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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
National Baptist Convention.

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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-

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

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 first 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  
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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

Morning.

9:30—Called to order by the President.

Devotions, led by Revs. Wm. Haynes, D. D., Tenn., and H. R. Johnson, D. D., Texas. Theme—"Divine Protection"

10:00—Welcome Addresses:

1. On behalf of the Local Committee, Rev. Wm. Z. Thomas.
2. On behalf of the State of Ohio, Gov. Judson Harmon.
3. On behalf of the city of Columbus, Mayor Chas. A. Bond.
4. On behalf of the Board of Trade, Hon. John Y. Bassell, Sec.
5. On behalf of the Business Interests of Columbus, Attorney W. E. King.
6. On behalf of the Baptists of Columbus, Rev. J. L. E. Burr, B. S. L.
7. On behalf of the (white) Baptists of Columbus, Rev. A. R. Isaac.
8. On behalf of Ohio Baptist State Convention, Rev. A. M. Thomas, D. D.
9. On behalf of Other Denominations in Columbus, Rev. E. L. Gilliam, D. D.

11:30—Response to the welcome addresses by Attorney Wm. Harrison, of Oklahoma.

12:00—Benediction.

Afternoon.

2:00—Devotions, led by Rev. I. T. Christmas, D. D., of North Carolina, and Rev. R. C. Jenkins, D. D., of Alabama.

3:30—Annual Address of the President, Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., Helena, Ark.

- 3:30—Remarks, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Chairman Foreign Mission Board.  
 4:00—Report of Foreign Mission Board, Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Secretary.  
 5:05—What I See as a Pastor, and My Message to Fellow-Pastors, Rev. E. W. Moore, D. D., of Pennsylvania.  
 5:25—Special Prayer for the Work and the Workers.  
 Collection and adjournment.

## Evening.

- 7:15—Devotions, led by Rev. J. W. Hurst, D. D., of Missouri, and Rev. T. C. Atkins, D. D., of Virginia. Theme—"World-wide Missions."  
 7:45—The Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention as a Factor in the Execution of the Great Commission—Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D., of Texas.  
 8:15—Missionary Sermon—Africa's Redemption Largely in the Hands of the Negro Christians, Rev. R. Kemp, D. D., of South Carolina; Alternate, Rev. P. H. Kennedy, D. D., of Kentucky.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

## Morning.

- 8:00—Devotions, led by Rev. B. P. E. Gayles, B. D., of Illinois, and Rev. Wm. Taylor, D. D., of Louisiana. Theme—"How to Succeed."  
 9:30—Reading Journal of previous day's session.  
 9:45—A Survey of the Mission Fields, Rev. R. A. Jackson and Miss E. B. Delaney.  
 A Symposium—Our Spasmodic System of Giving Compared with the New Testament Method, opened by Rev. O. B. Howard, D. D., of Virginia.  
 A Symposium—The Place of the Foreign Mission Board Member in the State Which Appoints Him, Rev. A. D. Williams, of Georgia, and Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D., of Texas.  
 The Churches' Responsibility in the Work of World-wide Salvation, Rev. J. C. Love, B. D., of New Jersey.  
 The Awakening of Laymen in the Churches and Its Effect Upon This Responsibility.  
 The Good to Be Derived from Special Day Program for Foreign Missions, Rev. W. M. Alexander, D. D., of Maryland.

- The Work Yet to Be Done in Obedience to the Command of Our Own Saviour:  
 On the Congo, Rev. C. C. Boone, B. D.  
 In All Africa, Rev. L. N. Cheek.  
 The Isles of the Sea, Rev. L. Ton Evans.  
 In All the World, Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D.  
 The Offering We Bring to Supply the Needs in the Foreign Fields, Miss Katie A. Phillips and Rev. J. E. East.  
 Collection.

- 11:30—Introductory Remarks, Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D., Chairman Home Board.  
 Report of the Home Mission Board, Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary.  
 Adjournment.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, led by Rev. S. W. Timms, D. D., of New York, and Rev. L. B. Rose, of Pennsylvania. Theme—"Work in the Home Field."  
 2:30—Discussion of the Home Mission Board's Report, Rev.  
 3:30—Remarks by Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., Chairman Publishing Board.  
 Report of the Publishing Board by Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary.  
 4:30—Introduction of Visitors.  
 5:00—Recess.

## Evening.

- 7:15—Devotions, led by Rev. W. G. Johnson, D. D., of Georgia, and Rev. G. S. Lampkins, D. D., of the District of Columbia. Theme—"Wisdom."  
 8:00—Home Mission Sermon—"Value of the Printed Page," Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D., of Arkansas; Alternate, Rev. J. A. Marshall, of Mississippi.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:00—Devotions, led by Rev. W. A. Bowen, D. D., of Kansas, and Rev. J. D. Rouse, of Indiana. Theme—"Early Impressions."  
 9:30—Remarks by Rev. P. James Bryant, D. D., Chairman S. Y. F. U. Board.  
 Report of the S. Y. F. U. Board, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., Secretary.



- 10:30—Discussion of the B. Y. P. U. Board's Report, Rev.  
 11:30—The B. Y. P. U. Annual Sermon, Rev. G. P. McKibben, B. D.,  
 of Florida; Alternate, Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D., of Massachu-  
 setts.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, led by Rev. D. Stratman, D. D., of West Virginia,  
 and Rev. J. Watkins, of Maryland. Theme—"Brotherly  
 Kindness."  
 2:30—Remarks by Rev. C. B. Brown, D. D., Chairman National Bap-  
 tist Benefit Board.  
 Report of the National Baptist Benefit Board, Rev. A. A. Cowey,  
 D. D., Secretary.  
 3:00—Discussion of the National Baptist Benefit Board's Report, Rev.  
 J. H. Esson, D. D., of Alabama.  
 Collection.  
 5:00—Recess.

## Evening.

- 7:15—Devotions, led by Rev. E. B. Jackson, of New Jersey, and Rev.  
 G. L. Thornton, D. D., of Alabama.  
 8:00—Address, Dr. Booker T. Washington.

## FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:00—Devotions, led by Rev. S. W. Smith, D. D., of Rhode Island,  
 and Rev. C. H. Holley, of Florida.  
 9:30—Remarks by Rev. T. J. Searcy, D. D., Chairman Educational  
 Board.  
 Report of the Educational Board.  
 10:30—Address—  
 12:30—Recess.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, led by Rev. J. J. Totten, D. D., of Tennessee, and  
 Rev. W. A. Harrod, D. D., of Connecticut.  
 2:30—Report of Statistical Secretary.  
 3:30—Miscellaneous Business.  
 Collection. Adjournment.

## Evening.

- 7:15—Devotions, Rev. R. D. Phillips, D. D., of Ohio, and Rev. S. T.  
 Floyd, D. D., of Texas.

- 9:00—Educational Sermon, Rev. H. H. Harris, D. D., of Missouri;  
 Alternate, Rev. E. W. Johnson, D. D., of Pennsylvania.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:30—Sunday-school, conducted by Rev. Wm. Beckham, D. D., for the  
 National Baptist Publishing Board. Collection by States for  
 Publishing Board.  
 11:00—Conventional Sermon, Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., President; Al-  
 ternate, Rev. Geo. W. Lee, D. D., of District of Columbia.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## Afternoon.

- 3:00—Missionary Mass-meeting under the direction of the Foreign  
 Mission Board, at which time addresses will be delivered by:  
 Rev. W. T. Amiger, D. D., of Kentucky; Rev. P. S. L. Hutch-  
 ins, D. D., of Alabama; Rev. C. S. Brown, D. D., of North  
 Carolina; Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., of Oklahoma; Rev. W.  
 W. Brown, D. D., of Pennsylvania.

## Evening.

- 7:30—Devotions, led by Rev. M. E. Robinson, D. D., of Texas, and  
 Rev. S. R. Bullock, D. D., of West Virginia.  
 8:00—Sermon, Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., of Texas; Alternate, Rev.  
 John Marks, D. D., of Louisiana.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## SIXTH DAY—MONDAY.

## Morning.

- 9:30—Devotions, led by Rev. J. W. Jackson, D. D., of Georgia, and  
 Rev. T. S. Sandiford, D. D., of South Carolina.  
 9:45—Report of Committees.  
 11:00—Consideration of Recommendations, Alterations, etc.

## Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotions, led by Rev. W. S. Lee, D. D., of Mississippi, and Rev.  
 J. W. Leak, D. D., of South Carolina.

1:15—Further Reports of Committees and of the General Boards of the Convention, etc.

Evening.

7:15—Devotions, led by Rev. T. H. White, of Virginia, and Rev. B. B. Edwards, B. D., of Alabama.

8:00—Closing Sermon, Rev. J. M. Nabrit, A. M., of Georgia; Address, Rev. J. H. Burke, D. D., of Virginia.

#### ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Wm. H. Steward, A. M., of Kentucky; Rev. R. M. Caver, of Arkansas; Rev. B. B. Topp, D. D., of Mississippi; Rev. J. H. May, D. D., of Georgia; Rev. E. M. Cohron, D. D., of Missouri.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. B. Brown, D. D., of Arkansas; Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D., of Texas; Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D., of Pennsylvania; Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., of Virginia; Rev. W. H. Hurd, D. D., of Tennessee; Rev. J. R. Bennett, of Illinois.

