will rejoice because of this co-operative system.

It has not accomplished all that some expected. It has not accomplished as much as we earnestly wish and pray for. In fact, we, the Negro Baptists, have not made as good use of the opportunities as we might have made, but be it said to the credit of the Southern Baptists, they have not

refused to consider a single earnest application made by our board, but have stood ready to meet us over half way on every proposition, even when they have had to extend the credit of their board and borrow money to meet their part of the obligations. But we regret to say that our board has been handicapped for the want of both means and men. We have been surprised at the scarcity of men and women capable of doing a real and substantial missionary work. We are ready to say that the scriptural expression stands out before us constantly, "Many are called, but few are chosen." We are constantly flooded with applications, but with all the care, painstaking and diligence on our part, we are pained at the number of failures that we meet with to obtain the men and women required to perform this work.

*The Beginning of Missionary Work in the Insular Possessions.*

Last year your board called the attention of the convention to the great open door that had been swung into the faces of the Negro Baptists of this country on the Isthmus of Panama and in Central America. We called attention to the fact that so visible were the signs of God's hand in this call, we asked permission to be allowed to answer the call. When this matter was fully explained to the convention one year ago at Washington, others seemed to be aroused and a few brethren subscribed their names to certain amounts to be given to the board for work in that territory. We regret to say that a number of these pledges have never been paid and the brethren have failed to answer us when we called upon them, but in the same instance we have reasons to rejoice because others answered, the money has been given, the work started and the Lord's blessing following the labor convinces us more fully than ever that the Lord called us to that field of labor.

Last November the Board sent its general secretary to New Orleans, in company with Rev. R. H. Thorbourne, that he might see to his sailing for that territory. It was the first time that the Home Mission Board had the experience or the great pleasure of sending one of its missionaries across the waters. Rev. Thorbourne landed on the Canal Zone in December, 1907. The board has been in regular correspondence with him, and while they have not been able to supply his every need or give him the financial backing that was necessary, yet he has been able, through the Lord, to perform a wonderful work. This is clearly shown when we tell you that in so short a time the scattered

Negro Baptists have been gathered together, Sunday-schools formed, a church organized, a number of happy souls baptized, and now we can boast of the fact that the Lord has planted a Negro Baptist church on the Isthmus of Panama, and the Gospel is regularly preached each Sabbath.

Rev. Thorbourne is a young, inexperienced minister, but he possesses, first of all, the right qualification—that is, we believe him to be a man whose heart has been thoroughly regenerated, and he has felt the effect of the Holy Spirit. Secondly, he seems to be a man sensible of his calling to this work. Third, he had seven years of school training, which better fitted him for the labors before him. The board has not been able as yet to have its general secretary or its field secretary to visit this field, but from all reports that the board can gather, and from the report of Rev. Thorbourne himself, we are fully convinced that the work has been little short of a miracle.

We regret that this dear brother and his followers have no house of worship. The board as yet does not own a foot of land. The members of this little mission church are crying to us loudly for a place of worship, and the board is fully convinced that we should come to their relief, but it is handicapped for the want of money. If the board had as much as \$3,000, we could buy a good site and build a house sufficient to care for them until they could begin to help themselves. We are praying that the Lord will open the hearts of some of our brethren. Who will begin this work by making a liberal donation specified for this cause?

*The West Indies Islands.*

There are several of the West Indies Islands whose people speak the English language, and they are calling loudly for our assistance, but we desire more particularly to call the attention of the convention to the Island of Jamaica, which is an English possession, whose people were emancipated possibly fifty years ahead of us, and yet the Baptists are not so progressive on that island. There seems to be two organizations of Baptists upon the island. Rev. G. E. Stewart, vice president of the Fellowship Baptist Convention, visited the states, and after spending some time with the Foreign Mission Board, came to our headquarters and spent several weeks. He met our board on more than one occasion and talked with us face to face. He and his assistants desire to be represented and become a part of this convention, and desire that the Home Mission Board should extend its work and take charge of that particular territory.

Your board, however, felt that it could not act upon the question until after your meeting, and allowing you to pass upon this question as you did upon the Panama Canal question. Your board stands ready to do your bidding, and if this report or request is adopted, we shall at once attempt to set in motion some kind of co-operative work with the brethren of Jamaica. Rev. Stewart seems to be fully acquainted to the work in America, and we believe that our board will meet a hearty welcome, and that it is another door of opportunity opened into our faces by the hand of the Lord.

#### *The Great Need of a Church Edifice Department.*

We desire again to call the attention of the convention to the great need of a church edifice fund or of a church edifice department. We believe that we should have more than one church edifice fund. We believe that there should be a church edifice department—one that could aid the churches, first, in church architecture; secondly, in church fire insurance; third, in church finances. We find that a great number of our pastors, and almost a majority of their members, have but little experience in church architecture. They do not travel a great deal, do not see and understand modern styles and fashions of church architecture, and therefore, they must depend upon some outside or local architect, pay him considerable money, depend upon the word of local contractors, or, in the best way they possibly can, erect a church edifice possibly at an enormous cost, and the church edifice is built with little or no regard of economy, comfort, durability or style. Thousands upon tens of thousands of dollars could be saved to our church membership, more comfort, more durability and considerable beauty could be had, while this money is saved, if we had a regular church architect or architectural department, who could be consulted in the matter of church building.

2. Church Fire Insurance. We feel safe in saying that a few weeks have passed but that some church, some pastor, some individual has implored us to assist them, because the loss of their building by fire, and many of them have spent much money, years of labor and toil, to build up a church edifice. The people are poor and some times the church is still in debt. An unfortunate fire sweeps the church edifice away, leaving the community with no building and without a dollar's worth of insurance—not on account of the negligence of the pastor, the deacons or trustees, but because there is no local agent or no company known to them that would accept risks upon their church

property, or because they did not know how to find such a company.

We believe that this matter could be taken up by the Home Mission Board and companies could be consulted and found that would for small consideration take reasonable risks upon the church edifices of our denomination, and, in case of fire, would restore them. This would be a great blessing to the local community and an honor to the National Baptist Convention.

3. Church Edifice Fund. The board needs a church edifice fund, in which it could assist these churches in building, or, in case they had built, could assist them in saving much of their property that is lost by mortgages. It would possibly be astonishing to our brotherhood at large to know the number of Baptist communities that have lost their church edifices by mortgages, and to-day are without houses of worship. With a small fund in hand the board, by judicious management, could greatly assist the churches throughout the United States in this work.

#### *The Financial Needs of the Home Mission Board.*

The Home Mission Board is to-day in greater needs for finances than at any period since its organization, and a great danger of what might be called a calamity or crisis stares the board in the face to-day. Not because the board is doing nothing, but because it has done something and is still doing a little something; but this calamity or crisis is arising from the fact the people are learning more of the work of the Home Mission Board and are calling stronger and louder to day than ever before. There are more demands made upon the Home Mission Board each month this year than was made in the first two years of its existence. The Baptists throughout the country have begun to look to and expect something of this board, and unless the convention, the state conventions, the associations, churches, Sunday-schools and the missionary societies will rally to the aid of the board, we are compelled to disappoint the people, thereby causing a great back set to the confidence of the people in the work of the Baptists. We ask in heaven's name that this sitting of the convention would put itself upon record by passing suitable resolutions asking Sunday-schools, churches, missionary societies, associations, conventions, Sunday-school conventions, state conventions and all other Baptist organizations to rally to the aid of the Home Mission Board to accomplish something for the cause of Christ.

A General Summary of Home Mission Work Done in Co-operation with State and Territorial Conventions, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with other Boards of the National Baptist Convention.

|                                                                                                                            | Present Year. | Last Year. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Number of Missionaries, Colporters, Sunday-school and Bible Workers working in co-operation with our Board During the year | 65            | 64         |
| Days of services reported                                                                                                  | 3,312         | 9,386      |
| Sermons preached                                                                                                           | 3,703         | 4,339      |
| Sunday-schools addressed                                                                                                   | 1,441         | 1,380      |
| Prayer-meetings attended                                                                                                   | 2,765         | 2,731      |
| R. V. P. U. Societies addressed                                                                                            | 563           | 588        |
| Missionary Societies addressed                                                                                             | 481           | 421        |
| Other addresses and public talks delivered                                                                                 | 2,859         | 2,771      |
| Total number of sermons, addresses and public talks delivered                                                              | 9,046         | 10,941     |
| Homes visited for Bible reading and prayer                                                                                 | 9,410         | 10,159     |
| Homes found without Bibles                                                                                                 | 1,788         | 1,276      |
| Number of churches visited                                                                                                 | 4,755         | 3,534      |
| Number of churches helped to organize                                                                                      | 31            | 6          |
| New Sunday-schools organized                                                                                               | 39            | 37         |
| Missionary societies formed or organized                                                                                   | 37            | 26         |
| Number of persons baptized by request of churches                                                                          | 841           | 731        |
| Number of conventions, associations and other State and District meetings attended                                         | 1,542         | 700        |
| Missionary and Bible Conferences held                                                                                      | 1,597         | 491        |
| Letters and Postal Cards written                                                                                           | 14,847        | 18,381     |
| Number of religious tracts, pamphlets and booklets distributed                                                             | 18,369        | 156,000    |
| Miles traveled to perform this labor                                                                                       | 270,619       | 279,600    |

|                                                                                                                                                             | This Year.  | Last Year. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Money collected and applied to missionary work in communities were collected                                                                                | \$16,027 24 | \$17,628   |
| Value of tracts, pamphlets and booklets distributed                                                                                                         | 599 46      | 243        |
| Money collected by missionaries and colporters and applied to their salaries                                                                                | 5,937 37    | 7,109      |
| Money donated by Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on salaries of missionaries                                                          | 9,250 00    | 3,100      |
| Money collected by missionaries and applied to their traveling expenses                                                                                     | 5,082 35    | 6,790      |
| Salaries of general female missionaries working under the Woman's Auxiliary Board, our Board, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention | 950 00      | 300        |
| Cash supplemented on missionaries' salaries                                                                                                                 | 3,850 00    | 1,900      |
| Salaries and Traveling expenses of Field Secretary paid by Publishing Board                                                                                 | 1,700 00    | 1,200      |
| Total                                                                                                                                                       | \$43,396 42 | \$43,396   |

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

ROBT. MITCHELL.

Auditor of the National Baptist Convention.  
This September 1, 1908.

Respectfully submitted,  
National Baptist Home Mission Board,  
R. H. BOYD.  
General Secretary.

#### TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD.

Another President and Members Assembled in the Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of America, Lexington, Ky., September 16-21:

The members and officers of the National Baptist Publishing Board bring before you this year a report of the work done for the twelfth year of its existence, beginning September 1, 1907, and ending August 31, 1908. In submitting this report the Board begs to state at the outset that it finds from twelve years' experience that the older the Board grows the better its work becomes known among the Baptists throughout the United States, or we would perhaps better say, throughout the world; and the better the work becomes known the more demands are made upon the Board. The more difficulties it has to surmount, the more financial burdens are laid upon it, greater risks, hazards, losses and unforeseen difficulties arise, hence there is more reason now to be careful in the management of this Board than in any one of its existence. This Board, or this plant, as we would better say, has become to be regarded by others in a different light from what it was a few years ago. At first its existence was unknown and unnoticed by other similar plants, except an occasional scornful laugh and a prediction that it could not exist, but to-day the National Baptist Publishing Board is carefully watched as a competitor, and no allowance is made for its inexperience or its financial inability. It is regarded in the commercial world as a purely commercial institution, and is required to meet strictly every commercial requirement. Its obligations, its debts, its paper and its guarantees must all be strictly complied with. We are glad to report first, that notwithstanding our inexperience, we have

gone thus far without legal judgment, and without having our drafts, notes or checks protested, and have been able to hold our reputation in the commercial world; our credit is excellent and our paper stands at par everywhere with all commercial institutions where we are known.

#### *Our Year's Struggle.*

Your Board reported last year the struggle anticipated in the way of new buildings, new machinery and the expense of moving, but it did not foresee at the time of planning this gigantic effort the great panic and money stringency that befell the country in the month of October, just one month from the adjournment of your body. The members of the Board foresaw nothing but progress, and had entered into lavish and liberal contracts for the ensuing year. They had, as they reported to you at the last session, contracted for about \$20,000 worth of new printing machinery. They had arranged with Messrs. Boyd and Beckham for their property, upon which they had taken a lease, and had arranged for some other buildings and improvements. Just as all this progress was in pursuit, and without a day's warning, the financial panic or excitement of money stringency came down with terrific force upon the entire commercial fraternity of this country. With almost breathless excitement the Board stood for months expecting the worse to come each day. Banks were suspending payment, clearing houses were issuing temporary certificates instead of money, wholesale and manufacturing establishments were closing down and discharging their help, credit was suspended, thereby causing debtors to neglect their bills, and many other calamities too numerous to mention in this report. Without going into details we simply report that our Board's losses were comparatively small compared with others. Our past reputation had given us a standing that enabled us to carry our burden through this financial panic up to this time without being forced to repudiate or make an assignment in a single instance. We have satisfied our creditors without having a single lawsuit or a negotiable instrument protested. In short, we have been able to meet or satisfy our creditors, continue the payment of our employees, and still make our usual or a part of our usual missionary donations to the Home Mission Board to keep its employees upon the field, for which your Board sincerely gives thanks to Almighty God.

#### *The Changes Made During the Year.*

The National Baptist Publishing Board for a number of years has been compelled to occupy buildings scattered and very inconvenient. They have leased the property from W. H. Leickhart across Locust street, opposite their own building. They have also had for a number of years the property of Major Wilkes, facing on Locust street, across Linck alley, opposite their own buildings. The use of these two buildings made it very inconvenient for the Board to operate its business, having to carry all material and articles manufactured backward and forth across the street and across the alley several times. They were also handicapped on account of both heat, light and water. The City Council and Board of Public Works, however, have always been very partial towards the Board, and have allowed it, contrary to regulations, for a number of years to cross the alley both with shafts, pipe and wire, but the constant improvement and rapid growth of the city, the new city laws and regulations of placing the electric wires underground, and many other modern improvements, made it impossible for the City Council or Board of Public Works to longer endure this. However, the Board foresaw this and began a number of years ago to place its hands upon and get in its possession the property adjoining it in the same block. To-day the Board owns in part, and has the remainder in its possession, the following lots fronting on Second avenue, North, and bordering back on Linck alley: Lots 517, 519, 521 and 523. These four large lots, 50x150 feet each, take just half of the block. This block is located one-half block from the L. & N. Railroad, two blocks from the Public Square, one block from the County Courthouse. The Board foresaw, or thought it foresaw, the future value of this property ten years ago when it bought the lot and building 523 North Market Street. Notwithstanding this building cost the original owner \$27,000 to erect it, the Board bought at a time when there was a great financial depression upon the city and property was at its lowest ebb. It was, therefore, able to obtain this property for about 50 per cent. of its actual cost at the time of erection. Having these four lots now in a solid block, and having buildings partially erected on all of them, the Board in future will be able to proceed with its work with far less expense than in the past.

#### *Our New Buildings.*

The building referred to in our last report that was to be erected by Messrs. Boyd and Beckham has been com-

pleted, and is now being occupied by the Publishing Board as a mechanical, book and editorial department. The Board finding itself still in need of some room, proceeded to the erection of the long-talked-of Memorial building lots 517 and 519. The foundation of this building was some years ago, but for the lack of money and because the Board did not desire to float large bonded indebtedness against the property and plant, the erection of this building was delayed. This year, however, the Board proceeded, began the erection of this building. It has erected one story but finding that monetary conditions and financial stringencies were such that it hesitated attempting to float bonds to the amount of \$35,000 or \$40,000 that would be required to complete this building. A temporary roof has been placed upon this one story and the Board is proceeding to occupy it until it can see its way clear to put the other two three stories upon this building.

*The Removal from the Old Building and the Purchase of New Machinery.*

Shortly after the adjournment of the convention last year the Board slowly began the removal of its old machinery from the buildings formerly occupied, and to replace them in the new building. This was indeed a Herculean task, as the machinery had to be removed in such a way as to continue the work.

The general secretary and his assistant secretary, together with their employees, had many times to divide themselves into two companies, moving machinery at night operating it in the day. We are glad to report that heavy and difficult machinery was removed and replaced with but small breakages, little damage, and without serious accident to persons, machinery or buildings.

As before referred to, all the new machinery contracted for last year has been completed, shipped by the manufacturers, received and placed in operation by us. They are as follows: One large Miehle press, price \$3,000; three large cross continuous paper feeders, price \$4,500; one large Dexter folding machine, price \$2,000; one large Erie City steam engine, price \$700. Besides these large machines, a number of minor machines, numerous new instruments and fixtures have had to be added, making in all an expenditure upwards of \$25,000 the Board has been compelled to expend to equip itself to meet the urgent demands upon it.

*Manufacturing Department.*

The management of the National Baptist Publishing Board has endeavored to carry on what it calls a regular manufacturing department. That is to say, it is more than a publishing concern. But few people are able to distinguish between printers and publishers, but look upon them as one, and the same, but they are separate departments. Some of the largest publishing concerns in the country do no manufacturing work. A publisher or a publishing concern is an institution that is responsible for the publication and circulation of books, periodicals, etc. In many instances, in fact in the majority of instances, the publisher employs a printing concern to manufacture his books, but the National Baptist Publishing Board employs editorial writers, takes the manuscript from his hand and turns it over to the sales department a complete manufactured book, doing all grades of work from the common typesetting to the very finest book-binding. This requires the employment of the very best and finest skilled workmen. It is no easy task to find workmen capable of performing these duties. In fact, the white manufacturers find it difficult to employ the needed skilled laborer, and for Negro or colored institutions it is not only impracticable, but almost impossible to find them. The Publishing Board, however, with tedious, patient, constant effort, has been able to teach a few Negro workmen year by year, taking on new apprentices and turning out master workmen until it is fairly well supplied, and has been able to supply its neighbors. It might be surprising even to members of the National Convention to know that the National Baptist Publishing Board has furnished the schools of technology and all of the large Negro printing establishments with all of the linotype operators, stereotypers or book-binders they have been able to get. Hence we are compelled to keep on hand a number of apprentices at all times so as to fill the places of trained workmen when they are induced to go to others at better wages. The time has come, however, when the Publishing Board will be compelled to pay its workmen better wages, and therefore will not be able to give as much to missions or to employ as many apprentices in future as it has in the past. The management, however, has fully determined after this year to take apprentices as such and take them under contract of learning the different trades. First, without pay. Secondly, to increase their pay as they become useful in that department. When they have completed their trade, to then pay them master workmen's wages. This we think will greatly facilitate

late matters and expedite business, carrying on manufacturing with a greater degree of efficiency.

*The Assistant Secretary's Department.*

For a number of years it was a question with the Board just how the business could be properly carried on all under the management of one general head. After separating the work off into manufacturing department, sales department, clerical department, editorial department, and missionary department, it was found that it would require more than human endurance for one man to have immediate oversight of each of these without sufficient assistance. It was also found that if each of these departments was made independent one of the other, there would be constant friction. The management of the Board, therefore, decided to appoint chief clerks for each of these departments, and instead of a superintendent, to have an assistant secretary. This assistant secretary would serve a twofold purpose. First, to have the immediate control of both business and correspondence. Second, to become an entered apprentice to the general secretary that in case of his absence or removal from office, the work could still be carried out without a great setback or hindrance.

*Editorial Department.*

Since moving into our new quarters the Board has been able to fit up in proper style a regular editorial office with a fairly complete library for the work. This department has been fitted up at an expense of several hundred dollars, and is still in need of an enlargement, especially in the way of completing the library. It will require at least an outlay of five hundred dollars more to place this library in such a condition that the editorial staff will be thoroughly furnished with all references necessary to settle any question that may arise.

The editorial staff consists of an editorial secretary, his assistants and contributors. The work of the editorial secretary is especially to prepare, look over and pass upon all matter for periodicals. All contributions, articles or subjects pertaining to them are referred to the editorial secretary to pass upon. When he has satisfied himself, he in turn confers with the general secretary as court of last resort in matters pertaining to our periodicals. It would be hard for the Board to speak in too high praise of the work that is being performed by the editorial secretary and his

staff of contributors. We make no hesitancy in saying that our periodicals compare favorably in quality, doctrine and fiction with anything upon the market, and we believe we are borne out by public sentiment, as thousands of letters flood the office every year speaking out with praise concerning the periodicals that are being furnished, and by the further fact that each of our periodicals is gradually increasing in circulation.

Our National Baptist Sunday School Commentary, begun by the Board five years ago, has reached the enormous circulation of nearly 8,000 copies. Of course this is small compared with what it should reach, for the reason it is the only Baptist Sunday School Lesson Commentary on the market, or that is being published in America. We need not here refer to the doubts entertained by the Board at the time of starting this gigantic undertaking, but we felt that the convention had made it imperative on our part to furnish our Sunday-school workers with the very best literature, and that Baptist principles, doctrine and polity were not to be measured by dollars and cents. Therefore it was not a question of whether this Sunday School Lesson Commentary could pay its expenses or not. The only questions standing out before the Board was, "Do the Baptists need it? Ought they to have it?" This fact and these questions governed their actions, but we rejoice to report that the Lesson Commentary this year about met its own expense, and if it receives the amount of encouragement from all pastors and leading Baptists that it should receive, it will be but a short time until this periodical will be a profitable addition to our manufacturing department.

The Board has under contemplation some other needed periodicals, such as a superintendent and pastor's review, monthly or quarterly, together with some other needed additional periodicals in the way of Sunday school papers; but these additional periodicals would call for additional editorial force and additional manufacturing force, together with additional machinery. The Board therefore is hesitating and waiting until it is better equipped.

*Bible, Book, Tract and Sales Department.*

While the Board for a number of years has had a mailing department, it was not able or not prepared to fully establish this Bible, book, tract and sales department until it had secured its new quarters. We now occupy four large rooms with this department, and employ a chief clerk to have the entire oversight of this department and its employees. The

Board is compelled to carry a stock of Bibles, books, tracts, maps, charts and other religious paraphernalia necessary to the furnishing of both churches and Sunday-schools with all religious literature necessary. While we are not able to carry the amount of stock necessary, yet our present invoice shows that we carry in stock from \$50,000 to \$75,000 worth regularly. We have no hesitation in saying that this department is now brought up to the excellent efficiency where we are able to furnish ministers, laymen, Sunday-school workers, deacons, church clerks and other religious persons or families with every grade of religious books that may be called for. We sometimes answer letters by saying that we furnish anything from a calling card to an encyclopedia, but we find ourselves a little lacking in that we have not yet been able or had the time to prepare and print a sufficiently illustrated catalogue to tell the public just what we have on hand for sale. This sales department, however, pays very little attention to local trade. It is intended strictly as a mail order department. We endeavor to satisfy our customers by writing and furnishing our ministers their needs through the mail. We are now prepared for the first time to furnish our pastors and professional men with suitable libraries. We have such arrangements with book publishers, both in Europe and America, that we can furnish any book published at regular publishers' price. We have found for many reasons that it is not best to carry too expensive a stock of books on hand, for the reason that books are fluctuating in prices and because of the numerous new books coming upon the market, old ones are gradually falling into disuse. Others are becoming shelf-worn, hence great losses are sometimes sustained by carrying too heavy a stock. We have therefore attempted to satisfy ourselves with carrying a great variety rather than a heavy stock, as these books can be obtained upon short notice from the publishers themselves. We hope during another year to be able to have a regular illustrated catalogue which will fully explain and give the prices of all books carried by us in stock.

#### *Periodical and Newspaper Department.*

Our periodical and newspaper publications have been kept up to their usual efficiency. We have attempted as much as in our power lies to gradually improve upon both the diction and workmanship of these periodicals. We are sure that the Baptist brotherhood will bear us out that we have at all times watched carefully to keep up the standard of Baptist doctrine. We are glad that we have as yet had

no complaint of a single doctrinal error which has crept into any of our periodicals. There may have been some few typographical errors, and occasionally some copies pass through our rapid machinery without coming up to all of the excellency in workmanship that has been intended on the part of the management, but taking all together our periodicals stand first in the market. We have had them exhibited in the World's Sunday School Congress, in the International Association, and in various other places side by side with all of the best publishers in Europe and in America, and they have compared favorably with the best publishers or the best periodicals upon the market. Our patrons therefore can have no cause of complaint along this line.

We have continued to keep up the publishing of the National Baptist Union, a sixteen-page weekly newspaper, but this paper has for the last eight years been published jointly with the B. Y. P. U. Board, it, however, being the property or was founded and begun by the B. Y. P. U. Board, the National Baptist Publishing Board doing its work by contract. This contract was to terminate upon giving the proper notice. The secretary of the Publishing Board has therefore given notice to the secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Board that on and after October 30, 1908, its contract will terminate and it will turn over all books, subscriptions, etc., to the B. Y. P. U. Board and allow them to have full control of the paper. We believe that the denomination should have a substantial periodical, such as we have tried to make the National Baptist Union, but for many reasons the Board feels its inability to continue this publication under the present arrangements.

We desire again to call attention to the prices of our periodicals. We believe that it will be impossible for the Board to continue the publication of these periodicals at the same price if raw material and labor continues to increase. Our periodicals are published now at prices so low that it does not justify the Board in dollars and cents to keep up these prices. No other periodical is put on the market so cheap upon the same grade of material as Sunday-school periodicals. However, the Board shall continue the publication at the same prices until the convention shall rise up as a body and order the prices increased.

The following is a list of our publications, together with the annual circulation of this year and last year, showing the increase or decrease over all periodicals of the past year:

|                               | Number Circulated | Last year. | Increase or Decrease Last Year. |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Teacher's Manuals             | 2,000,000         | 1,900,000  | \$80,000                        |
| Senior Quarterly              | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Advanced                      | 500,000           | 450,000    | 50,000                          |
| Intermediate                  | 500,000           | 450,000    | 50,000                          |
| Primary                       | 500,000           | 450,000    | 50,000                          |
| Lesson Leaflets               | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Cards, Weekly                 | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Rolls                         | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Catechisms                    | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Child's Bible Books, Question | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Concert Quarterly             | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |
| Easy Lessons                  | 1,000,000         | 950,000    | 50,000                          |

### Clerical, Stenographic and Corresponding Department.

This is one of the most important departments connected with the work of the Board. The Board is compelled to keep in its employ the very best and most efficient clerical force that it can possibly obtain, together with the best and most efficient stenographers and typewriters that it can obtain, in order to carry on and keep up with the enormous amount of correspondence required to carry on both the literary, periodical and missionary work pertaining to this Board. In these departments we keep busily employed at all times from fifteen to twenty-five persons, and yet there are constant complaints of the long delay in answering the correspondence. We can hardly convey an intelligent idea of the work of this department by simply giving it in figures, but we endeavor to give the receipt and disbursement of letters monthly, quarterly and annually, that our patrons may have a slight conception of the strain upon us in these departments.

If you will consult our itemized disbursements they will find the enormous amount paid out for stamps and postage. The following is a list of receipts and disbursements of first-class mail matter during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1908:

### FOURTH QUARTER 1907.

|                         | September. | October. | November. | Quarterly Statement. |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Letters Received        | 1,000      | 1,000    | 3,373     |                      |
| Letters Mailed          | 1,000      | 1,000    | 3,018     |                      |
| Circular Letters Mailed | 1,000      | 1,000    | 20,000    |                      |
| Total Letters Handled   | 1,000      | 1,000    | 26,391    | 5,179                |

### FIRST QUARTER 1908.

|                         | December. | January. | February. | Quarterly Statement. |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Letters Received        | 6,607     | 8,951    | 4,132     |                      |
| Letters Mailed          | 2,956     | 3,352    | 3,826     |                      |
| Circular Letters Mailed |           |          | 1,500     |                      |
| Total Letters Handled   | 9,563     | 12,303   | 5,626     | 44,854               |

### SECOND QUARTER 1908.

|                         | March. | April. | May.   | Quarterly Statement. |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Letters Received        | 11,231 | 11,349 | 8,341  |                      |
| Letters Mailed          | 3,638  | 3,947  | 4,700  |                      |
| Circular Letters Mailed |        |        | 18,300 |                      |
| Total Letters Handled   | 14,869 | 15,296 | 23,041 | 63,706               |

### THIRD QUARTER 1908.

|                         | June.  | July.  | August. | Quarterly Statement. |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|----------------------|
| Letters Received        | 13,313 | 10,916 | 4,048   |                      |
| Letters Mailed          | 5,621  | 5,907  | 4,907   |                      |
| Circular Letters Mailed |        |        | 2,200   |                      |
| Total Letters Handled   | 18,934 | 16,823 | 6,248   | 66,712               |

Total number of Letters Handled during the fiscal year .... 226,462.

### Sunday-school Work.

It is true the National Baptist Publishing Board has held its own or it is possible in some instances has forged its way ahead of a number of Sunday-school institutions, yet there is considerable work to be performed or land to be possessed along this line of work. We have been experimenting for the past three years in advancing the grade of our Sunday-school work, and have fully convinced ourselves that in order to keep pace with the great advancement of civilization and education, we must have a Sunday-School Teacher-training Course to train our Sunday-school teachers in the modern methods of Sunday-school teaching, and to better hold the doctrines and polity of our churches. We, therefore, recommend the following courses to be put in operation as a part of our Sunday-school work.

We also present together with this report a complete record of the proceedings of our Sunday-School Congress held at Jacksonville, Fla., from June 24-29.

### THE NATIONAL BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER-TRAINING SERVICE.

The National Baptist Publishing Board, in keeping with its main purpose for the advancement of Sunday-school work, and help to churches and pastors, is now offering to the churches of the National Baptist Convention a complete Sunday-school training service. This will consist of four general courses.

#### I. A PRIMARY COURSE.

This course or grade will consist of twenty lectures and a pre-reading course of at least four text-books designated by the general teacher-training service superintendent or secretary, approved by the general secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

#### II. AN ELEMENTARY COURSE.

This will consist of a general reading course of not less than four books, designated as above. To those finishing either of these courses, certificates will be granted upon recommendations of the pastor of the local church, the superintendent of the school and the mission board of the district, and upon the endorsement of the general superintendent of the teacher-training service.

#### III. THE PREPARATORY COURSE.

This course will consist of

1. An outline study of the Old and New Testaments.
2. An outline study of Christian Doctrine.
3. A study of Sunday-school history, organization and management.
4. A study of the principal methods of Sunday-school teaching.
5. Outline study of Baptist church history and doctrines.
6. An outline study of Sunday-school and church missions.

Written examinations will be required upon each of the above subjects. Upon the receipt of satisfactory answers, together with sufficient recommendations, a preparatory diploma will be granted by the Publishing Board.

#### IV. THE NORMAL COURSE.

The normal course will consist of all the studies of the preparatory course, with the following additional studies:

1. Child nature.
2. Outline studies of the books of the Bible.
3. Old Testament history.
4. New Testament history.

General church history of the Baptist denomination, including principles and doctrines.

Sunday-school pedagogy.

Upon the completion of this course the student will be granted a permanent diploma. A text-book upon each of these subjects will be selected or prepared by the National Baptist Publishing Board, and will be furnished to the students at the lowest possible cost. These examinations will be conducted upon the recommendations and approval of pastors of regular Baptist churches and presidents of Baptist universities, colleges, seminaries, academies and other Baptist educational institutions recognized by regular Baptist conventions and associations.

There will be appointed by the National Baptist Publishing Board a regular superintendent of the National Baptist Sunday School Teacher-Training Service Department, together with a local committee, including the general secretary.

All text-books used in these courses must have the approval of the Sunday-school teacher-training committee of the National Baptist Publishing Board. Books need not be purchased exclusively or directly from the National Baptist Publishing Board, but such books as are used by students pursuing this course must have the approval of this committee before certificates or diplomas can be granted from the Board.

Any person, male or female, who has attained the age of twelve years and is a member in regular standing in any regular Baptist church, or become a student in either of the four courses above named, whether he or she is actively engaged in Sunday-school teaching or desires to prepare for teaching, or merely to become acquainted with the helpful studies included in these courses. The same strict and diligent attention will be given to students as to regular Sunday-school teachers.

#### HOW CLASSES CAN BE FORMED.

When the Sunday-school teacher-training superintendent and committee are fully organized and announced by the Publishing Board, and text-books agreed upon, classes may be formed in the following manner: First, by a united class of two or more Sunday-schools in the same city, town, village or community; second, by the forming of a class of teachers, officers and such other persons as may desire to take the course in any individual Sunday-school; third, by the joint effort of any two or more teachers or other persons forming themselves into a class; fourth, by any individual who desires to study individually.

Upon a written application a class will be formed, books, plans of study, etc., will be furnished and the class enrolled. Printed or written questions will be furnished them from time to time.

The Board has been engaged in the experimental work on this Sunday-school Teacher-Training Service for the past three years and has now fully decided to place a regular course before the churches and Sunday-schools of the National Baptist Convention for their approval and co-operation.

**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE PUBLISHING BOARD  
FROM AUGUST 31, 1907, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1908.**

|                                                                                                      |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| To balance in hand September 1, 1907.....                                                            | 1,838 71          |
| For September, October and November.....                                                             | 27,298 00         |
| For December, January and February.....                                                              | 23,200 00         |
| For March, April and May.....                                                                        | 32,514 41         |
| For June, July and August.....                                                                       | 32,512 41         |
| As shown in report of Home Mission Board from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908, on page 13..... | 43,394 41         |
| <b>Total receipts from all sources.....</b>                                                          | <b>140,743 53</b> |

**Disbursements for Publishing Board.**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. For wages, printing material and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908.....                                                                              | 56,506 51         |
| 2. For merchandise, material, freight, drayage, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908.....                                                              | 25,872 41         |
| 3. For stamps, postage, telegraphs, telephones, expressage, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908.....                                                  | 2,197 00          |
| 4. For editorial contributions, advertising, travelling and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908.....                                                      | 1,366 70          |
| 5. On notes, leases, rents, building, legal advice and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908.....                                                           | 12,173 40         |
| 6. Repairs, insurance, machinery, fuel, gas, ice, water, horse feed and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908.....                                          | 10,763 70         |
| 7. To salaries of missionaries, colporters, field secretary, contributions, donations and other incidental expenses from September 1, 1907, to August 31, 1908, as shown on page 13 of the Home Mission Board report..... | 43,394 41         |
| <b>To balance in hand August 31.....</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>600 00</b>     |
| <b>Total disbursements.....</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>160,770 53</b> |

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

ROBT. MITCHELL.

Auditor of the National Baptist Convention.

This September 1, 1908.

Respectfully submitted,  
National Baptist Publishing Board,  
R. H. BOYD,  
General Secretary,  
HENRY A. BOYD,  
Assistant Secretary.

**THIRD ANNUAL SESSION NATIONAL BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONGRESS AND B. Y. P. U. CHAUTAUQUA.**

**FIRST DAY—Morning Session.**

Jacksonville, Fla., June 24, 1908.

The National Baptist Sunday School Congress and B. Y. P. U. Chautauqua assembled in the Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, Rev. E. Ford, D. D., pastor, at 10:30 o'clock.  
Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, made introductory remarks and concluded by introducing Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., Chairman of the Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn., to preside over the meetings. Rev. Dr. Ralford, of South Carolina, was called to the chair to conduct the devotional exercises. "Praise God" was sung as the opening number, being led by Rev. N. H. Hux, D. D., Musical Director. "Blest Be the Tie" was next sung. Rev. Dr. Ralford read the 19th Psalm as the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Matthias, Atlanta, Ga.  
Music, "The Church is Moving On," a chorus by the choir, with Dr. Hux, Director, was effectively rendered.  
Rev. R. H. Boyd spoke on the writing of music, referring to the excellence of the piece of music just sung and the excellent rendition of the same.  
Information as to enrollment was given by Dr. Boyd, who also announced the program of the meeting.  
Secretary H. A. Boyd read the program as prepared for the Congress.  
The Chairman named the following as Committee on Enrollment Finance: Rev. H. A. Boyd, Tennessee; J. H. Brown, Florida; W. H. Hux, Georgia.  
Chairman Clark introduced Rev. Dr. R. J. Bryant, Chairman of the B. Y. P. U. Board, who made announcement as to enrollment and the program of the B. Y. P. U. Board.  
Music, "I Feel Like Going On," by the choir.  
Rev. Joseph King, Principal of the Port Tampa City School, was introduced and read a paper on "The Sunday School Officer, Their Character and Qualification."  
Rev. Dr. Bryant, as Chairman of the B. Y. P. U. Board, named the

following Committee on Enrollment: H. K. Hill, Florida; L. G. Hart, Georgia; G. M. Sprattling, Georgia; Mrs. Jennie Morris, Florida; L. Johnson, Florida; G. S. Middleton, Florida.

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Secretary of the National B. Y. P. U., summed up the paper read by Prof. King under the following heads:

1. Office should be reached by promotion.
2. Should have exemplary conduct.
3. Should be a married man.
4. Officers should discipline each other.
5. Officers should have gentle temperament.

The discussion of the subject was limited to fifteen minutes. Remarks were made by Dr. Ford, Dr. Matthias, Mr. Hudson, of Alabama; Mr. Jones, of Georgia; Dr. Boyd, of Tennessee, and others. Ellington, as Arbitrator, closed the discussion.

The following brethren were introduced: Rev. E. G. Corbin, S. A. Williams, L. B. Ellison, Prof. A. St. George Richardson, J. A. Bennett.

Announcements were made by Pastor J. E. Ford, D. D.

A collection of \$3.37 was taken.

Benediction, Rev. Dr. J. F. Thomas, Illinois.

#### Afternoon Session.

The afternoon was spent in Round Tables or departmental work. The following acted as conductors:

Superintendent Department, Rev. A. A. Matthias, Ga.  
Adv. Teachers, Rev. John E. Ford, D. D., Fla.  
Missiary, Rev. Wm. Beckham, D. D., Tenn.  
Primary Department, Miss Lena Pratt, Miss Lena Pratt, Miss Lena Pratt.  
Educational Department, Prof. N. W. Collier, Pa.

#### Evening Session.

The Sunday School Congress and B. Y. P. U. Chautauque assembled for its evening session at 7:30.

The song service was conducted by the chorus organized for purpose of furnishing music for the Congress and Chautauque, led by Rev. N. H. Plus, Musical Director.

Rev. Dr. Ford, presiding, introduced formally the Musical Director, Rev. N. H. Plus, D. D., who was to lead the music for the evening and announced the first number on the program, which was an introduction, "Behold They Come, the National Baptist Congress," by Thos. W. Tobias, of New Orleans, written especially for this occasion.

The program for the evening, as announced by Dr. Ford, was the hands of the Ministerial Conference of the city.

Rev. W. D. Vann, Secretary of the Conference, read as the Scripture lesson the 98th Psalm.

Prayer, Rev. H. A. Bradley, Vice President of the Conference, Quartette, "Come Unto Me," Prof. N. H. Plus, Prof. Ward, Mrs. Perry, Miss Junius.

The following addresses of welcome were delivered:

On behalf of the Baptists of the State, Rev. Dr. J. B. Hanson, Tallahassee, President of the Baptist State Convention.

On behalf of the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, Rev. J. B. Hill, Jacksonville, President State B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Solo, Miss Mattie McBride.

On behalf of the Allen League, Mr. C. H. Anderson, Jacksonville.

On behalf of the Epworth Leagues of the city, Hon. C. C. Martin.

Solo, Prof. Sidney Woodward, Professor of Music in Florida Baptist College, who has gained a National and International reputation as a singer.

On behalf of the Educational Institutions, Prof. N. W. Collier, A. M., President Florida Baptist Academy.

The Christian Endeavor, Rev. L. B. Ellison, pastor Presbyterian Church.

Chorus, "Princes Awake," music by Prof. Wm. Rosborough, the words by Dr. E. W. D. Isaac. At the conclusion of the chorus the audience arose and gave the Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., the Chautauque salute.

On behalf of the city, Hon. Joseph E. Lee, Collector of Internal Revenue.

On behalf of the State Sunday School Convention, Prof. G. S. Middleton, Tampa.

On behalf of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, Rev. John E. Ford, D. D.

At the conclusion of his words of welcome, Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., the permanent Chairman of the meeting, was presented by Rev. Dr. Ford. Chairman Clark introduced Rev. P. J. Bryant, D. D., pastor of the Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., who responded to the words of welcome.

Announcements by Chairman Clark.

Collection, \$4.59.

Benediction, Dr. C. H. Clark.

#### SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 25, 1908.

The second day's session of the Baptist Sunday School Congress and B. Y. P. U. Chautauque opened at 9:30 o'clock with a song service led by Rev. N. H. Plus, Musical Director.

At 10 o'clock Chairman C. H. Clark called the Congress to order and asked Rev. Asa Hunter, Starke, Florida, to lead in prayer.

"Standing by the Cross" was next sung.

Rev. W. M. Poe, Eustis, read the 116th Psalm.

Prayer, Rev. A. C. Crooms, Orlando.

Rev. C. H. Clark made appropriate remarks at the opening, giving the object of the Congress and what is hoped to be accomplished, and concluded by naming Dr. P. J. Bryant, Chairman for the day.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Remarks were made by Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., concerning the reading of papers, the songs that are sung, and the noted speakers that are to appear. At the request of Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung.

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac made the following outlines on the paper read by Prof. J. King on the first day:

Superintendent—Subordinate, useful, punctual, earnest, reliable, intelligent, neat, temperate, energetic, noble, devotional, exemplary, and finally, teachable.

Teacher—Truthful, energetic, apt, consecrated, honest, erudite, resourceful.

"I Am Thine, O Lord," was sung.

"The Present Demands of the Sunday School" was the subject of the first paper for the morning, being read by Mr. E. C. Kinsard, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac summed up the following from the paper read: L. Concentrated teaching service.

2. Affiliation of parents with the Sunday School.
3. Ascension of teachers—

1. To the mountain top of character.
2. To the mountain top of education.
3. To the mountain top of religion.

The following took part in the discussion of the paper: Superintendent L. W. Taylor, Tallahassee; Superintendent E. S. Jones, Wheat Street Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss M. B. Walker, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. J. J. Casson, Jacksonville; Rev. E. M. Griggs, Texas; J. F. Thomas, Illinois; R. H. Hudson, Selma.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Ellington, the Arbitrator, closed the discussion.

Remarks were made by Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, illustrating conversion. How that he had refused \$253.00 for the N. Y. P. U. Board when it was given by a gambler as a lottery ticket.

The Secretary read a telegram from the Young People's B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday School Convention of Tennessee. By unanimous consent the same was received and the Secretary was ordered to acknowledge receipt of same. The telegram read as follows: "Greetings from Tennessee Young People in session. Read Phil. 1:1."

The Secretary read the passage of Scripture. "Take the Name of Jesus" was sung.

Rev. R. H. Boyd in a few words introduced to the Chairman of the meeting the Rev. Mr. Musselman. Chairman Bryant in turn introduced to the Congress Rev. Mr. Musselman, who delivered an acceptance address.

Rev. R. H. Pitman, Florida, was introduced and read a well-prepared paper on "The Worship of Our Fathers: How to Harmonize with Modern Day Progress in Religious Life."

"Rock of Ages" was next sung.

In the blackboard exercise Dr. Isaac outlined the paper as follows:

#### Worship of Our Fathers.

1. An improvised system of work and worship.
2. Quakerism true and simple.
3. Waste of time except as to motive.
4. Rendered under false conceptions of conversion.

#### How to Harmonize.

1. Adopt the latest, the quickest and the best.
2. Have perception of relations and acts to each other.
3. Recognize and give value to every skillful act.
4. Do not condemn the old-time methods.

The following young people that also are common.

The following took part in the discussion: Rev. G. B. McKenney, Mrs. P. Bryant, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. J. A. Davis, D. D., Rev. E. M. Griggs, Texas. Dr. W. S. Ellington, the Arbitrator, closed the discussion.

Chairman Clark made the following announcements for departmental meeting for the afternoon:

Educational Department.....Prof. N. W. Collier  
Missionary Department.....Dr. Wm. Beckham  
Pastoral Department.....Rev. A. A. Matthias  
Advanced Teachers Department.....Miss V. B. Miller  
Primary Department.....Lena Penn

Announcements concerning the sending in of subjects for the contest were made by Chairman Clark.

Pastor E. W. D. Isaac made announcements concerning the departmental meetings.

Dr. Wm. Beckham made a statement about the missionary meeting Collection, \$6.68.

Benediction, Rev. J. B. Greene, Louisiana.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Congress and Chautauqua assembled at 3:30 o'clock, when a song service was conducted by the chorus. After the service was concluded the departmental meetings were called to order as follows:

Educational Department.....Prof. N. A. Collier  
Missionary Department.....Rev. Wm. Beckham  
Pastoral Department.....A. A. Matthias  
Advanced Teachers Department.....Miss V. B. Miller  
Primary Department.....Lena Penn

The superintendents and educational departments joined the missionary department, where an excellent meeting was conducted.

#### Evening Session.

The Congress and Chautauqua assembled at 7:30 o'clock, when an excellent song service was conducted by the Chorus Club, led by N. H. Plus, Director.

Chairman Clark presiding, presented Rev. H. Hubbard, who read a scripture lesson from the 32d Psalm.

Chorus, "Behold They Come, the Baptist Congress."

Prayer, Dr. E. D. Hallman, Tampa, Fla.

Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., took occasion to refer to the work being done by the different publishing houses operated by Negroes, in which he showed the Baptist publishing plant published and sent out more literature than all other denominations' plants combined.

Rev. H. T. Musselman, D. D., of the American Baptist Publishing Society, was introduced, and spoke on the educational method in the Sunday-School. The address electrified the great congregation and was well received.

Music, "The Beatitudes," a new anthem recently written by Prof. Bliss, was well rendered by the Chorus Club.

Rev. A. A. Matthias read an excellent paper on "The Mastery of the Bible."

Announcements were made by Dr. R. H. Boyd and Dr. Wm. Beckham.

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac read the program for the next day and announced that the concert to be given on Friday night had been postponed agreement to Saturday night.

Collection, \$14.45.

Benediction, Rev. J. L. N. Ross, D. D.

#### THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The third day's session of the National Baptist Sunday School Congress and B. Y. P. U. Chautauqua opened at 10:30 o'clock with Chairman C. H. Clark presiding. The opening services were delayed because of heavy rain falling at the time for opening.

Song service conducted by Rev. N. H. Plus, D. D.

Rev. J. H. May, D. D., Savannah, Ga., read the 1st Psalm for the scripture lesson. Prayer, Rev. J. A. Hopkins, Jacksonville.

"Cling to the Cross" was sung.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Mr. Lewis N. Holley, Jacksonville, Fla., read the first paper of the

day on "Consecration to Missionary Service on Foreign Fields; the Most Effective Method of Obtaining It."

Mr. L. W. Taylor, Tallahassee, Fla., was introduced and presented a paper entitled "Sunday School Officers: Their Character, Qualifications and Duty."

The Chairman ruled that the blackboard exercise and discussion of papers be postponed until a number of papers shall have been read.

The Rev. E. D. Hubbard, D. D., Laurel, Miss., was introduced and read a well prepared paper on "The Sunday School; Its Relation and Obligation to the Church."

Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., made appropriate remarks and outlined the paper, "Consecration to Missionary Service on Foreign Fields; the Most Effective Method of Obtaining It" in the following way:

1. Every Christian a missionary.
2. Every Christian a third missionary.
3. Christians are responsible for the loss of the heathen.
4. Local missionary organizations should encourage aspirants.

The following took part in the discussion: Rev. E. M. Green, Texas; Rev. W. A. Wilkerson, Florida; Rev. Asa Hunter, Starks, Fla.; Rev. W. D. Vann, Florida.

The Arbitrator, Rev. W. S. Ellington, closed the discussion.

The meeting seeming somewhat lag, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac occupied a short time in bringing out some Biblical truths from the word "Solomon."

Stephen, Obadiah, Lazarus, Doresimus, Moses, Onesiphorus, Noah. The outlining of other papers was omitted. With reference to Dr. Hubbard's paper, it was summed up under the following: 1. The relation of Church and Sunday School is as parent and child. 2. Sunday School never gets grown.

Rev. Dr. Musselman spoke on "The Treasury of the Sunday School as Now Operated."

By common consent, after some discussion, it was decided to recess at 3 p. m. for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Congress—hearing of papers and discussion of same.

"The Bible's Place in the Sunday School and How to Teach It" by Miss Ruth L. Dixon, of Jacksonville, was the subject of the next paper, which was well-prepared and effectively presented. The conclusion of this paper was not had.

Master Nathan F. Jones, Mobile, Ala., read a well-prepared paper on "Some Things the Young Christian Can Do With Reference to Race Development." He, being a boy of 10 years, was given quite an ovation at the conclusion of the paper.

Rev. H. T. Musselman was introduced and addressed the Congress on "Evangelism in the Sunday School." The address was well received and caused many a heart to burn as he talked so impressively on the Sunday School work.

Rev. W. S. Ellington offered resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

See Resolutions.

Benediction, Rev. C. H. Clark.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Congress and Chautauqua reassembled at 3:30 o'clock with Rev. P. James Bryant, D. D., presiding.

The usual song service was conducted by the Chorus Club.

The 45th Psalm was read as the Scripture lesson by the Rev. John E. Ford, D. D. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Greene, Shreveport, La. Music, "I Am a Soldier in the Army."

Mrs. M. E. Jones, of Mobile, Ala., was presented and read a well-prepared paper on "The Worship of Our Fathers; How to Harmonize It With the Modern Day Progress in Religious Life."

"The Sunday School Teacher; His Duties and Opportunities," by Rev. L. H. Henderson, Anniston, Ala., was the next paper read.

Rev. Dr. Boyd spoke encouragingly of the many excellent papers that had been read and of being much pleased to have representatives from different parts of the country write and read such excellent productions. He concluded by announcing the arrival of Mr. N. B. Broughton, Raleigh, N. C., who came to represent the Southern Baptist Convention, and introduced him to the Chairman, Dr. P. J. Bryant, who in turn introduced Mr. Broughton to the Congress and Chautauqua.

The Congress arose and received Mr. Broughton. He came on the instruction of Dr. J. M. Frost to bear the fraternal greetings from the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a Superintendent, and until recently had the distinction of being the Superintendent of the largest Sunday School in the South, having over 1,500 in attendance.

He spoke out of the fullness of his heart and experience in the Sunday-school work, on "Winning and Holding Young Men and Women in the Sunday School and Church."

The address was well received and was most heartily applauded throughout the delivery.

Dr. Boyd announced that Dr. Musselman, who had been so helpful in the meeting, was about to take his leave and wished to give parting words. Dr. Musselman came forward amidst applause and gave the parting words, assuring the Congress that he had had a royal time and that he and his society stood ever ready to assist in every particular the good work that is being carried on.

Appropriate responses were made by Dr. Boyd and Chairman Bryant.

Dr. Plus was called to the front for music and the Congress joined in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Dr. Beckham came forward and took a collection of \$6.56.

Rev. W. D. Vann read a list of ministers preparatory to making appointments for Sunday's preaching.

Rev. Dr. Ford made announcement concerning the entertainment to be given Saturday night, and the main-meeting on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Boyd made a statement as to the plans in the future for Sunday service, stating that bannere will be had and a line of march formed to the place of Sunday meeting.

"Praise God" was sung.

Benediction, Rev. P. J. Bryant, D. D.

#### Night Session.

The Congress and Chautauqua reassembled at 7:30 o'clock.

The song service by the Chorus Club lasted for thirty minutes.

Chairman Clark made introductory remarks complimenting the deportment of the citizens of Jacksonville, and introduced the Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., Louisiana, who read Romans 1:1-23 as the Scripture lesson.

"I Am a Soldier" was next sung.

Prayer, Rev. C. S. Daniels, D. D., St. Augustine, Fla.

Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary of the Publishing Board, took occasion to speak of the importance of Negroes using literature written and published by Negroes. His remarks were enthusiastically received by the great congregation which had turned out to witness the exercises.

**Music: "Behold They Come, the National Baptist Congress."**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" was sung with a will by the congregation. Chairman Clark presented Brother M. B. Broughton, Raleigh, N. C., who again addressed the Congress on "Some of the Sunday School Upon the Church." The address was thorough, forceful and easily stamped Mr. Broughton as one among the laymen Sunday-School workers in the country. A very fervent prayer was offered by Rev. H. A. Boyd, Nashville.

Rev. Dr. Lancaster asked that Mr. McGill, to whom Mr. Broughton touchingly referred in his address as one among the noted Negro preachers, be presented. He was presented, and Chairman Clark ruled that Mr. McGill would speak after having listened to music by the club.

Rev. Boyd asked all to stand who are willing to go away with determination to do more for Sunday School work than ever before. The great congregation was quickly on its feet, thus expressing their appreciation of the very excellent and instructive address delivered by Mr. Broughton.

"Glory to the Lamb" was very excellently rendered.

Mr. McGill was presented and on request read the "Ships of Manila." He was heartily applauded.

Rev. Dr. Ford made announcement of outings, concerts, Sunday mass meetings.

Miss E. M. M. White was introduced. She is at the head of "Old Folks' Home," and made a short address telling of her work.

Rev. W. D. Vann reported for the Committee on Divine Services. Dr. Beckham took a collection to the amount of \$2.25.

Benediction, Rev. W. S. Ellington, D. D.

**FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.**

The fourth day's session of the Baptist Congress and B. Y. P. Chautauqua met at 10 o'clock. Song service by Dr. N. H. Plus, Director.

Rev. A. A. Matthis read the 95th and 100th Psalms as Scripture lesson.

Prayer, Rev. J. D. Davis.

"More About Jesus" was sung.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Rev. J. D. Davis, of Florida, was introduced and read a paper on "The Duty and Obligation of the Baptist Church to Its Sunday School."

"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," was sung.

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac outlined the paper read by Master Joseph B. Development, on the third day, which is as follows:

1. Love God.
2. Love your enemy.
3. Forgiveness of injuries.
4. Speaking at right time.

"The Sunday School Teacher: His Duty, His Responsibility" was the subject of a paper by Mr. L. Ross, Jacksonville, Fla., which was an excellent one.

Rev. H. H. Boyd, D. D., spoke on prayer service at the Public Board. He said that the hands are employed: stop one-half every day to be used in prayer service. He spoke further about the importance of having a photo taken in which all the officers appear, and members of the Congress fall in at points. He spoke on the importance of all taking a last look at

display room where all modern Sunday-School appliances are displayed. It is the intention of all the officials to have the minutes printed and the Sunday-Schools will get them by paying for them.

Lawyer T. G. Ewing, of Nashville, Tenn., attorney of the Publishing Board, was introduced and addressed the Congress.

Rev. E. M. Griggs, of Texas, introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTIONS BY E. M. GRIGGS ON BAPTIST CONGRESS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAUTAUQUA.**

Whereas, Dr. R. H. Boyd, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac and their associates have succeeded through the National Baptist Congress and Chautauqua in bringing to us some of the best Sunday-school specialists in the country, namely, Dr. H. T. Musselman, representative of the American Baptist Publication Society, and Bro. N. B. Broughton, representative of the Southern Baptist Sunday-school Publishing Board; and,

Whereas, Their addresses show plainly a getting together for mutual helpfulness of these three great Baptist forces, Northern, Southern and Negro Baptists, which means much for humanity in America and throughout the world; be it

Resolved, That we, the National Baptist Congress and Chautauqua of America, now assembled in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, pledge ourselves to stand by Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., J. D., and his associates as never before in helping to bring to perfection as near as possible the well-begun work that lies closest to their hearts.

Respectfully,

E. M. GRIGGS.

**RESOLUTIONS BY DR. W. S. ELLINGTON BEFORE THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONGRESS AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**

Whereas, This National Baptist Congress has had an opportunity to hear Rev. H. T. Musselman explain in detail the methods and workings of the Sunday-school Teacher's Training Course; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting, that if the National Baptist Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention could see its way clear to inaugurate a Teachers' Training Course in some manner, it would, in our judgment, be an advanced step in a great forward movement in the Sunday-school work in the bounds of the National Baptist Convention.

Resolved, second, That we ask the National Baptist Publishing Board to aid its Sunday-schools with something in this direction.

Dr. Boyd made announcement concerning the outing for the afternoon. Rev. Wm. Beckham, D. D., made a statement about the mass-meeting Sunday afternoon.

"How May Auxiliary Societies Be Helpful to Our Denominational Institutions," was the subject of a well-prepared paper by Prof. G. S. Middleton, of Florida.

"The Pastor's Place and Opportunity in the Sunday School," was the subject of a paper by Superintendent W. A. Burk, of Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Virginia B. Miller, Charleston, S. C., next presented a paper on "The Sunday School; Its Relations and Obligations to the Church."

"The Bible; Its Use by Teachers and Scholars," was the subject of the new paper by Rev. G. B. D.

At the conclusion of the paper the Congress took recess to be photographed.

Benediction, Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D.

## SUNDAY MORNING--9:30 O'clock.

The Sunday School mass meeting was conducted by the Superintendent of the Sunday-School. After regular opening services the advanced department was turned over to Dr. Wm. Beckham, and the primary department to Superintendent Roberson. The members of Congress were given an opportunity to visit the departments. Remarks were made by Rev. E. M. Griggs, Dr. W. S. Ellington and others.

Collection, \$6.35.

Benediction, Wm. Beckham, D. D.

## 11 O'clock.

The 11 o'clock services opened promptly with Rev. J. E. Ford singing. Invocation, Pastor J. E. Ford, D. D.

Hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," was sung.

The 51st Psalm was read as the Scripture responsive reading. At the conclusion of the reading a few minutes of silent prayer, ended by chanting "More Love to Thee, O Christ."

Song, "Spirit of Holiness Descend." Chairman Clark, D. D., of the Board, read the second Scripture lesson from Job 28.

Chorus, "Princes, Awake," an anthem by the choir. After announcements, prayer was offered by Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia.

Chairman Clark introduced the Rev. W. S. Ellington, D. D., with some introductory remarks, with touching reference to the good of Congress and Chautauqua; of the good that Dr. Musselman, from Northern home, has done for the Congress; the warm, cheering, helpful advice and sound experience which came from the warm, Superintendent Broughton; to the untiring worker, the honored R. H. Boyd, who is spending his life for the young people of this country; to the scholarly and eloquent Dr. Isaac, who has given his life to the B. Y. P. U. movement; to the coming of the greatest preacher, Dr. C. T. Walker, a man whose life perhaps has touched more young people than any other in this country, who is so eloquent, so forceful in delivery of his sermons that the richest man in this country leaves his palatial home some two or three times every year and comes to the Southland, and while in the South every white pastor would like to prepare a special discourse in deliver for this wealthy man, and please to go to the church of this Negro Spurgeon, Dr. C. T. Walker. Reference being also made to the pastor of this most beautiful city of worship, of his gentle, loving, yet forceful spirit, and how that he impressed every delegate to this Congress. Also reference to Chairman Clark, of how he has stood by Dr. R. H. Boyd, of the Publishing Board, and has assisted in making the National Baptist Publishing Board an object of pride of Negro Baptists of this country.

Dr. Ellington took his text from Luke 15:18. "I will arise and go to my father," etc. His theme was, "Home, Parents and the Church." He drew a very beautiful lesson from the life of the prodigal, and made a lasting impression on the hearts of the congregation. So pathetic were the appeals that it seemed the whole congregation melted to tears. While the congregation sang "Sinner, Come Home," many persons came forward and gave their hand to preacher, signifying their intention to become Christians.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. C. H. Clark.

The club furnished music while the offering for the church was taken.

After the offering was introduced and spoke a few words.

Collection, \$12.79.

Benediction, Dr. Ford.

## Afternoon Session.

Chairman Clark presiding, called the meeting to order at 3 o'clock in the Dural Theater.

Music, "Behold They Come, the National Baptist Congress."

Rev. F. W. Lancaster read the 1st Psalm as Scripture lesson.

Prayer, Rev. J. E. Ford, D. D.

Song, "Who is the King of Glory."

Introductory remarks by Chairman Clark, who introduced Rev. R. H. Boyd, who made an address on the work of the Publishing Board.

A collection of \$24.67 was taken for the B. Y. P. U. Board.

Chairman Clark presented Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, who in a well prepared speech, filled with logic and eloquence, introduced the scholar, lecturer, the greatest preacher of the race, Dr. C. T. Walker, Atlanta, Ga., who addressed the Congress and Chautauqua on "Some Important Factors in the Solution of the Race Problem." This was perhaps the most enthusiastic audience of the Congress, certainly the best, for every seat in the large building was taken and the aisles were crowded. Dr. Walker never appeared at better advantage. His speech was forceful, logical, and eloquent, and was well received by the great congregation, who testified of their approval by the hearty applause throughout the delivery.

## Night Session.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 28, 1908.

The Congress and Chautauqua assembled at 7:30 for song service, which was conducted by Rev. N. H. Plua, D. D., Musical Director.

"Lead, Kindly Light," by the congregation.

Invocation by Pastor J. E. Ford, D. D.

Chant, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung by the congregation.

Responsive reading of the 62nd Psalm was the first Scripture lesson.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Prayer, Dr. J. F. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.

Anthem, "Lift Up Your heads," by chorus.

Announcements by Dr. R. H. Boyd concerning the entertainment, Sunday-School Teachers' Course, the minutes of the Congress and the reports read, and publishing came in book form.

Dr. Boyd referred to having no money to begin the course, and said he hoped to receive some before leaving. He was praying that the Lord would yet give him the money to begin this course. Dr. J. F. Thomas was the first to come forward and give \$5.00 to assist in his work.

Dr. J. E. Ford subscribed \$5.00 at the conclusion of his remarks. Dr. W. S. Ellington, in a few well chosen words, introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. C. H. Clark, who was to preach the closing sermon.

After expressing his pleasure at being in Jacksonville, the kind entertainment given, and the respect shown the officers of the Congress the citizens, he took as his text 1 Cor. 1:31, "But covet earnestly the best gifts." The sermon was excellent and was a fit close for the great meeting.

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

Collection, \$10.78.

"I Am Thine, O Lord," was sung as the consecrating song.

Dr. Ford, in a few words, as a token of the excellent service rendered in the chorus work, presented a beautiful walking cane to Dr.

"Blest Be the Tie" was sung, while the parting hand was given.

"God Be With You," was sung.

Benediction, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac.

REV. C. H. CLARK, D. D., President.

H. A. BOYD, Corresponding Secretary.

R. B. HUDSON, Recording Secretary.

At the close of the report a spontaneous offering was made for the benefit of the work in Panama.

Prof. H. B. Britt was called upon and he sang a most beautiful solo, "The story must be told."

Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, of Kansas, was introduced to preach the missionary sermon according to the program. He announced as his text: Psalm 145:13, Mark 16:16; subject—"World-wide Missions." Among other things, Dr. Wilson said, "Give the Gospel an opportunity and it will settle all questions. Science and religion have shaken hands and only the fool declares in his heart, 'There is no God.' Christ's kingdom is everlasting—Christ the only teacher. His race is all nations—you cannot stop him. His gospel must be preached everywhere. The gospel is to tell of his humble birth and his wonderful victory on Calvary. 'Christianity is a beautiful civilization,' said the speaker, 'and the Gospel is as old as the throne of God. Proclaim it on every mountain and in every valley. The conflict will soon be ended and the victory achieved.'"

Acute in intellect, trained in theology, rich in Biblical information, a master of the most beautiful English, a word painter of remarkable skill, a gospel preacher sound and orthodox, the brilliant Rev. Wilson charmed the great Convention with a strong sermon, rich in the sweetest essence of spiritual power.

The Rev. Geo. W. Lee, D. D., of Washington, led in an earnest and fervent prayer. Prof. Britt delighted us with another solo: "Some mother's love." A collection for the expenses of the Convention was taken and the Convention adjourned with the benediction by Rev. E. A. Wilson.

#### SATURDAY, FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention met in its morning session at the usual hour. Rev. W. W. Whitton, Vice-President for Tennessee, presided. Rev. J. W. Cunningham sang an appropriate hymn, read the 92nd Psalm and offered prayer. "I read



REV. H. ALLEN BOYD,  
Assistant Secretary National Baptist Publishing Board.

"every hour" was sung. In a series of "Sentence prayers" several brethren invoked divine blessing upon the work of the day. "Blessed Assurance" was the next song of praise.

The journal of the previous day's session was read and adopted.

Dr. R. H. Boyd announced a telegram from Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, Boston, chairman of the International Sunday-school Committee and incidentally the Conference recently held at Clifton, Mass., to consider the "Relation of the Sunday-school to the development of the young Negro." The following is the telegram sent by Mr. Hartshorn:

Boston, Mass., Sept., 18, 1908.

W. R. H. Boyd, National Baptist Convention, Lexington, Ky.:

Best wishes for successful and profitable Convention of National Baptists.

Signed:

W. N. HARTSHORN.

The telegram was kindly received and Secretary Hudson and Dr. R. H. Boyd were empowered to send a suitable reply. Dr. Boyd resumed discussion of Home Mission Board's report and later introduced Bro. M. M. Welch, Assistant Secretary of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who brought the greetings of the Southern brethren in an address containing much information from the records showing the systematic efforts of the white Baptists to assist their colored brethren.

On motion of Dr. McEwen the address of Mr. Welch was ordered printed in the daily papers, so that the brethren could take it home for future reference.

The Secretary announced the appointment of Committees on Temperance and State of the Country.

President Morris gave expression in fitting terms of his attitude for and appreciation of the beautiful testimonial and evidence of esteem presented him by Dr. A. E. Edwards representing a number of other friends earlier in the session.

On motion the written statement of Dr. Morris referred to above, became a part of the proceedings:

*Drs. A. E. Edwards, Barber, Fisher and others—Esteemed brethren:*

I take this method of accepting from you, and expressing to you my very high appreciation of the handsome memento which you have given as an evidence of your regard for me personally, and for the humble service which I have endeavored to render the Baptist denomination and the race during the fourteen years that I have served in the capacity of the president of the National Baptist Convention.

I assure you that it will be a continuous reminder of the deep and abiding affection which I have for you and for all the members of the race who are endeavoring to live a correct and upright life. Your thoughtfulness places me under renewed obligations to you, and it shall represent to me a booth obstructing the hot rays of unjust criticism from thoughtless members of the race and the rain of hatred which is now falling upon many of our leaders. More than this; it shall remind me that above my head is the shadow of the rock, which will resist and throw off even the destructive winds of the judgment and bring me into the peaceful state of the glorified, where the smiling countenance of the blessed Christ is the only ray of light and heat, which are softer than the zephyrs which blew upon the first man, amid the foliage of Eden, when the infinite hand had been taken up from them on the morning of their condition.

E. C. MORRIS.

The funeral procession of the deceased J. W. Hawthorne appeared and the business of the Convention was suspended.

#### FUNERAL.

The entire Kentucky delegation led the funeral procession which solemnly filed into the auditorium.

Layman W. H. Steward, of Louisville, directed the impressive service. "Fade, fade each earthly joy" was sung by the choir as the solemn march proceeded. Rev. S. P. Young announced, and the congregation sang "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound." The 23rd Psalm was im-

pressively read by Rev. W. T. Silvey, D. D., of Frankfort, Ky. "Jesus, keep me near the cross" was sung. Rev. John Fisher, D. D., of Winchester, Ky., invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon the family, the church and the stricken brotherhood. The obituary was read by Bro. Steward. Resolutions from the various departments of the church were read. Also resolutions from the several bodies with which the deceased was connected—District, State and National. The following resolution was presented by President Morris in behalf of the Convention:

#### RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, That in common with the members of the First Baptist Church, of Lexington, the pastors and members of other Baptist churches of the city, the ministers of the state of Kentucky and all others whose pleasure it was to know Dr. J. W. Hawkins, that the National Baptist Convention joins in mourning the loss of our distinguished brother and co-laborer.

And we recommend to the brotherhood of Baptist ministers of the United States the worthy example of Dr. Hawkins, who was on duty when the summons came, and fell with his armour on, it being necessary to unbuckle the shafts of duty from his side after he fell.

While we mourn his loss to the militant ranks of the army of God, we believe that he has gone to swell the ranks of the triumphant host of the spirits of just men made perfect.

E. C. MORRIS.

"Death is only a dream" was feelingly sung as a solo by Prof. H. B. Britt. The master of ceremonies announced the selection of Rev. J. K. Polk, of Midway, Ky., and Dr. D. A. Gaddie, of Louisville, to preach the funeral sermon. The text: Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Dr. Polk led in a strong, soul-stirring sermon, rich in Gospel truth and setting in bold relief the noble traits of character of the deceased, making faithful and effective application of God's word to the saddened hearts of the bereaved. Dr. D. A. Gaddie closed with a strong testimony to the high Christian life of the late Dr.

Hawkins. The solemn services closed, the choir sang "Savior lead me lest I stray" and the closing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Webster.

The Convention re-convened. Some announcements were made and the Convention adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, the benediction being pronounced by Dr. Robt. Mitchell, of Kentucky.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met in afternoon session pursuant to adjournment.

The ninetieth Psalm was read by Rev. F. L. Morris, D., of Texas.

"I heard the voice of Jesus say" was sung.

Rev. Wm. H. Benford, of Mississippi, offered prayer.

Dr. J. P. Robinson, of Little Rock, chairman of the H. Mission Board, spoke briefly of the work of that Board.

On motion of Dr. J. B. Beckham the reports of the H. Mission and Publishing Boards were adopted.

Dr. A. E. Edwards called the Committee on State of the Country.

Dr. J. B. Beckham, Rev. B. Prittman and Rev. S. Lampkin were placed on the committee in place of brethren who were absent.

The presiding officer introduced Dr. C. H. Clark, of Nashville, chairman of the Publishing Board, who at the close of his brief address, presented Rev. Geo. W. Lee, D., pastor of Vermont Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., speaker of the evening. Dr. Lee was the first treasurer of the Publishing Board and created much of the early movement that gave birth to our Publishing, Missionary and Educational institutions. In his characteristic way Dr. Lee delighted the Convention with one of the strongest addresses yet delivered. Rev. W. H. Heard, of Memphis, Tenn., at request, sang "There is a bright side somewhere."

President Morris introduced Rev. R. H. Thorbourne, who has charge of our work in the Panama Zone, who spoke interestingly and instructively of our work in the new

A resolution introduced by Rev. Bennett with reference to the purchasing of Negro dolls was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION ON NEGRO DOLLS.

WHEREAS, The race has for more than forty years suffered almost every conceivable humiliation, intolerable wrongs, and embarrassment for which at times there seemed to be no remedy; and

WHEREAS, During all these years, we have spent and poured into the coffers of the white people of this country thousands of dollars for white dolls as Christmas presents for our Negro girls; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. H. Boyd, Corresponding Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board at Nashville, Tenn., with the able assistance of Mr. H. A. Boyd, manager, has, in accord with the agitation of the writer for years, made it possible for a factory for Negro dolls to be established; and

WHEREAS, These Negro dolls are convincing evidences of the ability of the race to do things as should be, and thus have put into existence as fine display of race extraction as is seen anywhere in Christian civilization; be it here and now

*Resolved*, That we hail the coming to us the reality of these beautiful and magnificent Negro dolls, with gratitude and commendation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we call upon each pastor, teacher, every professional and business man or woman of the race, irrespective of denomination, creed or religious proclivities, to give this Negro doll factory their entire and exclusive patronage and thus displace the "nigger scarecrow" from the white man's show windows, and the flaxen haired, blue eyed Caucasian dolls from the homes of every self-respecting Negro.

J. R. BENNETT.

On motion of Dr. A. S. Jackson a committee of seven be appointed to express the thanks of this Convention to the English government for interest manifested by His Majesty King Edward in matters between our Foreign Mission Board and the Belgian Government. The following were named: Dr. E. C. Morris, A. S. Jackson, Geo. W. Lee, S. G. Lampkins, I. Toliver, A. Wilbanks and W. Bishop Johnson.

President Morris stated that the Convention would hold

its Monday session in the Pleasant Green Baptist Church.

A motion was made that the "Third Convention of Texas" be recognized as entitled to membership in this body. Dr. L. L. Campbell, of Texas, was recognized and spoke against the motion. Prof. Abner was recognized and spoke in favor of the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 76 to 35.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. W. Whitton, of Memphis.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The night session was called to order by Dr. L. G. Jordan, who called Dr. W. G. Parks, of Pennsylvania, to the chair to preside during the praise services.

The Scriptures were read by Rev. A. L. Perkins, of Mississippi.

Rev. P. H. Hughes, D. D., of Birmingham, Alabama, led in prayer.

Dr. Boyd was recognized to take collection.

Rev. A. N. McEwen, D. D., of Mobile, Ala., discussed in masterly manner "The duty of the church to the aged and decrepit ministers." He was followed by Dr. R. H. Boyd who discussed "Statutes of the States as Enacted in Relation to the Transportation of Passengers on Railroads."

Miss N. H. Burroughs was next introduced to discuss "The railroad accommodations in the South for black and white people compared."

Dr. L. G. Jordan followed in an excellent address of "Moral suasion and what of the train porter."

The papers presented by Dr. Boyd were ordered printed.

After some remarks by President Morris, the Convention adjourned with prayer and benediction by Dr. L. G. Jordan.

#### SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled in Sunday-school mass-meeting. General Superintendent C. M. Wells, D. D., of Alabama, presiding.

Music Director N. H. Pius, at the organ, led in singing "There is sunshine in my soul."

Field Secretary Dr. Wm. Beckham conducting the exercises invited Drs. J. R. Thomas, of Columbus, Ohio, E. M. Griggs, of Palestine, Texas, J. B. Beckham, of Denver, Colorado, M. E. Moore, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, A. J. Lacey, of Fort City, Arkansas, Geo. W. Hill, of Detroit, Michigan, W. O. Harper, of Dayton, Ohio, W. P. Purvis, of Pelican, Louisiana, Sister E. B. Delaney, of Fernandina, Fla., and Mrs. A. E. Edwards, of Richmond, Virginia to seats on the rostrum.

Song, "Standing by the cross."

Dr. Thomas, of Columbus, Ohio, read 19 verses of 103 Psalm.

Dr. Beckham, of Colorado, led in prayer.

Presiding officer C. M. Wells led in singing "Down at the cross."

A letter of protest was read and adopted and sent to pastor E. W. Hawthorne, D. D., protesting against the absence of his Sunday-school and church from the services.

Field Secretary Wm. Beckham, D. D., presented Dr. E. M. Griggs, of Texas, who taught lesson I and II. Rev. M. E. Moore taught lesson III. Mrs. A. E. Edwards taught lesson IV. Dr. W. O. Harper sang a solo, "Life is like a Mountain Railroad." Lessons V and VI were taught by Rev. W. P. Purvis. Sister E. P. Delaney taught lessons VII and VIII. Superintendent Hill taught lesson IX.

Rev. R. H. Wilson, of Dallas, Tex., led in singing "He is just the same to-day." Secretary Beckham, in well chosen words, presented Corresponding Secretary Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., who spoke briefly along the lines of our Sabbath-school work, emphasizing the Sunday-school Teachers' Training Course. Lessons X and XI were taught by Dr. S. M. Hall, of Alabama.

Collection by states was taken, Texas raising the largest amount and taking the banner.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. E. W. Johnson, of Pennsylvania.

At 12 m. Vice-President J. P. Robinson, of Arkansas, presided. The choir and congregation sang "Rock of Ages."

Devotions were conducted by Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., of Chicago. Dr. Fisher read Gen. 2 and led in prayer.

Secretary Hudson read pastor Hawthorne's reply to letter of protest and same was accepted.

Song, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord."

The Vice-President presented President Morris, who preached from Gen. 1:2, "The earth was without form and void." Theme—"What organization has done for the Negro Baptists." The President seemed to have been at his best, his sermon being well up to the highest standard of his former sermons. A few of its salient points: (a) The brooding of the Spirit upon the waters in creation signifies organization. (b) Man is admitted into the counsel of his God. (c) Evidences in the patriarchal period. (d) Same in the New Testament times is the calling, training and sending of the Apostles by John and Jesus. (e) The reign of Christ in his kingdom bespeaks organization. The sermon was freighted with both intellectual and spiritual food which was well received, in that our hearts were made to burn within us while God condescended to speak to us through His servant.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham, of Virginia, led in a fervent prayer. Collection. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Robinson, of Arkansas.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sunday afternoon a great missionary mass-meeting was held in the Auditorium. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, presided.

Dr. L. G. Jordan presented a gavel made partly of material brought by him from Natal South Africa and the other material being furnished by old Antioch Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss.

The following program was executed:

Music—By the choir.

Prayer—Rev. E. W. Johnson, D. D.

Music—Choir.

Scripture Reading—Rev. E. Brown.

Solo—Rev. A. J. Lacey.

Address—Miss E. B. Delaney, "What about our children and Foreign Missions?"

Solo—Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.

Address—Rev. L. N. Cheek, "My farewell to the National Baptist Convention ere I return to Africa."

All Missionaries representing the Foreign Mission work in this country were presented as follows: Rev. U. H. Moses, D. D., Penn.; Johnny Rier, Paramaribo; Bro. C. A. Birmingham, British Guiana; Bro. Robt. R. Z. Johnston, West Indies; Rev. R. A. Jackson, Miss Sidney J. Davis, Keokuk, ———; Miss Josephine Straughan, of South America; Miss Julia A. Holmes, of Montgomery, Ala.

An address—"Our responsibility to the Foreign field" by Dr. W. W. Brown, of Pittsburg, who heads all pastors in giving to Foreign Missions.

An address by Miss Josephine Straughan, of South America, "Catching the spirit of God's love for the world."

A collection amounting to \$24.37 was taken for Rev. L. N. Cheek.

Solo—"He was wounded for our transgressions" by Miss Florence Pamplin, of Danville, Ill.

Rev. R. A. Jackson spoke vigorously and effectively on "His desire to be returned to Africa as a Missionary."

Daniel Mabilchabo, baptized by Rev. L. N. Cheek, who walked over two hundred miles to the coast of Africa to come to America with Miss Delaney, gave an inspiring talk in English. He could not speak English when he first came to America.

Solo, by Prof. H. B. Britt, "Is there any one can help you?"

Benediction by Rev. Robt. Mitchell, D. D.

#### EVENING SESSION.

A B. Y. P. U. service was held at 6:30. Rev. P. J. Bryant, D. D., of Georgia, presided.

Hymn, "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

Prayer, by Rev. H. L. Young, of South Carolina.

Song, "There is only one whom each heart knoweth."

Introductory remarks by Dr. Isaac on the "Development of the social life of our young people."

Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., of Virginia, emphasized the evils of dancing.

Dr. J. Franklin Walker, of Ohio, spoke of the four-fold development of human life—Physical, Spiritual, Intellectual and Social, dwelling on the latter with emphasis.

Rev. A. N. McEwen, of Alabama, spoke of the "Duty of the older people to interest themselves in this question and share in it themselves."

Song, "Glory to the Lamb,"

Rev. I. M. Johnson, D. D., of Mississippi, spoke on "The Negligence of the church on the subject."

Rev. J. B. Pius, D. D., of Texas, "The duty of the pastor to direct the social side of his young people."

Final remarks were made by Dr. Isaac.

Song, "Sweet the moments."

Collection for the B. Y. P. U. work. Benediction.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The devotions for the evening session were conducted by Rev. R. D. Phillips, of Ohio, and Rev. W. D. Vann of Florida.

The 35th chapter of Isaiah was read as the Scripture lesson.

Song, "The church is going on."

Sermon by Dr. E. R. Carter, of Georgia, subject, "The Home Field." (Rev. 11:15.)

Prayer by Rev. R. W. Johnson, D. D., of Georgia.

Dr. W. F. Graham appealed for a collection for the general expenses of the Convention, and \$7.50 were given.

The President announced that the concluding services of the Convention would be held in the Pleasant Green Baptist Church on Monday.

The Sunday-school banner awarded to the State raising the largest amount at the meeting of the States in the Sunday-school this a. m. was given to Texas.

Benediction by Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D.

#### MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Monday morning session of the National Baptist Convention was opened at Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Dr. Morris presiding.

The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. W. B. Fleming, of Pennsylvania, from Isaiah 40:1-10.

The choir sang "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah."

Prayer was offered by Dr. W. R. Forbes, of Georgia.

Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., submitted his report as Statistician.

By motion of Rev. G. W. Bolling, of Kentucky, the report was received.

Rev. Robt. Mitchell, D. D., submitted the following report as Auditor:

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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

As your Auditor, I beg to make this my eighth annual report of the work of our Boards. I found the Home Mission and Publishing Boards housed in enlarged quarters, suited in every way to the splendid work being accomplished.