*Note.*—It is the desire of the Board that each State delegation will band 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,

B. C. MORRIS, D. D., Chairman.

R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

## MINUTES.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Sept. 15, 1909.

The National Baptist Convention was called to order in its twenty-ninth annual session in the Auditorium, Goodale Street, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday morning at 10:15 o'clock by the President, Dr. E. C. Morris, of Helena, Ark.

Dr. Wm. Haynes, of Nashville, Tenn., was called forward to conduct the devotional service. The Convention arose and sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name," led by Prof. N. H. Pius, the Musical Director. Rev. Haynes read the 84th Psalm. "My soul, be on thy guard" was sung. Rev. Dr. M. W. Gilbert, of New York, offered a fervent prayer, invoking the blessings of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The choir sang a thrilling anthem. The subject for the devotional service, "Divine Protection," was fittingly presented and discussed by Dr. Gilbert, of New York. "Princes, Awake!" was sung by the choir.

President Morris then introduced Rev. Wm. Z. Thomas, of the city, who welcomed the Convention "On behalf of the local Committee of Entertainment." The address was warm-hearted and sincere in its cordiality, and found a grateful response in the hearts of the great host of Baptists assembled from various parts of the world.

Hon. Geo. S. Long, Secretary to His Excellency, the Governor, and as his proxy, welcomed the Convention "On behalf of the state of Ohio." The Governor was detained on account of death in his family. The address of the Mayor was omitted because of his absence from the city.

"He is my Savior" was sung, and Attorney W. E. King was presented to extend a welcome "On behalf of the Basi-

ness interests of Columbus," which he did in a creditable manner.

The welcome "On behalf of the (white) Baptists of Columbus" was extended in an appropriate address by the Rev. A. E. Isaac, one of the pastors of the city.

The Hon. John Y. Bassell, Secretary, welcomed the Convention "On behalf of the Board of Trade." Mr. Bassell introduced himself as an old Virginian and ex-Confederate, making a happy address.

Rev. J. L. E. Burr, D. D., in an eloquent address, welcomed the Convention "On behalf of the Baptists of Columbus."

The choir sang "Praise ye the Lord."

The welcome "On behalf of the Baptist Convention of the state of Ohio" was extended in an able and comprehensive address by Rev. A. M. Thomas.

The address of welcome "On behalf of the other denominations" was delivered by Rev. E. L. Gilliam, D. D. The choir sang "On to Victory," from the official program.

The addresses of welcome breathed a spirit of fraternity and good-will and were received in the same cordial spirit in which they were delivered.

Attorney William Harrison, of Oklahoma, having been selected to make response to the several addresses of welcome, was presented by President Morris. The address was elegant in diction, chaste in language, beautiful in rhetorical finish, lofty in conception and charming in the flash of literary excellence, and ranks Lawyer Harrison among the ablest and most effective speakers among us. The Convention's acceptance of the welcome so generously extended by the various representatives was a fitting entrance upon the great work for which the Convention had assembled. Brethren J. A. Martin, C. P. Hunter, G. W. Simmons, W. S. Stratman, C. C. Calhoun, S. M. Fisher, E. B. Young, were appointed ushers. The President announced the following committees:

On Enrollment—Mr. Wm. H. Stewart, of Ky.; Revs. R. M. Caver, of Ark.; E. B. Topp, of Miss.; J. H. May, of Georgia, and E. M. Cohron, of Mo.

On Finance—Revs. C. S. Brown, Ark.; F. L. Lights, Tex.; W. G. Parks, Penn.; W. F. Graham, Va.; W. H. Hurd, Tenn.; and J. R. Bennett, Illinois.

Following the announcements, the doxology was sung and the Convention adjourned with the benediction by Rev. William Haynes.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention convened in afternoon session at 2:30. Prof. Pius, the Musical Director, conducted an inspiring song service. Rev. A. M. Johnson, Vice President for Miss., presided. He introduced Rev. L. T. Christmas, of North Carolina, who read the Scriptures. The choir sang, "He is my Savior." Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., of Ala., invoked divine favor upon the work of the Convention. "O Jesus is a friend of mine," was sung.

The hour having arrived, the Vice President introduced our worthy President, Dr. E. C. Morris, to deliver his annual message.

Dr. Morris reviewed in pointed and eloquent fashion the great work of our denomination as fostered and prosecuted by the several Boards. Many vital questions affecting the welfare of the race and civilization in general were ably discussed. The address was the deliverance of a keen-sighted observer, a far-seeing Christian statesman, a broad-gauged philosopher and a leader whose every energy is consecrated to the uplift of his people. The following is the address:

#### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

My Brethren:

Once more I have the honor and supreme pleasure of coming before you to report as an officer of your great Convention. For fifteen consecutive years I have come before you in a like capacity, and at no time have I felt a deeper interest in the work of the Convention or greater pride in the progress of our great denomination, than now.

It is quite fitting that you voted to hold this session of the Convention in this great city and state, which state is

the home of the President of our nation. This beautiful capital city, noted for her magnificent public buildings, beautiful parks and magnanimous people is a delightful place for the representatives of the lowly Nazarene to sojourn for a few days. The word "Ohio" has a marked fragrance about it to most intelligent Negroes when they recall the unique position it occupied in the anti-slavery movement prior to the Civil War. Ohio, being a border state, became one of the terminals of the "Underground Railroad." Many of the directors of that road lived in other sections of the country, but Ohio, by reason of its situation, was looked upon as the safest ground for the landing of the weary pilgrims who made their escape from slavery. Her laws then as now were a protection to the black man as well as the white. As long as a single Negro lives, the heroic deeds of the grand old Abolition Fathers will be held in sacred memory.

The interest which the Negro people felt in Ohioans did not terminate with the abolition of slavery; but they have watched with abiding interest the course of Ohio's great statesmen in time of peace, and almost without a single exception, these statesmen have stood squarely upon those grand and righteous principles of equal rights to all, without regard to race, color or condition.

Her great statesmen never faltered when it became necessary to defend the Constitutional rights of the Negro. In that galaxy of wizards in statecraft, who never flinched at duty's call, we beg to mention the names of the late John Sherman, of James A. Garfield and William McKinley, our martyred President; of William Howard Taft, our President now, and, last but not least, that friend and patriot, the Hon. Joseph Benson Foraker: all of whom as Governor, Senator or President held the scales of justice so evenly balanced between man and man as to challenge the confidence and esteem of their own countrymen and the admiration of the best people throughout the world. Then again, we are proud of this grand state because of the fact that it has given to our race some of the best men and women to be found anywhere.

But while we rejoice at the fact that a kind Providence has raised up many friends to our race in every part of our great country—which has enabled us to make such wonderful advancement,—yet we cannot conceal the fact that the Negro people are facing some of the most serious problems that ever confronted any people. Problems which

are puzzling some of the wisest statesmen of the day. It was not thought by the wisest and most optimistic of forty years ago, that those safeguards thrown around the emancipated people by the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution would be attacked after that people had received more than forty years of training in the art of good citizenship. But such is the case. And the people who have waited patiently and long for the color of their skin to give way to the intelligence of the mind and heart, find that there is still much opposition to their having their civil and political rights. But there is hope in the fact that the race agitation is kept alive in most parts by an element that is fast passing off the stage.

There is no class of people in this country more desirous to see a really united country than the Negroes. And, a slight ray of hope broke through the clouds of sectional prejudice at the recent reunion of the Confederate Veterans when the Commander of the veterans, Gen. Clement Evans and General Fred. D. Grant clasped hands. We all should hope that it really means the blotting out of sectional lines which must come before that God-given principle of equal rights to all and special privileges to none will have universal sway.

Fortunately for the Negroes, the most bitter contentions at this time are not with them, but, like the Civil War, the contentions are about them; an instance of which is found in the case of the Georgia firemen's strike. I am not an advocate of monopolies or trusts, but I believe that men who are at the head of great corporations and who have invested their money in railroads and other great enterprises should be permitted to operate those enterprises profitably so long as they are within the bounds of the law, without the dictation of any class of people who seek to manage the affairs of others on no better ground than racial prejudice. The right to earn one's daily bread is a God-given right that cannot be taken, and when the effort is made to take that right from the black man, those making it will find themselves facing not only the laws of the land but the influence of every capitalist, great and small, in our entire country. Hence, we conclude that next to the rights of the laboring man, be he white or black, comes the right of the capitalist to control his investments.

But I wish to repeat here what I have said on former occasions, that the worst and most serious aspect to the race question in this country is the fact that it has taken

the front seats in many of the Christian churches in our country. And in saying this, I do not mean to advocate inter-racial churches; for it has pleased all wise Providence to permit separate churches for the races to exist and prosper. But while this may be in accordance with His will, yet it is inconceivable that Christians of the same faith cannot find a common ground on which they can meet as brethren and, at least in a fraternal way express their good wishes the one for the other. Sad to say, instead of coming closer together, the chasm seems to be widening each year.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is either an unselfish gospel or it is no gospel at all. It will either unite the world in one Christian brotherhood, or it will utterly fail of its purpose, and leave its great founder to stand convicted of the most colossal fraud ever perpetrated against the world.