Secretary Boyd extended the usual courtesies, making me welcome and showing me through the house, pointing out the improvements which I could plainly see. After which I began examining the books and accounts which the Secretary had ordered turned over to me. After going over them carefully, I found that the Home Mission Board collected during the year \$43,396.42 and the same expended.

#### PUBLISHING BOARD.

|                                                         |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| To balance on hand Sept. 1, 1907.....                   | \$ 1,888 73 |
| Total receipts from all sources including balance ..... | 160,781 95  |
| Total balance in hand Aug. 31.....                      | 862 56      |
| Total disbursements.....                                | 160,781 95  |

#### B. Y. P. U. BOARD.

I found Dr. Isaac, the Corresponding Secretary, comfortably located in a new home of the B. Y. P. U. Board.

with his assistants about him faithfully doing the work of this department.

Receipts for the year ..... \$13,789  
Expenditures for the year ..... 13,778

Balance on hand ..... \$10

#### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Having finished my work in Nashville, Tenn., I went to Louisville, Ky., the home of the Foreign Mission Board. I found Secretary Jordan and his assistants busily engaged in the performance of the work of this Board. I examined the books and found that the total receipts for the year were as follows:

Receipts ..... \$20,298  
Expenditures ..... 20,277

Balance on hand ..... \$21

After finishing the work on the books and accounts of the Foreign Mission Board, I examined the books of the Women's Auxiliary Convention and found them as reported by the Corresponding Secretary. This department is in a flourishing condition. The Secretary keeps two sets of books; those containing the accounts of the money contributed for missions, and another for the money given for the Training School. The women's department as well as all the other departments of our work should receive increased support of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MITCHELL,

Auditor of National Baptist Convention.

The report, by motion of Rev. J. W. Goodgame, Alabama was adopted.

Rev. A. E. Edwards, D. D., Virginia, submitted the report of the Committee on State of the Country. Pending the adoption of the report a heated discussion took place in which several amendments were offered.

On motion of Dr. L. G. Jordan the report was re-committed.

Dr. H. B. N. Brown offered the following resolution which was, by motion of Dr. Bolling, referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

#### RESOLUTION - NO. 4.

WHEREAS, It is apparent that deception is being practiced upon the Convention from time to time to the detriment of the organization and the cause we represent, therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the future whenever financial consideration is offered to induce this body to assemble at any place, said offer shall be accompanied with one-fourth of the bonus offered, and duly certified check for the balance to be paid to the Home Board ninety days in advance of the meeting of the Convention. Be it further

*Resolved*, That in the future this Convention holds its sessions alternately in the various sections of the country—East, West, North and South, as a means of keeping intact this great Baptist family, and that the cause of our Lord may be fostered among the masses of our people.

H. B. N. BROWN

Much discussion having taken place concerning the failure of the Kentucky brethren to pay the \$500.00 bonus promised to the Convention, Rev. J. E. Wood arose to question of personal privilege in which he defended the Kentucky Baptists from the charge of bad faith. The President ruled the question of personal privilege not sustained.

Secretary Hudson was asked to make statement regarding the amount promised by the Kentucky brethren. After the statement by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Hawthorne submitted a question of personal privilege which was sustained only in part. After a lengthy discussion, at times heated, about the Kentucky brethren not paying the money promised, by motion of Dr. Moses the whole matter was referred to the Executive Committee with request that the Board report at this session of the Convention.

The Committee on State of the Country reported through Dr. Edwards, of Virginia.

After being discussed by Drs. P. H. Neil and G. W. Bolling, the report was adopted. The report is as follows:

## REPORT.

To the President and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

We, your Committee on State of the Country, beg leave to submit the following deliberations:

## WE BELIEVE:

1. That there is a political unrest in this country, due to lynch law, proscriptive legislation, and financial stringency; but we recommend and advise that our people be careful in the exercise of their citizen rights, and use every worthy effort to bring about a better understanding and more amicable relations between the races, both North and South. To this end, we commend the wise and conservative leadership of our own President, Dr. E. C. Morris. We highly appreciate the favorable expressions of Ray Standard Baker, Andrew Carnegie and others on the race question. We condemn lynching as barbaric and disgraceful to American civilization.

2. That our country is passing through one of the most depressing financial panics of recent years, the cause of which has puzzled the most profound students of economic problems. Notwithstanding this panic, our people are to be commended for the brave manner in which they have met and withstood these conditions.

3. That more money and thought are being given to education, both on the part of the national and the state government, than ever before in the history of the country.

The educational outlook for our people is hopeful. Everywhere our schools are crowded with eager youth, so that in the short period of forty years we have reduced our illiteracy about fifty-six per cent. Notwithstanding this fact, we deplore the lack of interest on the part of many parents, and the poor school facilities for Negro youth in the rural districts of the South. We recommend that our people everywhere co-operate and labor with all agencies at work to enforce compulsory attendance and to build up a more efficient school system among us.

4. That the moral and religious condition of the country is progressive. This is evidenced by the temperance and other moral reforms now sweeping over our land. No church or people can rise higher in morals and religion than its ministry. We, therefore, recommend that this Convention put itself on record as favoring a higher educational, moral and spiritual standard in the Christian ministry.

And we express our positive and emphatic condemnation of all forms of crime wherever committed by any race, and we pledge our unqualified support of all rightful authority in its effort to ferret out, arrest and convict all violators of the law of any race, in accordance with the laws of the land.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Edwards, Va., Chairman; Byrd Pullerman, W. Va., Secretary; T. S. Sandefur, Ark., P. H. Hughes, Ala., Allen G. Allensworth, Cal., R. G. Johnson, Colo., S. G. Lampkins, D. C., J. B. S. Boatwright, Miss., L. Hawthorn, Fla., O. A. Thomas, Ga., P. J. Jackson, Ga., D. V. Bohannon, Ill., W. H. Anderson, Ind., W. H. Williams, Ky., C. G. Fishback, Kans., M. J. Foster, La., J. R. Lawson, La., S. S. Wormly, Md., H. L. Young, Miss., W. H. Botts, Mo., D. W. Perkins, N. C., D. S. Klugh, N. J., J. C. Brown, N. Y., B. R. Reed, O., S. S. Jones, Okla., H. W. Childs, Pa., A. A. Sims, S. C., E. Moore, Tenn., A. S. Jackson, Texas, W. H. Fuller, Texas, E. H. McDonald, R. I., Jas. D. Brooks, Fla., S. A. Pleasants, Texas.

Dr. E. C. Morris and Dr. S. E. Griggs made remarks of felicitation, showing that there is mutual regard for each other.

On motion of Dr. L. G. Jordan the Convention decided that fifty delegates together with the President and Secretary of the Convention, and the chairmen and secretaries of the different Boards, be elected to attend the Ecumenical Conference of Foreign Missions to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1910.

On motion of Dr. Barbours the delegates to the National Baptist Convention were requested to remember the general expenses of the Convention in making their annual contributions, and that the letter form be so amended.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report:

## RESOLUTIONS.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 21, 1908.

To the President and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention holding its twenty-eighth annual session with the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.:

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee, appointed to consider and report upon resolutions read to this body and referred to it, begs to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the resolutions offered by the committee of Alabama through Rev. S. L. Martin, D. D., Superintendent of Missions for Alabama, relative to the Layman's Missionary Movement as a National movement to be held under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention adopted.

2. That resolutions pertaining to the endorsement of Rev. R. H. C. Mitchell, D. D., of Kentucky, as endorsed his state as National evangelist, be approved by this body.

3. That resolutions pertaining to the race question offered by Bro. R. Curry be referred back to this body for consideration.

4. That your committee, after due consideration of 1 as offered by Brother Brown respecting the bonus to be paid to the Convention in order to secure the sitting of Convention, and the alternate meeting of the Convention in different sections of the country, etc., submits that it is no reason why it should recommend its adoption by this body.

5. That resolution No. 5 pertaining to Federation of Presidents and Principals of Colleges, etc., allowing space on the annual program of this body be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WARD, D. D.

W. H. WILLIAMS.

Committee on Resolutions.

### RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Rev. R. H. Mitchell, D. D., of the state of Kentucky, is wonderfully endowed with Evangelical piety and

WHEREAS, The churches of Christ need an Evangelical awakening, and

WHEREAS, The Rev. R. H. Mitchell has proven himself eminently qualified as such; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Association of Kentucky Baptists endorse him and hereby asks the endorsement of the National Baptist Convention as Evangelist of the United States.

Committee:

O. DURETT, D.D.

G. W. WARD, D. D.

W. H. WILLIAMS.

WHEREAS, The race question is beginning to be the leading question of the day with both white and colored, and, is claiming the attention of the whole world, and the country is being stirred with this great important question; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Program Committee of this Convention allow space on their program for a half day's discussion of this all-important question, be it further.

Resolved, That the brother best qualified be allowed to handle this subject, in order that the Convention may get the best results out of it.

R. CURRY.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Rev. C. M. Wells, D. D., offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered the citizens of Lexington for hospitality extended the Convention.

That the thanks are also extended to the press for the liberal manner in publishing reports of this Convention.

C. M. WELLS.

Resolved, That a place on the program be granted to the Federation of Presidents and principals of colleges and other institutions of learning auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention at each annual meeting of this body.

DR. J. H. GARNETT.

Pending the adoption, the Convention adjourned.

St. Paul A. M. E. Church, of Lexington, sent \$3.45 as an after collection on Sunday for the expenses of the Convention. Benediction by Rev. Chas. Stewart.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Morris called the Convention to order at 3:45 o'clock.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. N. Cheek and Dr. C. T. Stamps.

Scripture lesson—Romans 10th chapter.

Singing, "Blessed Assurance," led by Rev. B. Fleming.

Prayer by Dr. Stamps.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on

Resolutions was resumed and Dr. J. Franklin Walker made a motion to refer the resolutions relative to the Laymen's Movement to the Executive Committee. The question was discussed by Dr. Walker, Dr. Edwards, Dr. E. C. Martin, Dr. A. T. Stewart, Prof. W. H. Steward, Dr. P. J. Bryant and Dr. C. M. Wells.

Consideration of the report was suspended to hear Mrs. N. H. Burroughs, representative of the Women's Auxiliary. Miss Burroughs made a statement of the work of the Auxiliary during the year in which she showed that \$3,100.00 had been paid on the National Training School at Washington, D. C.

On motion of Dr. A. E. Edwards the report was accepted and a vote of thanks was extended to the Women's Auxiliary.

Dr. Wells resumed the discussion of the report of the Committee on Resolutions. That part of the report referring to the Laymen's Movement was by motion of Dr. P. J. Bryant stricken from the report.

On motion the remainder of the report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. G. W. Lee a committee of seven was appointed to study the Laymen's Movement and report at the next session.

Committee—Drs. Geo. W. Lee, S. L. Martin, P. J. Bryant, C. M. Wells, W. H. Moses, L. Simons and P. Hunter.

The President stated that the brethren representing the Lexington committee having in question the \$500.00 had promised the Convention could do nothing further about it and asked the sense of the Convention on the question.

Dr. G. W. Lee motioned that the matter be indefinitely postponed. The motion was discussed at length by Drs. E. J. Fisher, Robt. Mitchell, L. G. Jordan and R. H. Boyd.

A substitute was adopted that the brethren of Kentucky who are willing will sign a note for the amount and be allowed thirty days in which to pay the \$500.00, said amount to be paid to the Secretary of the Convention. Carried.

On motion of Rev. A. Barbour, of Texas, it was decided that the Secretary of the Convention shall give a written

tice to all the members of the Executive Board of each meeting of the Board to be held between the sittings of the convention.

Dr. E. R. Carter reported that the Educational Board had unanimously re-elected the present Corresponding Secretary, Dr. D. S. Klugh, and asked hearty co-operation of all the States.

Dr. S. E. Griggs reported that the Convention at Philadelphia had requested him to write a book in answer to Jos. Dixon which he had done, but that the work was incomplete. That he had written another book entitled "Pointing the Way" and asked the further endorsement of his efforts by giving our moral approval.

On motion of Dr. J. Franklin Walker this was done.

Dr. L. L. Campbell made a statement on the part his paper had taken at Austin, Texas, in promoting the interests of the Convention.

Dr. D. S. Klugh spoke in defense of his Educational Board.

Dr. Campbell spoke in strong terms of condemnation of the action of the pastors of Lexington in withholding their congregations from the services at the Auditorium on Sunday.

Prof. W. H. Steward suggested that the Kentucky brethren be allowed a chance to arrange for the payment of the \$500.00.

Benediction by Dr. D. S. Klugh.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The closing session of the Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock with President Morris presiding.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. W. H. Heard, D. D., of Memphis, Tenn., who used the 133 Psalm as the scripture lesson.

Prayer by Dr. Heard.

"There is a bright side somewhere" was sung, being led

by Dr. Heard.

Rev. J. B. Beckham, D. D., was presented to preach the

closing sermon. Dr. Beckham took his text from Rev. 13-17, using as a theme: "The Triumph of the Church." The sermon was well delivered and was a fit closing for the great Convention.

A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Edwards, D. D., of Virginia.

A collection was taken for the Convention.

Solo, "Calvary" by Mrs. Mary Buckner.

Miss Helen Cooper Walker, of Ohio, daughter of Dr. Franklin Walker, was introduced and sang to the delight of the Convention.

Mr. George Chapman, of Louisville, Ky., inventor of "Improved Trolley Guard," was introduced. He asked aid to enable him to go to Chicago and other cities, has his patent and model. He was donated the sum \$2.28.

The choir sang "Jesus is tenderly calling thee home."

Dr. Wells spoke of the book—"Pointing the Way," Rev. Sutton E. Griggs.

By special request Prof. Britt, of Louisville, Ky., "Oh, that will be glory for me." Being encored he forward to respond, but was requested to wait until Convention could give an expression of its appreciation for the excellent music furnished by him. A collection of \$3.01 was given him. "The Gospel Railroad" was sung effectively by Prof. Britt.

Prof. W. H. Steward, of Louisville, Ky., spoke of trouble about the bonus money. He stated that the Kentucky delegation had agreed to accept the pledge made the Convention provided a reasonable time be granted committee in which to make good the pledge.

On motion of Dr. E. J. Fisher the statement of Steward was accepted as satisfactory.

Dr. E. W. Hawthorne made a further statement.

By motion the Kentucky Baptists were given sixty to raise the \$500.00 which was satisfactory to them.

On motion of Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Illinois, the Convention adjourned to meet next year in Columbus, Ohio.

After singing "Go preach my Gospel," at the sum-

Dr. W. F. Graham, benediction was said by Dr. J. R. Lawson, of Louisiana.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, President,  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

Assistant Secretaries—Revs. T. O. Fuller, D. D., E. H. McDonald, D. D., E. A. Wilson, D. D., J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

The President called the Executive Board to hear the report of the Finance Committee and to transact other business as might come before it. Rev. C. B. Brown, Chairman of the Financial Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President, your Committee on Finance begs to submit the following:

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| Received from annual membership fees, public collections and donations..... | \$865 85 |
| For Panama Zone work.....                                                   | 25 00    |

Total.....\$890 85

On motion the report was received.

The following disbursement was made:

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| Rev. E. C. Morris, on expenses.....           | \$500 00 |
| St. Louis Button Co., for badges.....         | 110 00   |
| Chas. Stewart, stenographer.....              | 50 00    |
| To Finance Committee for services.....        | 25 00    |
| To ushers.....                                | 17 00    |
| To E. H. McDonald, Ass't Sec'y.....           | 5 00     |
| To Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, Ass't Sec'y.....      | 5 00     |
| To Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D., Ass't Sec'y..... | 5 00     |
| To Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Ass't Sec'y..... | 7 50     |
| To Carey Lewis, reporter.....                 | 7 50     |
| To janitor for church.....                    | 2 50     |
| To janitor for auditorium.....                | 5 00     |
| To Panama Zone, per Dr. R. H. Boyd.....       | 25 00    |
| To expenses of Secretary's office.....        | 64 35    |
| To N. H. Pius, musical director.....          | 12 00    |
| To borrowed money.....                        | 50 00    |

Total.....\$890 85

E. C. MORRIS, President.  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

## APPENDIX.

### COMMITTEES OF THE CONVENTION.

#### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

|                                                                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alabama.....                                                                       | Rev. J. A. Marshall                  |
| Arkansas.....                                                                      | Rev. J. M. Hays                      |
| Connecticut.....                                                                   |                                      |
| California.....                                                                    |                                      |
| Colorado.....                                                                      | R. W. Johnson, Colorado Springs      |
| District of Columbia.....                                                          | Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., Washington |
| East Mississippi.....                                                              | Rev. M. J. Barber                    |
| West Florida.....                                                                  | Rev. J. W. Jackson, Milton           |
| Georgia.....                                                                       | Rev. C. W. Whittier                  |
| Georgia—Gen. B. S. C., Rev. D. D. Crawford, Atlanta                                |                                      |
| Illinois.....                                                                      | Rev. S. H. Johnson, M. D.            |
| Indiana.....                                                                       | Rev. A. A. Adams, Lafayette          |
| Iowa.....                                                                          |                                      |
| Kentucky.....                                                                      | Rev. G. W. Ward, D. D.               |
| Kansas.....                                                                        | D. R. Jackson                        |
| Louisiana.....                                                                     | Miss R. A. Mayfield, Houston         |
| Louisiana—Rev. F. B. Houston, of B. S. Con., 535 South Rampart street, New Orleans |                                      |
| Maryland.....                                                                      | Rev. G. W. G.                        |
| Maryland.....                                                                      |                                      |
| Mississippi.....                                                                   | Rev. W. E. Bridgman                  |
| Mississippi.....                                                                   |                                      |
| Massachusetts.....                                                                 |                                      |
| Michigan.....                                                                      |                                      |
| Missouri.....                                                                      | Rev. J. M. Booker, Kansas City       |
| Minnesota.....                                                                     |                                      |
| North Carolina.....                                                                |                                      |
| North Carolina.....                                                                |                                      |
| Nebraska.....                                                                      |                                      |
| New Jersey.....                                                                    | Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Princeton   |
| New York.....                                                                      |                                      |
| Ohio.....                                                                          |                                      |
| Oklahoma.....                                                                      | Rev. J. W. Perkins, Ardmore          |

#### MINUTES.

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| Pennsylvania.....                      | Rev. F. J. Rowlett, Pittsburg     |
| Philippine Islands.....                |                                   |
| Panama.....                            |                                   |
| South Carolina.....                    | Rev. J. S. Washington, Greenville |
| South Carolina.....                    |                                   |
| Tennessee.....                         | G. P. Woodson, Paris              |
| Texas.....                             | Rev. C. C. Buford                 |
| Texas—G. B. St. Con., A. H. Smith..... | Dallas                            |
| West Virginia.....                     | Rev. W. H. Mitchell, Kimball      |
| Virginia.....                          | Rev. E. A. Johnson                |
| Washington.....                        |                                   |
| Rhode Island.....                      | E. H. McDonald, D. D., Providence |
| Virginia.....                          |                                   |
| Florida.....                           | Rev. J. H. Newman, Jacksonville   |
| Texas—Texas B. Con.....                | Rev. Wm. A. Johnson               |

#### COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

|                                                           |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alabama.....                                              | Rev. C. J. Davis           |
| Arkansas.....                                             | J. A. Keeble               |
| California.....                                           |                            |
| Connecticut.....                                          |                            |
| Colorado.....                                             |                            |
| District of Columbia.....                                 |                            |
| East Mississippi.....                                     | Prof. G. M. Rees           |
| West Florida.....                                         |                            |
| Georgia.....                                              |                            |
| Georgia—Gen. B. S. C., Rev. J. T. Latamer.....            | Americus                   |
| Illinois.....                                             | Wm. Crudup                 |
| Indiana.....                                              | Rev. B. A. West, Princeton |
| Iowa.....                                                 |                            |
| Kentucky.....                                             |                            |
| Kansas.....                                               | W. A. Bowen                |
| Louisiana.....                                            | Miss H. B. N. Brown, D. D. |
| Louisiana.....                                            |                            |
| Maryland.....                                             |                            |
| Maryland.....                                             |                            |
| Mississippi.....                                          | Rev. C. P. Hunter          |
| Mississippi.....                                          |                            |
| Massachusetts.....                                        |                            |
| Michigan.....                                             |                            |
| Missouri.....                                             | Rev. M. H. Adams           |
| Minnesota.....                                            |                            |
| North Carolina, Rev. G. W. Lee, D. D., LL. D., Washington |                            |
| North Carolina.....                                       |                            |
| Nebraska.....                                             |                            |

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| New Jersey         |                           |
| New York           |                           |
| Ohio               | Rev. J. M. Hiddle         |
| Oklahoma           |                           |
| Pennsylvania       | Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D. |
| Philippine Islands |                           |
| Panama             |                           |
| South Carolina     | Rev. H. C. Anderson       |
| South Carolina     |                           |
| Tennessee          | S. T. E.                  |
| Texas              | Rev. R. H. L.             |
| Texas              | Joseph Sharp, G. B. St.   |
| Virginia           | Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus D.    |
| West Virginia      | Rev. Robt. Mason          |
| Washington         |                           |
| Rhode Island       | E. H. McDonald            |
| Virginia           |                           |
| Florida            | Rev. H. M. F.             |

## COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORT.

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| Alabama              | Rev. A. W. De Y.                    |
| Arkansas             | W. M. J.                            |
| California           |                                     |
| Connecticut          |                                     |
| Colorado             | Dr. J. B. Beckham                   |
| District of Columbia | Nannie Lucas                        |
| East Mississippi     | Rev. J. I. J.                       |
| Florida              | Rev. C. T. D.                       |
| Georgia              | Rev. F. M. S.                       |
| Georgia              | Rev. G. W. Inarson, Gen. B. S. Con. |
| Illinois             | Rev. E. H. F.                       |
| Indiana              | Rev. W. H. Jones                    |
| Iowa                 | Jefferson                           |
| Kentucky             | Rev. W. J. M.                       |
| Kansas               | E. Arlington Wilson, Ph. D.         |
| Louisiana            | Miss W. W.                          |
| Louisiana            |                                     |
| Maryland             | Rev. G. R. Waller                   |
| Maryland             |                                     |
| Mississippi          | Rev. D. B. C.                       |
| Mississippi          |                                     |
| Massachusetts        |                                     |
| Michigan             |                                     |
| Missouri             | Rev. G. W.                          |
| Minnesota            |                                     |

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| North Carolina              |                         |
| North Carolina              |                         |
| Nebraska                    |                         |
| New Jersey                  | Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D. |
| New York                    | Princeton               |
| Ohio                        | Rev. F. P. Green, D. D. |
| Oklahoma                    | Rev. P. R. Neil         |
| Pennsylvania                | Rev. W. B. Fleming      |
| Philippine Islands          |                         |
| Panama                      |                         |
| South Carolina              | Geo. W. Brown           |
| South Carolina              | Union                   |
| Tennessee                   | C. W. Graham            |
| Texas                       | Rev. H. R. Wilson       |
| Texas—Gen. B. S. Con.       | Texas                   |
| Virginia                    | Dr. J. H. Banks         |
| West Virginia               | Rev. Warner Brown       |
| Washington                  | Montgomery              |
| Rhode Island                | E. H. McDonald, D. D.   |
| Virginia                    |                         |
| Florida                     | Rev. M. Stewart, D. D.  |
| Texas—Baptist Con. of Texas | Rev. O. Edwards         |

## COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

|                                                              |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Alabama                                                      | Dr. J. H. Eason  |
| Arkansas                                                     |                  |
| California                                                   |                  |
| Connecticut                                                  |                  |
| Colorado                                                     |                  |
| District of Columbia                                         |                  |
| East Mississippi                                             | W. L. Colbert    |
| East Florida                                                 |                  |
| Georgia                                                      |                  |
| Georgia—Gen. B. S. C., Rev. S. C. Roberts                    | Brunswick        |
| Illinois                                                     |                  |
| Indiana                                                      | Rev. H. W. Jones |
| Iowa                                                         | Shelbyville      |
| Kentucky                                                     |                  |
| Kansas                                                       |                  |
| Louisiana                                                    |                  |
| Louisiana                                                    |                  |
| Maryland                                                     |                  |
| Maryland                                                     |                  |
| Mississippi—Gen. B. S. C., Rev. S. D. Minor, Crystal Springs |                  |
| Mississippi                                                  |                  |

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| Massachusetts.....      |               |
| Michigan.....           |               |
| Missouri.....           |               |
| Minnesota.....          |               |
| North Carolina.....     |               |
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| New Jersey.....         |               |
| New York.....           |               |
| Ohio.....               |               |
| Oklahoma.....           |               |
| Pennsylvania.....       |               |
| Philippine Islands..... |               |
| Panama.....             |               |
| South Carolina.....     |               |
| South Carolina.....     |               |
| Tennessee.....          |               |
| Texas.....              | Rev. P. W. W. |
| Texas.....              |               |
| Virginia.....           |               |
| West Virginia.....      |               |
| Washington.....         |               |
| Rhode Island.....       |               |
| Florida.....            | Rev. R. S. E  |
| Virginia.....           |               |

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

|                                                                  |                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alabama.....                                                     | Rev. J. R. Scott, D. D. |
| Arkansas.....                                                    | R. W. Patten            |
| California.....                                                  | Rev. J. L. Mc           |
| Connecticut.....                                                 |                         |
| Colorado, Bro. A. C. Jackson.....                                | Davis                   |
| District of Columbia, Rev. S. G. Lamkins, D. D., Washington..... |                         |
| East Mississippi, Rev. J. T. Flinn, D. D.....                    | Mer                     |
| Florida.....                                                     | Rev. J. W. Har          |
| Georgia.....                                                     | Rev. T. J. S            |
| Georgia—Gen. B. S. J., Rev. H. J. Johnson.....                   | Ad                      |
| Illinois.....                                                    | Rev. Wm. Gray, M. I.    |
| Indiana, Rev. A. H. Shoemaker.....                               | R                       |
| Kentucky.....                                                    | Rev. A. D. Hurt, D.     |
| Kansas.....                                                      | B. A. S                 |
| Louisiana.....                                                   | Miss Rev. John M.       |
| Louisiana—B. S. C., Rev. Jack Ellis.....                         | Saint P                 |
| Maryland.....                                                    | Rev. G. R. Waller, D.   |
| Maryland.....                                                    |                         |

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| Mississippi.....                        | Rev. R. W. Deams      |
| Mississippi.....                        |                       |
| Massachusetts.....                      |                       |
| Michigan.....                           |                       |
| Missouri, Rev. David Johnson.....       | St. Louis             |
| Minnesota.....                          |                       |
| North Carolina.....                     |                       |
| North Carolina.....                     |                       |
| Nebraska.....                           |                       |
| New Jersey, Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D..... | Princeton             |
| New York.....                           |                       |
| Ohio.....                               | Rev. Peter Everett    |
| Oklahoma, Rev. J. A. Williams.....      | Jones                 |
| Pennsylvania, W. E. Moore, D. D.....    | Pittsburg             |
| Philippine Islands.....                 |                       |
| Panama.....                             |                       |
| South Carolina, Rev. A. A. Sims.....    | Union                 |
| South Carolina.....                     |                       |
| Tennessee.....                          | J. B. Winrow          |
| Texas.....                              | Rev. A. W. Moss       |
| Texas—G. B. Con., R. Wright, D. D.....  | Texas                 |
| Virginia.....                           | Rev. C. E. Miller     |
| West Virginia.....                      | Rev. W. M. Brown      |
| Washington.....                         |                       |
| Rhode Island.....                       | E. H. McDonald, D. D. |
| Virginia.....                           |                       |
| West Florida.....                       | Rev. J. H. Newman     |
| Texas—the Texas B. Con.....             | Dr. J. H. Hall        |

## LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

## ALABAMA.

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma.....        | \$ 1 00 |
| Dr. T. W. Walker, Birmingham.....     | 1 00    |
| J. W. Witherspoon, Blocton.....       | 1 00    |
| R. C. Phillips, Laneville.....        | 1 00    |
| R. C. Judkins, D. D., Montgomery..... | 1 00    |
| Dr. A. N. McEwen, Mobile.....         | 1 00    |
| F. Youngblood, Childersburg.....      | 1 00    |
| D. M. Coleman, Selma.....             | 1 00    |
| Rev. Wilhite, Cedar Lake.....         | 1 00    |
| P. H. Hughes, Birmingham.....         | 1 00    |

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| Rev. L. L. C. Jones, D. D., Birmingham..... |  |
| L. H. Hendricks, Montgomery.....            |  |
| First Baptist Church, Pratt City.....       |  |
| R. L. Simms, Birmingham.....                |  |
| J. C. Hendricks, Montgomery.....            |  |
| Rev. C. M. Welis, D. D., Montgomery.....    |  |
| J. H. Eason, Anniston.....                  |  |
| J. A. Martin, Selma.....                    |  |
| Rev. S. L. Martin, Birmingham.....          |  |
| Rev. N. N. Neely, D. D., Montgomery.....    |  |
| Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., Montgomery.....   |  |
| Rev. S. M. Smart, Montgomery.....           |  |
| Rev. F. R. Kennedy, Birmingham.....         |  |
| Ira McKenney, Birmingham.....               |  |
| C. Rembert, Birmingham.....                 |  |
| Benj. H. Barnes, Tuscaloosa.....            |  |
| Rev. F. L. Jackson, Plateau.....            |  |
| W. S. Mitchell, Birmingham.....             |  |
| Rev. S. L. Belsen, Bessemer.....            |  |
| Rev. C. H. Farley, Birmingham.....          |  |
| W. M. Franklin, Selma.....                  |  |
| Rev. G. H. Brown, Kirkwood.....             |  |
| K. D. Williams, Mobile.....                 |  |
| A. Garner, Ensley.....                      |  |
| O. R. Gordon, Brookside.....                |  |
| J. J. Neal, Montgomery.....                 |  |
| C. H. Crawford, Mobile.....                 |  |
| G. G. Wiggins, Pollard.....                 |  |
| V. Adams, Pollard.....                      |  |
| Rev. P. Z. Puyafort, Augustine.....         |  |
| J. W. Patton, Georgiana.....                |  |
| P. W. White, Georgiana.....                 |  |
| G. R. Nash, Birmingham.....                 |  |
| L. J. Hendricks, Pratt City.....            |  |
| J. L. Kertsey, Tuskegee.....                |  |
| C. J. Davis, B. D., Mt. Meigs.....          |  |
| A. W. DeYamperl, Ensley.....                |  |
| G. L. Thornton, Selma.....                  |  |
| E. M. Morton, Selma.....                    |  |
| H. Stephens, Scotts.....                    |  |
| Morning Pilgrim, Birmingham.....            |  |
| Rev. A. C. Morris, Birmingham.....          |  |
| G. W. Trenholm, Tuscombila.....             |  |
| A. C. Collins, Hazen.....                   |  |
| V. B. James, Birmingham.....                |  |

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| J. W. Trenholm, Tuscombila.....              | \$1 00 |
| M. Robinson, D. D., Decatur.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. D. Johnson, Tuzelle.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. M. W. Moore, Decatur.....               | 1 00   |
| N. S. Stratman, Selma.....                   | 1 00   |
| Rev. H. D. Harvey, Girard.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. D. Reed, Bessemer.....                  | 1 00   |
| Walter Marcus, Flat Creek.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. Hawkins, Birmingham.....             | 1 00   |
| E. Costen, Birmingham.....                   | 1 00   |
| Rev. C. C. Lucians, Mobile.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. J. Washington, Union Springs.....    | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Madison, Jr., Pratt City.....       | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. L. Megginson, Selma.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Carter Sheffield.....               | 1 00   |
| C. A. J. Mallory, Rock Spring.....           | 1 00   |
| Mrs. Carrie Stallings, Dora.....             | 1 00   |
| Ben P. Fowlkes, Birmingham.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Woods, Fort Davis.....            | 1 00   |
| David Duke, Claiborne.....                   | 1 00   |
| S. M. Hall, D. D., Birmingham.....           | 1 00   |
| J. W. T. Cunningham, Carrollton.....         | 1 00   |
| Wm. Madison, Union Town.....                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Goodgame, Birmingham.....         | 1 00   |
| Mrs. Ida McEwen, Mobile.....                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. R. Scott, Bessemer.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. M. Fisher, D. D., Mobile.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. O. R. Gordon, Birmingham.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. B. Bracey, Hurricane.....            | 1 00   |
| Rev. L. Hawthorn, Pollard.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. G. W. Thomas, Woodlawn.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. C. Morris, Birmingham.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. B. Miller, B. D., N. Birmingham..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. D. Kent, Birmingham.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Wood, Hardaway.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. Garner, Ensley.....                  | 1 00   |
| Rev. John McIntosh, Selma.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. B. Pierce, Collirene.....            | 1 00   |
| Rev. U. J. Robinson, Ft. Deposit.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. A. Tutt, Selma.....                  | 1 00   |
| Rev. Ben King, Newbern.....                  | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. H. Montgomery, Alberta.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. L. Roane, Sunshine.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. M. Watts, Gastonburg.....            | 1 00   |
| Rev. C. S. Reddick, Faunsdale.....           | 1 00   |

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| Rev. T. B. Brown, Rehoboth.....            | 10 |
| Rev. S. Shepherd, Marion.....              | 10 |
| Rev. J. J. Howze, Marion.....              | 10 |
| Rev. J. R. Sanders, B. D., Lafayette.....  | 10 |
| W. H. Reddick, Greensboro.....             | 10 |
| Rev. J. B. Branam, Montgomery.....         | 10 |
| Rev. J. H. Thornton, Greensboro.....       | 10 |
| Rev. M. C. Lowry, D. D., Greenville.....   | 10 |
| Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Selma.....      | 10 |
| Rev. D. V. Jemison, B. D., Selma.....      | 10 |
| Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., Birmingham.....  | 10 |
| Rev. A. N. McEwen, D. D., Mobile.....      | 10 |
| Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham, Carrollton.....  | 10 |
| Rev. L. S. Jones, Bogue Chitto.....        | 10 |
| Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, D. D., Dothan..... | 10 |

## CHURCHES AND B. Y. P. U.'S AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL

|                                                            |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Morning Star, Ensley.....                                  | 10 |
| Morning Star B. Y. P. U., Ensley.....                      | 10 |
| St. Peter Church, Pollard.....                             | 10 |
| Franklin Street Church, Mobile.....                        | 10 |
| Franklin Street B. Y. P. U., Mobile.....                   | 10 |
| Mt. Ararat, Selma.....                                     | 10 |
| Dallas County Association, Hazen.....                      | 10 |
| Lillie Baptist Church, Mobile.....                         | 10 |
| First Baptist Church, Pratt City.....                      | 10 |
| Mt. Nebo Sunday-School, Patton.....                        | 10 |
| Mt. Zion Church, East Lake.....                            | 10 |
| Star Bethlehem, Wilsonville.....                           | 10 |
| Dry Branch, Wilsonville.....                               | 10 |
| First Baptist Church, Selma.....                           | 10 |
| Free Mission Association, Claiborne (for B. Y. P. U.)..... | 10 |
| First Baptist Church, Montgomery.....                      | 10 |
| Mrs. Patsy Davis, Claiborne.....                           | 10 |
| Shiloh Church, Birmingham.....                             | 10 |
| Morning Pilgrim, Birmingham.....                           | 10 |
| Galilee Church, Anniston.....                              | 10 |
| Healing Springs, Rosedale.....                             | 10 |
| Mt. Pilgrim District B. Y. P. U., Birmingham.....          | 10 |
| Ebenezer Baptist Church, Auburn.....                       | 10 |
| First Baptist Church, North Birmingham.....                | 10 |
| Antioch Baptist Church, Mt. Meigs.....                     | 10 |
| Friendship Church, Batesville.....                         | 10 |
| Daz Street Church, Montgomery.....                         | 10 |

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| People Baptist Church, Montgomery.....               | \$1 00 |
| Dexter Avenue Church, Montgomery.....                | 5 00   |
| Uniontown Association, Uniontown.....                | 5 00   |
| Shiloh Sunday-school, Birmingham.....                | 5 00   |
| Bessemer.....                                        | 2 00   |
| Tusculum.....                                        | 2 00   |
| Alabama Baptist State Conference, Anniston.....      | 5 00   |
| Snow Creek Association, Rock Springs.....            | 2 00   |
| Sixth Avenue Church, Birmingham.....                 | 15 00  |
| Alabama Baptist Sunday-school State, Birmingham..... | 5 00   |
| New Era State Convention, Birmingham.....            | 5 00   |
| Alabama Baptist B. Y. P. U., Birmingham.....         | 9 00   |

## ARKANSAS.

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| A. Moseley, D. D., Pine Bluff.....   | \$1 00 |
| S. Odom, D. D., Brinkley.....        | 1 00   |
| H. Simms, Little Rock.....           | 1 00   |
| B. E. Gains, M. D., Little Rock..... | 1 00   |
| L. Wolfork, Altheimer.....           | 1 00   |
| W. Jackson, D. D., Hot Springs.....  | 1 00   |
| P. Robinson, D. D., Little Rock..... | 1 00   |
| B. Porter, Little Rock.....          | 1 00   |
| H. Hammond, Little Rock.....         | 1 00   |
| M. Carver.....                       | 1 00   |
| A. Turner, LaGrange.....             | 1 00   |
| M. Robinson, Louisville.....         | 1 00   |
| T. Wilson, De Valls Bluff.....       | 1 00   |
| R. Forster.....                      | 1 00   |
| F. Weatherspoon, Clarendon.....      | 1 00   |
| H. McKinsil.....                     | 1 00   |
| S. Shadd, Helena.....                | 1 00   |
| M. Russell, Helena.....              | 1 00   |
| I. Proffett, Helena.....             | 1 00   |
| M. Harris, Texarkana.....            | 1 00   |
| A. Keeble, De Valls Bluff.....       | 1 00   |
| C. McCoy, Liverman.....              | 1 00   |
| D. Douglas, Texarkana.....           | 1 00   |
| W. Patterson.....                    | 1 00   |
| K. Curry.....                        | 1 00   |
| A. Morris, Helena.....               | 1 00   |
| C. Battle.....                       | 1 00   |
| G. Bailey, Dermott.....              | 1 00   |
| M. Rideout, Pine Bluff.....          | 1 00   |
| M. Jones, Ft. Smith.....             | 1 00   |
| A. Knowles, Argenta.....             | 1 00   |

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| W. B. Rogers, Little Rock       | 1.00 |
| J. E. Rodgers                   | 1.00 |
| E. W. Merchant, Little Rock     | 1.00 |
| W. Black, Kensett               | 1.00 |
| N. L. Hunter                    | 1.00 |
| W. Lovelace, Wynne              | 1.00 |
| J. Miller                       | 1.00 |
| W. Gray                         | 1.00 |
| J. Clark, Brinkley              | 1.00 |
| G. W. Milson, Little Rock       | 1.00 |
| A. T. Stewart                   | 1.00 |
| S. DREW, Helena                 | 1.00 |
| J. Rodgers                      | 1.00 |
| E. C. Morris                    | 1.00 |
| C. E. Brown                     | 1.00 |
| A. J. Lacey, Forest City        | 1.00 |
| A. Richard                      | 1.00 |
| W. Smith                        | 1.00 |
| G. W. Lewis                     | 1.00 |
| J. W. Green, Carlisle           | 1.00 |
| B. H. Haynes, Argenta           | 1.00 |
| J. E. Henderson, Little Rock    | 1.00 |
| G. W. Lowe                      | 1.00 |
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| G. M. Russ, Meridian.....                                       | \$1 00 |
| Pilgrim Baptist Church, per C. T. Stamps, Edward.....           | 1 00   |
| First James Creek, per W. L. Colbert, Macon.....                | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. H. Johnson, Friars Point.....                           | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. R. Reard, Lakeshore.....                                | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. H. Walker, Pass Christian.....                          | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Moore, Canton.....                                     | 3 00   |
| Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Laurel.....                                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. Y. P. Powell, Starksville.....                             | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. L. Teague, Holly Springs.....                           | 1 25   |
| Rev. J. W. Richmond, Holly Springs.....                         | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. L. Todd, Vaiden.....                                    | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. B. McGhee, Moorehead.....                               | 1 50   |
| Rev. W. S. Terrell, Money.....                                  | 1 50   |
| Rev. N. C. Weeks, Starksville.....                              | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Aver, Michigan City.....                             | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. J. Brandom, Aberdeen.....                               | 1 00   |
| Rev. I. M. Missin, Columbus.....                                | 1 00   |
| Rev. T. Burkes, Pontotoc.....                                   | 1 00   |
| Rev. G. W. Alexander, Clarksdale.....                           | 1 00   |
| North Mt. Olivet Association, A. J. Brandom, Aber-<br>deen..... | 10 00  |
| Spring Hill Association, G. W. Bowen, Tupelo.....               | 5 00   |
| Spring Hill Association, Foreign Missions.....                  | 30 00  |
| Mt. Olivet Association, West Point.....                         | 10 00  |

## MARYLAND.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. P. C. Neal, Baltimore..... | \$1 00 |
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## MASSACHUSETTS.

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| Rev. J. T. Atkins, Lawrence..... | \$1 00 |
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## MICHIGAN.

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| Wm. J. Jones, 168 Mullett street, Detroit..... | \$1 00 |
| Geo. W. H. Hill, Detroit.....                  | 1 00   |

## MISSOURI.

|                                         |        |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| H. E. Strickland, Kansas City.....      | \$1 00 |
| S. M. Fisher, St. Louis.....            | 1 00   |
| G. W. Benton, St. Louis.....            | 1 00   |
| Geo. E. Stephens, D. D., St. Louis..... | 1 00   |
| David Johnson, St. Louis.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. C. Cole, St. Louis.....         | 1 00   |
| Milton Rowland, St. Louis.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. H. H. Harris, St. Louis.....       | 1 00   |

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| Howard Vinegen, St. Louis.....                                                 | \$1 00 |
| S. W. Bacote, Kansas City.....                                                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. L. Woodson, Higginsville.....                                          | 1 00   |
| Rev. Cyrus Wilson, Boonville.....                                              | 1 00   |
| Rev. P. W. Dunnuvant, St. Louis.....                                           | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. Goins, Jefferson City.....                                             | 1 00   |
| Dr. J. H. Garnett, Macon.....                                                  | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. G. Parker, St. Louis.....                                              | 1 00   |
| J. M. Booker, M. H. Boone, L. M. Leanard and C. H.<br>Powell, Kansas City..... | 10 00  |
| Rev. G. W. Watts, Tipton.....                                                  | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. H. Young, Liberty.....                                                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. H. W. Batts, Plattsburg.....                                              | 1 00   |
| Second Baptist Church, S. W. Bacote, D. D., of Kan-<br>sas City.....           | 5 00   |

## NORTH CAROLINA.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
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| Rev. T. W. Rice, Ashville.....                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1 00 |
| Rev. T. J. Rainer, Elizabeth City.....                                                                                                                                                                          | 2 00   |
| Rev. C. N. Cartwright, Edenton.....                                                                                                                                                                             | 5 00   |
| Olive Branch Church, Elizabeth City.....                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 50   |
| Olive Branch Sunday-school and B. Y. P. U.....                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 05   |
| North Carolina State Convention, Rev. C. N. Cart-<br>wright, President; Rev. L. T. Christmas, Raleigh;<br>Mrs. L. T. Christmas, Raleigh; Foreign Mission<br>\$5.00, Education \$5.00, General Board \$5.00..... | 15 00  |

## NEW JERSEY.

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| D. S. Klugh, D. D., Princeton..... | \$1 00 |
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## OHIO.

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| R. H. Ussery, Cincinnati.....             | \$1 00 |
| Union Grove Baptist Church, Columbus..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. Chas. D. Douglass, Cincinnati.....   | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. D. Phillips, Cincinnati.....      | 1 00   |
| Miss Frances Cooley, Columbus.....        | 1 00   |
| Arthur D. Chandler, Columbus.....         | 1 00   |
| Miss Viola Stewart, Columbus.....         | 1 00   |
| J. T. Kerr, S. T. B., Xenia.....          | 1 00   |
| S. B. Bracy, Hurricane.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. Peter Everette, Xenia.....           | 1 00   |
| O. W. Harper, Dayton.....                 | 1 00   |
| Miss T. M. Misson, Columbus.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Z. Thomas, Columbus.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. M. Carter, Liverpool.....         | 1 00   |

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| Rev. N. H. Pius, Springfield.....     | \$1 00 |
| Warren T. Washington, Columbus.....   | 1 00   |
| Geo. W. White, D. D., Cincinnati..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Clark, Cincinnati.....     | 1 00   |
| Mrs. W. L. Burr, Columbus.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. L. Burr, Columbus.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. T. Kerr, Xenia.....           | 1 00   |

## OKLAHOMA.

|                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| S. S. Jones, Muskogee.....                  | \$1 00 |
| J. H. Anderson, Coalogue.....               | 1 00   |
| J. W. Perkins, Ardmore.....                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. A. Williams, Jones.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. A. Whittaker, Wilburton.....        | 2 55   |
| P. R. Neil, Ardmore.....                    | 1 00   |
| J. W. Stewart, Oklahoma City.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. H. Jernigan, Oklahoma City.....     | 2 40   |
| Rev. Daniel Wilson, King Fisher.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. B. J. T. Westbrook, Oklahoma City..... | 1 00   |

## PENNSYLVANIA.

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Jonkintown.....   | \$1 00 |
| Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D., Philadelphia.....   | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. W. Johnson, D. D., Philadelphia..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. B. Fleming, Williamsport.....        | 1 00   |

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. C. T. Taylor, Florence.....       | \$1 00 |
| Rev. J. C. M. Moore, Anderson.....     | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. J. Durham, Aiken.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. Kemp, Charleston.....          | 1 00   |
| G. W. Brown, Union.....                | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. E. Washington, Greenville..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. T. M. Boyken, Batesburg.....      | 1 00   |
| Rev. C. F. Gandy, Charleston.....      | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. S. Earle, Laurens.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. A. Sims, Union.....            | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Leak, Cross Hill.....       | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. C. White, Union.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. B. Bracy, Helena.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. A. Pinson, Sumter.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. P. Garrick, Manning.....       | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. W. Bowen, Batesburg.....       | 1 00   |

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| Rev. R. B. Beaty, Spartanburg.....     | \$1 00 |
| W. M. Winston, Pendleton.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. H. C. Anderson, Anderson.....     | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. J. Johnson, Sumter.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. W. White, Rock Hill.....       | 1 00   |
| C. Danfort, North Augusta.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. Adam Lover, Langly.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. H. Watkins, North Augusta..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Howard, Darlington.....       | 1 00   |
| H. McGowans, Anderson.....             | 1 00   |
| G. Jenkins, Anderson.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. B. Mabry, Langly.....          | 2 00   |
| W. A. Rayfield, Union.....             | 1 00   |

## TENNESSEE.

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. R. T. Scott, Memphis.....            | \$1 00 |
| Rev. D. W. Perkins, Knoxville.....        | 1 00   |
| E. J. Williams, Memphis.....              | 1 00   |
| T. J. Scarcy, D. D., Memphis.....         | 1 00   |
| J. J. Totter, Memphis.....                | 1 00   |
| C. H. Clark, D. D., Nashville.....        | 1 00   |
| John W. Cook, Memphis.....                | 1 00   |
| A. R. Robinson, Chester.....              | 1 00   |
| J. W. Conyers, Chattanooga.....           | 1 00   |
| W. S. Ellington, Nashville.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. L. A. Carter, Knoxville.....         | 1 00   |
| D. B. Cleveland, Memphis.....             | 1 00   |
| T. J. Townsend, Nashville.....            | 1 00   |
| W. H. Heard, Memphis.....                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. T. J. Goodall, Clarksville.....      | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. M. Seymour, Clarksville.....      | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. L. Bartlett, Memphis.....         | 1 00   |
| W. W. Whitten, Memphis.....               | 1 00   |
| R. H. Boyd, LL. D., D. D., Nashville..... | 1 00   |
| E. Moon, Memphis.....                     | 1 00   |
| L. A. Carter, Knoxville.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. B. H. Dudley, Chattanooga.....       | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. M. Thompson, Jefferson City.....  | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. J. Odennal, Curves.....           | 1 00   |
| S. M. Jackson, Paris.....                 | 1 00   |
| G. P. Woodson, Paris.....                 | 1 00   |
| C. Moore, Jackson.....                    | 1 00   |
| H. C. Swayne, McKenzie.....               | 1 00   |
| D. Ingram, Jackson.....                   | 1 00   |
| J. W. Shaw, Memphis.....                  | 1 00   |

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| T. J. Story, Shelbyville.....            | \$1 00 |
| Rev. A. J. Brown, Jackson.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. C. Fields, Nashville.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. C. Sheron, Nashville.....        | 1 00   |
| J. B. Winrow, Lebanon.....               | 1 00   |
| J. H. Dawson, Humboldt.....              | 1 00   |
| C. A. Bell, Chattanooga.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. Harris, Newcomb.....             | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. W. Robbins, Memphis.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. T. O. Fuller, Memphis.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. I. T. Simpson, Chattanooga.....     | 1 00   |
| P. H. Hale, Jackson.....                 | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. C. Crayn, Binghampton.....       | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Haynes, Nashville.....          | 1 00   |
| D. W. Crawford, Chattanooga.....         | 1 00   |
| W. M. Cheney, Brownsville.....           | 1 00   |
| J. C. Bradley, Germantown.....           | 1 00   |
| J. Kirl, Nashville.....                  | 1 00   |
| Rev. M. H. House, Memphis.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. McKee, Jackson.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. M. Cannon, Shelbyville.....      | 1 00   |
| T. G. Ewing, Nashville.....              | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Collier, Memphis.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. T. Fuller, Cedar Hill.....       | 1 00   |
| C. H. Hayes, Memphis.....                | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. H. Dial, Lookout Mt.....         | 1 00   |
| S. T. Eldridge, Knoxville.....           | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. G. Mebane, Memphis.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. Lacy, Jackson.....               | 1 00   |
| Rev. T. M. Parrish, Clarksville.....     | 1 00   |
| Rev. H. M. Burns, Nashville.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. G. K. Wilson, Nashville.....        | 1 00   |
| Rev. T. A. Brown, Walter Hill.....       | 1 00   |
| Rev. V. C. Shipp, Nashville.....         | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. E. Griggs, D. D., Nashville..... | 1 00   |
| Rev. L. Drone, Chattanooga.....          | 1 00   |
| N. S. S. Saunders, Memphis.....          | 1 00   |
| Rev. I. T. Simpson, Chattanooga.....     | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. J. McMichael, Memphis.....       | 1 00   |
| A. L. Hall, D. D., Memphis.....          | 1 00   |
| C. W. Graham, Memphis.....               | 1 00   |
| J. W. Hall, Memphis.....                 | 1 00   |
| W. G. Hynes, Nashville.....              | 1 00   |
| W. M. Beckham, D. D., Nashville.....     | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. J. Moore, Cedar Hill.....        | 1 00   |

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| Rev. B. Bell, Memphis.....                                                    | \$1 00 |
| Rev. B. G. Strong, Smyrna.....                                                | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. B. Roberts, Memphis.....                                              | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. C. Harding, Memphis.....                                              | 1 00   |
| Rev. D. P. Pearson, Murfreesboro.....                                         | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. C. Lott, Nashville.....                                               | 1 00   |
| Prof. J. W. Johnson, Nashville.....                                           | 1 00   |
| Spruce Street Baptist Church, per Rev. T. J. Townsend, pastor, Nashville..... | 2 00   |

## TEXAS

|                                             |      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| Dr. F. P. Lights, Houston.....              | 1 00 |
| H. R. Wilson, Dallas.....                   | 1 00 |
| B. J. Brown, Gainesville.....               | 1 00 |
| J. M. Cardwell, Houston.....                | 1 00 |
| Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Corsicana..... | 1 00 |
| T. E. George, Pittsburg.....                | 1 00 |
| Rev. P. W. Wesley, Texarkana.....           | 1 00 |
| R. D. Barnett, Marshall.....                | 1 00 |
| F. Jones, Texarkana.....                    | 1 00 |
| Rev. Prince Jones, Fort Worth.....          | 1 00 |
| J. A. Sharp, Waco.....                      | 1 00 |
| W. H. Fuller, Austin.....                   | 2 00 |
| Dr. L. L. Campbell, Austin.....             | 1 00 |
| A. M. Moore, Marshall.....                  | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. D. Leonard, Smithville.....         | 1 00 |
| T. Williams.....                            | 1 00 |
| F. L. Morris, Victoria.....                 | 1 00 |
| P. Wright, Tyler.....                       | 1 00 |
| E. W. White, Gonzales.....                  | 1 00 |
| Rev. P. R. Washington, Tyler.....           | 1 00 |
| Rev. P. R. Humbert, Calvert.....            | 1 00 |
| Rev. I. S. Wright, Richmond.....            | 1 00 |
| Rev. A. H. Smith, Dallas.....               | 1 00 |
| M. Herd, Austin.....                        | 1 00 |
| Ira M. Henden, Beaumont.....                | 1 00 |
| G. T. Arnold, Manor.....                    | 1 00 |
| I. R. Richardson, Hearne.....               | 1 00 |
| Rev. A. D. Foster, Houston.....             | 1 00 |
| John Covington, Houston.....                | 1 00 |
| Dr. W. B. Ball, Seguin.....                 | 1 00 |
| W. W. Lindsey, Houston Heights.....         | 1 00 |
| J. T. Brown, Austin.....                    | 1 00 |
| C. H. McDade, Beaumont.....                 | 1 00 |
| E. L. Blackmon, Gainesville.....            | 1 00 |

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| A. T. Bartlett, Dennison                                                                         | \$1 00 |
| D. J. Crawford, Sherman                                                                          | 1 00   |
| G. F. C. Curry, San Antonio                                                                      | 1 00   |
| E. M. Griggs, Palestine                                                                          | 1 00   |
| R. Curry, Sherman                                                                                | 1 00   |
| A. S. Jackson, Dallas                                                                            | 1 00   |
| M. E. Robinson, Galveston                                                                        | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. R. Griggs, Dallas                                                                        | 1 00   |
| J. H. Rhone, Belton                                                                              | 1 00   |
| Rev. P. R. McGripp, Weimar                                                                       | 1 00   |
| E. H. Branch, D. D., Houston                                                                     | 1 00   |
| Rev. M. E. Bibbrow, Marshall                                                                     | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. J. Goodwyn, Carthage                                                                     | 1 00   |
| Rev. H. W. Bandy, Beaumont                                                                       | 1 00   |
| Sweet Home Baptist Church, J. H. Winn, pastor                                                    | 1 25   |
| Sunset Baptist Church, Felix Jones, pastor, Texarkana                                            | 2 00   |
| Texas and Louisiana Baptist Association, Rev. A. M. Moore, Marshall                              | 5 00   |
| Ira M. Hendon, Beaumont                                                                          | 1 00   |
| Rev. M. Herd, Austin                                                                             | 1 00   |
| R. Wright, D. D., Tyler                                                                          | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. T. Floyd, D. D., Manor                                                                   | 2 00   |
| E. W. Atkinson, Navasota                                                                         | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. J. Lockett, Conroe                                                                       | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. H. Hall, Galveston                                                                       | 1 00   |
| O. Edwards, San Antonio                                                                          | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. A. Pleasant, Conroe                                                                      | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. A. Johnson, Conroe                                                                      | 1 00   |
| Prof. A. Abner, Jr., Conroe                                                                      | 1 00   |
| Rev. D. H. Rankins, Houston                                                                      | 1 00   |
| Rev. J. H. Winn, D. D., Austin                                                                   | 1 00   |
| Rev. M. E. Robinson, D. D., Houston                                                              | 1 00   |
| Rev. Geo. W. Dudley, Texarkana                                                                   | 1 00   |
| St. W. Central Association, Rev. E. H. Branch, D. D., Houston                                    | 5 00   |
| Mt. Zion, Association, Victoria; Rev. J. L. Morris, Victoria; Rev. E. W. White, Gonzales         | 5 00   |
| Baptist State Convention, Rev. S. T. Floyd, President, Manor; Rev. J. Johnson, Secretary, Conroe | 5 00   |

## VIRGINIA.

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Richmond | \$1 00 |
| Rev. C. F. Miller, D. D., Salem    | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. R. Brown, D. D., Roanoke   | 1 00   |

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| Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D., Port Royal    | \$1 00 |
| Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., Petersburg      | 1 00   |
| Rev. Jas. H. Burke, B. D., Roanoke        | 1 00   |
| Rev. Thos. H. White, D. D., Clifton Forge | 1 00   |
| Rev. E. A. Johnson, Whites                | 1 00   |
| Rev. Wm. Brown, Graham                    | 1 00   |
| Rev. F. C. Patterson, D. D., Hollins      | 1 00   |
| Rev. A. E. Edward, D. D., Richmond        | 1 00   |
| Rev. B. Tyrrell, A. M., D. D., Lynchburg  | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. J. Hackett, Covington             | 1 00   |
| Mrs. E. P. Fox, Salem                     | 1 00   |
| Mrs. E. W. Tyrrell, Lynchburg             | 1 00   |

## WEST VIRGINIA.

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. D. Stratton, St. Albans      | \$1 00 |
| Rev. Robert Mason, Charleston     | 1 00   |
| Prof. Byrd, Prillerman Institute  | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. R. Bullock, Charleston    | 1 00   |
| Rev. Warner Brown, Montgomery     | 2 00   |
| Rev. L. Dabney, Freeman           | 1 00   |
| Rev. W. H. Mitchell, Kimball      | 1 00   |
| Rev. S. A. Thurston, Huntington   | 1 00   |
| Rev. B. H. McKoy, D. D., Elkhorn  | 5 50   |
| Rev. S. R. Bullock, Charleston    | 3 00   |
| Rev. W. W. Hicks, Bluefield       | 1 00   |
| Rev. R. D. W. Meadows, Huntington | 1 00   |
| Mrs. M. A. W. Thompson, Pratt     | 1 00   |
| Mrs. Mary Stratton, St. Albans    | 1 00   |
| Mrs. Martha Fostner, St. Albans   | 1 00   |
| Miss Maria Walden, Alderson       | 1 00   |

## RHODE ISLAND.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Rev. E. H. McDonald, Providence | \$1 00 |
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| L. Rodgers                                                    | \$1 00 |
| Rev. J. D. Brooks                                             | 1 00   |
| S. S. Odum                                                    | 1 00   |
| R. A. Jackson                                                 | 1 00   |
| J. R. Scott                                                   | 1 00   |
| G. B. Taylor                                                  | 1 00   |
| J. W. Stout                                                   | 1 00   |
| R. Branch and A. L. Bartlett, Friendship Street Sunday-school | 5 00   |
| Robert Mitchell, State Street Church                          | 5 66   |

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| Robert Mitchell.....                             | \$1 00 |
| Rev. John H. Strider, Second Baptist Church..... | 5 00   |
| Mrs. M. B. Eve, Women's Convention.....          | 1 00   |
| J. B. Anderson.....                              | 1 00   |

## ARKANSAS.

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....        | 50 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....              | 12 20 |
| " Home Mission Board .....            | 43 10 |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....             | 15 00 |
| " Educational Board .....             | 8 00  |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board..... | 5 00  |
| " General Expenses .....              | 5 00  |

Total Annual Membership Fee in hands of Finance Committee.....

To Life Membership Fee.....

Grand total from all sources.....\$

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Moseley, D. D., President,

S. S. Odom, D. D., Secretary.

## WEST FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....        | \$ 2 00  |
| " Publishing Board .....              | 2 01     |
| " Home Mission Board .....            | 75       |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....             | 3 00     |
| " Educational Board .....             | 1 50     |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board..... | 75       |
| " General Expenses .....              |          |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....     | 0 00     |
| " Life Membership Fee .....           |          |
| Grand total from all sources.....     | \$ 19 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. B. Lake, President,

Rev. L. Hawthorne, Secretary.

## FLORIDA.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....        | \$ 20 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....              | 8 00     |
| " Home Mission Board.....             | 11 15    |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....             | 2 50     |
| " Educational Board .....             |          |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board..... |          |
| " General Expenses .....              |          |

Total Annual Membership Fee.....\$ 17 00

" Life Membership Fee .....

Grand total from all sources.....\$ 65 00

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. B. Hankerson, D. D., President,

Rev. W. D. Vann, Secretary,

Rev. H. Holman, Treasurer.

## GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF GEORGIA.

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board.....         | \$ 79 95  |
| " Publishing Board .....              |           |
| " Home Mission Board .....            |           |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....             | 51 50     |
| " Educational Board .....             |           |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board..... |           |
| " General Expenses .....              |           |
| Total Annual Membership Fee.....      | 45 00     |
| " Life Membership Fee .....           |           |
| Grand total from all sources .....    | \$ 175 45 |

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. W. G. Johnson, President,

Rev. E. P. Johnson, Secretary.

## KANSAS.

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board.....          | \$ 64 16 |
| " Publishing Board .....               | 5 00     |
| " Home Mission Board .....             |          |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board.....               | 5 00     |
| " Educational Board .....              | 5 00     |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |          |
| " General Expenses .....               | 7 00     |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      |          |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            |          |
| Grand total from all sources .....     | \$ 86 16 |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, President,

Rev. C. G. Fishback, Secretary.

## KENTUCKY.

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board ..... | \$ 39 25 |
| " Publishing Board .....       |          |
| " Home Mission Board .....     |          |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....      |          |
| " Educational Board .....      |          |

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|----------------------------------------|----------|
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |          |
| " General Expenses .....               |          |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      | \$ 47 00 |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            |          |
| Grand total from all sources .....     | \$ 86 25 |

Respectfully submitted,

H. Nutter, President,

W. J. M. Price, Secretary.

## LOUISIANA.

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....         | \$ 15 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....               |          |
| " Home Mission Board .....             | 27 00    |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....              |          |
| " Educational Board .....              |          |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |          |
| " General Expenses .....               |          |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      | \$ 30 00 |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            |          |
| Grand total from all sources .....     | 72 00    |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. B. Flood, President,

Rev. W. B. Purvis, Secretary.

## LOUISIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....         | \$ 5 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....               | 5 00    |
| " Home Mission Board .....             | 6 00    |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....              |         |
| " Educational Board .....              | 5 00    |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |         |
| " General Expenses .....               | 8 00    |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      |         |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            |         |
| Grand total from all sources .....     | 28 00   |

Respectfully submitted,

T. Allen, President,

G. D. McGruder, Secretary.

## MARYLAND.

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board ..... | \$ 200 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....       |           |
| " Home Mission Board .....     |           |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....      | 5 00      |

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|----------------------------------------|---------|
| " Educational Board .....              |         |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |         |
| " General Expenses .....               |         |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      | \$ 1 00 |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            |         |
| Grand total from all sources .....     | 206 00  |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. F. R. Williams, President,

Rev. P. C. Neal, Secretary.

## OKLAHOMA.

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....         | \$ 6 50 |
| " Publishing Board .....               | 5 50    |
| " Home Mission Board .....             | 5 00    |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....              | 4 50    |
| " Educational Board .....              | 2 50    |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |         |
| " General Expenses .....               | 10 00   |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      |         |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            | 34 00   |
| Grand total from all sources .....     |         |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. P. R. Neal, President,

Rev. W. H. Jernigan, Secretary.

## TENNESSEE.

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....           | \$ 23 75  |
| " Publishing Board .....                 | 50        |
| " Home Mission Board .....               | 1 25      |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....                | 60        |
| " Educational Board .....                | 1 00      |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board .....   |           |
| " General Expenses .....                 | 74 00     |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....        |           |
| " Life Membership Fee .....              | 55 30     |
| By Receipt .....                         | \$ 101 00 |
| Grand total from all sources, cash ..... |           |

Total .....

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. W. Whitton, President,

J. C. Fields, Secretary.

## GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS.

|                                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Hopewell Association, R. Wright, Moderator, Tyler, Texas..... | \$ 1 00 |
| Education .....                                               | 1 00    |
| Annual Membership Fee..                                       | 1 00    |
| Boards .....                                                  | 1 00    |

|                                                                             |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Total .....                                                                 | \$ 5 00 |
| General Foreign Mission State Convention, Rev. Jas. Kelley, Waco, Tex. .... | \$10 00 |
| St. John Association, of Texas, paid to Mrs. E. E. Whitfield .....          | 66 00   |
| Mt. Zion Association, of Texas, paid to Mrs. E. E. Whitfield .....          |         |

## TEXAS BAPTIST MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| To Foreign Mission Board .....         | \$ 61 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....               | 4 00     |
| " Home Mission Board .....             | 11 00    |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....              | 16 00    |
| " Educational Board .....              | 11 00    |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board ..... |          |
| " General Expenses .....               | 11 00    |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....      | 24 00    |
| " Life Membership Fee .....            |          |
| Grand total from all sources .....     | 113 00   |

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. Williams, President,  
 Prof. M. M. Rodgers, Secretary,  
 J. E. Knox, Delegation.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

|                                                                 |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| To Foreign Mission Board Flat Top Association..                 | \$ 5 00 |
| " Publishing Board .....                                        |         |
| " Home Mission Board .....                                      |         |
| " B. Y. P. U. Board .....                                       |         |
| " Educational Board .....                                       |         |
| " National Baptist Benefit Board.....                           |         |
| " General Expenses West Virginia Baptist State Convention ..... | 4 00    |
| Total Annual Membership Fee .....                               | 16 00   |
| " Life Membership Fee .....                                     |         |
| Grand total from all sources.....                               | 25 00   |

Respectfully submitted,

I. V. Bryant, President,  
 H. B. Rice, Secretary,  
 R. H. McKoy, Delegation.

**JOURNAL**

**OF THE**

**EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

**OF THE**

**WOMAN'S CONVENTION,**

**Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention.**

**HELD IN THE**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,**

**LEXINGTON, KY.,**

**September 16-21, 1908.**



**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**Woman's Auxiliary Convention.**

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**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:

**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 them 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 \$5, and local societies 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 \$1.00. 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; 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 needed, 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 Missionaries.

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 them to

send 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 the 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 Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each Vice President of the proposed amendment.

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

# OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

## OF THE

### Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

President ..... Mrs. S. W. Layton, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Vice President..... Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Corresponding Secretary..... Miss N. H. Burroughs, Louisville, Ky.  
 Recording Secretary..... Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Assistant Recording Secretary..... Mrs. M. E. Golus, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Treasurer ..... Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Ky.  
 Stenographer ..... Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Kans.

#### VICE PRESIDENTS.

Alabama ..... Mrs. C. M. Wells  
 Arkansas ..... Mrs. E. C. F. Shanks  
 Colorado ..... Mrs. Bell W. Battle  
 District of Columbia..... Mrs. J. M. Layton  
 Georgia ..... Mrs. H. E. Harris  
 Georgia ..... Mrs. L. J. Washington  
 Indiana ..... Mrs. M. D. Griggaby  
 Illinois..... Mrs. A. M. Peyton  
 Kansas ..... Mrs. Emma Gaines  
 Kentucky .....  
 Louisiana ..... Mrs. N. L. West  
 Louisiana ..... Mrs. A. D. Thompson  
 Maryland ..... Mrs. Victoria Brooks  
 Missouri ..... Mrs. A. H. Brown  
 New Jersey..... Mrs. M. W. Vaughn  
 Ohio ..... Mrs. H. E. Jackson  
 Oklahoma ..... Mrs. L. W. Landrum  
 Pennsylvania ..... Mrs. A. East  
 Tennessee ..... Mrs. M. E. Hamilton  
 Texas ..... Mrs. M. M. Buckner  
 Texas ..... Mrs. I. Miller  
 Virginia ..... Mrs. B. F. Fox

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama              | Mrs. A. A. Davis      |
| Alabama              | Mrs. J. A. Cochran    |
| Arkansas             | Miss Alabama L. Oatis |
| Colorado             | Miss Rosa Brown       |
| District of Columbia | Mrs. Sallie Mize      |
| Georgia              | Mrs. S. A. Chisholm   |
| Georgia              | Mrs. Beulah Johnson   |
| Indiana              | Mrs. Anna B. Weber    |
| Illinois             | Mrs. Mattie Bledsoe   |
| Kansas               | Mrs. H. L. Fryer      |
| Kentucky             |                       |
| Louisiana            | Mrs. F. H. Lewis      |
| Louisiana            | Mrs. Sophia Brown     |
| Maryland             | Mrs. M. E. Adams      |
| Missouri             | Mrs. E. E. Gentry     |
| New Jersey           | Mrs. P. H. Brown      |
| Ohio                 | Mrs. J. F. Walker     |
| Oklahoma             | Mrs. M. J. Broadway   |
| Pennsylvania         | Mrs. Fanny Morris     |
| Tennessee            | Mrs. Nannie Warr      |
| Texas                | Mrs. E. E. Whitfield  |
| Texas                | Mrs. H. Walker        |
| Virginia             | Mrs. L. S. Edwards    |

## LOCAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Miss L. Crittendon, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. V. Parker, Mrs. John Frank.

## NATIONAL MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Alabama              | Mrs. Rebecca Pitt       |
| Alabama              | Mrs. J. Cochran         |
| Arkansas             | Mrs. B. J. Wheeler      |
| Colorado             | Miss Cora I. Hickman    |
| District of Columbia | Mrs. J. M. Layton       |
| Georgia              | Mrs. Mattie L. Williams |
| Georgia              | Miss Hattie I. Ford     |
| Indiana              | Mrs. Anna B. Weber      |
| Illinois             | Mrs. L. A. Anderson     |
| Kansas               | Mrs. C. G. Fisk         |
| Kentucky             | Mrs. E. W. Hawkins      |
| Louisiana            | Mrs. Sallie Williams    |
| Louisiana            | Miss Lillie Jenkins     |

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Indiana      | Mrs. Bettie Holmes   |
| Missouri     | Mrs. M. A. Thornton  |
| New Jersey   | Mrs. M. L. Carter    |
| Ohio         | Mrs. Josephine Allen |
| Oklahoma     | Mrs. Ula Westbrook   |
| Pennsylvania | Mrs. Francis Thomas  |
| Tennessee    | Mrs. M. A. Bell      |
| Texas        | Mrs. E. E. Whitfield |
| Texas        | Mrs. I. Miller       |
| Virginia     | Mrs. E. W. Tyrrell   |

## STATE SUPERINTENDENTS OF CHILDREN'S BANDS.

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama              | Mrs. Dinah Dee       |
| Arkansas             | Mrs. E. L. Kelly     |
| Colorado             | Mrs. Ada E. Lee      |
| District of Columbia | Mrs. Fanny Waugh     |
| Kansas               | Mrs. Alice Myers     |
| Georgia              | Mrs. Fannie E. Black |
| Indiana              | Mrs. Nannie Conrad   |
| Illinois             | Mrs. Ed Wells        |
| Missouri             | Mrs. J. V. Doster    |
| Pennsylvania         | Mrs. Mary Gordon     |
| Tennessee            | Mrs. M. H. Flowers   |
| Oklahoma             | Mrs. Fannie Townsend |



OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
OF THE  
**Woman's Auxiliary Convention.**

WEDNESDAY.

Morning.

- 10:00—11:00—Special devotional services, led by Mesdames R. M. Graves, Texas; E. V. Pringle, Mississippi; Alexander, Missouri.  
11:00—12:00—Executive Board meeting.

Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. R. E. Goins, Richmond, Ind.  
Music—Convention Choir.  
Formal opening of Convention.  
Appointment of Committee on Enrollment and Finance.  
2:30—Addresses of Welcome and Greetings.  
The State, Mrs. L. M. Jackson, Shelbyville, Ky.  
The Church, Mrs. Lizzie Fouse, Lexington, Ky.  
The Auxiliaries, Mrs. Saunders.  
Other Denominations, Miss Belle Jackson.  
Baptist Women, Mrs. R. T. Frye.  
Response, Miss N. M. Wall, Cairo, Ill.  
4:15—Annual Address of the President.  
Music.  
Report of Enrollment Committee.  
Appointment of other committees.  
Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

Evening.

- Devotional services, conducted by Rev. J. D. Thompson, Marshall, Texas.  
Special music by Convention Choir.  
Solo, Mrs. I. Slaughter, Tennessee.

Annual Sermon, Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., Washington, D. C.  
Music. Collection. (Collection for the evening goes to defray the expenses of the President. Each delegate and friend are requested to make offering for this purpose.)

#### THURSDAY.

##### Morning.

Sunrise prayer-meeting, conducted by Mrs. E. E. Whitfield.  
9:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. Eva Hooper, Chicago, Ill.  
9:30—Concluding Report Enrollment Committee.  
10:00—Report of Corresponding Secretary.  
Report of Treasurer.  
Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

##### Afternoon.

Theme: "Foreign Missions."

2:00—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. Vienna Parker, Louisville, Ky.  
2:30—Address, "Progress and Possibilities Abroad," Mrs. C. H. Parish, Louisville, Ky.  
2:50—Music—"Here am I, send me."  
3:00—Address, "What the Gospel Has Done for the African," Mrs. Mary Johnson, Pittsburg, Pa.  
3:20—Music—"The Light is on."  
3:30—Address, "The Duty of Our Churches to the Cause of Foreign Missions," Mrs. Maria Brown, Roanoke City, Va.  
3:50—Music.  
4:00—Address, "The Anti-Missionary Spirit, and How to Kill It," Miss E. P. Williams, Gainesville, Fla.  
4:20—Music.  
4:30—Discussion of foregoing subjects by the delegates.  
Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

##### Evening.

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S MEETING.

7:30—Devotional services, led by Miss Lavinia Jones, Indianapolis, Ind.  
7:45—Welcome Address on behalf of the young people of the city, Miss M. L. Edmonds.

8:00—Address, "How to Interest Children in Missions," Miss Sallie Williams, Shreveport, La.  
8:20—"The Young Woman's Place in the Religious World," Miss Laura Averitt, Irvington, Ind.  
8:35—"What the Negro Girl Must Do to Be Saved," Miss Rosalk Hanna, Atlanta, Ga.  
8:55—Duet—Misses Cowels and Buchanan.  
9:00—Address, "How You May Help Us Save the African Girl," Miss Della Rudolph, Capetown, South Africa.  
9:20—Music—Foreign Mission Quartet.  
9:30—Recitation, Miss Mary Buchanan, Middledrift, South Africa.  
9:40—The Young Girls' Club Movement, Miss M. M. Kimball.  
Reading Greetings from Clubs.  
Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

#### FRIDAY.

##### Morning.

Theme: "The Home Fields."

9:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. Alice White, Philadelphia, Pa.  
9:30—Workers' Conference. Theme: "Reaching Women and Children Who Do Not Come to Our Churches."  
10:30—Address, "What Is Home Mission Work?" Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Nashville, Tenn.  
10:50—Address, "What Is the Most Effective Way of Doing Home Mission Work?" Mrs. M. A. Cook, Monroe, La.  
11:10—Address, "What Is the Most Effective Way of Raising Money for the Various Causes," Miss Lillie Jenkins, Louisiana.  
11:25—Address, "How a Missionary Society May Do Effective Work in Rural Districts," Mrs. K. Ashburn, Texas.  
Discussion.

##### Afternoon.

Theme: "Home Field and Educational Work."

2:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. Rosa B. Higgins, Greenwood, Miss.  
2:30—Report of Finance Committee.  
2:40—Address, "Missions in the Sunday-School," Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Du Quoin, Ill.  
3:00—Address, "Charity and Benevolent Work: How and by Whom Should Each be Done?" Miss Clara B. Mays, Indiana.  
3:20—"What are Some of the Things a Denominational School Should Do," Mrs. M. Sharkie, Houston, Texas.

3:40—Address, "What Is the Denominational School Worth to Us?"  
Mrs. M. C. Booker, Little Rock, Ark.

4:00—Discussion.

Conference. "Obstacles on the Home Field and How to Overcome Them." Vice Presidents and workers are asked to take part in this discussion.

Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

Evening.

Platform Meeting. (See Special Program.)

### SATURDAY.

Morning.

9:00—Devotional services, led by Miss Cora B. Hickman, Denver, Colo.

9:30—Reports of Committees, Unfinished Business.

10:30—Election of Officers.

Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

Afternoon.

2:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. M. E. Addison, Baltimore, Md.

2:30—A Modern Missionary Meeting. Presidents and workers who desire to see a missionary society at work should not fail to attend this meeting. Topic—"How Ignorance Destroys." Meeting will be under the direction of Miss N. H. Burroughs, assisted by the field missionaries, Miss Kimball and Mesdames Lula M. Jackson and E. E. Whitfield, and others.

3:30—Opening of Question Box.

Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

Evening.

Attend session of National Baptist Convention.

### SUNDAY.

Morning.

Sunrise prayer meeting, led by Mrs. E. T. Dean, Illinois.

11:00—Devotional services, led by Rev. J. P. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

Solo, Mrs. Annie E. Lindsay, McKinney, Texas.

Special Music.

Sermon, Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., Augusta, Ga.

Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

Afternoon.

Attend Missionary Mass-meeting.

Evening.

7:30—Devotional services, led by Rev. Ernest Reed, Missouri.

8:00—Installation of officers.

Sermon, Rev. G. W. Parks, Philadelphia, Pa.

Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

### MONDAY.

Morning.

10:00—Devotionals, led by Mesdames M. W. Vaughn, New Jersey, and Sarah Johnson, Ohio.

FAREWELL MEETING. We will spend one hour in this service and hope that all the delegates will come prepared to sing, speak or pray. Let us make it the Pentecostal Hour. We need spiritual preparation for the duties before us. May each one of us leave the Monday morning meeting with faces turned homeward, asking, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

## MINUTES.

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### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 16, 1908.

The Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention convened in their eighth annual session in the First Baptist Church, Rev. W. P. Hawkins, late pastor.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. R. M. Goins, of Richmond, Ind. Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Bible Reading, Ps. 37. Sister Goins commented on 5th verse. Prayer. Songs, by the choir, "Shouting Glory Hallelujah!" and "The Fight is On."

President S. W. Layten, before formally opening the Convention, called attention to the sudden demise of the pastor, Rev. Hawkins. A halt was made in the order of the exercise and a short memorial service engaged in. Prayer by Mrs. Nellie Bishop, of Tenn., invoking God's choicest blessings upon the bereaved family, church membership and friends of the deceased pastor.

President Layten then announced the meeting duly opened, and ready to begin the work as programmed. She expressed her great joy in being privileged to meet all of her old true and tried friends in another annual meeting, and also her delight to welcome so many new ones that had come for the first time to our annual assembly.

The program was read. Upon motion program was adopted.

Ladies, who had been selected to extend words of welcome, were invited to the platform. Mrs. L. M. Jackson, on behalf of the state, extended a hearty welcome. She gave us quite a glowing, yet brief review of the history of Kentucky. She bade us welcome to Kentucky not alone during

our Convention, but encouraged us to drive our stakes, stretch our tents and remain as long as we desired, and enjoy all the opportunities Kentucky offered to her own sons and daughters.

On behalf of the church, Mrs. Lizzie House bade us welcome. She hoped ere we departed we would realize the sincerity of the hearty welcomes extended. She rejoiced to welcome us, because we represented the greatest force in the development of the church and the race. To illustrate the great work of woman in development of Christianity, women of the Bible were referred to; also the good women of Kentucky. Several charitable institutions, fostered by the women of Kentucky, were mentioned.

On behalf of the Auxiliaries, Mrs. Saunders bade us welcome. She said that the women of the auxiliaries were as glad to make ready for our convention as Sarah was to make ready to entertain the angels of Abraham's tent door. The city had been canvassed, the best homes had been secured and all stood ready with open doors and glad hearts to make our stay pleasant and comfortable.

In behalf of "Other Denominations," Mrs. Bell Jackson bade us welcome. She prefaced her remarks by beautifully eulogizing the life of the beloved, lamented pastor, Rev. W. P. Hawkins. She then said, "Truly the call for service was still great; the harvest was great and the laborers few." She delighted, as representative of the Christian women of Lexington, to join in extending welcome to so noble a body of Christian women, who were unselfishly working to extend the Master's Kingdom by giving his gospel to all lands.

Mrs. Frye being absent, the response was delivered by Miss M. H. Walls, of Cairo, Ill. In many suggestive, poetical strains, Miss Walls responded, assuring the friends of Lexington that actions were stronger than words; and we hoped to realize during our brief stay, the hospitality, for which Kentucky was everywhere reported, and had been so forcefully assured us in every address of welcome.

Song, "They that wait upon the Lord," by Convention

choir. Encore, "Hallelujah for the cross." A communication from local committee asking that we adjourn from our place of meeting in reverence to the deceased pastor, and hold remaining sessions at Pleasant Green Baptist Church of which Rev. E. W. Hawthorn is pastor. The Convention readily assented to comply with request. A later communication was received bidding the women remain in the First Baptist Church, where the Convention assembled.

Committees on Enrollment and Finance were appointed. (See their report.)