But, thank God, it cannot fail. Heaven and earth may pass away, but His word shall not fail. It may be hindered for a while by those who think more on how to keep alive race hatred than they do on how to get the people of the world saved, still time will change all these conditions. We must admit that caste, color and race antipathy have done much to retard the progress of the gospel, and will perhaps continue to be a great obstacle in its way. But it will eventually have to give way to the truth of him who said through his beloved disciple, "If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

These sacred rules are yet to become the guide of all the Christian people in this land before we can fully recognize one another as members of one great family, before the unsaved world will believe that "there is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female: for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

My friends, the most serious of all the matters which should have the attention of the Baptist churches of America is the work of foreign missions, not only as it affects the constituents of this Convention, but the entire Baptist family. Each passing year brings the countries of the world closer together in commercial relations, and the white Christians are beginning to realize that in dealing with the pagan nations, it is by far more satisfactory where the principles of Christianity have been introduced, and they are, therefore, giving many thousands of dollars annually

to their foreign mission work. It is true we are much weaker than they financially, and yet we can and should do more than we have done for the redemption of the heathen.

Our principal foreign missionary efforts have been directed to the redemption of Africa. And, while I do not wish to be understood as advocating a racial gospel, yet I believe that it is well that we have largely confined our efforts to that continent, for the reason, first, that the other great missionary organizations are giving more attention to other countries, following perhaps the line of least resistance; secondly, that the Negro missionary is more readily accepted by the African than those of other races, the African regarding the American Negro as a Joseph who went before to prepare the way for him; and thirdly, that the means at our command have been too limited to reach much further.

Then again, it appears from printed statements and reports of missionaries that Africa is the most neglected, and, therefore, the darkest spot on all the earth, and largely because it is the land of our forefathers. I fear the real motive which prompted the early Christians in missionary work has not yet taken hold of our people and that many of those who go out as missionaries are not willing to die, if need be, for the redemption of that land. Of course the missionaries should be supported, and instead of the \$25,000 that Negro Baptists are raising for foreign missions, they should raise \$100,000 annually for the work in Africa alone.

If the glorious light of heaven is to shine upon the African and he is to stand transfigured before the other nations of the earth, it will, in my opinion be when the Negro Baptists take him by the hand and ascend to the mount of Christianity and teach him that higher and more glorious civilization which is revealed in the word of God. We cannot do a greater service to the other parts of the world, to say nothing of the incalculable benefit it will be to Africa's sable sons, than to devote the greater part of our means and efforts at this time to the redemption of the Dark Continent.

What could bring greater gratification to the Christian world than to know that an army of 30,000,000 men and 120,000,000 women and children who had roamed the deserts and forests of that unhappy continent for centuries, were coming forth dressed in the uniform of Christian soldiers, ready and willing to help turn the barren places of earth into well-springs of joy? Such will be the case when

the gospel of Jesus Christ has been given to darkest Africa.

My brethren, I beg that you give the foreign mission cause a deeper place in your affections, to the end that the appeals from the Board will meet with a more ready response.

#### WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL.

The woman's training school project has assumed definite shape, and the school is to open in October. At first the enterprise did not receive the hearty endorsement of the brethren for more reasons than one. Some objected on the ground that its object was to teach the women how to work, and others that it would detract from the interest manifested by the women in foreign missions. But each succeeding year has given greater emphasis to the importance of having trained women in the race, if we are to have our share of the skilled labor which will ever remain the basis of real progress in a material way; and, instead of diminishing the interest in foreign missions, the school will be a means of promoting the work. The leaders in the Women's Auxiliary Convention are to be congratulated upon the very bright prospect for this feature of their work.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

We have not in any sense lessened our interest on the home field, where several millions of our people are yet to be trained in Christian life. It is true the Negro has made marvelous advancement in religious matters in the last forty years. He has startled the world in the matter of church and school building, out of his poverty. This fact will ever stand as a monument to the race; but those of you who are most closely allied to the race will admit that there is very much to do even among the professed Christians, before the real, ennobling principles of Christianity have an immovable place in the affections of many of our people.

It is largely the work of our Home Mission Board, through its missionaries, to go among the churches already established and strengthen them in the doctrines of Jesus Christ, by removing the sands of heresy and emotionalism until the rock of unfaltering faith has been reached, to the end that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

In our efforts to strengthen the churches and educate the people to real Christian service, we have had the co-operation of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for which co-operation we feel very grateful and cherish the hope that it may be continued.

Next to the human voice in proclaiming the truths of the gospel is the printed page. Our Publishing Board is sending out millions of printed pages each year. It was reported in the Union that more than 20,000 orders for Sunday-school periodicals were filled for the third quarter of this year, which is the best evidence that our efforts to operate a publishing house are meeting with popular favor. It is generally conceded now that the colored Baptists have outstripped all competitors in the matter of a publishing plant. The merits of the publications are attested by the very liberal patronage given to the house and are very gratifying to the officers and members of this Board.

#### THE B. Y. P. U. MOVEMENT.

The question may be rightly raised as to whether we are doing our duty by the Baptist Young People. Men who live only for the present and whose official connection with the churches is very largely for the present day benefits will not take any very great interest in a movement which can hardly be expected to come in full fruition for several years. But that class of men and leaders who are interested in what the future church shall be, both as to its aggressiveness and stability, will sacrifice both time and money to prepare the young people to occupy the posts after the present leaders have passed off the stage. Unfortunately for this department of our work, the principal officer has been sick a large part of the year, and could not, therefore, do the amount of campaigning necessary to promote the general interest of his Board. But notwithstanding the many hindrances which he has had, he will doubtless be able to make a satisfactory report. We earnestly ask that all Baptist pastors inaugurate the B. Y. P. U. in their churches and give their personal attention to the work until it becomes self-supporting.

#### THE NATIONAL BAPTIST BENEFIT BOARD.

The Benefit Board of the Convention has been able to keep pretty well up with the claims that have come against

it. A large number of death claims have been paid in full or in part and some needy ministers have been helped from its treasury. To say that this Board should have a liberal support from every Baptist in the country is putting the matter in the mildest form. It is founded upon one of the noblest virtues that warms the Christian's breast, *gratitude*. What one is there among us who cannot point back to some word or deed by the old and now worn out ministers, which has been a help to us all through life? And what man is there who having been helped by them, will refuse them aid as they go quietly to the grave?

In what is called the Benefit or Insurance Department, no sympathy should be asked, but one fact should not be overlooked, and that is, that thousands of our people are too poor to carry life insurance in the old line companies, and are also too weak to keep alive a company for themselves without the aid of their stronger brethren. Hence, the ablest and wisest ones among us should be the first to carry membership in the National Baptist Benefit Association.

#### THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF JAMAICA.

Petition was made two years ago by the Baptists of Jamaica, B. W. I., for membership in the National Baptist Convention, through Rev. G. E. Stewart and they were received. I am glad to say that they have since organized a National Baptist Convention of Jamaica Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, and that their Convention has been recognized by the government of the British West Indies, their ministers granted the right to perform marriage ceremonies according to Baptist usage. It is the only organization composed of what they call "the colored people" on the island. The Convention held its 1909 session on the 8th, 9th and 10th days of June and elected Brother Stewart as its President. They are asking for the prayers and assistance of their American brethren in all their efforts to turn their people from the Episcopal bands that bind them to the freedom of the Baptist faith.

#### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

The district conventions are not doing, in my judgment, what they were constituted to do. It was presumed that these district organizations would be auxiliary to the Na-

tional Baptist Convention, and, in a measure, would co-operate with the parent organization in all its work. The President very heartily approved the existence of the Lot Carey Convention and the Convention of the Western States and Territories, as district bodies, and had not the slightest thought that there would ever occur any conflict of authority between the officers of our district bodies and the officers of our National Boards. But it has been reported to us that there has been some misunderstanding between our representatives on the foreign field and those supported by our Lott Carey brethren. This conflict of authority can be avoided, if the rules governing district conventions are followed. We make an exception, however, in the case of the New England Convention, which has at no time attempted to work independently of the National Baptist Convention, but rather sought to co-operate in carrying out its objects.

#### THE FEDERAL COUNCIL.

The Convention at its last session authorized the President to appoint a committee of twenty-five to meet the Federal Council of Churches at Philadelphia on the 2nd day of December, 1908. Owing to the fact that there was no money in hand with which to pay the traveling expenses of the Committee, the President appointed only seventeen persons to compose the Committee, all of whom lived in or near Philadelphia.

As you know, the Committee was not authorized to pledge this Convention to the object of the Federal Council, but simply to learn the plans and report to you, which it will, no doubt, do at this meeting. During the year 1910 there is to be held in Edinburg, Scotland, an Ecumenical Congress representing all the evangelical churches of the world. We have been informed that one of the objects is a union of all the churches of the world.

I am sure that you will agree with me that no sect is more interested in that one topic than the Baptists who are now one of the strongest of the evangelical denominations. A union, however, to any well-informed Baptist would mean an open Bible to all, a regenerated church membership and an acknowledgement of Christ as the only head. And unless all others can come to acknowledge this and accept His Word as the only rule of their faith and practice, the Baptists will remain on the field dressed, so to



speak, in camel's hair with a leathern girdle about their loins until Shiloh comes a second time. This Convention should by all means be represented at the Edinburg Congress if for no other purpose, than to enter our most solemn protest against a union that will in any degree compromise the principles laid down in the New Testament Scriptures.

#### THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE.

Your attention was called one year ago to the fact that the Baptist World Alliance would hold its second meeting in Philadelphia in 1911. A resolution was adopted authorizing each state represented in the Convention to appoint three persons who, with fifteen others to be appointed by the President, should constitute a committee to arrange for the entertainment of our foreign brethren, supplementarily to the arrangements made by the American Committee.

It is quite important that the personnel of that committee be known and announced at this meeting. In my opinion, the 1911 Congress will surpass any gathering of Baptists since the days of Christ on earth, and no pains should be spared on our part to make it so. Indeed, another great Pentecost should break forth from that meeting which should result in the conversion of thousands in a day.

A great many queries have come to the President during the year about matters with which he has nothing directly to do officially. Most of these queries have been about the affairs of the several Boards and could have been answered by the member of that Board from the state in which the one who asked the question lives. We beg to state that each of the six Boards of the National Baptist Convention are chosen by the state delegations while the Convention is in session, and announced by the Secretary. When this is done, neither the President nor any of the officers of the Convention has anything further to do with the affairs of the Boards, except in an advisory way.

I would say, that as soon as the new Boards are constituted it is the duty of the former Chairman to call a meeting of the new Board and proceed at once to organize it by the election of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer and two others, who together constitute an Executive Committee, with power to act in the absence of the full committee or Board. This explanation ought to put at rest the continual agitation that this

or that property belongs to this or that person (unless the states are putting men on these Boards in whom they have no confidence).

The term of every officer expires at this meeting, and the several officers of the several Boards will have no right to return to their respective headquarters to take charge of the business of the respective Boards, unless they are elected to do so; but when they are elected, they become the legal custodians of your property, unless removed by the Board that elects them.

I think every officer of every Board has the same view of his position that I have expressed, and that all come here to abide your will as to whether they shall continue to labor for you in the future or not.

But there is a serious side to the matter of public service. If you will allow me to use a political term I would say, "a public office is a public trust," and such are the official positions in connection with our Convention. The positions belong to the messengers here assembled and will be given to whomsoever they elect. But let me say that in large religious matters, as in all others, every temptation to do evil should be removed from before the men who are elected to serve you. When men are called from their private affairs to look after the affairs of the general public, several things should be taken under consideration. First of all, in leaving one's occupation to accept a position under you he may be depriving himself of a lifetime position that would at least be a comfortable living for him; hence, every man employed to work for any of the Boards of this Convention, should be paid a sufficient salary to sustain him in case of removal from office until he can procure other employment, and at the same time justify the Convention in demanding his entire time and energies in the work placed in his charge.

When men are put into positions on small salaries, and yet those same men become wealthy while the institutions which they represent remain poor and in some instances unable to carry on their work, it is perfectly reasonable that suspicions will arise to the effect that the officers are giving more attention to their private affairs than they are to the affairs that they have been chosen to look after.

#### CONCLUSION.

In closing my address on this occasion, you will permit me to say, that not since the chains of slavery fell from the



limbs of our race in this country have the clouds of adversity seemed heavier than now, and, never have the leaders among our people worked harder to throw off the calumny that is being heaped upon them. Notwithstanding these facts the future continues to brighten, and the race continues to climb higher in the scales of Christian civilization. That we may continue in our steady march of progress, it is necessary that the leaders among us shall stand shoulder to shoulder in every effort to advance our racial interest. Let the motto be "Race Advancement" leaving the following generations to enjoy the luxuries which will come as a result of our achievements. Already much has been lost by the keen, and I may say, unwarranted criticisms which have been made by one class of our leaders against the other. The ingenious enemy have stood by and encouraged a division among us upon the great issues in our race development. But let me admonish you, that, if we cannot agree, we should agree to disagree, and yet be united in the work of building the race.

As Christian leaders we should not despair, but when those who are our friends say to us that the door of hope shall not be closed against us, we should thank them for their generous assurance, but we might say to them at the same time, that, when Fort Sumpter was fired upon, the God of Heaven set before us an open door, and no man can shut it.

Finally let me say in broken rhyme:

In Eighteen hundred sixty-one,  
When God our freedom had begun;  
The statesmen all in fierce debate  
Stirred up strife in every state.

The war broke out, and all this land,  
Felt the weight of Lincoln's hand;  
The Negro people shall be free:  
On January first sixty-three.

From that day to the present time,  
Cruel efforts, steeped in crime;  
Have been devised to overthrow,  
The results of the Civil War.

The God of Heaven will not spurn,  
A work so righteously begun;  
He'll keep the reins in His strong hand,  
Till we are loosed from every band.

Until at last we stand complete,  
As men, not chattels at His feet;  
And the Nation whose God we serve  
Will grant the rights which we deserve.

At the close of the address, on motion of Dr. C. T. Stamps, of Mississippi, the rules were suspended and Dr. Morris was re-elected President of the Convention by acclamation.

Dr. Barbour, of Texas, moved to adopt the address of the President, which after some discussion prevailed.

On motion of Dr. J. P. Bryant, of Ga., the official program was adopted.

Dr. C. H. Parrish, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, was called to the rostrum. "Must Jesus bear the cross alone" was sung. On motion of Dr. Parrish the rules were suspended and the address and report of Dr. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary, was made a special "order" for Thursday morning. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung by the congregation and the afternoon session adjourned, Dr. Jordan pronouncing the benediction.

#### EVENING SESSION.

At an early hour the Convention reassembled. The song service, conducted by Prof. Pius, was soul-stirring. President Morris introduced Rev. Dr. P. J. Wallace, who read the Scriptures. The Convention sang and Rev. J. W. Hurst offered an earnest and fervent prayer. The choir sang "O the church is moving on."

President Morris presented Dr. Jordan, of the Foreign Mission Board, under whose direction the services of the evening would be held. Dr. Jordan introduced Dr. A. R. Griggs, Field Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to discuss the subject, "The Foreign Mission Board of the

National Baptist Convention as a Factor in the Execution of the Great Commission." Dr. Griggs reviewed the history, growth and expansion of the work and operations of the Board in interesting fashion. He mentioned the (a) dissemination of missionary literature and (b) the inspiration of men and women to leave home and native land and go to heathen lands to lay their lives upon the altar for the redemption of lost millions and (c) interesting Christians at home in the support of the missionaries on Foreign Fields, as clearly demonstrating the importance of the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and making the Board a potent factor in executing the Great Commission. The address in full was as follows:

BY REV. A. R. GRIGGS, D. D., GENERAL FIELD SECRETARY,  
DALLAS, TEX.

Mr. President and Brethren of the National Baptist Convention now assembled in the City of Columbus, Ohio, September 15, 1909:

By arrangement of those in authority I have been designated to bring to you to-night a message on the above subject. I realize the dignity of the occasion, representing, in a way, as you do, a constituency of two million and a half baptized believers in Christ, hailing from churches, Sunday-schools, mission circles or societies, associations, state and district conventions, Baptist Young People's Unions and other auxiliaries.

I come to you in God's name, to bring you a message with regard to the duty and responsibilities of our Mission Board, and to tell you some things it has done as a factor in the Master's Kingdom.

This Board was created by you, and exists not only by your authority, but by your direction and support. This Board is a factor, as shown by its history, and it is a live factor in helping to execute the Great Commission of our Lord as found in Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark makes it more definite with regard to our responsibility in giving the gospel to each individual. There it is said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." Each Christian should be a witness for Jesus everywhere and among all people.

It is a fact conceded by each real missionary Christian that this world should be saved with the gospel, which is God's instrumentality in bringing men to himself, reconciled by the death of Christ Jesus.

This gospel must be preached to dying sinners by living men, called of God, directed by the Holy Spirit, recognized and sent out by the churches. When persons are truly converted by the preaching of this gospel and present themselves to the church for membership, it is presumed that they are sent to the church by the Spirit of God for direction as to what God would have them to do, and how to do it. In Acts 9:6 Paul wanted Jesus himself to tell him what to do, but as Christ had commissioned his churches to baptize and teach, he sent Paul on to Ananias, a man with authority to do the business. Cornelius was ordered by an angel to send to Joppa for a man to tell him words whereby he and his house could be saved. The eunuch, in Acts 8:31, declared that he needed some man to guide him. People not only need guiding as to how to accept Christ and enter the church, but need direction as to how to work for Christ and the church. That is why every pastor should be a teacher as well as a preacher. Preach to convert and teach to work. Every church member is a Bible student under their pastor as a divinely authorized teacher. The church and the Holy Spirit should have charge of each member; the pastor, the deacons, the officially appointed and recognized missionary and evangelist should be heard in helping to regulate our working habits in the Master's vineyard, as they are assistant teachers or co-workers with God and the pastors.

There are four geographical divisions in the commission in which God through Christ has defined, as our place of work, that we should make no mistake in getting a hearing of the gospel for all nations. It is Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. This latter division of the fields named called forth the organization of this present foreign mission work at Montgomery, Ala., on November 24, 1880. It was organized upon this declaration: "Whereas, It becomes necessary, and it is our duty to extend our Christian influence to advance the kingdom of Christ, and as African missions claim our profound

attention, and feeling that we are most sacredly called to do the work in this field and elsewhere abroad; therefore, we, the representatives from the various churches, Sunday-schools and societies of the Baptist denomination in the United States, do solemnly organize ourselves into a convention for the above named object."

When all other bodies of a national character represented by the Baptists came to and were merged into this, the mother convention of all, the original purpose was not changed, but until this day the foreign mission work has gone right on, and now nearly ten thousand souls have been brought to Christ through the activities of more than two hundred missionaries that have gone out from this Board.

Notwithstanding the many aggravations they have had to contend with, this Board has been a progressive Board with a burning zeal for mission work. At the first session of the convention, there was raised for foreign missions \$317.06; the next, \$638.47, and the fourth year they ran to \$1,400.00; in the tenth year they reached \$2,000.00, and the next year, \$4,473.30, and on and on has it grown, until now our average collection for foreign missions alone is about \$25,000 a year.