An Executive Board meeting was called to meet at 5 p. m. Collection taken, \$8.20. Songs, Convention choir.

Corresponding Secretary made announcements relative to buttons, badges and literature.

Song, "Count Your Blessings." Benediction by Rev. Brookins, Kentucky.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Meeting opened with a praise service conducted by the Convention choir. Devotional service led by Rev. White, of Virginia, and Rev. W. H. Moses, Washington, D. C. Song, "Just as I am." Bible reading, Matt. 6th chapter. Song, "I am Pressing On the Upward Way."

Vice-President Mrs. P. J. Bryant presented Rev. W. H. Moses as the preacher for the evening. Text: Gen. 37:5. Subject, "A Young Man's Vision." Introductory—He said that he believed in dreams because the Bible spoke of them; also because his mother was a dreamer.

(1) *Cause of Dreams.*

(a) Multiplicity of business; over-eating.

(b) Joseph's probable thoughts what would become of himself, his family, the race after death of Jacob (since Joseph was a motherless child).

(c) A good dream inspires to noble effort.

(d) Joseph's brethren hated him the more, because of his dreams; evidence of their belief.

(2) *God gives a hopeful vision to every one.*

(a) Obedience to the vision given ever brings success.

- (b) Young people hopeful hence never commit suicide.
- (c) Kindergarden, the scientific modern method of development the natural proclivities of children.
- (3) *Appeal to the patient and obedient to the vision.*
- (a) God gives the vision to encourage; and will help you work it out if you are faithful.
- (b) Devil discourages, and seeks to hinder the realization of vision (often works through kinfolks).
- (c) God overrules devil's schemes (He also uses kinfolks to encourage).

Jacob's vision related with apt suggestions; Joseph's marvelous experiences related—in the pit; sold to Potiphar; thrust in prison because of an unexplainable lie; bossing in prison; delivered to interpret king's dream. Joseph's exaltation, full realization of his childhood's vision, was depicted so graphically that all were convinced of the efficacy of God-given visions. He concluded by assuring us of the successful consummation of our efforts to establish a National Missionary Training School if God had given us such a vision.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Lee. Song, "They that wait upon the Lord." Announcements. State delegations were called to meet at various hours on Thursday.

President Layten asked state delegations to hand in names for committees on Temperance, Obituary and Recommendations.

Corresponding Secretary announced with special emphasis "The Young Women's Meeting" for Thursday night.

The Finance Committee came forward at the request of the President and raised a collection of \$6.13.

A Sunrise Prayer-Meeting was announced for Thursday morning. Dr. L. G. Jordan spoke of the importance of prayer in connection with Christian work, and urged the sisters to attend the special prayer service. Miss Burroughs insisted that they come at 6 p. m.

Doxology. Benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

#### SUNRISE PRAYER-MEETING.

The Sunrise Prayer-Meeting was conducted by Sister E. E. Whitfield; subject, "Looking Unto Jesus," Heb. 12:12. It was a season of blessed spiritual refreshing. Songs and prayers were engaged in generally by all present, and the meeting closed with shouts of praise and rejoicing.

#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Eva Hooper, Mrs. A. M. Peyton, of Illinois, Vice-President, presiding. Prayer. Song, "Every Day, Every Hour." Bible reading, Ps. 66. Sister Hooper commented impressively upon the subject, "Rejoice in the Lord," and urged the sisters to take an active part in testifying to their joy in serving the Lord. Song, "Draw Me Nearer." Hearty testimonies were given by the following: Mrs. Mariah Mitchell, of Illinois; Mrs. Nellie Bishop, of Tennessee; Mrs. Mattie Bledsoe, of Illinois. Song, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. A. E. Randall continued testimonies; Mrs. Gadie, Mrs. Matilda Parker, of W. Va.; Mrs. Maggie Thornton, of Missouri; Mrs. Flora White, of Louisiana; Mrs. F. H. Lewis, of Louisiana; Mrs. Henrietta Dean, of Illinois; Mrs. Ida G. Slaughter, of Tennessee; Mrs. Mamie Clark, of Ohio; Mrs. A. B. Cheek, of Kansas; Mrs. Fanny Hays, of Ohio; Mrs. S. J. Gray, of Illinois; Mrs. Josephine Allen, of Ohio; Mrs. John Wilson, of Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Jackson, of Ohio; Miss M. A. E. Elkins, of Kentucky; Mrs. J. V. Donley, of Missouri; Mrs. Edwards, of Missouri; Mrs. Bowie, of Alabama; Mrs. L. F. Queen, District of Columbia. Songs were interspersed, "I'm Pressing On the Upward Way," "Lord, I Care Not For Riches," "O, Hallelujah! Yes, 'Tis Heaven." A Pentecostal Feast was enjoyed by many who participated in this devotional service.

Minutes of Wednesday's session were read.

By motion they were received and adopted.

Enrollment Committee made a partial report.

By motion the report was adopted and committee continued.

Song, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

Mrs. Amanda East, Vice-President, of Pennsylvania, brought the greetings of Pennsylvania, saying her state was well organized, and the women were working earnestly to foster every department of our National Convention work.

Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, Vice-President, of Tennessee, spoke for her state. She said, that the Tennessee women were wide-awake and fairly well organized, and doing more work than ever. She told something of the plan of work in Tennessee, of the heavy educational obligations resting upon her sisters in the state, and furthermore assured the Convention that Tennessee was in harmony with every phase of National Convention work.

Mrs. A. M. Peyton, Vice-President, of Illinois, represented her state. She said Illinois' motto was "To Reach The Goal." In keeping with the motto, the women of Illinois, through many difficulties, were going onward. She commended the services of her Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Bennett, and rejoiced that greater success was being attained in Illinois through her efforts. Mrs. Peyton said further, that Illinois had already represented in the General Convention of Western States and Territories and came with the required sum of money to represent in the National. Mrs. L. W. Landrum, representative of Oklahoma, said that the women of Oklahoma were awakening to their duties as Christians and members of a great denomination. They were striving to follow in all the lines of work outlined by our Convention. She asked for the prayers of the Convention.

Song, "Jesus Paid It All."

Committees appointed—Seating Delegates, Temperance, Obituary, Recommendations and Courtesies. (See reports.)

Song by the Convention choir, "I Will Shout His Praise In Glory."

Mrs. M. M. Ruckner, Vice-President, of Texas, presiding, called attention to the importance of the next order of exercise, and requested that all delegates be invited to their seats, cease all committee work and hear the President's annual message.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

I give you only a brief outline, hoping the printed copy may be secured for the minutes.

President Layten's happy introduction: "As to the flight of time since our last meeting," she said that it had been so swift we could only realized twelve months had passed away since we last met, by the varied experiences enjoyed. Joy of Annual Meeting great: Congratulations. Great progress made in eight years; a splendid Training School for Baptist Women; the strong active women of the denomination had been encouraged. Diamonds in the rough had been found, polished and made ready for the Master's use. The privilege she had to attend the Woman's National Federation of Colored Women caused her to realize that our Convention was not a whit behind in the race of progress. She said that the Methodists were not afraid to sing the praises of their great men and women, and we might do well to think on the same line.

(1) Consolidation of effort needed—made clear by apt illustrations.

(2) Racial traits to be encouraged; cheerfulness; music; long forbearance.

(3) Purity, a virtue ever to be encouraged.

(a) *Special emphasis given to training of boys.*

(b) *No double standard of purity.*

(4) In Memoriam—Sister Sarah Gates, of Louisiana; Rev. W. P. Hawkins, of Kentucky.

(5) Industrial Question.

Due consideration was given this feature of our racial life. Many wise suggestions—in substance—The field of Domestic service is largely in the hands of colored women. It is theirs to dignify service as to make it both honorable and lucrative. She concluded her address by giving a brief report of the successful operation of "The Association For the Protection of Colored Girls." Recommendations then made. (See address as printed; insert here if available.)

A motion that the President's address be received and discussed.

An amendment to refer the address to the Committee on Recommendation. Carried.

A motion to suspend rule and reelect President by acclamation. Carried.

Mrs. S. W. Layten was declared duly reelected President of Woman's Convention Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention.

Song, Convention choir. Announcements. Collection \$2.78. Convention choir sang "The Fight Is On" and "When the Roll is Called." Benediction by Rev. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Vienna Parker, of Kentucky. Bible reading, 1st Cor. 13th chapter. Mrs. Babe Warfield, of Kentucky, offered prayer. Song, "It Is Well With My Soul." Miss C. E. M. Givens, of Kentucky, testified. Song, "Sunshine in my soul." Others testified: Mesdames S. C. V. Shanks, of Arkansas; Mary E. Addison, M. M. Tiggs, of Louisiana; M. F. A. Rowans, Weeks and Miss M. M. Wilson. Songs interspersed: "When the roll is called," "Saviour more than life to me," "On Christ the solid Rock."

Rev. J. E. Wood, a member of the local committee of entertainment, called attention to the many homes that were still unoccupied by delegates, assuring the sisters there was ample provision made for all, and no one need be crowded. He invited any one who was dissatisfied to refer complaints to him and he would have them adjusted.

Minutes of the morning session were read. By motion they were adopted with needed corrections of certain names on committees.

Solo was sung by Mrs. Ida Slaughter, of Tennessee. Her song was sweetly and affectionately rendered; an encore was called for.

The time, as appointed for Corresponding Secretary's report, had arrived, whereupon Miss Burroughs was presented to render her annual report. That all may get the gist of the report, we give a brief outline:

Nature's great command—"Go forward"—apt illustrations.

Kentucky, glories referred to.

This is an age of missionary active; Bible read as never before.

Much attention given to production of tracts and other literature for the development of work.

Work increased twofold. Office work needed careful supervision.

Texas led the roll of honor. New Jersey had taken on new life.

All Institutes had been well attended.

Special meetings held in the interest of the National Training School with excellent results.

New awakening everywhere. Great demand for supplies. Field work missionaries reported. (See report.)

Work of State Vice President referred to with forceful suggestions as to the class of women that should be selected.

Stamp Day—great success.

State officials called upon to urge the observation of "Woman's Day" (last Sunday in July.)

School at Middledrift, South Africa, referred to. The work there was progressing. A letter from the teacher of that school was read. Rev. Murff's letter, relative to the work at Cape Town, S. A., referred to.

Missionary boxes in absolute need.

More money raised for Foreign Missions than in any year previous.

A plan to secure one thousand women to pledge \$3.00 each to be paid by September, 1909, presented.

National Training School presented and progress made cited.

Training School campaign suggested.

Industrial Department considered with new suggestions.

Girls' Club movement a success.

Children's Band work should be encouraged.

Special literature needed for this work.

# EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

*Madam President, Co-laborers and Friends:*

"Beneath earth's starry arch,  
Nothing rests, nor is still;  
But all things hold their march  
As if by one Great Will."

Nature knows no pause—time controls her course. "Move one, move all—press forward," is her great command. That indefinable thing that we call time, travels so fast that the past is gone and the present becomes the past even while we attempt to define it, and like the flash of the lightning, at once exists, and expires. Even now, we are moving, and the very place in which we stand is but the vestibule to glorious mansions, into which a moving crowd forever presses.

You have reached Lexington in the great old Commonwealth of Kentucky; you are in the State that gave to the world the immortal Lincoln. You stand under the shadow of the monument of Henry Clay, the Unionist, who plead with his countrymen to be spared the anguish of souls should they not hear the voice of reason and council, but decide to secede from the Union.

You are in the State where there is less antagonism between races than any other State in the South. You may read of the assassination of Governors, feuds of mountaineers, the destructive work of night riders; but in Kentucky you will find many wide-visioned, liberal-minded lovers of justice and defenders of human rights, of the "Augustus Wilson and Henry Watterson Brand."

Lexington is one of the most progressive cities of its size you have ever visited. You will find the best white citizens interested in all that makes for our uplift, and though the horrifying picture of the Russellville outrage is painted in blood before you, you hear on the other hand the voice of the press expressing the sentiments of two-thirds of the people against this atrocious crime.

This is the Eighth Annual Session of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. In submitting the report of the Executive Board and Corresponding Secretary for the past year, we turn with grateful hearts to the God who has lead us through dangers, seen and unseen. We have moved forward under the protecting shadow of the August Presence. We have been en-

compassed with God; the angel of his presence has gone before us. Seas of discouragement have dried up, and mountains of obstacles have melted to plains, and in the midst of our fiercest conflicts, we have seen with the eye of faith, the inviolable hosts of God encamped around us, to deliver us. We can say to-day, in stronger language than ever before, the work of the Lord is advancing. The final triumph of the Gospel is as sure as the promise of God. More than all the generations on whose dust we tread, can we to-day take up the prophecy,

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

This is the century of missions, such as has never been seen before. The age of world-wide missions has begun, and the figure of Jesus Christ appears upon the world's horizon, in bold belief, and the entire world will be lighted up by the radiance of His countenance. His word is read and studied by more people to-day than at any time since the leaves of the Tree of Life have been coming forth from the press. "These words have the charm of antiquity, with the freshness of yesterday; the simplicity of a child with the wisdom of God; the softness of kisses from the lips of love, and the force of the lightning rendering the tower. His parables are like groups of matchless statuary; His prayers like an organ peal floating round the world and down the ages, echoed by the mountain peaks and plains into rich and varied melody, in which all devout hearts find their noblest feelings at once expressed, sustained, refined. His truths are self-evidencing. They fall into the soul as seed into the ground, to rest and germinate. He speaks, and all nature and life become vocal with theology." Fortunate for us if we have been with him, and have learned of Him, and will travel with him on his march through the ages, and around the world.

Our Corresponding Secretary has traveled as much this year as possible. The office work must be carefully supervised, and she has given considerable attention to the preparation of tracts and other literature that would help us in our work. We have at this meeting, a One-Act Drama, written by her, that we consider one of the most unique, semihumorous productions we have ever read. It has been a very difficult matter to leaders in missionary societies, to get up an interesting evening's program. Slabtown Convention will prove a blessing to those who want

something humorous, and at the same time, really helpful.

The business of the Convention has grown to such proportions as to demand the closest attention, and it taxes one's physical and mental power to keep the business end of your work going. We have received twice as many letters this year as last. Our correspondence has been just double. The work has been exceedingly heavy, and yet our correspondents will testify that their letters have received prompt attention. We do not allow any letters to go unanswered, and every order, however large or small, receives immediate attention.

Whatever has been accomplished this year, much credit is due to the good friends throughout the country, and in the cities and towns visited by the Secretary and the missionaries. We have been most cordially received, and the work has been most substantially remembered. The Secretary spent over a month in Texas last fall, and she was given a hearty reception by churches, organizations and citizens. No words can express our gratitude to the leaders of both conventions in Texas, through whose influence the people turned out en masse to every meeting held in the State. You have but to look at our report to see that they were most liberal in their contributions. Texas leads the roll this year.

Our Secretary spent two weeks in New Jersey, in the interest of the Capetown Home. The good women, the State Foreign Mission Board, and the Ministers' Union united in making these meetings a success. Jersey Baptists conduct an annual Foreign Mission Campaign, and bring to the State specialists on this work. There is an educational and spiritual awakening throughout the state that is destined to put New Jersey far ahead of her sister states. The people need information, before they can be truly awakened. Missionary campaigns that are truly educational and deeply spiritual will arouse the most slothful. The far-seeing leaders are even now planning for a greater campaign next year.

All of the institutes have been largely attended, and we believe much good has been accomplished. A number of special meetings in the interest of the Training School have been held in various states. The last, and the one of which a single church gave the largest amount, was with the Ebenezer Church at Pittsburg. Six churches, three conventions and three individuals have thus far given the required one hundred dollars for Memorial Windows in the National Training School. In all of the meetings, the

people seemed more anxious than ever to take Higher Ground, and attempt great things for God and expect great things of God. We firmly believe that institutions of this kind are constantly tending to gravitate. Like your clock, they must be occasionally cleansed, wound up, and set to true time. These annual conclaves are for that purpose. Without this annual touching up, some of us would be too dustworn for service; others would run completely down.

The coming year is going to bring to our denomination a marvelous awakening. Would that you could be with us in some of these blessed meetings, where from the least to the greatest seems to come the question, "What can I do?" Our women are just beginning to feel that they can do something, and there is an army of them down in the bottoms that you have never seen, and never will see until you walk the streets of the New Jerusalem, who are beginning to sing,

"I'm to the Highlands bound,  
I'm seeking higher ground;  
I can't remain in all the plain,  
I'm to the Highlands bound."

We have conducted institutes, missionary study classes, held meetings for women, young girls and children, as well as public mass meetings. It is impossible to mention every place visited. You will see from our financial report, that churches and individuals have given all the way from two cents to one hundred dollars. We would like to make special mention of all the friends in all the churches, but suffice it to say that we have gone east and west, north and south, women, ministers and people have opened wide their homes, churches and purses, and there is on every hand evidence of increasing interest in the work of this Convention.

The women throughout this country are waking up. The ordinary, everyday, pure-hearted women who have not litted their souls to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully, are lining up. Even now we hear the tramp of the advance guard.

Marvel not at the success of the Lord's work. The common people of whom God has made more than of the other kind, are shouting the tidings of salvation as they dig the trenches and throw up the breastwork for battle, and the children of Amalek will be routed and the giant sons of Anak driven back, and Satan's strongholds shall tumble before a blow is struck. God is going to line up the common people, and sweep the earth for the work so rapidly

that with him one day is as a thousand years. You may not feel it; you may not hear it; but put your ear to the ground; the chariot of God is coming. True, there are stones in the way, and professed disciples drag on as dead weights, but this chariot has a divine motor, and like the stone rolled out of the mountains without hands, it will crush beneath it all the avarice, secular spirit, worldly schemes, ignorance and practical indifference. We have been asking for over two thousand years that the Kingdom of this world might become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ. If we have not been in earnest, God is getting in a hurry.

"Every conceivable motive, therefore, urges us to undertake the last great crusade against the powers of darkness. The command of our ascended Lord, the voice of an enlightened conscience, the impulse of the new nature, the leading of the providential pillar, the working of transforming grace, the grandeur of the opportunity and the peril of delay—all these converge like rays in one burning focus, urging us onward and forward to the outposts of civilization and the limits of human habitation with the word of life. Let the trumpet signal be heard all along the lines! God has already sounded his signal, and, like that peal at Sinai, it is long and loud. The last precept and promise of our Lord, which have inspired all true service and sacrifice, echo with new force and emphasis, louder and clearer, in the face of new openings and new victories. Blessed is he who, like Paul, is immediately obedient unto the heavenly vision."

#### OUR SUPPLIES.

The best and most substantial evidence of the growth of this organization, is the fact that there is an unparalleled demand for supplies of every kind. You will notice that we spent \$871.55 for supplies, but you will also notice that the receipts from this department amounted to \$843.92. We have sent out 1,910 reports, 150 record books, 1,760 guides, 3,210 buttons, 1,500 badges, 239 charts, 150 mite boxes, 2,700 pictures, 10,680 miscellaneous tracts.

You have no idea how much the good women throughout the country appreciate the fact that they can get books, pictures, charts, tracts, buttons, topic cards, and badges for their societies. We were not using the badges when we met last year, but we made no mistake in adding them to our list of supplies. So great has been the demand for badges that we have wondered how the women have been

getting along without them. The demand for topic cards is on the increase. We have put out twenty thousand since last September.

You get an idea of the caliber of the women in the lead in our churches by the use they make of missionary helps. There are lots of antiquated, run-down missionary societies that are not using anything. They hardly have a song book, and they are living at a poor-dying rate. We have just suggested that the societies have their own song books, and we are prepared to furnish them at a very reasonable rate. Just in proportion as we put intelligence and spiritual enthusiasm into our missionary work, just in proportion will we be able to bring to us hundreds of good workers who have contempt for slipshod, antiquated methods. We find in some of the societies that women are not using the topic cards, but are selecting their own subjects each week. We may feel that it is our privilege to discuss subjects of our own make and liking, but the topic cards are used by the foremost Christian organizations, and occupy the same unique place in them as the International Sunday-School Quarterly occupies in the Sunday-schools throughout the world. Then we have found that most of the societies that select their own subjects, delight in picking such subjects as will provoke argument and challenge debate. For instance, one may feel like discussing "How many angels can sit on the point of a needle." Now, you will not find all the members in the society agreeing on this weighty theological question. Others discuss, "Was Peter a Baptist when he denied Christ?" and certainly denominational pride, that heats immortal in some of our breasts, would force us to take the negative. Subjects of this character are not of sufficient significance to be given consideration, and yet some of us spend hours waxing warmly eloquent, or eloquently warm, over just such chaff. One society we visited, was discussing, "Can our sins leave us gradually?" After listening for over an hour, without being able to get the floor at all in the regular order, we decided to come in on a question of information, so we asked did it make any difference how they left or how much time it required, so long as we knew that they had gone? One sister argued that it depended upon the weight of the sins, reasoning, of course, that the heavier they are, the slower they would move. It is possible to wander in mazes in the selection and discussion of religious questions, unless we keep in mind two things, first the spiritual good that can come from the discussion of certain

subjects; second, the mental awakening. In running through a quarter or a year, the correlation plan ought to be followed week by week, and month by month; we grow out of the one sphere into the other. You will find this much better than hopping, skipping, and jumping about discussing a little of everything, without considering the relation one subject ought to sustain to the other, and without tramping the same field at each meeting. The topic card is for the purpose of saving us from the mistakes here pointed out.

## FIELD WORK.

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield has delivered 172 addresses, visited 1,168 homes, found 201 homes without Bibles, held 62 mothers' meetings, conducted 5 missionary meetings, organized 3 Children's Bands, and visited nine conventions, associations, meetings and churches, etc. She reports \$484.93. Mrs. Whitfield has not charged us anything for her services during the year, and her expenses for the good work that she has accomplished are indeed very small. Her health has become somewhat impaired from four years' service on the field, and she felt that she owed it to herself to remain at home until she could gather strength sufficient to labor with the same spirit that she did during the time she served us so well. We are grateful to our good Sister Whitfield for all that she has done, and we trust that the Lord will spare her to us many years.

Miss M. M. Kimball has delivered 132 addresses, visited 196 homes, found 13 homes without Bibles, conducted 13 missionary meetings, visited 70 conventions, associations and meetings and churches, and reports \$437.81. Miss Kimball spent two months alternately at the office—three weeks following the Convention at Washington; the month of January, and a week during May, helping us.

Mrs. Lula M. Jackson delivered 335 addresses; visited 1,569 homes, found 125 homes without Bibles, held 32 mothers' meetings, conducted 1 institute, conducted 13 missionary meetings, organized 6 Children's Bands, and visited 265 conventions, associations, and meetings, schools and churches. She reports \$1,208.59. This is the first year that Mrs. Jackson has been so situated that she could give her time entirely to us, and her service has been most satisfactory.

## WORK OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The delegates that come up to the Convention each year, select from among themselves women to serve as National

Vice-Presidents for the States. The selection is made by State delegations in State meetings. You are therefore responsible for the women who serve the Convention in this capacity, and it is a reflection upon your good taste not to secure the very best material you have. By best, we do not mean necessarily the woman who can get the most votes for an election, but the woman who is chuck full of a year's work, and who will roll up her sleeves as soon as she leaves this meeting and work and serve until she comes to the Convention a year hence, to give an account of herself. The practice of putting in women who seek honors for honor's sake, ought to be stopped at this session.

We are in dead earnest about what we are doing, and in order to accomplish the best results, we must have associated with us women of kindred spirit. There are some women whom you elect to serve from whom we do not receive a line of any kind, from one end of the year until the other, and you can look over these reports and see who has been at work and who has not. Women who are elected to office ought to come in on their merit, and we will live to see our work suffer if we do not put a premium upon service. The idea is not to work simply to outdo everybody else, but duty demands that we do everything within our power to push forward the work of the Convention. The hypocrits and shamers should be given decent burial by this Convention. Their service justifies it, and we are ready to invoke the blessings of peace upon their ashes.

No one likes to be associated with a failure. It matters not whether we have done anything to bring success to the cause or not, our spirit of pride and vanity make us anxious to be on the popular side. It is unfortunate that we must have associated with us women who are simply with this Convention because it is a comparative success. Many of us have done our best. A number of us have not done anything. Some slothful worker has said that we can not measure interest by dollars and cents, but we want to say to you to-day that interest makes dollars and cents, and this work cannot succeed with dollars and cents.

The following is the financial work done by your officers:

| State. | Name.                   | Receipts. |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------|
| .....  | Mrs. S. W. Layton ..... | Nothing   |
| .....  | Mrs. P. J. Bryant ..... | \$ 9 55   |
| .....  | Mrs. E. W. Abner .....  | 36 00     |
| .....  | Mrs. M. E. Goins .....  | 6 71      |
| .....  | Mrs. E. A. Wilson ..... | 8 72      |

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| Alabama        | Mrs. S. C. Shanks      | \$ 39 96 |
| Arkansas       | Mrs. J. M. Layton      | Nothing  |
| Pennsylvania   | Mrs. S. M. Mitchell    | 18 76    |
| Florida        | Mrs. W. F. McKinney    | Nothing  |
| Georgia        | Mrs. N. T. Braswell    | Nothing  |
| Georgia        | Mrs. C. M. Wells       | Nothing  |
| Indiana        | Mrs. Mattie D. Grigsby | 189 75   |
| Illinois       | Mrs. A. M. Peyton      | 24 30    |
| Kentucky       | Mrs. C. H. Parrish     | 20 80    |
| Kansas         | Mrs. Emma Gaines       | 7 10     |
| Louisiana      | Mrs. S. O. Love        | Nothing  |
| Louisiana      | Mrs. N. L. West        | 50 57    |
| Mississippi    | Mrs. M. E. Ford        | Nothing  |
| Maryland       | Mrs. V. R. Brooks      | 19 31    |
| Maryland       | Mrs. M. L. Williams    | Nothing  |
| Missouri       | Mrs. E. G. Burroughs   | 2 50     |
| New Jersey     | Mrs. M. J. Sanders     | 2 00     |
| Ohio           | Mrs. H. E. Jackson     | 7 76     |
| Pennsylvania   | Mrs. A. East           | 54 04    |
| Tennessee      | Mrs. M. E. Hamilton    | 3 61     |
| Texas          | Mrs. M. M. Buckner     | 7 27     |
| Texas          | Mrs. H. Weekly         | 20 00    |
| Virginia       | Mrs. B. F. Fox         | Nothing  |
| South Carolina | Mrs. C. S. Boykin      | 64 30    |
| California     | Mrs. M. J. Davis       | 22 18    |

Mrs. Mattie D. Grigsby, Vice-President for Indiana, again leads the roll of honor for work done as Vice-President during the year. The women throughout her State are most loyal to this Convention, and it is due to the fact that she and those associated with her have the work of this Convention at heart. Whatever is given for missions and education by the women, she is there to see to it that it goes through the national channel. Thus she is able to render a good account of her stewardship.

#### STAMP DAY.

Our effort last January to secure stamps to reduce our postage bill proved a record breaker. Texas was the banner State, and Mrs. R. L. Andrews, of the Lone Star State, is captain of the stamp collecting brigade. More individual friends responded than during any previous year, and we are glad to report to you that we have on hand nearly enough stamps for first-class mailing purposes to last us to the first of January. We are under lasting obligations

to all of the good women who helped us, and it matters not whether they led or followed, we believe it can be justly said of them, "They have done what they could."

We trust that on January 1, 1909, every friend who contributed last year will not forget this special effort.

You will notice that we have our expense account \$347.44 for postage. Two-thirds of this money came in stamps. We simply credited it as cash, and charged it out for postage, in order to make the proper balance.

We all may not be able to give a dollar, but if a million women would send one two-cent stamp on the first day of January, we would have \$10,000. You may look upon a postage stamp as a mighty small thing, but if you can get a million of them you will have money enough to support twenty missionaries in Africa for one year, at a salary of \$50.00 per month. The reason we don't get any better results when we appeal to the people for small gifts, most of them simply say, "Oh, well, it is such a little, it is not worth sending." We would rather have a penny each from two million people than to have a dollar each from ten thousand people. Small gifts may seem trifles when they must work alone, but added to others, and working together with God, their value is inestimable.

Let us give the small gifts, if we can not do better, and trust God to do the multiplying, as he did with the loaves and fishes by the seaside.

#### WOMAN'S DAY.

Have our women caught the National Spirit? Are the women of this organization committed to the proposition to have in this country one organization of Baptist women that will include every woman and every woman's missionary and educational organization in America? Have we caught the Sisterhood Spirit? Does the idea that kindred Christian Spirit, united, can bring the world to the feet of Jesus in this generation, come to you as a dream or as a possibility? If the women of Georgia or the District of Columbia, or Texas, or Indiana, are a part of this National Body, they ought to be in working harmony with everything that is undertaken by it. When we call upon the women of the organization for service on a certain day, we ought to be able to depend upon all the women in all the States doing their part.

The last Sunday in July is National Woman's Day. We call upon all the women's organizations in the local churches

to co-operate with us in making this a day of awakening and consecration for the cause of missions. It ought to be that every missionary society and educational organization in every church, would send for programs, make extensive preparation, and rally the people around the national standard, and report whatever is raised for missions as that day has been set apart for that purpose; and there certainly ought not to be a woman officially connected with our National Organization who would ignore our appeals for help, and not send for programs, nor even mention the work we are trying to do. We are sure that in our lodges, when orders reach you from headquarters that a certain day will be set apart, and observed for a certain purpose, every member would be found in line of duty. The same women belong to the missionary organizations that belong to the lodges. Why is it that we can not make the last Sunday in July National Woman's Day in deed and in truth?

We are glad to report to you that this year we have come in touch with more of the societies than ever before. But even the number observing the day in 1908 is nothing compared with the large number of organizations we have in our churches. If the women in the societies who report to us, will awaken others by calling attention to these suggestions, better results will follow.

We can as easily raise five thousand dollars as five hundred dollars. There are several societies that had successful meetings and reported every penny raised. There were others who went into the dividing business, and of course we got very little. Some have not reported at all. Yet they used our addresses, programs and music. The Lord bring on the day when we shall not turn everything to our own account, and give the crumbs to the ones who have made possible our success. You must know that the preparation of the addresses, music and programs require time and taxation upon our mental powers. We are willing to make the sacrifice mentally and physically if it will help our cause; but it is painful thus to suffer while the missionary societies use the money for church expenses.

We have appealed to the State officials to recommend at their next session that all women's organizations observe Woman's Day and contribute the money raised for missions. Surely it is possible through the combined efforts of the State representatives to have one day on which we will all be aiming at and touching upon the same thing. It will be a glorious day for our missionary organizations when such a thing becomes an actuality. A million women pray-

ing! A million women singing! A million women desiring! A million women laboring for the coming of the kingdom in the hearts of all men, would be a power that would move God on his throne to immediately answer the petitions. It would mean spiritual dynamite that would blast Satan's greatest stronghold and drive sin to its native heath.

Can we have such a day? God grant that we may, and thus hasten the coming of his Kingdom.

#### MISS SONTUNZI AND THE SCHOOL AT MIDDLEDRIFT.

Nothing gives us greater pleasure than to be able to report the successful manner in which Miss Jeanie Sontunzi, formerly teacher and assistant to the late Rev. J. I. Buchanan, has managed affairs since the death of her pastor and missionary. We pledged ourselves to contribute \$25.00 per month to keep this work going. The one hundred women on whom we called to give 25 cents per month have on the whole, done well. Of course there are some who pledge and never pay, but it seems to us that a person who would pledge a poor African woman, struggling alone with heathenism and superstition, the small sum of 25 cents per month and then not pay it, would with good grace withhold the life-line from a perishing soul.

There are several that have given more than 25 cents. The missionary society of the Carron Street Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., paid one month's salary in full. This society also remembered Miss Sontunzi in a very substantial way when we sent her the last box. Miss Washington, of Texas, pledged \$25.00 per year, and has paid a part of her pledge, and our good friend, Miss White, of Minnesota, has paid \$1.00 per month regularly. There are a number of individual friends who return their mailers promptly, and we are indeed grateful to them. The children in the Little Reapers' Band, Williamsport, Pa., deserve mention in connection with the Middledrift work. The Missionary Society of the same church has been liberal in its contribution for this special cause. The Children's Band, under Mrs. Eliza Jackson, of Chicago, gave \$5.00. These little folks also contributed to the mission boxes sent to Africa some months ago.

Since our last report, Miss Sontunzi has built an eight-room schoolhouse, and reports a splendid enrollment during the past year.

Because there are some friends who have not kept up their pledge, we would ask that others fall in line, so that

we may be able to count on the \$25.00 each month. Middle drift station is one of the best under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board, and our women make no mistake in supporting this work.

It would doubtless be a stimulus to our churches, and certainly a pleasure to the members of the Sontunzi Club, to have our sister visit this country, and we have asked the Foreign Mission Board if we provide the expenses would they permit her to be our guest at the next meeting of the Convention. We are sure we can get every member of the Sontunzi Club to give a dollar for this purpose.

Miss Sontunzi is a splendid example of what the Gospel can do for the African woman, and we solicit for her your earnest prayers.

The following is a letter from her to the Convention:

MIDDLEDRIFT, SOUTH AFRICA, JULY 6, 1908.  
Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention,

Miss N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary,  
Louisville, Ky.

My Beloved Sisters in Christ: In acknowledging receipt of your letter, I must say that I was indeed glad to hear from you. Now, I know you are not expecting gratefulness or thanks from me. You know very well that we African people are short of education, and though we could express much, we can't; therefore, please, my dear sisters, to accept our sincere thanks to all those friends who labor on our behalf, remembering all your actions and sacrifices will be doubly blessed.

I hope the day will come when I shall be able to see you face to face. Surely I am looking forward to it, the Lord willing. I must also say to you, dearest friends, you can not believe how much good you do by these acts, for probably you have never heard of the story of your poor people in Africa.

I am also glad to tell you of the splendid work we had here during Rev. Murff's presence. I guess you will be rejoiced with me to hear that among seventy-nine persons baptized, about ten or twelve of them are my school children, who have given themselves to Christ. There are very few now who are not saved. Now, dear sisters, what surprises me is most of these children have red parents; they were only sent to school to learn; and now they are shining lamps before them, through your aid. Therefore, I say, do not be weary nor faint in doing good, for indeed

you shall certainly reap. We give praise to God for all the work that has been done. Please pray for us that we may be given more zeal and courage to continue on the work.

I guess you will remember I said in my last letter I had not found the money you told me about, but I am glad to tell you that it has come. Surely my dear sisters, words of thanks fail to be expressed. I only say, "God be praised," and thanks to all you good, faithful friends, who labor and pray for us.

I am also glad to tell you that my school children have raised the amount of three pounds, twelve shillings, and eight pence on our new building, intending to plaster the outside with cement. God be praised. Surely you can not know how they did get it, these hard times, yet they raised it.

I will soon write you again. I beg to be,

Gratefully your sister,

JEANIE G. SONTUNZI.

#### CAPE TOWN MISSION HOME.

You remember we pledged to build a Mission Home at Capetown. The work has already been begun by Dr. D. E. Murff. It will cost quite \$2,500 to complete the structure. We have paid on our pledge \$700.00, and we must make an effort to pay at least one thousand dollars more during this conventional year. This building will be another monument to our credit. You remember that we have always urged that we do something tangible, so that generations unborn may be able to find landmarks and footprints that will guide in their onward march.

We must remember Mrs. Murff in our prayers. She seems frail, but the Lord is preserving her. We can add to her comfort and perhaps to her days, if we will but give her comfortable quarters in which to live, while she labors side by side with her self-sacrificing husband.

#### BOXES FOR THE MISSIONARIES.

On the 16th day of May, we packed and shipped four boxes to foreign fields. These boxes should have been sent before Christmas, but we did not have garments and goods enough to justify us in so doing. Each year we lay the needs of the missionaries before you, and urge that you send bolts of domestic, thread and garments to us before the close of November. A few comply with this request, others abide their time, and thus delay us.

We did not send as many boxes this year as last, for the reason that some of our friends who gave clothing sent quite worthless stuff, against which several of the governments have protested—the sending of old clothing into the country causing the spread of disease among the natives, and our missionaries have asked us that as far as possible, we send new material and new garments, and if we must send clothing that has been worn, see to it that it is in good condition. Certainly we ought to know we should not use Africa for a dumping ground for our castoff clothing that you would not give to people in the poor houses in this country. We ought to send our missionaries large boxes at least twice a year, for we are sure there is not a society that can not afford to send from five to fifty yards of gingham or cotton. And there are individual friends who can send at least a spool of thread instead of an old, worn-out basque.

We here appeal for fifty bolts of gingham, fifty bolts of unbleached cotton, five hundred spools of thread, one hundred cases of needles, ready-made garments, and such other wearing apparel as is in good condition and will be worth the cost of sending. We would like to have at least seven boxes to be shipped on or about the 16th of November. We beg the co-operation of organizations and individual friends to help us cheer the hearts of the missionaries on Christmas day.

#### PLACE IN STATE LETTER BLANKS.

There are very few women's State organizations that are not affiliating with the National Organization by virtue believe that all of them have been strengthened by virtue of their association with us. It must be that the women in these State conventions are interested in what is being done by the National Body. It must be that they are anxious to hasten the time when we shall stand on our feet as spiritual giants, ready to do struggle with sin and Satan at home and abroad. If this is the spirit in which they enter the service, no sacrifice is too great nor task too arduous for them to attempt. It should be that in all our State meetings an hour be set apart for the discussion of the work of the Woman's National Convention. It ought to be that in the State Annual Letter place be given for the societies to contribute for this special work. We should not have to depend upon the presence of a representative, nor should you think that the \$20.00 given for representa-

tion fee is all that your organization ought to contribute. It is not all that is required of you by God, if you can do more.

Some women look upon the National Body as a thing separate and foreign to their interests. They have not learned the relationship that exists between the National and State bodies; they have not learned how dependent for life one is upon the other, for as we intimated a few moments ago, the new impetus given to work among Negro Baptist women of this country, is due very largely to the spirit injected into them by this Convention. There is an awakening before unknown. You have but to glance through our Order Book to see how, day by day, there flows from headquarters a stream of information through the medium of tracts and other printed matter, and then the efforts of the Field Missionaries and some of the officials have been the means of informing and stimulating thousands of women in our local societies.

There are a number of organizations that are both in touch with us, and as incredulous as it may seem, some of them have not as yet heard that we have such a convention in America. We have made a special effort this year to touch new societies, and it is gratifying to state that we have on our roll over five hundred new names. The organizations are not all represented, but we have supplied them with literature, and as soon as they have time to brush themselves up a little, they will be out on the firing line.

#### A SPLENDID INDIVIDUAL PLAN.

The women of this Convention are more interested in the giving of the Gospel to those who have it not, than in anything that can possibly be undertaken by a Christian organization. While we have not done all that we could, and there are hundreds of societies that haven't done anything, we are glad to report to you that we have contributed more to foreign missions this year than during any year since our organization. In the face of the financial troubles through which we have not as yet passed, a report of this kind is an assurance that we are just preparing to do our best work for foreign missions. All of the special work that we have undertaken will be accomplished, and we shall stand hard by our Board in supporting the general work at the various stations.

There are hundreds of women complaining because they could not do more. Some of them are handicapped by pas-

tors who have not climbed high enough to get a world-vision. Others are discouraged by those whose eyes turn selfward. But despite these facts, our women throughout the country are awakening to a realization of the fact that they have a place in God's great plan, that no power on earth will be able to keep them from filling.

No kind of work will succeed very long without wise planning and a well-organized system of operation. Chance business or the hit-or-miss method will not bring any lasting results to any cause. It is necessary to *plan your work and work your plan*. The work that we have undertaken is no child's play, and the sooner we learn this and *roll up our sleeves and get busy*, the more speedy and certain will be the results.

For the next year we have in mind a plan that, if we can set it in operation, will make the conventional year 1909 a record breaker. You know burdens can be made light, when each does his share of the bearing of them. It is embarrassing to call upon the same people all the time, but the faithful few are the only ones upon whom we can depend.

We want to get one thousand friends who will either give of their personal earnings, or solicit from others \$3.00 between September, 1908, and September, 1909, to be used as follows: \$1.00 January 1st, \$1.00 May 1st, and \$1.00 September 1st. If you will *pledge this amount, and keep your pledge*, we will not write you during the *whole* of next year for a donation of any kind. This will save us of the expense of getting out appeals, and also save you the annoyance of receiving them.