The first national secretary for this Board was Rev. W. W. Colley, who laid a good foundation and blazed the way for all others. It was under the secretaryship of Rev. L. M. Luke that the organization took on new life and received that impetus that gave it permanency in the office of corresponding secretary. A resolution had been adopted by the Board, previous to his appointment, not to have any secretary unless the office would run itself. The writer, who was then president of the convention, gave assurance that for the first year Rev. Luke would make it a success. He did, and never since has the Board been without a paid, successful secretary on the field. Rev. Cole and Mrs. J. J. Cole were secretaries at one time and did good work.

Up to and including the year 1895 there had been raised on the field for foreign missions \$46,213.74. On February 13, 1896, Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., was elected. He says he asked God, "What must I do?" and a voice replied, saying, "Go, and I will go with thee." That promise has been fulfilled. God is with him. Since then there has passed through his office in thirteen years, \$147,787.36, and more than 100 stations established, over 100 workers commissioned, and thousands of souls added to Christ on foreign fields. One missionary alone has directly and indirectly established sixty-four stations and baptized 3,560 souls

(Rev. R. A. Jackson). One of the greatest and most effective agencies in bringing about living, tangible results from stupendous undertakings is union and co-operation of brain, muscle and money. It is said that "united we stand." Not only should we stand united, but we should unite against opposition and move obstacles in our union. Thus we stand together on God's Word and unite in one grand movement in the execution of his will or the redemption of the world.

This Board is a factor in the execution of the Great Commission, and shows it by the way she has created so many agencies for making sentiment among the two and one-half million Baptists in America. It is a factor because it publishes papers, tracts and books for the dissemination of information for the 18,000 Baptist churches presided over by 17,000 pastors.

The Board is a factor because she has to a remarkable degree influenced scores of men and women to accept foreign mission work among the heathen for the salvation of their lost souls. These missionaries left home, loved ones, good society and friends and died on the field among a foreign people uncivilized, and are sleeping to-day under the surface of the earth, many of them without a sign to identify their location, and nothing but their earnest labor left on record to perpetuate their name or to memorialize their usefulness.

Rev. H. McKinney, in the early 80's, wrote a letter to Texas, and it was published in what was then known as the Baptist Preacher, edited and published by one of the humble workers of the state, in which he says that while hunting game in Africa to eat: "Putting myself in a suitable position, I leveled my gun at this large ape, and at the fire thereof he fell to the ground. I carried the monkey to the house, flayed him; then Mrs. W. W. Colley played her hand in cooking monkey meat. After this most nutritious dish was put on the table all the missionaries—Rev. W. W. Colley, Rev. J. J. Cole and H. McKinney—sat and ate voraciously. Since I have been here I have eaten the lizard, the crawfish, and the snake is eaten by others, especially the snail." (Copied by the Cleveland Globe, November 21, 1885.)

The beginning of the mission work in Africa by our people is full of interest and should never be lost to the world. The first real definite action taken by a colored Baptist that memorialized itself in the hearts of the people and found

its way to the best historical records of this country was Lott Carey.

Lott Carey, no doubt, in my mind, was the first American Negro Baptist that gave to the world any organic movement looking toward systematic foreign mission work in Africa from a Negro Baptist standpoint. While attending a night school in Richmond, Va., he heard a lecture on the travels of Burgess and Mills in Africa. Later, in discussing the civilization of Africa, he said: "I have been determined a long time to go to Africa and see the country for myself."

1. In 1780 he was born a slave.
2. In 1804 he was hired out in Richmond, Va.
3. In 1807 he was converted and joined a Baptist church.
4. In 1813 he bought himself and two children for \$850.
5. In 1815 he organized a missionary society in the First African Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
6. That society in five years raised \$700.00 for African missions.
- (One man has been president of this society forty years.)
7. In 1820 he sacrificed a salary of \$600 a year to go to Africa.
8. On January 23, 1821, he sailed for Africa.
9. As a physician as well as a minister, he had under him at one time 100 patients. This was in 1824.
10. In 1822 he organized the first African Baptist Church in Liberia.
11. In 1823 he baptized six, and in 1824 nine.
12. In 1826 he fell asleep in Christ.

He said at one time, while in a discussion of the benefits of his freedom in Africa, that "there never has been a minute—no, not when the balls were flying around my head—when I could wish myself again in America." Yes, he had rather die in Africa, like a man, contending for freedom of body and liberty of speech.

Dr. Wm. J. Simmons said of this great man before he died: "No more thoroughly consecrated, self-sacrificing and totally unselfish man ever lived than Lott Carey."

"Thy need shall be a nation's love!  
Thy praise the free man's song!  
And in thy star-wreathed home above  
Thou mayest the theme prolong;  
For hymns of praise from Afric's plains  
Shall mingle with seraphic strains."

Here is a man that made with his own hands \$850 to purchase a missionary for Africa. Then he organized a missionary society to send this purchased man to Africa as a missionary.

There is always a ready people waiting for the ready preacher, and there is always provision for the ready preacher and money to support the God-called, Spirit-guided and church-sent missionary.

We may not always see these things in readiness, but we are told by the Bible to walk by faith and not by sight. When Lott Carey was converted and the proposition to preach the gospel came from God to him he could not see at first how he could preach, but by faith he was led on into it. When he was called to preach he was a slave and he could not see his way clear, but faith opened up the way. When he made up his mind to go to Africa as a missionary, he saw no money in sight, but faith brought the missionary society into existence, and the \$700 was made ready; but it was five years of patience and work, with faith in God, that brought the money to hand.

When Rev. Lott Carey fell asleep in Africa the work still went on through Revs. A. W. Anderson, J. Lewis and H. Teague. The later was a son of the Rev. C. Teague, who went to Africa with Rev. Lott Carey.

In 1846 a white Baptist convention sent Revs. J. Day and A. L. Jones and other missionaries to Africa to help perpetuate the work begun by Rev. Carey.

In 1860 the little Baptist interest started by Rev. Carey had grown to 1,258 members, representing 24 stations and churches, with 18 pastors and 26 teachers.

In 1875 we find Rev. W. W. Colley, the original promoter of this convention, laboring in Africa under a white Board, helping to evangelize these millions of heathen. As time moves on we see connected with this work over there Revs. W. J. Davis, J. T. Bowen and S. Crosby. Rev. Crosby was the first Negro Baptist preacher ever sent out from this country by an organized Negro Baptist Board. This was in 1878, just sixty-five years from the time that Lott Carey made himself both convention and Board and raised the first mission money to send himself, the first missionary to Liberia, to organize the first Baptist church of that continent by American Negro Baptists.

In 1879 South Carolina sent Rev. N. H. Bouey. Rev. J. O. Hays is also found among these workers in Africa in

the seventies. Among some of the early Negro Baptist workers on the field were Rev. T. L. Johnson and Rev. Rickett.

Among the first missionaries sent out by this Board might be named Rev. H. McKinney, W. W. Colley, J. H. Presley and wife, J. J. Cole and wife, Revs. Diggs, Topp, Bailey, Stewart, Tule, Johns, R. A. Jackson, Cruso, Kott, Buchannon, Wilson, Campbell, Miss Delaney, Mrs. Faulkner, Murff, Cheek, Chilembwe and others.

Step by step, year after year, onward and upward, with power and world-wide influence, has this National Baptist Foreign Mission Board gone on with this work, until to-day she takes her proud stand right along by the side of other potent factors doing business for God beyond the deep blue waters on the isles of the sea.

If John D. Rockefeller gave the Congregational Church \$100,000 because he saw the good their Foreign Mission Board was doing among the heathen, it will not be long before he or some other philanthropist will give our Board a large sum of money, most especially if those who are sending their money to the foreign field in an independent, round-about way to the missionaries direct, will send through this Board, so as to swell the figures of the Board to that extent that the public eye can see that we are doing a commendable work, and one that rapidly invites sympathy and financial co-operation. As long as it appears that we are not united among ourselves, on this point especially, others might doubt the propriety of giving to us for the heathen.

The Methodists gave Bishop Taylor \$400,000 in twelve years, and we have given Dr. Jordan less than \$200,000 in thirteen years. Yet he has done more under the circumstances with his churches than any living secretary on the globe. Speaking of the far-reaching influence and unlimited usefulness of our present corresponding secretary, Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., it is but just to say that he has everywhere made friends for this work. On that great steamship, St. Paul, en route to the World Baptist Congress, London, England, on Sunday, July 2, 1905, in the presence of hundreds of people of various nationalities, he made a memorable speech against the barbarous treatment of our people in the Congo Free State. No doubt there were among his hearers eminent lawyers, legislators, members of the English House of Lords, ambassadors, governors, returned missionaries, secretaries of various mission boards, millionaires, and many other dignitaries of various vocations in the social, religious, business and political walks of life.

It might have been some telling statement made in that speech that proved the entering wedge that has caused to some extent the lessening of the awful barbarities practiced on our people in the Congo. It was, too, his great speeches at the World Baptist Congress, at various places, under various circumstances, and his private and public conferences held by him that helped to make it easier for our Board and its work to get full-fledged recognition in other countries. It was the help and influence of this Board, through the wise management of our secretary, that our ministers now in Jamaica are recognized as other ministers in marrying people and performing other ministerial duties heretofore denied to them by the law. While many of us were out sight-seeing in London, this secretary was busy behind some closed doors, with some committee, or cornered off with a representative of some foreign government, or with some philanthropist, pleading for the cause of the millions in Africa and other foreign countries without the gospel. Somewhere, on some heart or in some brain, a word was dropped, a seed was sown, that has given fruitage to the happy results attained in helping to relieve suffering humanity, removing embarrassments, and giving this Board world-wide recognition as a factor in the propagation of the gospel.

Dr. Jordan has represented this Board in almost every general national or international meeting on this continent since his election in 1896. In fact, he has met every international missionary convention held in this country for fourteen years. He has met these organizations and participated in their deliberations in Canada, London, and such places as New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and other prominent places. He has made two trips to Africa, the first under a Texas emigration bureau. He has also visited South America and the West Indies in the interest of this Board.

Through the activities of this corresponding secretary and the healthy and earnest co-operation of the other field workers, he has been enabled to establish three church-houses in South America, three in the West Indies, three in West Africa, eleven in South Africa, and one in East Central Africa. These houses are being used as school-houses as well as for divine worship. Besides this, the Board has built eight homes for the missionary pastors on foreign fields. Three of these are in East Central Africa, two in West Africa, two in South Africa and one in South America. The natives have been induced to build many

mud huts for houses of worship for temporary use. Since his election our secretary has appointed subject to the approval of his Board, about 125 missionaries and helpers for foreign fields. There are now at work on the field 135.

When you realize that all of these workers are to be paid, and that it takes large sums of money to erect those houses, print papers, tracts and other literature, it is no wonder the brethren ask, Where does all the money go that is taken up every year? Here we see where it goes and what is done with it. Every year at these national meetings we can see the lovely forms and busy bodies of three men who make themselves conspicuous by giving close attention to the interest of gathering foreign mission money. They are Drs. Frank, Parrish and Gaddie. Especially has this been true of the first two named, as they give themselves to the work of gathering money here on the ground almost hourly during these meetings.

The far-reaching influence of this Board has never been fully recognized. Each of our National Boards now existing, as well as every National Baptist Convention enterprise, owe their origin to the Foreign Mission Department of this convention.

It was the Foreign Mission Convention, organized for nothing but foreign work, that brought the great Baptist family together.

It was at the annual meetings of the Foreign Mission Convention that enabled us to see each other face to face and inspired us to undertake other enterprises, and it was where we could see and understand the fitness of men for certain things.

It was at the Foreign Mission Convention, working for Africa and other heathen lands, that we first discovered the business tact of a Dr. R. H. Boyd, who has given to the denomination a publishing plant rated at more than \$200,000.

It was the work and influence of the Foreign Mission Convention that brought into national notoriety such men as Dr. Wm. J. Simmons, Dr. Van, Dr. E. K. Love and Dr. L. M. Luke. The Young People's Board, with its talented Isaac; the Ministers' Relief Board, with the energetic business pluck of that lovely minister at the head, known as Rev. Cosey; the Women's Convention, with its great school to open October 4, was born for foreign mission purposes, but has developed into a double-jointed concern. The great woman at the head of this school movement, as corresponding secretary, got her denominational training for national

work in the office of the Foreign Board. God will exalt any man or any enterprise that will stop and consider the poor heathen. Stoop to lift up the heathen and God will quickly exalt you. Miss Burroughs was born into national notoriety, working for the uplifting of the heathen in foreign mission work.

The Foreign Mission Board puts out men and women that can draw together, stimulate, inform and lift up the people at home and thus do them good in many ways.

The home field workers are to do three things.

1. Preach the gospel that will create sentiment in favor of the evangelization of the heathen on foreign fields, and thus produce in people a willingness to go, to let go, or to help go.

2. To influence men and women, boys and girls, to go to Africa, or some foreign field as missionaries or Christian workers, and enroll their names for prayer and sympathy, and help otherwise.

3. To collect money and help send workers to the foreign field, to pay on the salary of those already there, to collect money to help the heathen to build houses of worship, and thus give them some model church-houses.

It pays Christians to look upon the things of others; that of itself will induce God and other good people to look upon them with more favor.

Every Board and Baptist enterprise that has been brought into existence by the foreign mission work should, by the grace of God, stand by that work, and keep it in front of all other work, for if God has blessed us so wonderfully for what little we have already done for the foreign field, what immeasurable things will he do for us in the future if we stick close to the interest of the 844,000,000 heathen that are in the world yet without the gospel.

Two-thirds of the people of this world are yet without Christ. God brings a blessing to every people that will take pains to help the helpless. The white Baptist Woman's Home Mission Society was originally organized to support one woman who was in the South working for the emancipated race—four million ex-slaves. Their willingness to do that one good and most needy thing qualified them to be used of God for greater things or more things. Now they are working for twenty-two nationalities and supporting about 200 missionary workers and two missionary training schools at an expense of about half a million a year, instead of simply supporting one sister, Joanna P. Moore, at



an expense of less than \$1,000 a year. Brethren, it was the humble disposition of C. H. Spurgeon, the world's greatest preacher of his day, that enabled him to go out into the poor, neglected district to give the gospel to the outcast that enabled him to attract the attention of the world and to secure the help and co-operation of the rich people. A man that will stoop to get another man deserves help.

When our present secretary took hold of this work, the average receipts a year were about \$2,000; for the twenty-four years preceding his election the convention raised \$46,313.74; during the thirteen years of his administration he has collected \$147,787.36. (This year's collection is estimated on the basis of last year's receipts.) This gives him an average of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars a year.

There never was an age in the history of the world when there was so much done for the salvation of man; yet it seems that slow progress is being made. We need more money and more men. Take the continent of Africa alone. It comprises a population variously estimated at from 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 people, occupying a territory of 11,500,000 square miles. It is said by some one that in a territory of 7,000,000 square miles there are at least 100,000,000 Africans, mostly in the Soudan district, that have never heard a gospel sermon.

Cram, in his Atlas of the World, says: "The continent of Africa is unsurpassed by any upon the globe for fertility and abundance of resources; yet less developed than any other." Our people should seek to help evangelize Africa for business purposes. The business Negro should hurry on to Africa and help to civilize it and aid in utilizing her numerable resources for human happiness, that unborn generations may inherit the best land in the world undisturbed.

In a certain city of North Africa (Tangier), it is said that in the last two years many blocks of five-story apartment houses have gone up to accommodate the hundreds of Spanish emigrants that are flocking there for making money. It is further said in the same report, in the Missionary Review, that there are more than a million Europeans in North Africa. Why is it that the Southern Negro doesn't go to some parts of Africa and enjoy some of this reputed prosperity.

The people there are ready for civilization. They are willing to learn and are easily taught. A letter from West

Africa to a Mission Board last January 20 says that a village school near Elat more than 1000 are enrolled. Two boys are teaching a class of 135 the alphabet with a chart, and the class is composed of men, women and children. The average attendance at the Sunday-school for five Sundays was 1300. One Sunday 1953 attended church, and on the same Sunday there were 1681 in the Sunday-school. Some boys made 2400 mats and sold them in the neighborhood.

Mr. Churchill says that, in a certain part of Africa, "It is the only country I ever visited in which every person of suitable age goes to church every Sunday. In all of my travels in Africa I never saw better order or happier homes than in this portion of the Dark Continent (Uganda), where only a few years ago missionaries were brutally slaughtered by the natives."

At the twenty-sixth International Missionary Union at Clifton Springs, New York, last June, ninety foreign missionaries participated in the deliberations. One who spent fifteen years in Arabia said: "This country is composed of 123,000 square miles, with a population of 6,000,000. A large part of this population is slaves, and there is a market there for slaves."

I have often said that our presence in America is one of the best evidences that the heathen in Africa need the gospel of Christ and the uplifting influences of civilization. If our fore-parents had been Christianized and educated, their intelligence would not have allowed them to sell their wives and children for a little piece of red ribbon and a string of beads for American slaves. Those in this country who once quietly submitted to slavery would now die before they would be again enslaved. Let us, with the missionary, go to Africa and free those people from sin and human slavery.

In this country we have 500 to every preacher, but in Japan there is only one preacher to every 114,000; in India, one to every 145,000; in Africa, one preacher to every 220,000; China, one to every 437,000.

"The field is the world." Then "lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

The address was an able and comprehensive discussion of one of the most vital questions before the Convention. The vast congregation arose and sang, "Go preach my gospel saith the Lord."

The president presented Dr. P. H. Kennedy, of Kentucky, who introduced the Rev. R. Kemp, D. D., of South Carolina, who was to preach the missionary sermon.

The speaker announced as his text, Romans 3:29. "Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also the God of the Gentiles?" Theme: "*The Catholicity of the Gospel*," Africa's redemption largely in the hands of Negro Christians was the keynote of the discourse. Dr. Kemp said in part, "The gospel is designed and adapted to all mankind. The heathen reach for, receive and glorify God for a gospel which we receive with careless indifference."

"Faith cometh by hearing; hearing by the Word of God; and if the heathen are saved, they must be saved by the preaching of the Gospel."

"The Jews were blind to the teachings of their own scriptures which clearly taught that God would pour out his spirit upon all flesh."

"The day of working miracles for the church is passed. This is the day of the 'miracle of education.' The raising of the people by education to the point of doing what the Lord commands. We shall do greater works than our Master. The raising of four million heathen to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is a greater miracle than the raising of Lazarus from the dead."

"Many are telling Jesus to leave their coasts because he calls them to too great a sacrifice."

"We should not wish to die until the cross of Christ is planted upon every hill top."