We want to try this plan to convince ourselves that there are one thousand Negro women in America who have business sense enough to appreciate a straightforward business proposition and will keep their word. We don't ask you to give it *all* out of your own pocket. You may call upon friends to help you, but we hold you responsible for the money. With this plan working, we will only have to call upon the missionary societies in the churches to observe Woman's Day. The money we get from visits and outside friends will be used to carry on the general work.

The money will be used as follows: The one dollar sent on the first of January, 1909, fifty cents to be used for the National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C.; and fifty cents for the school at Middledrift, South Africa; the one dollar sent on the first day of May, 1909, to be used for the Captown Mission Home, and the



MRS. H. ALLINGTON WILSON  
Washington, D. C.



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Washington, D. C.

one dollar sent on the first day of September 1909, fifty cents to be used for the National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C. and fifty cents for the school at Middledrift, South Africa. We want to secure at this session the pledges of *five hundred women*.

Will You Help Us?

#### THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

We took possession of the Training School last July, and since that time we have paid \$3,100 on the property. This does not include taxes, water, rent, interest, insurance and other incidentals for repairs. We have been able to meet every note as it fell due, and now have the property under rent at \$15.00 per month.

We suggested to you in our last report that efforts be made to raise enough funds to begin building, because the present structure is inadequate to accommodate the large number of women and girls who have already made application to us. If we could open our doors this fall, we would have an enrollment of at least one hundred and fifty women and girls from various States. This statement is most conservative. We have on this a number of letters, and we are sure we have underestimated the possible enrollment. You have no idea how popular the Training School movement has grown, and there is not a town to which we have gone and talked about the contemplated work at Washington without getting the names of a number who are anxious to take up some special work in a school that is going to give close attention to the development of character and a thorough preparation for various kinds of service.

We have been surprised to note the number of young girls who are anxious to become public speakers, and to devote their lives to missionary, slum or social settlement work. The time is ripe for this school. The field is unoccupied, and the women of this Convention are on the right track. The idea of training women to serve themselves, and thus to serve others, strikes a hopeful chord for those who have had their sorrows wrestling with the domestic problem. We are not here to discuss the necessity of the institution. The preparation of our women for domestic and professional service, in homes and communities, ranks next in importance to preparation of their souls for the world to come. It seems to us that the wisest thing to be done just now is to make the effort of our lives to put \$25,000 into the building fund by the first of March, and start a \$75,000

building in the early spring. We ought to have twenty-five thousand Baptists who would give one dollar each for this purpose, and those of us who are interested in the movement are willing to make large sacrifices to accomplish it. We must not sleep on our opportunities.

When the Publishing House began to go, the donations took on new life from Maine to California, on the hilltops and in the valleys, in the most stately mansions, and in the lowliest hut, but the effort was commended. This undertaking has brought to the denomination unique recognition. The establishment of this school at Washington will bring to the women, and indeed to the entire denomination, recognition that we cannot possibly attain, until we catch the spirit of the age, that stands for specialization along educational lines. We are of the opinion that a well-planned campaign, pushed in *dead earnest*, would bring us every penny we need within the next eight months. We need the co-operation of women who are able to bring something to pass. The idea of an institution erected by women and for women, appeals to thousands of people of both races, who believe profoundly in the *gospel of self-help*. We have been able to create such faith in the undertaking as will render the work of raising means, from now on, comparatively easy.

We would suggest that we begin the Training School Campaign on or about the 15th of November, to make an effort to secure \$5,000 in one month in cash and pledges, same to be paid on the first day of January. You may think that the freedom with which we spend money during the holidays will seriously affect a financial effort at such a season of the year but certainly there are five thousand people who value a great institution of learning sufficiently to make a Christmas gift of one dollar to it. Over a hundred friends have already signed the pledge to give us \$1.00 each on this day. We would be glad to have those who are really going to do something take as many of these blanks as they can use, and secure pledges, and return them to us before the 20th of December. If we will pull together in this matter, the corner-stone of our building at Washington will be laid within the next six months. You remember at the dedication last year, over one thousand dollars was pledged to be paid on or before the first of the present month. Some paid their pledges in full, others have paid in part, and some have not paid a penny. We have nearly three thousand dollars in pledges. Many of them are as good as gold. We have written asking those who did not intend to pay,

to simply let us know, but up to this good hour no one has cancelled a pledge. Now, we do hope that our friends will make a sacrifice and keep their promise. It will be a day of rejoicing to us all when the school is opened.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

We try to seize every opportunity of turning to account anything that will augment the success of our work. During the Christmas holidays we secured a small space in the front hall of the building in which our headquarters are located, and for ten days conducted a Christmas shop. In this little corner we had fancy aprons, dressing sacks and small articles, a few of the latter being left over from the Needle Work Exhibit. We think this a splendid idea, and it may be that the missionary societies may find that if properly located, a Christmas shop with articles that sell readily as gifts during the holidays will bring a neat sum. We did not make any special effort in this, our first undertaking, for the idea came when the holidays were almost upon us. Encouraged by this venture, we tried making shirtwaists, aprons, house dresses, and taking them from house to house to be sold. We were able to secure wholesale prices from the merchants and have to report to you the sum of \$169.68 from this effort for the Training School. The work was carried on during February, March and April.

We have the idea that a department of this kind conducted in connection with the Training School, will not only bring money to us, but will make friends. We would have an opportunity to supply hundreds of women who work at service, with dresses and aprons that were made in the Institution, and those by whom they are employed would get an idea of the real work that is being done. If this work is satisfactory, and we are able to supply a thousand servant girls with dresses and aprons, every year, we will have the key to many a home. You remember that Catharine Mullins, a matchless, ingenious little missionary, opened the senanas of India with the point of an embroidery needle, and thus opened the gateway for the Christian women of America and Europe to give the Word to millions of women who had never seen the faintest ray of the Gospel light. So we may use our needles in making our way into the hearts of the women in America, who have not as yet had a practical illustration of what the women of our race can do, and are willing to do toward making possible their complete salvation.

## GIRL'S CLUB MOVEMENT.

There lies dormant in the churches of this country; the greatest spiritual and moral force that this century can produce. Little attention is being given to the enrollment of young women for Christian service. They are being criticised and abused because of their apparent indifference to religious work, yet nobody has made an effort to wheel these young women in line. We suggested last year that we would try the Young Girls' Club Movement, and would have them direct their efforts to the raising of money for scholarships for worthy girls for the National Training School. The plan is working well, and you have several clubs represented at this meeting, and others that are working with you in your earnest efforts to give to the women of our race a great Training School at Washington. We have prepared constitutions for these clubs, had special pins made for the members, and there is not an organization that has been formed this year but has sent in a report of some kind.

These young girls are not running social and eating clubs, but are actually keeping posted on current events, learning to manage their own affairs, beginning to believe that they have wrapped up in them divine possibilities, and are alive to the fact that a school that is to give its attention to the making of real women for us, ought to have their co-operation.

Space will not permit us to mention all the clubs, nor give an account of the work each is doing. Suffice it to say that at least two hundred young women who will work with us in the trenches, until the capstone is put on the National Training School. Others are going to fall in line. We believe in young women. We have faith in their ability to bring these to pass. Our experience has been that if they are approached in the proper spirit, they will line up for Christian service. These young people are Christians—they have had some school advantages, and it is worth our while to consider them in whatever work we are going to attempt along religious and educational lines.

## CHILDREN'S BAND WORK.

In our Constitution for local societies, we have constitutions and suggestions for work among children. During this year we made a special button for Children's Bands, but there is a need for some real good literature of

our own make. Some of the States have appointed superintendents for work among children, and there are a few of the women who are actually accomplishing something in the work among the little folks, but nine-tenths of these juvenile organizations are doing practically nothing. Miss DeLaney has been doing some work among the children for the Foreign Mission Board. We need State Superintendents working in harmony with the Convention, for our nursery is neglected, and we cannot hope to have young women interested in missionary work, and old women actively engaged in service for the Master, unless we train the child. There is a deal of literature being printed by white women's organizations that cannot be improved, but in keeping with the growing demand for literature that will appeal to the boys and girls of our race, we must get out something for ourselves. The bouncing white baby in the arms of a loving, white mother, portrayed upon tracts, taken home and put into the hands of our children, don't mean very much to them. And our children have seen so much of this, that many believe that everything that is grand and glorious emanates from the other race. Our children must see a bouncing colored baby, and the beautiful, loving colored mother, tenderly caring for her own, before they will begin to feel the real pride of race. The child must inhibit by reading pictures, until he can read books.

Our children are our ideals, as surely as the women of our race are the ideals of the men of the race. These maidens carved from ebony, this array of mahogany blondes, lantalizing browns, and this aggregation of other hues and shades, come to us as God's most perfect work in the blending of colors. And certainly he must have been pleased with his color schemes, because he has made more of the "varied hues" class than of the others. What God admires, let us at least appreciate. The race is going to rise in proportion as we magnify and portray our pure and beautiful in life and character. Interesting stories, written especially for our children and illustrated by pictures of members of their own race, will do much toward making them believe in themselves and in the possibilities of their own people. We are certainly glad that the Publishing Board has begun to supply colored doll babies. Our children with locks of the spring-wire variety have been playing mother to flaxen haired, blue eyed babies long enough. We must not suggest to our children such a tragedy in nature as an ebony-hued mother with blonde and brunette children. You have never heard of hens hatching

snakes. If the colored child has a white doll baby, it certainly suggests the idea of either mother or of nurse, and when the latter suggestion is accepted, you simply popularize the idea silently but surely suggested by members of the other race who buy black dolls for their children—but you can notice that these dolls are always dressed like nurses or cooks, or other servants. This is done to keep it before the white child that your place is that of a servant. There is no disgrace in being a servant, but it is also true that while some Negroes serve others are being served.

And now we can do mighty good work toward race-building if we will make a specialty of the literature, and pictures, and dolls that will teach our children to look upon themselves with pride. You don't have to wear yourself out making speeches to children, as you do to old people. Give them the picture and simple stories, and you will do more with a half dozen of them in one month than you could do with an acre of old ones who are joined to their idols in six months. And then when you are working on the children, you are working on the generation for fifty years to come. Let us have some wide-awake superintendents, who know how to get hold of children, and we will be able to report some good work done at our next Convention. We must go after this work in dead earnest.

The Little Reaper's Band, of Williamsport, Pa., is still among the faithful. These children came into our infant department made under Sister East over six years ago, and now those who have grown out of the band have grown into the Girl's Club. Mrs. Eliza Jackson, of Illinois, a new worker in this particular capacity, has rendered good account of her stewardship. There are a number of other bands that have done well and several are represented in this meeting. All the children need is some one to lead them and they will do the work.

#### CONVENTION AND ASSOCIATION ON WRONG TRACK.

Have you had the pleasure of attending very many associations and conventions in or out of your State? If not, your general education is not quite complete. On the whole, these organizations are doing splendid work, and are officered by intelligent, fair-minded, wide-visioned men and women, but we have attended some conventions and associations that are so far off the track of their constitution, and have wandered so far off from the object for which they were established, that we wonder if they will ever get back,

In the first place, missionary and educational organizations, made up of the churches, are by virtue of their personnel, as well as the letter and spirit of the Constitution, committed to the work of giving the Gospel to the world. Most of these organizations are from fifteen to twenty-five years old, and when they came into existence gave as the reasons for their birth a desire to disseminate the Gospel, and to educate men and women called to do service as missionaries and preachers. Most of them bear the name of missionary and educational, or simply missionary or simply educational; but the money raised by these organizations is being used for all kinds of purposes. The Secretary attended two meetings this past summer, bearing the name of Missionary and Educational Associations, and when they finished paying the officers from the president to the last member on the board, and making presents, they were in debt to the treasurer for an overdraw of \$9.00 in one case and \$3.50 in the other. All the money that our cause got was what was taken in special offering the evening she spoke.

There are scores of these associations meeting up and down the road, from which we never get a penny, unless somebody is there to beg for it. And then they must sit around night and day, like a juryman on a murder case, in order to see that no influence is brought to bear to keep them from getting what has been given for missions. This complaint is too general to pass unnoticed, for the missionaries under all the Boards give the same testimony. All chartered institutions that raise money for one purpose and use it for another, can be brought to time and the charter taken away from them.

Not only are we off the track on the question of finance, but we are of the opinion that we do not give enough attention in our associations and conventions to the discussion of the vital questions of the hour. The Forward Missionary Movement that has for its object the evangelization of the world in this generation, should be the question uppermost in our hearts and minds, and we should be concerned most about how to bring this thing to pass. Every prayer, every address, and every song ought to breathe the spirit of world-wide missions. But we go off into harangues of all kinds, and we have been to very few meetings that have given the proper consideration to the question of missions, Christian education and reform. The election of officers gets first consideration and other things get minor consideration.

So many of the subjects given on the program are inappropriate. We have attended four meetings in which the question of missions was not discussed at all by members of the convention, and one of them gave the Foreign Mission Representative, who happened to be present, fifteen minutes to discuss the question. Just think of it: churches committed to the work of giving the Gospel to the world, paying railroad fare for delegates to take a half week to wrangle over "Who shall be greatest in the kingdom," and electing a few officers. The people come to these meetings for information. They come to be stimulated and could be enlisted in the Lord's cause, and the question that will accomplish this purpose should be considered above all others.

The idea of just putting our friends on program to show them off should be eliminated, and we ought to use people who are working at the problems of life. In all of the State meetings we ought to bring specialists in the platform. The convention or association ought to be a school. When we go down from the meeting we ought to feel that we have been sitting at the feet of Jesus, and have been taught wonderful things by his disciples, who have been with him and have learned of him. All songs ought to be selected to harmonize well with the program for each service, and the people ought to be made to sing. We do not need to take up our time getting happy and telling our experience of grace, for men and women are more concerned about the triumphs of the Cross and they delight to have opened to them the new book of the Acts of the Apostles, in which you will find recorded the deeds of those who are with God on his rapid march across the ages and around the world. We do not get enough inspiration from some of these meetings to last us to the depot. Nearly all the time that it is not taken in reading letters and electing officers, is spent in introducing visitors who happened to drop in. It is perfectly all right to present those who are concerned about what we are doing, and are actually engaged in some kind of work that will count in the building up of God's kingdom. If these people have been at work, they certainly have a message and know how to deliver it, but those who are simply there because they are not somewhere else, or haven't anywhere else to be, ought to keep their seats.

Have you ever heard a paper-welcome address to a convention or an association? There are many such welcomes extended, and we are going to ask the women to be kind enough to give us the old-fashioned, cordial, glad-to-see-you,

make-yourself-at-home welcome that doesn't have to be written on paper, because it has already been engraved upon the heart. Just think of a great body of people, sitting down, waiting for you to tell them to come in and make themselves at home. We are sure if any of us would go to the home of a woman who would sit you in her parlor, and then pull out a great long manuscript, make a graceful bow, and begin to read while we sit and look glad, deep down in our souls we would wonder, "What manner of woman is this?" When we come to your meetings, we are sure you are glad to have us. You have invited us, and in a cordial, happy vein you should greet us as you would greet a visitor to your own home. We make these meetings so stilted and so starchy that we rob them of their sweetness. These conventions are no state occasions, where lords and ladies come to show how elegant they are. These are spiritual feasts, where the Lord's table is spread and the commonest guest is as welcome as the greatest prelate.

#### SHOULD BE BETTER POSTED.

The women who stand at the head of state and local organizations ought to take advantage of every opportunity for intellectual growth. To be ignorant of the missionary movements of the day is an unpardonable sin. The very best literature that is now being sent forth from the press is on the question of missions. The books are inexpensive and the information they give is essential to those who mean to intelligently and successfully grapple with the missionary problem. Millions of tracts are being printed and scattered. Missionary magazines and papers flood the country, and yet there are hundreds of women claiming to be great missionary workers who have never read a single book on missions, and they don't take a paper of any kind. Very, very few have adopted the missionary study course. We cannot hope to lead very far until we prepare ourselves for leadership. Every church, or at least every community, ought to have at least one study class, at the head of which should be a leader who knows about the work of Negro Baptists at home and abroad, from the day David George, Sampson Colbert, Hector Peters, Geo. Liles and others bought their freedom and went to foreign fields as missionaries, to this hour, when in Africa, South America, Russia and the West Indies representatives of the great National Baptist Convention are preaching the Gospel of one Lord, one faith,

one Baptism with power and effect. This same leader should have not only a knowledge of what we have done, but should be well posted on the question of World-wide Missions. Jogging along at the same old slow-dying rate will not help any body, nor any cause.

The Woman's Antioch Association, of Missouri, took a long step in the right direction the other week, when they appointed a Secretary of Missionary Literature, who will make it her business to keep a look-out for all books, magazines and tracts on the question of missions. She is to find out the merits of them and recommend to the societies such printed pages as she thinks will be of help to them in their work. She is to handle supplies of all kinds for the societies in her district. This woman is very intelligent and well prepared to do a work of this kind. Her heart is in it and we are expecting a good report from her a year hence.

#### TONIC FOR DEAD MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Jesus Christ is the only person who has ever had any success in raising the dead. A prophet died in Washington several weeks ago, and his followers are watching daily for his resurrection and return to earth. His wife has, however, presented her claims to the insurance company and received the money due her. The sum would have to be refunded should the gentleman return to his earthly tabernacle. But the prophet is dead, and he will not know a resurrection until God shall call him forth. As is true of him, is also true of many of these dead missionary societies. They can only be revived by injecting into them more of the spirit of Jesus Christ. These societies are dead, spiritually to begin with. They ought to be regenerated—made over again—disbanded and reorganized, with new officers from start to finish. The societies are dead because the leaders are dead. Women complain because they can't get a following. If you can't get a following in any cause, either you or the cause is wrong. Now a missionary society is all right. There is nothing the matter with the cause—all it needs is to have the stumbling-blocks removed from the way, and if we can't make our work go, verily we are the stumbling-blocks. Half of our societies need what we sometimes find that our dresses need—a good washing, pressing and making over.

Unless the leaders are able to tell the people something that is helpful and inspiring every time they meet, they

are going to find themselves alone in the struggle. Then we must remember that the people must see some results. What is your society doing? The women who belong to them go every week, and come back home after the meeting, and live the same old life and do the same gossiping that they did before they joined the society. We ought to labor to tone up the women who associate themselves with us, and if we have the proper literature and know how to discuss the subjects given, we will see marvelous improvement.

Many women tell us that the "pastors" don't encourage them, and that "pastors" insist upon having all the money raised for themselves. Unfortunately, there are men of this class in our churches who are not a bit more bothered about the real spiritual life of the church and about the moral, intellectual and spiritual development of our women than Satan is about populating the New Jerusalem, but all of our ministers are not alike, and if properly approached, they will join hands with the women in their missionary work. Some of the pastors do not encourage us because there are so many little differences that they cannot afford to take sides with one or the other. Then, again, we find that in some organizations the women are forever reminding the brethren that "this is our meeting," and they are not always as courteous in their treatment as they might be. It is well for us to have the confidence, respect and good wishes of our brethren. You remember when we started this organization eight years ago, that brethren north, south, east and west entered their protest against the Woman's Organization. We have never crossed swords with any of them, now to the delight of our friends and the astonishment of those who opposed us, we are marching on to victory, and the day will come when those who are antagonistic to our women in work of this kind will be as proud of us as Macedon was of Alexander, Athens of Pericles or Rome of Cicero.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE RAILROAD.

You have all watched with interest the work of the Interstate Commission, touching the question of equal accommodations for the races. Representatives of our race have laid before the Commission our just complaints. Substantial evidence has been produced to prove conclusively that the railroads are openly violating the separate car law. Word was sent over to the Commission from the

White House that the law must be complied with. This command failed to kindle in us a spark of hope, because we felt that the Commission would consider the President as sincere on this question as he proved to be on his "Square-deal, all-men-up" policy that kindled hope in the breast of every Negro four years ago. This hope was, however, completely extinguished by the Brownsville outrage.

Conditions are no better on the railroads to-day than they have been, and indeed, if anything they are worse. No change is going to come until public sentiment brings it, and we must address ourselves to the work of moulding public sentiment in favor of fair treatment and equal accommodations.

The women of this Convention will never be reconciled to the toilet arrangements on the cars. Everybody else may get tired of talking about it, but we are at least going to say that we don't like it, because it is indecent. We want a separate toilet for colored women, just as they have a separate toilet for white women. We want basins, soap and towel. We pay the same fare and are entitled to the same treatment. We therefore recommend that the women of the Convention, in this session, do appoint a committee of three to go to Washington and present to the Commission a petition for separate toilets for men and women. A special meeting for the discussion of the railroad question has already been arranged, and before you leave the Convention you will have the pleasure of listening to addresses upon the subject.

The Corresponding Secretary prepared a leaflet this year that we hope you will help us to scatter. In it, she makes some timely suggestions to members of our race who travel, and we feel that while we are working on one end to get what belongs to us, we will spend the time very profitably working on the other end, preparing them to appreciate our labors by properly deporting themselves on the trains.

#### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US.

Attention must be called to the fact that we are being imposed on by fake agents and impostors who line up with any popular movement that will give them an opportunity to go around soliciting money. We have had reports of several women who are taking advantage of the Training School Movement to collect money for their own personal benefit. These self-appointed solicitors must be put out of business. We must declare war against them and

unitedly fight them on any ground, until there will not be one left to tell the story. There are more fake missionaries and agents living off the Baptist denomination than off of all the other denominations combined, and the name of the National Baptist Convention is being used to our detriment and shame. We sound the alarm, and declare unto you that it is dangerous for any man or woman to use the name of this Convention to collect funds for their personal benefit. These fake training school solicitors and field missionaries take warning, and if there are those within our ranks who raise money in the name of the Convention and withhold any or all of it for their personal use we shall turn the light on them.

There are other women who have not grown sufficiently bold to take the field, but they are doing another thing, which, on a smaller scale, is just as dishonest. You know that it is absolutely necessary for us to send out appeals. We send them to persons whose names appear on our roll, and are you surprised when we tell you that some of these women collect the money and never report it to us? If we could get all the money that has been collected in the name of the Training School and Foreign Missions, from appeals sent out by us, we would have at least Five Thousand Dollars more to report. There are several women whose names have been erased from our books, because we have reasons to believe that they take advantage of our appeals and get money for themselves. It is going to be a little unpleasant for these women around their own homes some day, because, upon reliable information we are making up a black list that will be interesting reading to the many friends to whom it will be sent. Procedure of this kind is necessary, because the longer they are permitted to roam at large the bolder they become, and the more danger they do our cause.

It is useless to say that these women are a characterless lot, who ought not to be protected by the mantle of charity. Indeed, they bring disgrace upon the denomination in general, and upon the women in particular. We know of one woman who is operating throughout the country, posing as a "Miss," who has three husbands to her credit and several children to call her mother. She claims to be representing the National Convention. She represents herself. If our women would take the denominational papers, and especially our National organs, the "Union" and the "Mission Herald," and read them, they would be able to protect themselves from any of the im-

postors. But we don't read very much and to our detriment, we pick up unknown characters who come to us with any kind of credentials, or no credentials at all, and present them to the people, and if they can make a good hit in a stereotyped speech that has no more semblance of the truth in it than Satan's confession of his love for Christ, the doors fly wide open to them. By and by, there comes over some one a sneaking suspicion that there is something wrong about the sister, and they begin to look her up, and find that she is not the "fairest among ten thousand, and one altogether lovely." But it is too late; she has fleeced you, and is now well on the road to the next city.

We must become in deed and in truth, a National Protective Association, or a National Detective Association. When unknown characters come to our communities, representing some great cause, we ought to examine their credentials carefully, and then before they are given a hearing, write to the Board, under which they claim to be operating, to ascertain the facts in the case. It will require but a few days to get an answer, and if they can't wait until the answer comes, it is better that you let them go their way. But we seem just as anxious to have them deceive the people as they are sure to do the dirty work, and so we will not wait for anything, but throw the doors wide open. As soon as we discover that we have entertained an imposter, we decide to shut the door to all. This is unfair to duly accredited representatives. We beg that the women write to headquarters about any person who may come to them claiming to represent us. The Board prepares the way for the Field Missionaries by sending the pastors letters in advance, and we keep these women constantly before the people through the press, so that they may be known to you. There are Vice-Presidents and Training School Trainers whose names occur from time to time in the papers, and by this kind of an arrangement pastors, churches and missionary organizations are perfectly protected.

#### THE NATION FACING A CRISIS.

That things that we call race prejudice are on the increase in this country. It is spreading to the north, east and west, and has already almost covered the south. The Negro Problem is now the Nation's Problem, and the nation might as well realize this and begin to grapple with it, as it is grappling with other national issues. During the past

sixty days thirty Negroes have been lynched in different parts of our country and right in Springfield, Illinois, the home of the Great Emancipator, the "rack-ribbed ledges dripped with the silent horrors of blood."

Upon the slightest provocation, and in many cases without any provocation at all, Negroes are lynched and burned. If these mobs would confine their vengeance to guilty ones, their work would not be so dastardly; but innocent, industrious, self-respecting Negroes are pounced upon and murdered with the rest of them. And there is no public sentiment being molded against this spirit.

Every once in a while, someone reads the entire race a long lecture about concealing criminals. Springfield, Ill., and Russellville, Ky., have more white criminals, known to have taken part in the recent mobs, who will never be brought to trial, than the Negro has in every state in the Union combined. There is not a lynching that has taken place within the past ten years where the perpetrators are not well known by white citizens, and yet they are never brought to trial. Until the whites land their own criminals behind the bars they can not with good grace lecture the Negroes about their criminals. Of course bad Negroes shield each other, but good Negroes do not shield bad Negroes. But in the case at Springfield and Russellville, the best white citizens refuse to testify against their murderers.

Vesuvius, Etna, Peele, and San Francisco have done their deadly work. They seethed and boiled for years, and once in a while the people would feel some underground disturbance, some strange quaking, that they did not take time to interpret. But, by and by, an unheeding people woke up in a hell on earth. Unless this nation wakes up from its unpardonable indifference on the great question of civil liberties, and enforces in letter and in spirit that splendid Magna Charta, the Constitution of the United States, without regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, the world's tragedy will be played right here. Public sentiment alone will move the government to action. Far-seeing statesmen, high-thinking, clean-handed citizens in all walks of life will have to turn their attention to this problem. If the best element in the white race will combine with the best element in the colored race in moulding a healthy sentiment against mob violence, good results would soon follow. There can be nothing half-hearted about it. The spirit of Sumner, Beecher, Garrison, Lincoln, Douglass and Stowe must take possession of us. The

strength and the magnificent morality of the people trained in the doctrines of freedom, must get hold of the yellow journals of the North and the firebrand papers of the South and make them turn their guns off the Negro and direct them toward those broad, health-giving issues that alone can build up a great republic.

There are thousands of good white people, North and South, who are anxious to see the Negro rise and shine. The fear of criticism, and in many cases ostracism, has embarrassed most of the good white people. The Negro-hating element knows that whenever the social equality bug-bear is held up the average white citizen will cower. The bad element is determined to keep the good element of their own race as far away from us as possible. To this end they have succeeded in getting the almost united support of the press, especially in the South, in magnifying crimes committed by Negroes and in giving prominence to the slightest offences. The Negro who steals a ninety-eight cent sweater is given a column, front page, glaring headlines. Negro outlaws are given from a column to a half page.

The Negroes who are buying homes, establishing banks, or contributing their part to the uplift of the community, are either unnoticed or given a line or two in the "amen" corner of the daily papers. Why give bad Negroes such consideration?

If a Negro gets into an altercation with a white man, every white scrapper in the community jumps on the Negro and the papers tell of a "race war." There has never been a race war in this country. Under this name there have been some of the most unwarranted massacres and cold-blooded murders ever recorded in the annals of history. How can it be a race war when only one side is fighting? And if the good white people will pull the bad white people off the Negro, and stay the hand of the mob as Mr. Chaffin, the Prohibition candidate for President, did during the Springfield massacre, the so-called race war will be brought to an end.

Wherever the better classes of both races in any community are working together for their mutual protection and advancement, riots are impossible, and we are made to wonder whether the best white citizens who own the property pay the taxes and really make the city what it is, are going to sit supinely by and let the hoodlums and the trash of their race that don't own the dirt on their shoe soles, destroy and disgrace them.

Now, the willful permission of sin is the willful commission of sin; and the closing of the eyes to human abuses by those who can and may remove them, is a participation in those evils. The refusal of the people of this country to see their duty, is their refusal to do their duty, and they are none the less responsible.

The mob is now setting fire to Negro tenements, but that fire is going to spread, and it will reach the mansions before many years. It is the spirit of the anarchist that will set fire to the National Capitol as soon as it shall have moulded enough sentiment and enrolled enough members to defy even the National Government, if it attempts to step between their advancing army and the Negro.

Will this government sleep until the assassin stands over it with a dagger to plunge into its very heart, if it opens its mouth and speaks in defense of its Negro citizens?

We beg the best white citizens of this country to come to the rescue and turn public sentiment and save us ere we all perish. "The house is surely divided against itself, and it can not stand."

#### PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS.

And now we turn our eyes raceward, and behold a picture that defies the brush of a Vinci or a Galileo. America is a great stage where all races of the earth are playing their parts. The American Drama of Nations is the most interesting that has ever been produced. There are stars of every magnitude; every act is the best or the worst. The actresses have their hearts in what they are doing, and so there is soul in every song, philosophy in every speech, and meaning in every movement. It is now the Negro's time to exhibit, and he brings on five hundred newspapers; one hundred and sixty institutions for higher education, with an attendance of forty thousand students; he throws across the State twenty thousand young people learning trades; six thousand pursuing classical, scientific and business courses; two million children in the common schools with thirty thousand teachers; and he sends Marie Bolden, of Cleveland, Ohio, to the National Educational Association, to spell five hundred words correctly, and bring him back the World's Championship. He shoves out twenty-seven thousand churches, valued at forty million dollars, with their spires pointing like finger-tips towards the heavens, and says to their doors, "Swing wide, and let six million disciples of the Lord come in, and sing praises

unto Jehovah, until heaven with the echo shall resound, and all the earth shall hear."

The curtain falls and rises. The Negro again appears. He brings on the stage ninety thousand farms and three hundred and eighty thousand homes. He throws open the doors of these homes and shows to us his libraries, in which you will find three million volumes, valued at over four hundred thousand dollars; and he sits down, and he talks with you on any question from that of the origin of man to that of the future destiny of the soul. He delves into scientific questions, and handles them as dexteriously as he handled his first forty acres of land and a mule. He brings on the stage seventy-seven Baptist schools, that are doing their work well. Had they the means with which to make their facilities stronger, they would be able to bring still greater things to pass. Denominational pride and our obligation to train men and women for Christian service must move the individual members in our churches to contribute more liberally for this educational work.

The curtain drops and rises upon another scene. You can not have a picture without light shadows. On comes a crowd of men and women who are not attending school, and do not own homes and libraries. They are playing their part in the great American drama, to our detriment, and to their shame and destruction. Verily, these are villians, who play their part so well, that we feel like hissing them off the stage. These are the "Bad Negroes," about whom we are so often lectured. They loaf all day and prowl all night. It is to this class that we need to give our attention. Here is our home mission work. The question is, What shall we do? We had better do something and that speedily. We have some suggestions to make. We must take as our home mission work the reaching of the children of the unreached Negro. Social settlement and slum work are the means by which this can be done. Through these children it will be possible to reach the women, and when we are able to touch the women, we will have the key to the solution of the problem. It is useless to begin with the women or the men first, except in a general way. Get the children into the public schools and into the Sunday-schools. Next, we must break up the loafers. They have been holding up corners and holding down boxes long enough. They must be made to move, and keep moving. Get the city councils to issue a decree that all loafers must either work or walk. You can get the co-operation of all good citizens in breaking up the

loafing in which so many indulge. No half-hearted, sleight-of-hand business will do. We will have to get together and pull together. Ministers, teachers, professional men, and women, white and colored, must unite in this common cause. We must rise above raceanity and church-anity, in reform work of this kind.

We can not call attention too often to the fact that in all social reform work yet attempted by the world, woman has either inspired, lead, or gone with it, and no reform is lasting nor the reformation it brings abiding, unless the soul and spirit of woman is implanted in it. The greatest work on the home field to be done during the present century among our people, is that of making women, and thus making homes. Nothing is done more to bring shame and disgrace upon us than the fact that upon the streets of our cities and towns you find too many women and girls hanging out from morning to night, like auctioneer flags. These characters come from homes that are verily pest-houses, impregnated with such a deadly disease that the whole race will be inoculated, unless the remedy that will burn up sin, root and branch, is applied, and that speedily. We have prepared a tract that we desire you to scatter. In this we make an appeal to the women to set both their temporal and spiritual houses in order.

You have followed the "hands-off" policy long enough. You are really too indifferent about the salvation of that element so often regarded as wholly worthless. Though submerged in sin, abandoned by the Christian element of the community, these women still bear the divine stamp. We will have to brush a long time, perhaps, before we see the face of him in whose image they are made, but the stamp is there and the bad woman must be saved. She must touch the hem of his garment, and the longer we delay the work the greater damage will she do to society.

Next you must address yourselves to breaking up skating rinks and dance houses. You can only do this by moulding public sentiment against them. Hundreds of our people are not in the church because they are in these new-fangled death traps, making their way to destruction on roller skates. Many of your sons and husbands belong to the very lodges that own the halls, from which thousands of girls go to ruin every year. Women, it is better that we wade in blood to our eyes, in defense of our young people than to face the awful charge that they will make against us in the judgment. Your silence makes you a party to the crime. In many communities women will not

speaking out. They are forever saying, "It is none of my business." It is your business. If you are with Christ in building up his kingdom, it is your business to fight anything that destroys the Kingdom.

This brings us face to face with the fact that the saloon is another enemy that you must fight on every hand. Thanks be to God that the Prohibitionists are gaining ground. Whole States that were at one time veritable seas of liquor, in which hundreds of men and women were being drowned every year, have dried up. The work is not complete, and will not be until from every State, and especially from every home, the demon is ejected. When we stop running the little rum shops in our homes, the victory will be won. Oh, that you might realize what a great work there is to be done along these particular lines, and that upon you rests the responsibility of bringing many of these things to pass. Let us get right on the inside of the race, and we will have strength to fight the most powerful foe from the outside, that can come against us.

#### A REVIVAL OF RELIGION.

Every church and organization has felt the effect of the stringency in the money market; our receipts would be almost double had it not been that hundreds of people have been thrown out of employment. We are judging what might have been by what has been done, despite the financial depression. If you have been observant, you have seen that the spirit to give and do is more manifest now than at any other time in the history of our work, and it is upon this manifestation of growing interest that we will be able to undertake great things for God. Perhaps the panic was a blessing in disguise. Those who had less money to give have prayed more, and as a result of this praying they have made greater sacrifices. There has hardly been a Convention held this year that has not been swept by a great spiritual wave. Our churches are going to feel a deeper consecration, and there are going to be more individual Christians doing their individual duty than ever before. This is the hopeful sign, this is the way to victory for when each individual Christian feels his individual responsibility and will not look to an organization, but to himself and God in bearing his share of the burden, the final triumph of the Gospel is sure.

The only hope of missions lay in a revival or religion, widespread, deep-reaching. This revival will mean not

only the evangelization of that eight hundred million in heathen lands that have never touched the hem of his garment, but it will mean also a rising of the tidal wave in our home churches to the highest flood-mark. It will mean the breathing of the spirit of God on the dry bones in every church in America, until they are thrilled with a revived evangelical faith that will bring to you the second Pentecostal out-pouring from the flaming tongues of witnesses. A revival of evangelical faith and concerted prayer by Christians at home, are two pillows on which rests the arch of modern missions. For some reason, our churches have not caught the Forward Missionary Movement spirit. There is an unprecedented awakening among the laymen of this country—you have all read of the great Laymen's Movement and of the Young People's Missionary Movement. A club of Christian laymen launched the missionary movement nearly two years ago. It is inspirational in character, interdenominational in scope, and international in sweep. It is intended to band together men of the Protestant world in a campaign to give the Gospel to the whole world in this generation. About seventy wealthy business men visited various countries to study conditions and to ascertain the needs. They have returned and are most enthusiastic over the splendid opportunities before them. These are not preachers, but laymen, and men who have great commercial interests that naturally consume much of their time. But they have awakened to a realization of the fact that above interests of commerce stands their duty to a lost world. So contagious is the spirit that these men caught while abroad, that even William H. Taft, whom it is said does not believe in the divinity of Christ, became inculcated and actually tried to make a speech on foreign missions in Carnegie Hall, in New York, several months ago. The men are not alone in this effort for the women of one Foreign Mission Board have pledged themselves to pay off the debts that have accumulated on their Foreign Mission Treasury during the past two years, as well as contribute their part to the Laymen's Movement Fund.

Every Mission Board in the country has closed the year with a debt. The American Baptist Home Mission Society closed the year with a deficit of \$25,000.58, of which amount \$23,311.16 represents the excess of expenditures over receipts for this year, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church closed the year with a debt of \$50,000.00. But this has not discouraged nor baffled them,

for they know that prayer can rise above dollars and cents, and wing its way to the heart of God and move him to move the church to action.

The Young peoples' Meeting, held in Pittsburg during the month of February, sent the spirit of consecration to the very finger-tips of the hundreds of their number, who are turning the tide of thought in the church toward world-evangelization. The Forward Movement Study Course is another great power, destined to inform and arouse the Christian churches at home. The text-books are the most interesting you have ever read on the question of missions. We are anxious that all of our missionary societies will use the Study Course next winter. The books are cheap and you can certainly find in every community at least one person sufficiently intelligent and sufficiently interested to teach a class.

Now, do you know that with all this missionary fire burning and flaming up to heaven, nine-tenths of our churches are asleep? Their buildings will be on fire—the world will be lighted up before half of them wake up.

Many speak of the inconsistency of the men and women of the other race making such sacrifices to save the world beyond, when they have not begun at "Jerusalem." It is true that the Christian people of this country are applying the doctrine of universal brotherhood to the ten million people right at their doors. To many of them, all the world and to every creature means every continent except Africa, and every race except the Negro. But let us pray that the missionary fire now burning so brightly in many of the churches, will eventually destroy the abundant dross of the prejudice in the hearts of our countrymen. It is true that our white brethren are moving fast, but they cannot move very far until they learn to obey God in spirit and in truth. The thousands of dollars given will not atone for a will disobedient to our Lord's command.

The world is ready for the Gospel. Our country has the men and the means to put the message within the hearing of every soul in this generation, and we believe that the prophecy that there will be a world's evangelical alliance to meet in St. Peters, and lodge its delegates in the Vatican, could be fulfilled within the next quarter of a century, if Christianity can purge the American people of their awful race prejudice, or race hatred. God can't use men whose hearts are alimy with the virus of hate and red with the emoluments of murder. We may talk about the triumphs of Christianity soon after Pentecost, but the record will pale

in the light of what could take place in this generation if the two races on the American continent will rise to the height of their splendid opportunity. The hour is at hand. "God is honeycombing Satan's Hell-gate; the strongholds of heathenism are being undermined, and a violent, sudden explosive upheaval is coming. So evident is this, that the heathen, themselves, have apprehensions of the approaching crisis."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Ah! life, thou art so fleeting, that when we think we are, we are not. Our sun may set before noon, at noon, or early in the afternoon. We are ushered into another world just as we begin to shine the brightest in this one.

Since we last met, our friend, Miss Mary G. Burdette, for a number of years Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West, has gone to the land of everlasting bliss. To-day we miss her. Each year since our organization, we have had either her presence or words of greeting, and at any time during the year we could call upon her for advice and suggestions, and it was her greatest pleasure to help us. She had become so thoroughly interested in what we were doing that at our Memphis meeting, in special conference with us, she said that her faith in our ability to do a great work for the Master was increasing, and she saw such evidences of rapid growth that we could count on her to do whatever she could to help us. Our friend and sister is gone. A self-sacrificing, beautiful, useful life, transplanted where she is now rendering perfect service for her Master. God hasten the day when her mantle shall fall upon other Christian women, who in spirit and in truth shall render such beautiful service.

Twenty of the best women in our local societies who were interested in our National work, have fallen since last September. Many of them have never been with us in a convention, but have co-operated with us in making the work what it is.