No mere outline can do justice to this gifted and eloquent preacher. Dr. Kemp's sermon was a great soul-inspiring effort and thrilled the vast assembly with the magic touch of heavenly fire.

Dr. E. J. Fisher, of Chicago, caught the blessed inspiration and poured out his soul in fervent prayer.

Secretary Hudson read a telegram of greetings from Wilberforce University inviting the Convention to visit that institution.

The president recognized Secretary Hudson to present his annual report.

The report follows:

### SECRETARY HUDSON'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Members of the National Baptist Convention.

Dear Brethren: With pleasure, I herewith submit to you my third annual report, as secretary of your convention.

Year by year, the work of your general secretary increases, and as we become better known, necessarily, the obligations and responsibilities become greater. There was a time when the work of the secretary was confined, principally, to keeping a record of the annual meetings. The strength and standing of the denomination and the helpful influence exerted make this no longer true. It now seems, and is true, that the multitudinous work of the secretary seems only to have begun with the closing of the meeting.

Seldom do two days in any week pass without the receipt of letters in the office of the secretary, which must be answered, and certainly from May to the time of the Convention, no day passes but that the secretary is in receipt of communications which require his attention.

The position of recording secretary is one of which any layman should justly feel proud and because of this and the honor and recognition it brings, we are trying to place it on a plane that is in keeping with our great denomination and the cause we represent.

Leaving our last meeting with a depleted treasury, with one-half of the expense of the president's office unpaid, with all the printing bills unpaid, with a number of small bills to be settled, to say nothing of the secretary, for he not only received one cent's pay for his services but was unable to get the expense of his office, the secretary planned, with the president's approval, to send out appeals through the newspapers and to the vice-presidents and churches asking for a donation to assist in meeting the debt which was left on us at the close of the convention. To this appeal, some responses were received, all of which were acknowledged and receipts forwarded. The amount received was \$38.75, which about bore the expense of the appeals. This being the first attempt along this line, surpassed our expectation, especially so, since it was sent just after the close of the last convention. We feel well paid for this effort in that the churches and pastors were put in touch with the office of the secretary, preparatory for other appeals.



During the year, other appeals have been sent out and we are hoping to see the results of our efforts at this meeting.

It shall in the future be our aim to print earlier, the proceedings, giving at least one copy to each organization that has responded to this last appeal.

In this progressive age, when great feats are being accomplished, when men anxious to achieve great success, walk almost into the jaws of death and into the very mouth of hell, it is work, never ceasing work that plants the flag of success in the forefront. So it is our aim, through work, to bring this office to the place where it will be able to serve the denomination and assist in bringing more honor and respect to this great body which stands for so much in the development of the race.

Now that another twelve months have passed, I bring the office of secretary back to you, I trust in a better shape, with more churches in accord with its management, with kindly expressions of satisfaction and good will by many of the leading pastors and laymen of the country, with the hope that you, as a body, are well pleased with the general conduct of the office and finally with the consciousness, on my part of having done what I could to properly run the office and give satisfaction to my brethren throughout the country.

And now thanking the president for the uniform sympathy and help he has given me, the assistance he has always rendered when asked, the other officers for the courtesies shown and the good will expressed and the Convention for the confidence placed in me as its secretary, and trusting that my efforts have met with your most hearty approval,

I am yours most respectfully,

R. B. HUDSON,

Recording Secretary.

The report was referred to a committee.

The rules were suspended and Prof. Hudson was re-elected Secretary by acclamation.

On motion of Dr. E. J. Fisher, a committee of nine will be appointed to take under advisement and thoroughly investigate matters referred to in the president's annual message, said committee to report at the session of 1910.

Rev. J. R. Bennett gave notice by resolution of an amendment proposed to the Constitution, articles four and six,

giving each state and territorial convention, represented, a vice-president and a member on each of the boards.

The secretary gave notice of the following correction in 1908 minutes:

#### A CORRECTION.

It appears in the minutes last year that the Baptist State Convention of Texas, page 166, is not entitled to membership in the Convention.

The convention is a member of this body without a vice-president and members of the various boards.

SECRETARY.

The Convention adjourned the evening session with the benediction by Dr. A. J. Stokes.

#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order Thursday morning at 10:15 by President Morris. The choir sang, "He is my Saviour," and "Cling to the Cross." Dr. B. P. E. Gayles, of Illinois, read the 23rd Psalm. The choir sang, "When is the time to pray?" Dr. Gayles offered prayer. "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone?" was sung.

The President called Dr. L. G. Jordan to the rostrum and his report was taken up as a special order.

"O I feel like going on," was sung. The report of Dr. Jordan was held up for the present, and the Treasurer of the Convention, Dr. A. J. Stokes, was recognized to submit his report. He reported for two years owing to his enforced absence from the Lexington, Ky., meeting before the adjournment.

The Treasurer's reports were adopted.

The rules were now suspended and Dr. Stokes was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

For the purpose of securing better order the following brethren were appointed sargeant-at-arms: Revs. H. H. Harris, G. R. Nance, J. W. Witherspoon, Felix Jones, W.

S. Strathman, S. M. Fisher, W. H. Craighead, G. McNeil and T. P. Smith.

The Blue Grass Quartette, of Louisville, Ky., sang a beautiful selection which was much enjoyed by the Convention.

Dr. L. G. Jordan proceeded with the delivery of the annual report of the Foreign Mission Board as follows.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

*To the President, Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, Assembled: We come to submit to you our Twenty-ninth Annual Report.*

This Board is the agency through which you are making Christ known to those who have been sitting in darkness for centuries. Through the efforts of the consecrated men and women representing you on foreign fields, 906 souls have been brought to Christ this year, and every missionary under your Board sends word that more souls could have been saved had they the help and means with which to reach the people who are begging for the Gospel.

Many times this year, we have been made to rejoice, and then to shed tears. The missionaries have reported open doors and new opportunities for reaching large numbers of people. We realized that God was answering our prayer "Thy kingdom come," but we often wonder whether we who have been praying for the kingdom are ready to do our part, that it may be established in the hearts of men. The Gospel tide is fast rising toward a flood-mark higher than has ever been reached, and it behooves all disciples to awake and bestir themselves. Africa is pleading for the Gospel to-day as never before. She is attracting to herself, hundreds of travelers and adventurers, but the Christian world is not yet vitally concerned about giving her the Gospel. It remains for her sons and daughters on this side of the ocean to SEND THE LIGHT and send it QUICKLY. There are few obstacles in the way. All we need to-day is the men and the means. AFRICA FOR CHRIST is the slogan of your Board and we shall not rest content until Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run.

#### South Africa.

It was our plan to finish Shiloh Church at Capetown before this meeting. The Mission Home is completed and this saves rent. A small room where services may be conducted is also finished. The combined cost was \$3,000. In addition to this, eight hundred dollars have been spent for the church foundation. The churches are urged to contribute liberally that the church may be completed within the next six months.

#### Lagos.

Rev. Majola Agbebi has faithfully labored at Lagos. Government requirements forced him to remove and rebuild his church this year. But God poured out his spirit upon the people and four hundred souls have been added to the church this year. He has a large corps of native helpers and a membership of three thousand. The Board needs five hundred dollars for this Station.

#### Persecuted for Preaching the Gospel.

Rev. S. G. Pincock, a missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in West Africa, was recently banished from his field of labor because he took part in saving the humble natives from the oppression of their cruel chiefs.

Lagos Weekly, in giving an account of this says that it was done with the knowledge and consent of the British officials in Oyo.

Religious tolerance between all civilized nations for the protection of missionaries in their foreign possessions, regardless of what country from which they hail, will doubtless enable the Southern Baptist brethren to secure for Brother Pincock just treatment under the English flag. In answer to one of his critics, Brother Pincock writes as follows:

"Permit me to thank 'Janus' for his very lucid and fair comment upon the correspondence published in connection with the trouble of Oyo. I quite agree with him that where the presence of a missionary (I would add trader or government official) becomes a menace to the peace and quiet of a country, it is better for that man to leave the town. Let me relate an incident and ask 'Janus' a question.

"A woman of the Afri, was thrown down by a slave, who sat upon her, and most brutally mutilated her face, trying to efface her family marks and branding her forever a slave. And while the wounds were still fresh, he rubbed sand into them.

I have a photograph of this woman, and I am told there are two others at the Afri who have been treated in the same way. My question is, who is menace to the peace and quiet of Oyo—a man who mutilates innocent women, or the man who in a lawful manner, protests against such brutality?"

We pray the day will yet come when the heralds of the Cross shall be welcomed wherever sinful man is found, since the Gospel alone is the panacea for all the ills with which the heathen world, as well as the civilized is afflicted.

#### *Is There Religious Liberty In Russia?*

The manifesto of the Czar declared that there should be complete religious liberty within his domain, and here and there have been promising signs of advance in freedom of conscience. In Jewish missionary work especially, privileges have been granted, which were unheard of a few years ago. In Odessa the school and the public meetings of the worker of the Midway Mission to the Jews have been officially permitted, and the worker has been granted a permit to preach in any place within the government of Cherson. In Warsaw and in Lodz, the workers of the same mission have been granted valuable privileges. And the Methodists have met with no opposition, when they opened their first church in the Russian Empire.