During this year, we have often stood mute in the presence of death and looked upon the silence he wrought in human life. On July 7th, word came to us from New Orleans that Mrs. Sarah A. Gates, formerly Vice-President for Louisiana, and chairman of the Enrollment Committee for several years, had entered upon that rest that remains for the children of God. She was indeed faithful, and died in the midst of her plans for a great meeting on Woman's Day. One by one we are crossing the strand. In the midst

of life, we have death. We can only gaze and bow our heads and creep with our broken, stammering utterances, under the shelter of some promise of God, in which we can see through the history of human sorrow, the outstretching and overshadowing of the Eternal Arm. We may be in the midst of some great work when the tools shall drop from our relaxing fingers, and we shall work no more. We may be planning some mighty project when we hear the midnight cry, "The Bridegroom cometh." Will we be ready to answer, "Even so, come Lord Jesus?" Will we, like these victorious souls, wrap the mantle of our couch about us, and lie down to pleasant dreams?

To-day we miss our Sister Burdette. To-day we mourn the loss of our Sister Gates. They were precious to us, but they were more precious to God. Let us learn the good lesson that their lives teach; let us close the ranks and fight on until the Death Angel shall come. These loved ones are removed from us, but their spirits hover over this meeting to-day, saying to us, "Weep not for me; death is

"Only slumber to the weary,  
Rest to the forlorn,  
Shelter to the dreary,  
Peace amid the storm."

Gone but not forgotten. Our beloved ones are in glory to-day, beckoning this mighty host to come on.

We have submitted to you our Eighth Annual Report. The work accomplished is but the preface to that ampler chapter to which we solemnly beg you to address yourselves.

The aspect is encouraging, the prospect is as bright as prophecy and promise can make it. Triumphs are before the great Conqueror who speaks to you out of Heaven to-day, saying, "Go forward."

Handel's Hallelujah Chorus was inspired by that faith that from sea to sea and from river to the end of the earth, the dominion of Jesus Christ shall extend, and that from every part of this earth shall rise the choral shout, "Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

We are now preparing ourselves to sing with patriots and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and all loyal, loving saints of all ages.

Thanks be to God that

"The Heavens may glow with splendor, but brighter far than they,  
The saints shall shine in glory, as Christ shall them array,  
The beauty of the Savior shall dazzle every eye,  
In the crowning day that's coming by and by."

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,  
MARY V. PARRISH, Chairman,  
L. C. CRITTENDEN,  
VIENNA PARKER,  
FANNIE WILSON,  
NANNIE HELLEN BURROUGHS, Secretary.

Louisville, Ky., September, 1908.

### GENERAL RECEIPTS.

| FIRST QUARTER.             |          |                            |            |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| Bal. on hand               |          | New Jersey...              | \$ 15 35   |
| Sept. 1, 1907 ..           | \$ 52 84 | New York .....             | 25         |
| Needle Work Exhibit .....  | 102 95   | North Carolina ..          | 29 11      |
| Finance Committee .....    | 1,015 26 | Ohio .....                 | 28 98      |
| Sale of Supplies .....     | 162 61   | Oklahoma .....             | 50 27      |
| Alabama .....              | 37 81    | Pennsylvania ..            | 97 68      |
| Arkansas .....             | 29 28    | Rhode Island ..            | 1 20       |
| California .....           | 5 10     | South Carolina ..          | 29 11      |
| Colorado .....             | 20 00    | South Dakota ..            | 17 04      |
| Connecticut ..             | 1 00     | Tennessee .....            | 30 00      |
| District of Columbia ..... | 53 55    | Texas .....                | 651 59     |
| Miss C. G. Ewen .....      | 81 25    | Virginia .....             | 17 15      |
| Florida .....              | 38 75    | Washington ..              | 4 70       |
| Georgia .....              | 17 60    | West Virginia ..           | 11 22      |
| Illinois .....             | 74 81    | Total .....                | \$2,824 19 |
| Indiana .....              | 42 83    | SECOND QUARTER.            |            |
| Iowa .....                 | 2 20     | Alabama .....              | \$ 67 76   |
| Kansas .....               | 11 96    | Arkansas .....             | 33 93      |
| Kentucky .....             | 12 25    | California .....           | 7 74       |
| Louisiana .....            | 6 18     | Colorado .....             | 18 08      |
| Maryland .....             | 1 00     | District of Columbia ..... | 12 05      |
| Minnesota .....            | 2 25     | Florida .....              | 44 28      |
| Mississippi .....          | 35 10    | Georgia .....              | 14 41      |
| Missouri .....             | 44 77    | Illinois .....             | 23 98      |
|                            |          | Indiana .....              | 52 05      |
|                            |          | Iowa .....                 | 20         |

|                    |          |                   |          |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Kansas .....       | \$ 12 54 | Ohio .....        | \$ 25 79 |
| Kentucky .....     | 39 39    | Oklahoma .....    | 48 94    |
| Louisiana .....    | 37 96    | Pennsylvania ..   | 40 75    |
| Maryland .....     | 2 12     | Rhode Island ..   | 4 70     |
| Michigan .....     | 10       | South Carolina .. | 72 30    |
| Mississippi .....  | 127 21   | South Dakota ..   | 8 00     |
| Missouri .....     | 36 47    | Tennessee .....   | 4 15     |
| Minnesota .....    | 75       | Texas .....       | 61 18    |
| Montana .....      | 02       | Virginia .....    | 1 72     |
| Jew Jersey .....   | 14 93    | West Virginia ..  | 1 20     |
| New York .....     | 3 08     |                   |          |
| North Carolina ..  | 11 48    |                   |          |
| Ohio .....         | 38 55    |                   |          |
| Oklahoma .....     | 26 35    |                   |          |
| Pennsylvania ..... | 57 98    |                   |          |
| Rhode Island ..    | 40       |                   |          |
| South Carolina ..  | 22 48    |                   |          |
| South Dakota ..    | 6 50     |                   |          |
| Tennessee .....    | 19 28    |                   |          |
| Texas .....        | 166 85   |                   |          |
| Virginia .....     | 6 84     |                   |          |
| Washington .....   | 5 84     |                   |          |
| West Virginia ..   | 3 94     |                   |          |

Total .....

## THIRD QUARTER.

|                   |          |                   |        |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|
| Alabama .....     | \$ 46 45 | Kentucky .....    | 69 36  |
| Arkansas .....    | 12 38    | Louisiana .....   | 59 73  |
| California .....  | 5 55     | Maryland .....    | 19 25  |
| Colorado .....    | 1 00     | Massachusetts ..  | 2 00   |
| District of Co-   |          | Minnesota .....   | 5 75   |
| lumbia .....      | 8 00     | Mississippi ..... | 71 04  |
| Florida .....     | 99 29    | Missouri .....    | 87 90  |
| Georgia .....     | 13 10    | North Carolina .. | 16 30  |
| Indiana .....     | 32 04    | New Jersey .....  | 39 40  |
| Illinois .....    | 18 45    | New York .....    | 11 00  |
| Iowa .....        | 30       | Ohio .....        | 118 20 |
| Kansas .....      | 8 25     | Oklahoma .....    | 56 99  |
| Kentucky .....    | 9 84     | Oregon .....      | 35     |
| Louisiana .....   | 14 01    | Pennsylvania ..   | 71 95  |
| Mississippi ..... | 38 85    | Rhode Island ..   | 1 40   |
| Missouri .....    | 68 95    | South Carolina .. | 81 97  |
| Minnesota .....   | 1 78     | Tennessee .....   | 11 20  |
| New Jersey .....  | 265 83   | Texas .....       | 387 94 |
| New York .....    | 1 25     | Virginia .....    | 7 65   |
| North Carolina .. | 3 65     | Washington .....  | 4 10   |

Total .....

## FOURTH QUARTER.

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Alabama .....     | \$ 38 44 |
| Arkansas .....    | 76 80    |
| California .....  | 13 97    |
| Colorado .....    | 2 44     |
| Connecticut ..... | 5 00     |
| District of Co-   |          |
| lumbia .....      | 33 65    |
| Florida .....     | 98 44    |
| Georgia .....     | 57 64    |
| Illinois .....    | 100 58   |
| Indiana .....     | 77 00    |
| Iowa .....        | 6 00     |
| Kansas .....      | 25 58    |

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|----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| West Virginia. .. \$ | 109 45 | Virginia. .... \$ | 33 36  |
|                      |        | Washington ...    | 14 64  |
|                      |        | West Virginia ..  | 120 77 |

## FINAL RECEIPTS SUMMARY.

|                    |          |                   |            |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Bal. on hand Sept. |          | Total .....       | \$6,683 71 |
| 1, 1907 .....      | \$ 52 84 | Reported by local |            |
| Needle Work Ex-    |          | societies and     |            |
| hibit .....        | 102 95   | State organi-     |            |
| Finance Commit-    |          | zations, and      |            |
| tee .....          | 1,015 26 | spent by them.    | 6,404 84   |

|                  |        |                  |             |
|------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|
| Sale of Supplies | 162 61 | Grand total.     | \$13,088 55 |
| Miss C. G. Ewen  | 81 25  | Total expenses   |             |
| Alabama .....    | 190 45 | National Aux-    |             |
| Arkansas .....   | 152 39 | iliary .....     | \$6,670 66  |
| California ..... | 32 36  | Total expenses   |             |
| Colorado .....   | 21 72  | Local and State  |             |
| Connecticut ...  | 6 00   | organizations \$ | 6,404 84    |
| District of Co-  |        | Grand total ex-  |             |
| lumbia .....     | 107 25 | penses .....     | \$13,075 50 |
| Florida .....    | 280 76 | Grand total re-  |             |
| Georgia .....    | 102 75 | ceipts .....     | \$13 088 55 |
| Illinois .....   | 217 82 | Grand total ex-  |             |
| Indiana .....    | 203 92 | penses .....     | \$13,075 50 |
| Iowa .....       | 7 70   | Bal. on hand     |             |
| Kansas .....     | 58 31  | Sept. 1, '08. \$ | 13 06       |
| Kentucky .....   | 120 84 |                  |             |
| Louisiana .....  | 238 65 |                  |             |
| Maryland .....   | 22 37  |                  |             |

## EXPENSE SUMMARY.

## FIRST QUARTER.

|                   |          |                    |          |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Massachusetts ..  | 02       | Mrs. V. W. Brough- |          |
| Michigan .....    | 10       | ton .....          | \$ 63 65 |
| Minnesota .....   | 10 53    | Mrs. S. W. Lay-    |          |
| Mississippi ..... | 272 20   | ten .....          | 130 00   |
| Missouri .....    | 238 07   | Mrs. M. E. Goins   | 15 00    |
| New Jersey .....  | 335 51   | Mrs. E. A. Wil-    |          |
| New York .....    | 24 58    | son .....          | 27 00    |
| North Carolina .. | 60 54    | Mrs. S. A. Gates   | 4 00     |
| Ohio .....        | 211 52   | Mrs. J. M. Lay-    |          |
| Oklahoma .....    | 182 55   | ten .....          | 4 00     |
| Oregon .....      | 35       | Mrs. P. J. Bry-    |          |
| Pennsylvania ..   | 268 36   | ant .....          | 18 00    |
| Rhode Island ..   | 7 70     | Mrs. W. F. Mc-     |          |
| South Carolina .. | 208 00   | Kinney .....       | 4 00     |
| South Dakota ..   | 31 54    | Mrs. Lillie Ed-    |          |
| Tennessee .....   | 64 63    | wards .....        | 4 00     |
| Texas .....       | 1,417 56 | Mrs. A. M. Pay-    |          |
| Utah .....        | 1 00     | ton .....          | 4 00     |

|                                        |            |                                        |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Mrs. M. V. Parrish. . . . .            | \$ 15 00   | Traveling. . . . .                     | \$ 8 00    |
| Mrs. H. Harris. . . . .                | 4 00       | Field Missionaries, Salaries. . . . .  | 117 00     |
| Mrs. M. E. Hamilton. . . . .           | 4 00       | Field Missionaries, Traveling. . . . . | 128 21     |
| Rev. Chas. Stewart. . . . .            | 10 00      |                                        |            |
| Mrs. E. M. Abner. . . . .              | 20 00      | Total. . . . .                         | \$1,271 32 |
| Vt. Ave. Baptist Church. . . . .       | 39 80      | THIRD QUARTER.                         |            |
| Sexton. . . . .                        | 00         | Foreign Missions                       |            |
| Publishing Board. . . . .              |            | National Baptist Union. . . . .        | 317 76     |
| Home Missions. . . . .                 | 248 25     | Expressage. . . . .                    | 11 00      |
| Foreign Missions. . . . .              | 100 53     | Field. . . . .                         | 3 00       |
| Postage. . . . .                       | 998 20     | Office. . . . .                        | 4 20       |
| Printing. . . . .                      | 74 29      | Printing. . . . .                      | 21 75      |
| Field. . . . .                         | 117 85     | Postage. . . . .                       | 91 50      |
| Expressage and Drayage. . . . .        | 12 63      | Postage. . . . .                       | 49 14      |
| Supplies. . . . .                      | 31 90      | Supplies. . . . .                      | 63 20      |
| Office. . . . .                        | 167 00     | Salaries. . . . .                      | 116 00     |
| Salaries. . . . .                      | 4 00       | Traveling. . . . .                     | 48 74      |
| Traveling. . . . .                     | 320 50     | Field Missionaries, Salaries. . . . .  | 151 00     |
| Field Missionaries, Salaries. . . . .  | 97 33      | Field Missionaries, Traveling. . . . . | 171 48     |
| Field Missionaries, Traveling. . . . . | 182 98     | Total. . . . .                         | \$1,047 77 |
| National Baptist Union. . . . .        | 221 83     | FOURTH QUARTER.                        |            |
|                                        | 8 50       | Foreign Missions                       |            |
| Total. . . . .                         | \$2,955 24 | Expressage. . . . .                    | \$ 599 56  |
| SECOND QUARTER.                        |            | National B. P. Board. . . . .          | 1 66       |
| Foreign Missions. . . . .              | \$ 308 13  | National Baptist Union. . . . .        | 3 00       |
| National Baptist Union. . . . .        | 13 55      | Field. . . . .                         | 25         |
| Expressage. . . . .                    | 2 35       | Office. . . . .                        | 1 85       |
| Field. . . . .                         | 50         | Printing. . . . .                      | 7 00       |
| Office. . . . .                        | 13 00      | Postage. . . . .                       | 133 00     |
| Printing. . . . .                      | 123 25     | Postage. . . . .                       | 58 58      |
| Postage. . . . .                       | 165 43     | Supplies. . . . .                      | 68 55      |
| Supplies. . . . .                      | 75 80      | Salaries. . . . .                      | 107 50     |
| Salaries. . . . .                      | 316 00     | Traveling. . . . .                     | 58 94      |
|                                        |            | Field Missionaries Salaries. . . . .   | 168 12     |

|                                                |            |                               |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Field Missionaries' Traveling. . . . .         | \$ 191 57  | Georgia. . . . .              | \$ 16 65   |
| Total. . . . .                                 | \$1,399 83 | Illinois. . . . .             | 46 05      |
| FINAL EXPENSE SUMMARY.                         |            | Indiana. . . . .              | 5 00       |
| Foreign Mission Board. . . . .                 | \$2,219 65 | Iowa. . . . .                 | 11 00      |
| Home Mission Board. . . . .                    | 100 53     | Kansas. . . . .               | 7 00       |
| Expense of Officers. . . . .                   | 374 45     | Kentucky. . . . .             | 20 00      |
| Nat. Bap. Pub. Board. . . . .                  | 251 00     | Louisiana. . . . .            | 5 00       |
| Postage. . . . .                               | 347 44     | Michigan. . . . .             | 2 00       |
| Printing. . . . .                              | 465 60     | Minnesota. . . . .            | 24 15      |
| Field. . . . .                                 | 19 18      | Mississippi. . . . .          | 48 05      |
| Expressage and Drayage. . . . .                | 38 91      | Missouri. . . . .             | 9 00       |
| Supplies. . . . .                              | 374 55     | Montana. . . . .              | 1 00       |
| Office. . . . .                                | 45 75      | New Jersey. . . . .           | 6 50       |
| Salaries. . . . .                              | 860 00     | North Carolina. . . . .       | 7 75       |
| Traveling. . . . .                             | 213 11     | Ohio. . . . .                 | 15 52      |
| National Baptist Union. . . . .                | 28 30      | Oklahoma. . . . .             | 5 50       |
| Field Missaries Salaries. . . . .              | 619 10     | Pennsylvania. . . . .         | 14 00      |
| Field Missaries Traveling. . . . .             | 713 09     | South Carolina. . . . .       | 14 90      |
| Total. . . . .                                 | \$6,670 66 | South Dakota. . . . .         | 5 00       |
| TRAINING SCHOOL RECEIPT SUMMARY.               |            | Tennessee. . . . .            | 31 50      |
| FIRST QUARTER.                                 |            | Texas. . . . .                | 381 92     |
| Bal. on hand Sept. 1, '07. . . . .             | \$1,580 98 | Virginia. . . . .             | 28 87      |
| Alabama. . . . .                               | 16 00      | Washington. . . . .           | 2 00       |
| Arkansas. . . . .                              | 11 05      | West Virginia. . . . .        | 4 00       |
| California. . . . .                            | 5 00       | Total. . . . .                | \$2,519 33 |
| Canada. . . . .                                | 6 19       | SECOND QUARTER.               |            |
| Dedicatory Services, Washington, D. C. . . . . | 125 25     | Alabama. . . . .              | \$ 23 88   |
| District of Columbia. . . . .                  | 49 00      | Arkansas. . . . .             | 31 00      |
| Florida. . . . .                               | 13 50      | California. . . . .           | 5 00       |
|                                                |            | Connecticut. . . . .          | 1 25       |
|                                                |            | District of Columbia. . . . . | 21 10      |
|                                                |            | Florida. . . . .              | 8 00       |
|                                                |            | Georgia. . . . .              | 10 43      |
|                                                |            | Illinois. . . . .             | 16 00      |
|                                                |            | Indiana. . . . .              | 10 10      |
|                                                |            | Iowa. . . . .                 | 5 00       |
|                                                |            | Kansas. . . . .               | 20 85      |
|                                                |            | Kentucky. . . . .             | 104 50     |
|                                                |            | Louisiana. . . . .            | 26 00      |
|                                                |            | Mississippi. . . . .          | 63 41      |
|                                                |            | Missouri. . . . .             | 30 00      |
|                                                |            | Montana. . . . .              | 2 00       |
|                                                |            | New Jersey. . . . .           | 3 00       |
|                                                |            | New York. . . . .             | 10 10      |

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|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| North Carolina | \$ 6 85   | Kansas         | 6 10   |
| Ohio           | 20 00     | Kentucky       | 52 15  |
| Pennsylvania   | 48 10     | Louisiana      | 59 40  |
| Oklahoma       | 33 15     | Maryland       | 2 00   |
| Rhode Island   | 2 08      | Minnesota      | 9 50   |
| South Carolina | 5 00      | Mississippi    | 5 00   |
| South Dakota   | 1 00      | Missouri       | 20 20  |
| Tennessee      | 57 50     | North Carolina | 2 25   |
| Texas          | 103 07    | Pennsylvania   | 132 60 |
| Virginia       | 3 30      | South Carolina | 44 30  |
| Washington     | 1 00      | Tennessee      | 1 01   |
| West Virginia  | 22 00     | Texas          | 91 42  |
| Industrial De- |           | Virginia       | 5 00   |
| partment       | 12 71     | West Virginia  | 35 81  |
| Rent           | 15 50     | Rent           | 46 50  |
| Total          | \$ 722 88 | Industrial De- |        |
|                |           | partment       | 3 54   |

## THIRD QUARTER.

|                |           |                           |            |
|----------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Alabama        | \$ 31 20  | Total                     | \$ 592 93  |
| Arkansas       | 14 00     | FINAL TRAINING SCHOOL RE- |            |
| Florida        | 120 47    | CEIPT SUMMARY.            |            |
| Georgia        | 47 30     | FIRST QUARTER.            |            |
| Indiana        | 32 20     | Bal. on hand              |            |
| Kentucky       | 12 65     | Sept. 1, '07              | \$1,580 98 |
| Kansas         | 1 00      | Total receipts for        |            |
| Louisiana      | 8 00      | quarter                   | 938 25     |
| Ohio           | 27 05     | SECOND QUARTER.           |            |
| Pennsylvania   | 40 02     | Total receipts for        |            |
| South Carolina | 59 61     | quarter                   | 722 88     |
| Tennessee      | 57 16     | THIRD QUARTER.            |            |
| Texas          | 49 31     | Total receipts for        |            |
| West Virginia  | 4 50      | quarter                   | 697 00     |
| Mississippi    | 6 00      | FOURTH QUARTER.           |            |
| New Jersey     | 1 00      | Total receipts for        |            |
| Washington     | 1 00      | quarter                   | 592 93     |
| Industrial De- |           | Total receipt             |            |
| partment       | 153 43    | for year                  | \$2,951 20 |
| Rent           | 31 10     | Bal. on hand              |            |
| Total          | \$ 697 00 | Sept. 1, '07              | \$1,580 98 |

## FOURTH QUARTER.

|          |          |                   |            |
|----------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Arkansas | \$ 15 80 | Grand Total       | \$4,532 18 |
| Georgia  | 11 95    | DISBURSEMENTS.    |            |
| Indiana  | 36 65    | First Quarter '07 | \$ 636 18  |
| Iowa     | 4 00     |                   |            |
| Illinois | 7 75     |                   |            |

|                 |           |                    |            |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| Second Quarter, |           | Total receipts in- |            |
| -1908.          | \$ 653 19 | cluding balance    | \$4,532 18 |
| Third Quarter   | 1,134 16  | Total disburse-    |            |
| Fourth Quarter  | 141 00    | ments              | 2,564 63   |

|                 |            |              |            |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Total disburse- |            | Bal. on hand |            |
| ments           | \$2,564 63 | Sept. 1, '08 | \$1,967 65 |

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Board of National Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and found same correct.

ROBERT MITCHELL.

This, September 5, 1908.

Auditor N. B. C.

A motion prevailed to receive and adopt the Secretary's report.

A motion to suspend the rule and re-elect Corresponding Secretary by acclamation. Carried.

Mrs. J. M. Layten arrested the question and called for the constitutional requirements.

The question was called and carried unanimously. Miss N. H. Burroughs was declared duly re-elected Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention.

By common consent the Treasurer's report was deferred until Friday morning.

Announcements. Benediction by Rev. C. H. Young, South Carolina.

## THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

## Young Women's Meeting.

Devotions conducted by Miss Lavinia Jones, of Indiana. Song by the Convention choir, "The Fight is On." Bible reading, Luke 10:1-12. Song by the Convention choir, "Shouting Glory." Prayer by Mrs. Minor. Song, "Heaven, Heaven." Appropriate remarks were made by Miss Jones, assuring us that the young women had also heard the Master's call to service and they had come to join with us in bringing to pass the glorious conquest of the cross. Song, "When the roll is called." Several of the sisters expressed their joy and congratulations over this new feature the Con-

responding Secretary had begun to develop, that would enlist our young women in aggressive missionary work.

Song, "On the Hallelujah Line." At the conclusion of the devotions, President Layten turned the meeting over to the young women, and gave Miss Jones the gavel to preside during the service.

An excellent program was then rendered.

Address, "How to Interest Children in Missions," Miss Sallie Williams, Louisiana.

1. Give them work to do.
2. Train them how to work as Bible teachers.
3. Devise plans for charitable work.
4. Accompany children on their missionary visits.
5. Give full information as to fields and workers.
6. Use missionary literature and pictures freely.

Song, "I'll Shout His Praise in Glory."

An address, "What the Negro girl must do to be saved," Miss Rosalie Hanna, Atlanta, Ga. She said that a great price must be paid to defend Negro girls: Are Negro girls worth the price? Since white men insult them, and Negro men can scarcely protect them, women have decided to protect themselves. Under like conditions the Negro girl will make the same record as the white girl. High thinking means high living. To be saved the Negro girl must be educated along all lines. She emphasized the need of industrial training. The common evils of the dance-hall and skating rink condemned. Finally to be saved the Negro girls should take Christ as their Savior, the Bible as their guide, and true men and women as their associates.

This address was rendered with telling effect, scarcely a dry eye was to be seen in the vast audience.

Solo by little Helen Walker, of Ohio. Her mother, Mrs. J. F. Walker, officiating at the piano.

Song, "Tell mother I'll be there," was sweetly rendered.

Address, "How you may help us save the African girl," Miss Delia Rudolph, Capetown, South Africa. The young lady said, in short, the best way to save them is to bring the African girl here and prepare her to help her unfortu-

nate sisters in Africa. She thanked God for the privilege given her. Girls in Africa are more valuable to their parents than boys, because girls do the work and have a good market value. She gave a brief history of Africa and said what the African had done, he could do again, and they were in a great measure dependent upon the black people of America to help them. China and other heathen lands were throwing off their darkness through missionary effort and Africa will do the same, proportion to the help given her.

This address was timely and appealed to us all to renew our efforts toward the promotion of our interests in Africa.

Miss G. Cavels sang a solo, "I've Jesus." The song was rendered so sweetly that our cups of rejoicing ran over, and many gave expressions of their joy in tears. Shouts of praise, and clapping of hands.

A reading, Miss Mary Buchanan, Middledrift, South Africa. This reading was a strong plea for Africa's redemption.

Music by the Foreign Mission Quartette, "Fix your eyes upon the Cross."

Address, "The Young Girls Club Movement," Miss M. M. Kimball.

Well did the President say this night's program was an innovation.

1. An age of great movements. (a) Many were specified. (b) Young Girls Movement emphasized.
2. Our race slow in effecting organizations for Christian development. (a) Activity of white girls along this line worthy of emulation. (b) Need of special organization of young women's clubs apart from societies of older women made clear.

3. Miss Kimball's vision of the Young Girl's Movement. (a) Success to National Training School.

Song, "The Fight is On."

Miss N. H. Burroughs presented the greetings of the clubs representing already two hundred girls who were banded together to labor on until the cap-

stone was placed upon the \$75,000 building to be erected for their development for service in the Master's vineyard throughout the world.

Duet by the two African girls in Kaffa language. President Layten announced that the Treasurer's and Statistician's reports would be rendered Friday morning. The delegates were urged to be on hand early and despatch the business of the Convention as we would have no regular sessions Saturday in deference to the deceased pastor, Rev. W. P. Hawkins.

The Finance Committee came forward and the Corresponding Secretary made a special appeal. An offering was taken. Amount, \$20.06. Songs, "Higher Ground," "The Comforter has come."

A letter of inquiry was read. Committees called to meet 9 a. m. Friday. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Walker.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

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Devotions conducted by Sister A. H. Brown, Missouri. Song, "Sunshine in my soul." Prayer, Mrs. Gadie, Kentucky. Bible reading, Psalm 23 repeated by Convention in concert. Subject, "Dwelling in the House of the Lord," was freely discussed by the following sisters, Mesdames Gadie Kentucky; V. Parker, Kentucky; Ruth Bennett, Illinois; Carrie Dickerson, Tennessee; I. Miller, Texas; E. Gaines, Kansas; M. T. Thornton, Missouri; Ula Westbrook, Oklahoma; Ella Maor, Louisiana; Rosa Holston, Kentucky; Fanny Slack, Georgia; Minnie Jones, Georgia; M. S. Jones, Texas; M. A. W. Thompson, West Virginia; Bennie Person, Alabama; Misses Lizzie Crittendon, Kentucky; Fanny B. Jewett, Kentucky; Mesdames L. F. Queen, District of Columbia; J. B. Hall, Texas; A. M. Peyton, Illinois; H. Weakley, Texas; E. W. Tyrrell, Virginia.

Songs, "Now Just a Word for Jesus," "How Can I Forget Thee," "I'm Going to Work for the Lord," "There's a

Fountain filled with blood." Mrs. Brown concluded this devotional service by adding her own testimony, and singing, "Stand by me."

Minutes of Thursday afternoon and evening sessions were read.

A motion prevailed to adopt the minutes.

A motion to elect remaining officers according to rule.

Discussion prevailed. A motion to lay on the table presented. Original motion again called. Carried.

Vice President, Mrs. P. J. Bryant, presiding, presented Mrs. E. M. Abner, Treasurer to make her annual report.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

She prefaced her statistical report by kindly complimenting the women for the great work they were doing in districts, states and countries. She expressed the hope that they might live long, work on and keep pressing on the upward way. She with us loved to tell the love story of Jesus' birth, his life and his encouragement to women to go forth and tell the story to all the world.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Financial report given. (See report.)

A motion was made to receive and adopt report.

Mrs. Bowie, Alabama, arrested the report and took the occasion to compliment the excellent report of the Treasurer. Mrs. Bledsoe, Illinois, spoke to the report. Mrs. Fox, of Virginia, and President Layten also sought information of certain monies they had paid last year. Mrs. Peyton, of Illinois, made statement relative to finances of her state, also Mamie Clark, Ohio.

Motion was then called. Carried. Treasurer's report was thus adopted.

Committee on Enrollment reported the number of delegates enrolled by states. See report.

Total number enrolled, 276. A motion prevailed to adopt report.

The Finance Committee rendered partial report. See report. A motion prevailed to adopt report.

Mrs. E. W. Tyrrell, of Virginia, spoke to the report.

A motion by Mrs. A. M. Peyton, of Illinois, to send Christian greetings to Sister Joanna P. Moore for her kind message of motherly love, and a donation of \$5.00. Carried.

Vice President, Mrs. P. J. Bryant, presented Miss Burroughs to make a supplementary report. Amount \$330.00 received at Convention. See report.

Mrs. Bowle, of Alabama, suggested that all money sent for education during the Convention appear in the supplementary report.

Mrs. A. E. Wilson was presented to give her report as Statistician. Timely introductory remarks were made relative to the report being more than ordinary because of the questions asked and answered; and the many suggestions advanced. She referred to the difficulties attendant upon her efforts to secure facts from the different states and kindly thanked all who had answered her letters and made it possible for her to render the report she had arranged. See statistical report.

Vice President Bryant complimented the report and asked the pleasure concerning it. Mrs. E. W. Tyrrell, of Virginia, expressed regrets that the statistics of her state convention had been omitted. Others whose statistics had been omitted also spoke to the report.

A motion to adopt report. An amendment that a supplementary report to include the organizations omitted. Amendment carried.

The motion to adopt report was carried.

President Layten suggested that the omissions be reported through "The Baptist Union," and "Mission Herald." A motion in lieu that the omissions appear in the papers mentioned rather than in a supplementary report carried.

A motion that hereafter the Statistician bring her report in writing, and when adopted, be printed. Carried.

A motion that each state vice president give the Statistician her address and be responsible for the number desired

for her state. Discussion ensued. President Layten suggested a remedy that a time limit be fixed to send facts to Statistician, that she might have her report printed as their sale was the means of her remuneration.

The following friends were introduced: Mrs. Elvira Allen Day, representing Day Nursery; Mrs. Josie B. Hall, Texas National President, of E. C. B. Club; Mrs. Fanny Slack, President of Reformatory for Boys and Girls; W. A. Rayfield, Architect, Birmingham, Ala.

Because of lateness of the hour there was no speech making.

The W. C. T. U. Benediction was repeated, "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."

#### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened with the usual devotional services. Song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Prayer. Song, "Higher Ground." Sister West led the devotions.

Finance Committee added a supplementary report. See report. Total amount, \$724.97.

By motion the report was received.

The minutes of the morning session were read. Upon motion the minutes were adopted.

A motion was made that delegates be seated by states.

By common consent the motion was waved, and visitors asked to take seats in the gallery.

A question relative to receiving delegates from a third convention in Texas was asked.

Rev. Edmunds, of Virginia, explained what the General N. B. Convention had done regarding the matter. Several sisters from Texas contended that we should do as the General Convention had done: namely reject the delegates of the third convention. Some discussion ensued pro and con. Mesdames E. E. Whitfield, E. M. Buckner, S. J. Gray, L. F. Queen and M. M. Buckner spoke to the question. Mrs. A. M. Peyton, of Illinois, who had been chosen to conduct the

election was called to the platform. She asked that we sing, "Blest be the tie."

Mrs. Peyton announced the time had come for the election of officers.

A motion to elect by acclamation presented.

The motion was declared out of order.

Another motion to suspend the rule and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Georgia, was nominated for vice president at large.

A motion to close the nomination. Carried.

A motion to make Vice President Bryant's election unanimous. Carried.

Presiding officer declared Mrs. P. J. Bryant unanimously elected as Vice President at Large.

Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tennessee, was nominated for Recording Secretary.

A motion prevailed to close the nomination.

A motion to make Recording Secretary's election unanimous. Carried.

Presiding officer declared Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tennessee, unanimously elected, as Recording Secretary.

Mrs. M. E. Goins, Missouri, was nominated for Assistant Recording Secretary.

A motion to close the nomination prevailed.

Motion to make Mrs. Goins' election unanimous carried.

Presiding officer declared Mrs. M. E. Goins, Missouri, unanimously elected Assistant Recording Secretary.

Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Kentucky was nominated for Treasurer. Mrs. E. M. Abner, Texas, was also nominated for Treasurer. Mrs. Abner's name was first presented.

The rising votes cast for Mrs. E. M. Abner, 66; Mrs. C. H. Parrish's name was presented. The rising votes cast for Mrs. C. H. Parrish, 70. Mrs. C. H. Parrish receiving the majority of votes was declared duly elected Treasurer of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention.

Mrs. E. A. Wilson was nominated for Statistician.

A motion to close the nomination. Carried.

A motion to make Mrs. E. A. Wilson's election unanimous. Carried.

Mrs. E. A. Wilson was declared unanimously elected as Statistician for the Woman's Convention.

Mrs. A. M. Peyton, Illinois, impartially conducted this election, and in less time than ever before, in the history of the Convention, all the officers were elected.

President Layten complimented the sisters for the promptness with which they conducted their election.

Vice presidents, members of executive board, superintendents of children's bands, and directors of the National Training School Board were endorsed as presented by their respective states.

President Layten stated that we had about completed the business of the Convention and would begin at once to take up the program arranged.

An address, Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tennessee, subject: "What is Home Mission Work?" Introductory. Call to the Lord's service. Apt illustrations of work done through house to house visiting were given to show what she considered "Home Mission Work." She made clear the difference between our church work and that of Home Missions and urged that they be not confounded. Dorcas was given as an illustration of Home Mission Work—clothing the naked; feeding the poor and helping by actual service the many needy and suffering ones about us. Distributing Christian literature, reading and circulating Bibles, one of the greatest means of doing mission work. Sister J. P. Moore's Fireside School was lovingly referred to as the inspiration that led her to consecrate her life to God as well as thousands of others. Mrs. Flowers described the different departments of the home mission work beginning in the individual home then the communities, churches, districts, states and countries. Mrs. E. E. Whitfield's work was given among the illustrations. Liberal giving was as essential to success of home mission work as the practical duties already mentioned.

The Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, of Chicago,

was given due consideration for the great help they were contributing toward the development of our home mission work.

Rev. S. E. Griggs, of Tennessee, was presented. In his usual forceful manner he discussed the "Race Question," emphasizing the need of our women being protected that they might be the strong mothers the race needed for the replenishing of the race and the training of their children. He believed our cause would be encouraged were the good white people informed as to the real home life of the Negro race. He then said he was giving this information in the books that he had written and circulated. This work was being done at a great sacrifice, and he appealed to our women to take his last book, and thus help him in his earnest endeavor to help us.

Chaplain Allensworth, a retired officer of the United States Army, arose and spoke to the subject presented by Rev. Griggs. Chaplain Allensworth told of conditions in the Philippines as related to this race question.

A goodly number of books were taken at \$1.00 each.

A motion, prefaced by appropriate words relative to Sister J. P. Moore's life work, that the Secretary or some suitable person write some testimonials of appreciation to this beloved sister, by Mrs. J. M. Layten, seconded by Mrs. S. J. Gray, with suggestive remarks. Mrs. E. E. Whitfield spoke to the motion, and asked that a prayer be offered. Sister Bailey, of Arkansas, prayed. Sister V. W. Broughton led the song "I have precious news to tell, Hallelujah!" We assure Sister Moore that we intend to ever read our Bibles and take "Hope" as long as she edited it. The motion was called and unanimously adopted.

Announcements were made. A motion that resolutions of condolence be sent to the National Baptist Convention and the family of Rev. Hawkins. Carried.

A motion that a special committee be appointed to draw up the resolutions.

Committee: Mrs. J. M. Layten, Chairman; Mrs. S. J.

Gray, Illinois; Mrs. A. D. Hurt, Kentucky; Mrs. P. H. Brown, New Jersey; ———, Florida.

Benediction by Rev. Cheek, the returned missionary.

#### FRIDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. S. J. Gray, Illinois. Song, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone." Prayer by Rev. Belay, Ohio.

President S. W. Layten said that opportunities would be given later for testimonies, but at this juncture Dr. R. H. Boyd, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, would address us.

Dr. Boyd said that he was deeply interested in the spread of the gospel more so than he was in the Publishing Board for the Publishing Board would take care of itself. He said that he was deeply interested in our work and wished us to know some things that he had said in his report so he came to tell us. He said that he had an urgent request to make, and hoped we would not reject it. Thereupon, he told the remarkable experience of Rev. Thourborne relative to his work in the Panama Zone. He had been baptized into the fellowship of the church; and a school of one hundred and twenty-five students had been established, during the short time Rev. Thourborne had been laboring while other missionaries under the Southern Baptist Convention with thousands back of them for support had little or no success in comparison. A native woman had been helping in the school gratuitously as she could spare the time from other service. His request was that we provide for the support of a female teacher for this school year. He gave us a few statistics that evidence the brilliant success of his year's work, and bade us read his report in full and get the information we should have about our Home Mission Work.

A motion by Sister M. H. Flowers, of Tennessee, seconded by Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tennessee, that our Convention take up Dr. Boyd's request and endeavor to support the teacher for the school on Panama Zone.

Motion arrested by Mrs. Bowie, of Alabama.

Dr. Jordan suggested that the matter be referred to the Executive Board for final adjustment. Mrs. Flowers accepted the suggestion.

Convention decided by motion that we support a teacher for the school in question and the matter of devising plans for the support of the teacher be referred to the Executive Board.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. Mrs. R. T. Forye, in behalf of the Baptist women of Lexington, bade us welcome in choice language of impressive thought; she kindly bade us welcome to all the blessings and comforts that Lexington could provide. A welcome to their homes, churches and city—to all they had, all they could get and all they could give.

Solo, by Mrs. Pettus, Illionis, "Just For To-Day." The song was sweetly rendered with marked effect.

An address, Mrs. M. C. Booker, Arkansas, "What is the Denominational School Worth to Us?" Material worth vast. Many private homes have been added to the race's material wealth from touch with our schools. Our schools not only teach our religion, but develop the race intellectually as well. What the moral worth? Higher ground is the aim along all moral lines—what the missionary worth? The schools teach by example as well as precept the proper training of our children; improvement in the home life; district schools, churches and Sunday-schools are greatly aided by students from our denominational schools. Missionary work, largely the outgrowth of our schools. The schools the power-house to energize and fire the workers for usefulness on all mission fields.

Committee on Recommendations read report. A motion to adopt the report by sections presented.

Motion arrested. Time too short thus to consider report.

Motion called. Carried.

The recommendations were read by sections. Some discussion arose as to our attending the General Convention the first day. Finally the recommendations were adopted as read. See the report.

Mrs. M. A. Cook, Louisiana, an address, "What is the most effective way of doing home mission work?" 1. Encourage all the women to do something. 2. Unify forces. 3. Go forward.

President S. W. Layten announced that she hoped to visit some of the states during the months of November and December.

Dr. L. G. Jordan was presented. He said a few kind things to us, and complimented himself as having been our friend through thick and thin, and felt that we all ought to appreciate Brother Jordan. He urged that we take little time with non essentials. He was glad to note our improvement; bade us be faithful, think less of show and gaudy apparel and devote our energies to the real work of God, and the uplift of our fellowman. Thanked us for increased contributions last year, and plead that we continue to increase our interest in the work on foreign fields. He concluded with a pathetic story of a woman who kissed her child goodbye, and left him for a life of consecration to God among the heathens in a far away country beyond the sea. A collection for foreign missions was taken. Amount, \$6.09.

An address, Miss Lillie Jenkins, "Most Effective Ways of Raising Money for Various Causes." 1. Different plans necessary for different classes of persons. 2. Use Bible methods. Carelessness in raising church funds should be condemned. 3. Trust God to incline men's hearts to support his cause.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Henry Linden, Ohio, were introduced. Benediction by Rev. T. J. Searcy, Tennessee.

Our sessions for Saturday were omitted in respect to the funeral services of the late pastor, Rev. Hawkins.

#### MEETING OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Trustee Board of the National Training School for Women and Girls met in the lecture room of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., Friday, September 19, 1908, Mrs. S. W. Layten, presiding.

The meeting was formally opened and the Corresponding Secretary asked to present any matter she desired the trustees to consider. The Secretary called attention to the receipts and expenditures as shown in the Annual Report, and stated that over (\$3000.00) Three Thousand Dollars had already been paid on the property. The board was informed by her that there were any number of women and girls who desired to take training, and that it had been hoped that the institution would open during the present fall, but that she did not feel that things were in readiness for the work to be done, and that it would be a reflection upon the Convention and trustees to begin any makeshift business at Washington; and that she favored beginning a vigorous campaign for the collection of funds, to begin building in the early spring. She said that (\$25,000) Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ought to be raised within the next six months and that with the proper spirit put into the movement, by the Trustees and members of the Convention, such a thing would be easily possible.

Rev. L. G. Jordan was the next speaker. He said that while Miss Burroughs had studied the question and many important matters, must be largely to her. He did not agree with her on the question of beginning the work; that he felt that the school ought to be opened, and opened at once, and if necessary, that a frame dormitory be built to accommodate the students. "Other schools began in cabins, and you women now have a better start than most any school operated by Negroes. Put up a frame boarding hall and begin work."

Mrs. Whitfield next spoke, and said that she felt that the Convention would get more money by opening now; that she attended one meeting in which we could have secured One Hundred Dollars, but she was not able to say that the school would open in the Fall; and the people would not give the money, and gave but a very small contribution toward Missions.

Miss Kimball then spoke on the subject, saying that she did not stand for the makeshift, and that we had said too

much about the school and thus put it on such a high basis, that the people would be terribly disappointed; and as far as she was personally concerned, she could not give her support, and that she had a niece, whom she could not, however send to the school under a makeshift arrangement.

Mrs. J. M. Layten, next speaker, said: "You remember that you are going to the Nation's Headquarters. The eyes of the world are upon us, and we must measure up to the standard, and be able to meet the competition, and very close at that, that any school would have to meet to live at the Nation's Capital.

Mrs. Bryant said that she was in favor of waiting a while longer, and though there were many girls in Georgia ready to come, and that she had already brought one; yet she was willing to wait a little while.

Mrs. Broughton states that Tennessee was all right and with us; that the state was burdened in its educational work, and could not do all that it wanted to do, just now.

Miss M. M. Wall, of Illinois, urged that the Convention stay on its present high plane, and give to the denomination something creditable.

Miss Crockrell pledged the support of Alabama.

Miss Wall then paid in (\$1.00) one dollar for Mrs. A. L. Anderson.

A motion by Miss Kimball to defer the opening to a more opportune time. Carried.

Dr. Morris, President of the National Convention, was present, and was called on to have a word to say. He said that he thought the longer we delay, the longer we would be getting the money. "The school is a positive necessity, and I am with you. I want to see you sisters do well, and while I have been very busy this week, I have not forgotten you. I have not had the time to look in upon you. I have seen a number of the women over to our meeting, and while we are always glad to have the ladies, we felt that they might make better use of their time by attending their own Convention."

Several of the states that had no representation on the

Trustee Board, asked that they be permitted to sent in names of Trustees. Permission was granted with the understanding, that the delegates keep in mind that the Institution was incorporated, and that the Trustees were divided into classes, and no changes would be made except by the legal process stipulated by the process of the Institution.

No further business, the Trustee Board resigned.

#### SUNDAY—MORNING SERVICE.

Devotional services conducted by Vice Presidents C. M. Wells, Ala., and Jackson, Ohio. Bible reading, Prov. 31:10-31, prayer, Rev. Judkins, Montgomery, Ala. Song, Convention choir, "Shouting Glory hallelujah!"

Mrs. Queen, D. C., commented on the lesson, subject, "A Virtuous Woman." She was so precious that Christ had likened his church to her, calling the church his bride. Mrs. Queen referred to many of the virtues of the perfect woman as described in the Proverbs. She concluded with a plea for the aged poor, a work that she was specially engaged in Washington, D. C.

The regular appointee, Dr. Walker, of Georgia, was unavoidably absent; also Rev. J. F. Thomas, Ill., and Rev. Carter, Ga., whom President Layten had invited to conduct the "Divine service," whereupon Dr. John Ford, Fla., and Rev. E. H. McDonald, R. I., who had been appointed by the General Convention, were invited to the platform to conduct the services. Song, "When I get home;" address, Miss Clara B. Mays, subject, "Charity and Benevolence—How and by Whom Each Should be Done." Miss Mays spoke of several of Christ's characteristics, and then said that we love Christ because he was full of charity.

Difference between charity and benevolence set forth.

Six classes for practical charity:

Homeless and Destitute Sick.

Homeless and Helpless Orphans.

Homeless and Destitute Aged.

Destitute Consumptives.

Widows.

Insane.

Apt illustrations given to show the difference between acts of charity and benevolence. Charity is rendering help to those unable to help themselves; benevolence a kind act to any one who may not be helpless.

Song, "When the roll is called up yonder."

Rev. Dr. Ford read 1 Cor. 10th chapter. Prayer by Rev. W. D. Vann, Fla., Corresponding Secretary of the Florida State Baptist Convention. Song, "The fight is on." The choir was deservedly complimented by Dr. John Ford, who was charmed with this new feature of our Convention work. He then proceeded to introduce Rev. E. H. McDonald, whom he had known from boyhood, and had been associated with in school, as classmate and friend.

Dr. McDonald preached an able sermon from text 1 Cor. 1:18, subject, "Magnitude of the Cross." Introductory—He likened himself to Belshazzar the night he saw the hand writing on the wall. Wittingly referred to Dr. Walker as one of the most eloquent of pulpit orators, as his substitute, he was like the ram caught in the briars as substitute for Isaac.

#### Outline of Text.

1. Sublimity of the Cross. (a) Fills time and eternity. People looked forward four thousand years to the cross. Saints and angels will look back through endless ages.

2. Its Glories Fadeless.—(a) A store-house of glowing beams of light eternity cannot destroy.

3. Paul's manner of preaching to magnify cross, not display art or learning.

4. Jesus' plain preaching more than all the oratory of the heathen world. (a) Effect on hearers, foolishness to Greeks, stumbling-block to Jews, power of God to believers (either Jews or Greeks).

5. Triumph of cross over wisdom of ancients. (a) Cross the inspiration of the church through life guiding us to the skies.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Johnson, Macon, Ga. Solo, "Never give up," by Miss Cowel, sweetly rendered.

General collection, \$17.31. Songs, "I'll sing his praise in glory," "Heaven, heaven."

Mrs. Weakley, Tex., spoke of President Layten's loss of her purse and asked for a special collection for her. Amount raised, \$20.49. Mr. W. M. Porter, Cincinnati, Ohio, gave \$5.00 in this offering; Dr. T. O. Fuller, \$1.00. President Layten expressed kindly thanks to sisters and friends that contributed, and said that she felt fully repaid for the loss to see the manifestations of love and sympathy of her sisterhood. The Executive Board was called to remain after service. Committee on Temperance read report. A motion to adopt report. Carried. (See report.) An amendment by Mrs. S. J. Gray, to discourage young people attending dance halls and ten-cent theatres. Motion carried as amended.

Corresponding Secretary announced the mass-meeting and gave directions to purchase tickets. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Moses, Washington, D. C.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

Usual devotional services.

Sermon by Dr. G. W. Parks, Philadelphia, Pa. The people rejoiced and praised God in loud hallelujahs, causing us to regret we could not hear the message and rejoice with them. Our absence during the sermon hindered our getting the outline. Sorry we couldn't get the good brother to furnish it for our minutes.

Night collection, \$18.20.

Installation of officers by Rev. J. F. Thomas and Dr. L. G. Jordan. Benediction by Dr. Jordan.

Executive Board meetings opened with usual devotions. Owing to absence of members from several states, a motion prevailed to accept the substitutes presented by the State Vice Presidents.

Question was raised as to President Layten visiting Executive Board meetings last year. Explanation was given

as to President's failure to attend the June meeting. The matter of expenses and appropriations was discussed. Care and economy suggested to be practiced in the distribution of all money.

A motion that President's expenses to and from Board meetings. Amendment, that expenses be paid to and from June meeting. A substitute, That we provide for all the necessary expenses of the President. Carried.

A motion that a month's notice be sent to Executive Board members hereafter. Carried.

A motion to support the teacher as Dr. R. H. Boyd suggested, on the co-operative plan for one year. Carried.

A motion, that hereafter we hold final Executive Board meeting Saturday of each conventional week. Carried.

Committee on Obituary read report. A motion prevailed to adopt report. See report.

Question relative to Woman Auxiliary Convention of D. C. (Auxiliary to Woman's Board of the Old Folks Home) considered. After some discussion by way of explanation, a motion prevailed to receive the organization under consideration as a District Association.

A motion to send a committee to General Convention to confer with reference to paying and receiving our pro rata of the minutes. Carried. Committee—President Layten, Secretary Burroughs, Vice President Bryant, Tyrrell, J. M. Layten.

A motion to have statistics given every three years. Some discussion arose. A suggestion that our statistics be written in form of history rather than in cold, dry facts and figures. Mrs. Washington, Ga., asked what disposition would be made of this year's report. A motion to send statistics to headquarters. An amendment, That each individual present take ten copies and dispose of them. Amendment carried.

A motion to send money for sale of statistics to Mrs. E. A. Wilson. Carried. A motion to return thanks to Corresponding Secretary for her excellent year's work. Carried.

A motion to ask local Societies to give 50 cents per month to support the teacher on Panama Zone. Carried.

Many personal pledges were made. A motion to pay expense account. Carried. Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Chairman Executive Committee, donated her expense account of \$10.00 to the Convention.

*Expense account.*

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| President S. W. Layten .....                    | \$148 00 |
| Vice President P. J. Bryant .....               | 24 00    |
| Recording Secretary V. W. Broughton .....       | 53 85    |
| Assistant Recording Secretary M. E. Goins ..... | 23 25    |
| Statistician E. A. Wilson .....                 | 31 25    |
| Treasurer E. M. Abner .....                     | 25 00    |
| Sexton .....                                    | 8 00     |
| First Baptist Church .....                      | 18 10    |
| Finance Committee (office) .....                | 19 00    |
| Enrollment Committee (office) .....             | 16 00    |
| Minutes .....                                   | 75 00    |
| Reporters (Stewart and Lewis) .....             | 14 00    |

Total .....\$445 45  
 Appropriations made to objects of Endeavor as designated on Letter Blanks, see Statistical Table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Recommendations presented the following:

Though the sun sent forth its warm, cheerful rays on the day of our opening, and everything seemed ready and in order for our very pleasant session, sad news came to our ears, and our hearts were made to sorrow because of the dark shadow cast o'er us by the death of Rev. J. W. Hawkins, who had left no stone unturned to make all necessary arrangements for our comfort and pleasure during the sitting of our Convention. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the church and officers who in the midst of their sorrow, bade us remain with them and hold our meeting, for it was the last act of their beloved pastor to arrange for our meeting, and were he enabled to speak, he would say, as we have said, "Remain with us, and hold your Convention."

We further urge that the delegation offer prayer for the bereaved wife and her four sons.

Secondly, we recommend that the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, open its an-

nual session Thursday morning before the third Lord's Day in September, instead of Wednesday afternoon, in order that our sisters may spend the entire day at the General Convention to keep in closer touch with their work and get the inspiration that comes from their President's address.

3rd. We recommend, That our President's annual message, so full of information and thoughtful suggestions, be printed and distributed to the many who anxiously await it.

4th. We recommend again, That we do all in our power for the cultivation of spirituality in our churches, missionary societies and conventions.

5th. We recommend, That inasmuch as our race is becoming more and more oppressed and consequently depressed, fifteen minutes of each session of this Woman's Convention be spent in prayer for the Divine protection of our race.

6th. We recommend, That we endorse that part of Corresponding Secretary's report that a delegation of three be sent to Washington to ask for a separate toilet for men and women, and for cleaner cars and better accommodations on railroads.

7th. That we place more stress upon the education of our children and the importance of their using the opportunities offered in the public high schools of our towns and cities.

8th. That we seek to secure healthful amusements for our young people, and thereby counteract the evil influence of the dance hall and skating rinks, etc.

9th. That we take more interest in our sisters in Africa; and give Miss Delaney our support in her work among children, correspond or converse with her and find out how we can best help in her laudable enterprise.

10th. We recommend that all persons who anticipate taking up the work for the protection of our girls correspond with Mrs. S. W. Layten, our President, for information as to method, system and the steps to be taken to secure the encouragement of "The National Association for the Protection of Colored Women."

11th. That the Convention hold one session with closed doors, for the discussion of subjects of vital interest to our denomination, and such other topics as can be discussed among women alone.

Committee—Mrs. E. W. Tyrrell, Va.; Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Ky.; Mrs. M. M. Buckner, Tex.; Mrs. L. J. Washington, Ga.; Mrs. M. D. Griggaby, Ind.; Mrs. M. A. Bell, Tenn.; Mrs. H. Weakley, Tex.; Mrs. Emma Gaines, Kans.; Miss S. M. Ed-

wards, Mo.; Miss M. J. Johnson, D. C.; Miss Belle Battle, Cal.; Mrs. Amanda East, Pa.; Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Ohio; Mrs. M. C. Booker, Ark.; Mrs. Catherine Johnson, Ill.; Mrs. O. A. Foster, La.; Mrs. Lillie Jenkins, La.; Mrs. Sallie Williams, La.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

##### *Recommendation No. 1.*

That the eighth annual Woman's Convention do issue a prayer that every Baptist church in this country use unfermented wine for the "Lord's Supper," and that said prayer be transmitted through our women to all our pastors.

##### *Recommendation No. 2.*

That we contend for social purity in our churches and homes, recognizing no double standard for men and women; but all be required to live pure lives, as God has bidden us. Above all, the pastor should be an example of a pure, clean life.

##### *Recommendation No. 3.*

That we resort to legal suasion as well as moral suasion to prohibit the sale of spirituous drinks to women and minors, also to prohibit said classes from entering saloons.

##### *Recommendation No. 4.*

That we endorse the work of the W. C. T. U., and encourage our women to co-operate with that organization wherever practicable.

The twentieth century is noted for many remarkable inventions and reforms. Among the happenings the one that we as Christian women should rejoice most over is the successful crusade of the Prohibitionists against the liquor traffic. We feel proud of the many victories the Temperance cause has recently gained. Let us continue to work and pray; for prayer is the key which unlocks all doors, and God will use us to bring success to the effort that is now being made to make this country a safe home for the children of God by ridding it of the accursed legalized saloon.

Committee—Mrs. Laura Queen, D. C.; Mrs. Hattie Wells, Ill.; Mrs. M. E. Stewart, Ky.; Mrs. M. A. Parker, W. Va.; Mrs. H. I. Forest, Ga.; Mrs. Fanny Blackburn, Mrs. M. S.

Jones, Mrs. S. A. Prince, Mrs. E. Kelly, Ark.; Mrs. Vienna Parker, Ky.; Mrs. Joanna Berry, Mrs. L. E. Landrum, Mrs. Lillie Jenkins, La.; Mrs. N. J. Davis, La.; Mrs. Sophia Sawyer, La.; Mrs. E. H. Gibson, Col.; Mrs. J. Ophran, Ala.; Mrs. Maggie Moss, Tenn.; Mrs. B. V. Persons, Ala.; Mrs. Ella Majors, La.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report:

Jesus has entered within the veil that hides the bright homeland from us, and when we at last the veil have passed, his glory our eyes shall see.

Since our last meeting death has called from labor to reward our dear sister, Miss Mary G. Burdette, who for many years was Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, with headquarters in Chicago, Ill. To-day we miss her presence and her encouraging words of Christian greeting. She is resting in the homeland of the soul, where the righteous are blessed for evermore.

Twenty of our best women have fallen asleep in Jesus since our last annual meeting. Some of them never attended our Convention, but by their work in their local societies they have helped to make our Convention what it is. Another one of our bright stars, Mrs. S. A. Gates, of New Orleans, La., Vice President of her state and Chairman of the Enrollment Committee, has also been called from labor to reward. She was indeed a faithful, zealous servant of God. She died in the midst of her plans for a great meeting on "Woman's Day."

Dear sisters, one by one we are crossing the Jordan to meet our loved ones, who have gone before; may we ever keep our lamps trimmed and burning and be ready to meet the Bridegroom when he comes. We deeply mourn the loss of our dear Sisters Burdette and Gates, but our loss is their eternal gain, "For death is only a dream."

Committee—Mrs. L. D. Pruitt, La.; Mrs. M. A. Thornton, Mo.; Mrs. J. Allen, Ohio; Mrs. K. L. Goshy, Ill.; Mrs. W. Landrum, Ind. Terr.; Mrs. Bell Carson, Kans.; Mrs. Fanny E. Blackburn, Ohio; Mrs. S. E. Griggs, Tenn.; Mrs. Vienna Parker, Ky.; Mrs. B. Person, Ala.; Mrs. Mary Cottrell, Tenn.; Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Okla.; Mrs. Fanny Slack, Ga.; Mrs. J. Miller, Tex.; Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, Tex.; Mrs. Hattie Robinson, Ind.; Mrs. A. D. Thompson, La.; Mrs. M. A. Cook, La.; Mrs. M. F. A. Round, Ark.; Miss E. Allen, D. C.; Miss Cora Hickman.

Committee on Seating—Mrs. S. C. V. Shanks, Ark.; Mrs.

Addison, Ind.; Mrs. Brown, N. J.; Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Thornton, Mrs. Anna Washington, Mrs. Lucy Watkins, La.

Committee on Courtesies—Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Ala.; Mrs. M. Bledsoe, Ill.; Mrs. N. West, Tenn.; Mrs. J. N. Moss, Tex.; Mrs. L. A. Maynard, Mrs. M. Bradshaw, Ind.; Mrs. S. E. Bailey, Ark.; Mrs. S. Morris, Mrs. E. Allen, D. C.; Mrs. J. E. Givens, Ky.; Mrs. E. Hamlet.

Committee on Enrollment—Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Ill.; Mrs. S. J. Gray, Ill.; Mrs. J. M. Layton, D. C.; Mrs. Sallie Lewis.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

#### ILLINOIS—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Woman's Wood River District, per Mrs. E. T. Dean, Champaign .....                    |         |
| Wood River District, per Mrs. J. C. King, Springfield .....                          | \$ 2 25 |
| Woman's Auxiliary to the North Wood River Ass'n, per Mrs. Selena Gray, Chicago ..... | 5 00    |
| Woman's Educational and Missionary Society, per Mrs. Henrietta Burbridge .....       | 10 00   |
|                                                                                      | 2 00    |

#### MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

|                                                                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Missionary Circle Ebenezer B. C., Chicago, per Mrs. H. Dean .....                                   | \$ 5 00 |
| Missionary Circle Olivet B. C., Chicago, per Mrs. Julia Burgess .....                               | 25 00   |
| Juvenile Band, Bethsaida Baptist Church, Chicago, (for Bibles) per Mrs. M. E. Holloway .....        | 2 50    |
| Young Women's Missionary League, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Chicago, per Mrs. Catherine Johnson ..... | 5 00    |
| Missionary Circle Providence Baptist Church, Chicago, per Mrs. Susie Thornton .....                 | 5 00    |

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

|                                                        |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Miss J. P. Moore, Chicago, per Rev. E. T. Martin ..... | \$ 5 00 |
| Rev. H. Armstead, Pulaski .....                        | 1 00    |
| Rev. J. F. Thomas, Chicago .....                       | 1 00    |
| Mrs. M. B. Clark, Chicago .....                        | 1 00    |
| Mrs. Josephine Butler, Jacksonville .....              | 1 00    |
| Mrs. Lizzie Belle, Aurora .....                        | 1 00    |

#### KENTUCKY—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                                 |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptist Women's Educational, per Mrs. M. E. Steward, Louisville .....           | \$ 20 00 |
| Woman's Auxiliary under Executive Board, per Mrs. A. V. Nelson, Lexington ..... | 5 00     |

#### MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

|                                                                                        |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Missionary Circle Queen Street Baptist Church, Louisville, per Mrs. D. A. Gaddie ..... | 5 00 |
| Missionary Circle First Baptist Church, Danville, per Mrs. Ella B. Wood .....          | 5 00 |
| Senbeams, First Baptist Church, Henderson, per Mrs. Maggie S. Frances .....            | 3 00 |

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

|                                            |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Miss Hattie C. Harris, Richmond .....      | \$ 1 00 |
| Mrs. Matilda Gentry, Berea .....           | 1 00    |
| Miss Sarah C. Caldwell, Wilmore .....      | 1 00    |
| Mrs. M. C. S. Murrell, Bowling Green ..... | 1 00    |
| Mrs. M. R. Lewis, Louisville .....         | 1 00    |
| Mrs. E. D. Walker, Louisville .....        | 1 00    |
| Mrs. C. C. Bates, Louisville .....         | 1 00    |
| Miss Fannie B. Jewett, Lexington .....     | 1 00    |

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Board Convention, per Mrs. Laura F. Queen, Washington, ..... | \$ 10 00 |
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#### ANNUAL MEMBERS.

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Alvira Allen, Washington ..... | \$ 1 00 |
| Miss Sidney J. Davis .....          | 1 00    |

#### MISSISSIPPI—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                             |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Second New Hope and Meridian District, per Rev. J. T. Davis, Meridian ..... | \$ 12 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

#### MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Missionary Circle, New Prospect Baptist Church, Bond, per Rev. J. W. Brown ..... | \$ 5 00 |
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## MINUTES.

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. A. B. Cheek, Canton .....\$ 1 00

## LOUISIANA—CONVENTIONS.

Woman's State Convention, per Mrs. N. L. West,  
Baldwin .....\$ 22 50  
Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention, per  
Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Monroe ..... 20 00  
Woman's Baptist Tenth District Association, per  
Mrs. Mary A. Cook, Monroe ..... 10 00

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. J. B. Green, Shreveport .....\$ 1 00  
Mrs. Janie P. Hardin, Shreveport ..... 1 00

## ARKANSAS—CONVENTIONS.

Woman's Consolidated White River Association, per  
Mrs. F. A. Rowan, Brinkley .....\$ 10 00  
Woman's Union District Association, per Mrs. S. J.  
Porter, Little Rock ..... 10 00  
Woman's Southeast District Association, per Mrs.  
S. E. Bailey, Dermott ..... 10 00

## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Missionary Circle, Roanoke Baptist Church, Hot  
Springs, per Rev. J. W. Jackson .....\$ 5 00

## ANNUAL MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Rev. J. W. Jackson, Hot Springs .....\$ 1 00  
Mrs. L. S. Short, Texarkana ..... 1 00  
Mrs. E. L. Kelley, Pine Bluff ..... 1 00  
Miss Essie Rowan, Pine Bluff ..... 1 00

## MISSOURI—CONVENTIONS.

Berea District Woman's Convention, per Mrs. A.  
H. Brown .....\$ 5 00

## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Missionary Circle, Frances Street Baptist Church,  
St. Joseph, per Mrs. Irene Butler....\$ 5 00

Missionary Circle, Galilee Baptist Church, St.  
Louis, per Mrs. Lula M. Jackson....\$ 2 00

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. L. J. Bacote, Kansas City .....\$ 1 00  
Rev. J. K. Parker, St. Louis (donated) ..... 1 00

## STATE UNKNOWN—DONATED

Miss Elizabeth Lee.....\$ 1 00

## ALABAMA—CONVENTIONS.

New Era Baptist State Convention, per Mrs. Jen-  
nie L. Cockrill, Brighton .....\$ 15 00  
Woman's Baptist State Convention, per Mrs. A. A.  
Bowie, Birmingham ..... 25 00

## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Children's Mission Band, Shiloh Baptist Church, Bir-  
mingham, per Mrs. Aula Jackson .....\$ 1 50  
Missionary Circle 16th Street Baptist Church, Bir-  
mingham, per Mrs. A. A. Bowie ..... 8 00

## INDIANA—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Missionary Circle, Second Baptist Church, Ander-  
son, per Mrs. Mattie Griggsby .....\$ 5 00  
Sunshine Band, Second Baptist Church, Shelby-  
ville, per Rev. H. W. Jones ..... 2 50

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. R. M. Goins, Richmond .....\$ 1 00  
Mrs. L. V. Smith, Indianapolis ..... 1 00

## GEORGIA—CONVENTIONS.

Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to General Conven-  
tion, per Mrs. S. J. Bryant, Atlanta .....\$ 40 96  
Woman's Missionary and Educational Convention  
of Fulton Co., per Mrs. Emma Rich, Atlanta ..... 5 00

## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

|                                                                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Missionary Circle, Springfield Bapt. Church, Washington, per Rev. F. M. Simmons .....   | \$ 5 00  |
| Missionary Circle, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, per Mrs. S. C. J. Bryant ..... | \$ 15 20 |

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Rev. L. P. Pinkney, Madison, ..... | \$ 1 00 |
| Mrs. M. L. Williams, Madison ..... | 1 00    |

## OHIO—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                      |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Woman's State Convention, per Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Bellfontaine ..... | \$ 18 00 |
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## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Missionary Circle, Bethany Baptist Church, Columbus, per Mrs. Fannie Mays ..... | \$ 5 00 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

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|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Angeline Fields, Cincinnati ..... | \$ 1 00 |
|----------------------------------------|---------|

## VIRGINIA—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Woman's Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, per Mrs. Eliza P. Fox, Salem ..... | \$ 66 65 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Missionary Circle New B. Church, Richmond, per Mrs. L. S. Edwards ..... | \$ 10 00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

## NEW JERSEY—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                          |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, per Mrs. P. H. Brown, Plainfield ..... | \$ 5 00 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|

## COLORADO—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                   |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Western Association, per Mrs. Belle W. Battle, Col. Springs ..... | \$ 10 00 |
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## PENNSYLVANIA—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

|                                                                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Missionary Circle, Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia, per Rev. W. G. Parks .....   | \$ 25 00 |
| Missionary Circle, Shiloh Baptist Church, Philadelphia, per Mrs. S. W. Layten ..... | 40 00    |

## KANSAS—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Woman's State Convention, per Mrs. Emma Gaines, Topeka, ..... | \$ 20 00 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

## TEXAS—CONVENTIONS.

|                                                                        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Woman's N. W. Baptist Association, per Mrs. J. N. Moss, Dallas .....   | \$ 10 00 |
| Woman's Mt. Zion District, per Mrs. Sarah Prince, Slayden .....        | 10 00    |
| General Bowen District, per Mrs. C. H. Douglas, Beaumont .....         | 5 00     |
| Woman's S. W. Central District, per Mrs. S. F. Brown, Hungerford ..... | 10 00    |

## SOUTH CAROLINA—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Missionary Circle, Morris Street Baptist Church, per Rev. R. Kemp ..... | \$ 6 55 |
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## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Olivia Hill, Spartansburg .....    | \$ 1 00 |
| Mrs. Martha Coleman, Spartansburg ..... | 1 00    |

## NORTH CAROLINA—ANNUAL MEMBERS.

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. L. V. Mebane, Elizabeth City ..... | \$ 1 00 |
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## OKLAHOMA—CONVENTIONS.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Woman's State Convention, per Mrs. D. W. Landrum, Reevesville ..... | \$ 20 00 |
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## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Missionary Circle, Calvary Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, per Mrs. M. J. Brockaway ..... | \$ 6 00 |
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## TENNESSEE—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Missionary Circle, Spruce Street Baptist Church, Nashville, per Rev. T. J. Townsend ..... | \$ 2 50 |
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## FLORIDA—ANNUAL MEMBERS.

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Janie Morris, Miami .....                | \$ 1 00 |
| Mrs. Emma P. Williams, Gainesville ..... | 1 00    |
| Mrs. Julia Patterson, Tampa .....        | 1 00    |

# FINANCIAL REPORT BY STATES.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1908.

## ALABAMA.

| NAME AND PLACE                                                                                                                                                      | SOCIETY.                                                                                                                           | Sum During the Year | General Expenses | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Training School | Education | Total                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Mrs. C. M. Wells, Mrs. R. V. Persons, Mrs. E. Hamler, Mrs. A. Shiloh, Mrs. R. F. Wilson, Mrs. T. W. Dea, Birmingham, Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Birmingham | Woman's Baptist State Convention<br>Ethiopian Children's Mission Band.<br>Woman's Missionary Society<br>18th Street Baptist Church | \$ 2 00             | \$ 2 00          | \$15 00       | \$ 5 00          | \$ 1 00         |           | 25 00<br>1 50<br>3 00 |
| Mrs. Jennie Cockrell, Mrs. T. W. Dea, Rev. T. W. Walker, Rev. A. J. Stokes, Rev. V. B. James                                                                        | New Era Baptist Women's State Convention                                                                                           |                     |                  | 15 00         |                  |                 |           | 15 00                 |
| Mrs. M. F. A. Rowans, Mrs. M. M. Tice                                                                                                                               | C. W. R. Woman's Dist. Ass'n                                                                                                       |                     |                  | 8 00          | 2 00             |                 |           | 10 00                 |

## ARKANSAS

|                                 |                                                                          |      |      |      |      |      |  |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--|-------|
| Rev. J. W. Jackson, Hot Springs | Woman's Missionary Society                                               |      |      |      | 5 00 |      |  | 5 00  |
| Harriette Kellogg               | Boonville Baptist Church                                                 | 1 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 4 00 |  | 10 00 |
| Mrs. E. A. Bailey               | Woman's Union Ind. Association<br>Baptist Women Southwestern Association |      |      | 5 00 | 6 00 |      |  | 11 00 |

## COLORADO

|                   |                               |      |      |      |      |  |  |       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|--|--|-------|
| Miss Della Battle | Woman's Missionary Convention | 2 00 | 1 00 | 4 00 | 3 00 |  |  | 10 00 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|--|--|-------|

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

|                                 |                                                     |      |      |       |       |  |  |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|--|--|-------|
| Mrs. Laura F. Quinn, Washington | Baptist Women's Board Can.                          | 2 00 | 2 00 |       |       |  |  | 4 00  |
| Mrs. Julia Moore, Washington    | Baptist Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society | 2 00 |      | 10 00 | 12 00 |  |  | 24 00 |

## GEORGIA

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                               |      |  |       |       |      |  |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|--|-------|-------|------|--|-------|
| Mrs. Eliza Gaines, Mrs. Eliza Wingfield, Mrs. Lula South, Mrs. Bessie Blinn, Floyd E. Johnson, Mrs. Matie L. Williams, Mrs. Sara Chisholm, Mrs. M. V. Underwood, Mrs. Georgia Howard, Celia Hart-ridge, Allens South, Revs. R. D. Williams, P. J. Bryant, Mrs. S. C. J. Bryant, Atlanta | Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the General State Convention | 5 00 |  | 15 00 | 15 00 | 5 00 |  | 40 00 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|--|-------|-------|------|--|-------|

GEORGIA—Continued

| NAME AND PLACE                                                                                                   | SOCIETY.                                                                   | Sent During the Year. | General Ex-<br>penses. | Home Missions. | Foreign Mis-<br>sions. | Training School. | Education. | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|--------|
| Mrs. Emma Rich, Mrs. Hattie Harris, Atlanta .....                                                                | Woman's Missionary and Educational Convention of Pul-<br>liss County ..... |                       |                        |                |                        |                  |            |        |
| Rev. F. James Bryant, Mrs. S. C. J. Bryant, Mrs. Ellen Wingfield, Mrs. Wm. Gaines, Mrs. Mary Kidd, Atlanta ..... | Woman's Mission of Wheat St. Church .....                                  |                       | 60                     |                | 1 50                   | 2 00             | 5 96       | 40 96  |
|                                                                                                                  |                                                                            |                       | 2 70                   |                | 5 00                   | 5 00             | 2 00       | 12 30  |

ILLINOIS

|                                                        |                                                                      |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Mrs. Era Hooper, Mrs. Katherine Johnson, Chicago ..... | Young Ladies' Missionary League of the Ebenezer Baptist Church ..... |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Mrs. Bessie Thornton .....                             | Circle of Providence Baptist Church .....                            |  | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 5 00 |

|                                                                                                                                                             |                                                             |      |      |      |      |      |  |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--|-------|
| Heartette Taylor .....                                                                                                                                      | Woman's Education and Mission Society .....                 |      |      |      | 1 00 |      |  | 1 00  |
| Mrs. Wm. Jackson, Mrs. Annie B. Hall, Chicago .....                                                                                                         | Children's Missionary Band of Ebenezer Baptist Church ..... |      |      |      |      |      |  | 1 00  |
| Mrs. Marie Tolan Mitchell, Mrs. Laura Anderson, Chicago .....                                                                                               | Mothers' Union of Ebenezer Church .....                     | 1 00 |      | 2 00 | 50   | 50   |  | 1 00  |
| Mrs. Delena Gray, Mrs. Bessie Thornton .....                                                                                                                | Woman's Auxiliary to the North Wood River Association ..... |      | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 |      |  | 12 00 |
| Dr. B. J. Fisher, Mrs. Bessie Hayes, Mrs. Wm. Gregg, Mrs. ——— Craig, Mrs. Jennie Williams, Mrs. Clara Lee, Mrs. L. Trice, Mrs. Julia Burgess, Chicago ..... | Wood River Baptist Women's Society .....                    | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 |  | 25 00 |
| Mrs. V. C. King, Mrs. E. J. Wells, Mrs. B. C. Marshall, Mrs. E. T. Doss .....                                                                               | Wood River Baptist Women's Society .....                    |      |      |      |      |      |  | 1 00  |

INDIANA

|                                  |                                           |    |    |      |      |  |  |      |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----|----|------|------|--|--|------|
| Pastor, Shelbyville .....        | Sunshine Mission Band .....               | 50 | 50 | 50   | 1 00 |  |  | 2 00 |
| Rev. B. L. Ivory, Anderson ..... | Missionary Society of Second Church ..... |    |    | 1 00 |      |  |  | 1 00 |

# KENTUCKY.

| NAME AND PLACE                                                                                                                                                     | SOCIETY                                                 | Men | Women | Children | Young Men | Young Women | Training School | Education | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| Mrs. Mamie E. Steward, Miss Lizzie Crittenden, Miss Lucy Flint, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Mary Saunders, Mrs. Carrie Craig, Mrs. Perzalla Holmes, Miss Fannie Jewett. | Baptist Women's Educational Convention                  |     |       |          |           |             |                 |           |       |
| Mrs. Maggie Franier                                                                                                                                                | Unionbeam Circle, First Baptist Church of Henderson Co. |     |       |          | 20 00     |             |                 |           | 20 00 |
| Mrs. Ella B. Wood, Danville                                                                                                                                        | DeBaptist Faulkner Missionary Society                   |     |       |          | 50        | 2 50        |                 |           | 3 00  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                         |     | 2 50  |          | 2 50      |             |                 |           | 5 00  |

# KANSAS.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |  |      |       |  |  |  |      |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--|------|-------|--|--|--|------|-------|
| Mrs. E. Gaines, Rev. E. C. Fishback, Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Rev. E. A. Wilson, Mrs. Anna Howard, Mrs. C. G. Fishback, Mrs. H. P. Frazier, Rev. Geo. McNeal, Mrs. Alice Myers, Mrs. Belle Carson, Mrs. M. Bradshaw | Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention |  |      |       |  |  |  |      |       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |  | 5 00 | 10 00 |  |  |  | 5 00 | 20 00 |

# LOUISIANA.

|                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                   |  |      |      |      |      |      |  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|--|-------|
| Lillian Jenkins, Sophia Samer, Mary J. Davis, A. D. Thompson, Rosa Miller, Flora White                                                                             | The Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention |  | 2 50 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 5 00 |  | 20 00 |
| Mrs. M. A. Cook, Mrs. L. D. Pruitt, Miss L. Watkin, Mrs. O. A. Foster, Mrs. Julia Manus, Mrs. M. A. Cook, Mrs. Ella Major, Mrs. A. E. Randall, Mrs. S. P. Wayfield | Woman's Tenth District Baptist Association        |  |      |      | 5 00 | 5 00 |      |  | 10 00 |
| Mamie Graham, Sallie Williams, N. L. West, L. D. Pruitt                                                                                                            | State Convention                                  |  |      |      |      |      |      |  | 11 00 |

# MISSOURI.

|                                                                               |                                              |      |  |  |       |      |    |  |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|--|--|-------|------|----|--|-------|
| Mrs. M. Thornton, Mrs. E. E. Goldsby, St. Louis                               | Galilee Baptist Church Circle                |      |  |  | 2 00  | 5 00 |    |  | 1 00  |
| Isena Butler                                                                  | Mission Circle Frances Street Baptist Church | 1 00 |  |  | 2 00  | 1 00 | 50 |  | 3 00  |
| Mrs. A. H. Brown, Miss S. M. Edwards                                          | Berean District Convention                   |      |  |  |       |      |    |  | 1 00  |
| Mrs. Mary E. Golins, Mrs. J. V. Donley, Mrs. A. J. Abington, Mrs. A. H. Brown | Woman's State Convention                     |      |  |  | 53 00 |      |    |  | 53 00 |

# MISSISSIPPI.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|--------|
| Rev. J. W. Brown, Bond ..... | Home and Foreign Missionary .....                                            |                       |                   | 1 00           | 2 50              | 1 00             | 50         | 5 00   |
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# OKLAHOMA.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Eula Westbrooks, M. J. Brockway, Nannie Townsend, Oklahoma City .....                     | Calvary Bapt. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society ..... |  | 50   | 1 00 | 2 00 | 50   | 1 00 | 5 00  |
| Mrs. L. W. Landrum, Mrs. Eula Westbrooks, Mrs. Fannie Townsend, Mrs. M. J. Brockway ..... | Baptist Women's State Convention .....                          |  | 2 50 | 6 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 5 00 | 20 00 |

# OHIO.

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| Mrs. Fannie Mays, Columbus .....                                                                                                                                                               | Georgia DeBaptist Faulkner Missionary Society, of Bethany Baptist Church ..... |  | 5 00  |  |  |  |  | 5 00  |
| Mrs. Hattie Jackson, Mrs. J. F. Walker, Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Green, Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. Isabel, Nicholas, Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, Mrs. Matilda Floyd, Mrs. Kate Glover ..... | Woman's Convention .....                                                       |  | 18 00 |  |  |  |  | 18 00 |

# PENNSYLVANIA.

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|-------|-------|--|-------|
| W. O. Parker, Philadelphia .....                           | Lylian Mission Union .....  |  |  |  | 25 00 | 25 00 |  | 50 00 |
| Rev. W. H. Phillips, Mrs. S. W. Layton, Philadelphia ..... | Shiloh Baptist Church ..... |  |  |  |       |       |  | 40 00 |

# SOUTH CAROLINA.

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|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Charleston ..... | Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of Morris Street Baptist Church ..... |  | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 50 | 2 35 | 1 00 | 6 25 |
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**TENNESSEE**

| NAME AND PLACE.                                                                                                                                                                                         | SOCIETY.                                                           | Not During<br>the Year | General Ex-<br>penses | Home Missions | Foreign Mis-<br>sions | Traffic | Education | Total  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Mrs. Mary Bell, Mrs. Nellie Elshop, Mrs. Nannie West, Mrs. Maggie Moss, Mrs. Mary Cottrell, Mrs. Carrie Dickerson, Mrs. R. H. Boyd ..... | Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention ..... |                        |                       |               | 85 00                 | 25 00   |           | 110 00 |

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| Mrs. W. L. Grant, Mrs. A. J. Abington, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Mrs. Mary E. Golage, Mrs. A. M. Payton, Mrs. L. Trice, Mrs. Susie Hazel ..... | Women's Missionary and Educational Convention of Western Baptist ..... |  | 3 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 |  | 26 00 |
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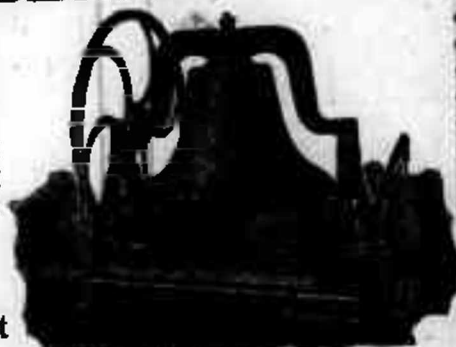
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