On the other hand, we read the the Committee of the London Jews' Society would like to enter Russia, but after serious consideration has resolved to wait until some of the present hindrances are removed. "Trusting and Telling," the Organ of the Midway Mission to the Jews, brings in its latest number the news from Odessa that 300 Stundists have been arrested and condemned to two months' imprisonment. Its missionary at Odessa writes thus:

"The Russian Baptists, with their preacher and the visitors who had come to Odessa for the Brethren's Conference, met on Ascension Day on Mount Schewachow to have a picnic. They had but just reached the place when they were surrounded by a large body of mounted and other police and promptly arrested. Men, women and children

were led through the streets like criminals and shut up. The children were set free immediately, and some of the women, but more than 200 were put in different prisons, where they will have to remain for two months.

"On Sunday morning at 6, as usual, the brethren of the second meeting, with their preacher, assembled on the seashore for some baptisms, but on the way they were taken by police on the watch for them, and about a hundred more were robbed of their freedom and thrown into prison to suffer for two months.

"The treatment of the brethren is said to be dreadful, on the plea that they are enemies of holy Russia, Church and State."—Missionary Review of the World.

#### *The Congo Matter.*

We are sorry indeed we can not report the atrocities on the Congo settled. During this year, Rev. W. M. Morrison and Rev. W. H. Shepard, missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Board, were indicted by the Belgian Government for libel growing out of articles written by these brethren exposing the awful crime of Belgian officials and soldiers of chopping off the hands and feet of innocent children because their parents could not gather their tasks of rubber. The trial of these men was settled at Leopoldville, a thousand miles away from their home; thus, making it almost impossible for them to get their witnesses to the place of trial in time. Mr. Shepard is known to many of our brethren, as he spoke to many of our churches and is a man of our own race. It was hoped the annexation of the Congo by the Belgium Government would have settled matters, but the United States Government, and also Great Britain, refuse recognition to the treaty until the cruelties and barbarities in the Congo Free State are prohibited by the Belgium Government. Just why these missionaries are called upon to suffer this humiliation, and possibly torture, can not well be answered by the Belshazzar of this century. Both Mr. Morrison and Mr. Shepard are men of devoted Christian character and splendid courage. It was largely due to testimony given by them six years ago that the popular movement for relief of the Congo people in this country originated. This testimony was afterward fully confirmed by the findings of the commission appointed by the king and by investigations made by American consuls; and, despite the fact, the Dispatch of March 10th,

from Brussels, says: "Lieutenant Arhold, of the Belgian army, who was at one time denounced by the missionaries for burning and pillaging villages, assassinations and other atrocities in the Congo, has been found guilty of a series of charges of this nature and sentenced to imprisonment for twelve years." Our missionaries are made targets for the venom hate of one of the most cruel tyrants that ever lived.

It is to be hoped that our government and that of Great Britain will take effective measures for insistence upon the guarantees asked from the Belgian Government. The constituency of the Union, together with all lovers of humanity, should be resolutely enlisted in support of such action.

A wealthy American volunteered to go at his own expense and stay by these missionaries through their trials, which are possibly going on at this time.

#### *The World Missionary Conference.*

The great Ecumenical gathering of the World Protestant Missionary Workers will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, next June. You have already appointed the Chairman and Secretary of the Board to represent you in that meeting. It may be questioned whether in the annals of Christianity there has ever been a gathering more apostolic in aim, more timely in conception, more scientific and statesmanlike in plan, more comprehensive in personnel and more replete in beneficent possibilities, than this one promises to be. Authorities and experts on various aspects of the missionary enterprise have for two years been making investigations, studying and consulting as to the most important and pressing mission problems. They will report at this meeting. The Conference will be in deed and in truth a World Conference. It is not sectional or partial; not limited to a particular country, class or race. This meeting means as much to the two and one-half million Negro Baptists in this country as to any Christians anywhere in the world; and we believe that your delegates will return with their vision enlarged, their faith increased, their strength renewed. We believe they will be so inspired that they will be able to fire the home churches with renewed zeal for the cause of missions. We cannot overestimate the great good that will come to all who attend this meeting, and we trust that at the appointed time, those who are called upon to help send these workers abroad may realize that they are contributing in a very substantial way to the

missionary enterprise; for without this opportunity for study and without this enlargement of vision, without this infilling of the Holy Spirit, it will be impossible for us to grapple successfully with needs and conditions on foreign fields.

The following is from the latest bulletin issued by the General Committee, having this matter in charge:

#### *Second General Announcement World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland,*

*June 14-24, 1910.*

*Notes of Progress.*

The World Missionary Conference preparations are going on steadily and satisfactorily. The magnitude of the work to be done seems to grow as the time in which it must be done lessens; but the committees and commissions on both sides of the ocean are thoroughly and efficiently organized. Several thousand missionary leaders, in all parts of the world, are engaged in collecting, arranging and digesting material for use in this Conference.

*Conference Delegates.* The Conference will embrace about 1,100 delegates, of whom upward of 500 will be from the United States and Canada. Among the delegates already chosen are some of the most distinguished of our public men, including ex-President Roosevelt, ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, prominent educators, jurists, editors, bishops, pastors, as well as missionary secretaries, managers and experts. The delegates are appointed by the various Missionary Boards on the basis of income devoted to missions in non-Christian lands. Woman's Boards having separate organizations also may appoint delegates.

*Missionaries and Native Christians.* Among the delegates appointed by American societies will be missionaries and native Christians from foreign fields. For example, one Board will have ten delegates from its Asiatic, African, South American and other fields. The missionaries will be accompanied by native Christians from the various missions so that the Conference will be something of an interdenominational Congress of the nations of the world in the name of the one God, the one Gospel, and the one cause. Doubtless there will be few of the 1,100 delegates who will not be able to understand and speak the English tongue, which is now taught in almost every mission field.

*Conference Sessions.* The Conference is to meet in the Assembly Hall of the United Free Church of Scotland, in Edinburgh, on Tuesday, June 14th, 1910, and to continue about two weeks. The delegates will be seated on the floor of the hall. The galleries will accommodate a thousand persons. Tickets for seats therein will be issued to missionaries and members of British Boards. Tickets will be issued to missionaries in proportion to the number of delegate to whom their respective Boards are entitled. Parallel meetings of a somewhat more popular character will be held in Synod Hall and evening meetings in various centres. A charge will be made for tickets to the Synod Hall meetings.

*Entertainment.* Delegates will be provided with entertainment, but missionaries and others will be treated as visitors. Sir Alexander Simpson states that board and lodging can be obtained in Edinburgh for from two dollars to two dollars and a half a day.

*The Program.* The Conference is a conference of missionary experts, and its chief business will be to hear and discuss reports of the eight commissions which have been appointed to investigate and report upon all phases of missionary work. Besides these reports and discussions thereon, there will be addresses on missionary topics by the most eminent speakers of the world.

The Conference will not consider or adopt resolutions or vote even upon the reports of the Commissions. Its aim is to gather and present through its Commission and proceedings, facts and conclusions of missionary experts on plans and methods of the missionary enterprise, and thus "co-ordinate missionary experience from all parts of the world."

*The Reports of the Commissions.* Plans are being worked out for the publication of the reports of the Commissions and of the Conference proceedings in a series of eight volumes. One volume will be given to each of the Commissions, except the seventh and eighth, which are to be bound together. Volume VIII is to be devoted to the Conference itself and some of its discussions. Each volume except the seventh will contain about 100,000 words; the eighth will embrace perhaps 150,000 words. Each volume will be sold for about seventy-five cents and the set for about \$3.75. These volumes will deal with such subjects as: "Carrying the Gospel to All the World," "The Native Church and Its Workers," "Education in Relation to the



Christianization of National Life," "The Missionary Message in Relation to Non-Christian Religions," "The Preparation of Missionaries," "The Home Base of Missions," "Relations of Missions to Governments," "Co-operation and Promotion of Christian Unity." It is not too much to say that such a collection of missionary information, gathered from the ends of the earth, tested, sifted, presented with clear conclusions from the most authoritative sources, has never before been made available.

*Transportation.* It is too early yet to announce arrangements for transportation of delegates and friends. The American Executive Committee has appointed a committee to investigate and report concerning rates, etc., across the Atlantic for Americans going to Edinburg.

*Conference Bulletin.* A Bulletin of Conference news is to be issued monthly in Edinburg, Scotland, beginning next October and continuing until June. It will contain all necessary information relating to the Conference and arrangements for the Conference. It will be sent to American subscribers at fifty cents for the eight numbers. Subscriptions may be made to Mr. W. H. Grant, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

#### *Fireside Work.*

During the month of February, by special arrangements, the Corresponding Secretary of our Board met the Executive Board of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, of Chicago, in the interest of the Fireside Schools, mostly of children, that have been wholly or partially supported through self-denial gifts, led by Miss Joanna P. Moore.

This work was taken up by Sister Moore after a special conference with the late J. I. Buchanan, during his visit to this country seven years ago. We are glad to report all the recommendations were adopted by these good women but the first, which is held in abeyance. We suggested the following as plans of co-operation:

That the two mission schools in Middledrift District, South Africa, now being supported from the Self-Denial Fund of the Fireside School, being a part of the work supervised by the Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Board's work of the National Baptist Convention, will be taken over in full by said Board, relieving the Fireside School of the responsibility of the maintenance of these schools and teachers' salaries, upon the following terms:



1. That money now on hand for Fireside work in Middletown be used to finish the five-room house of the mission station, the building to be known as — School; or

2. That the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society be given a column in the interest of Missions. All monies for Self-Denial Fund of the Fireside School, to be edited by a writer appointed by the Society, and that all the works of our Board will be instructed to aid in pushing the idea of self-denial in the interest of missions. All monies for this fund to be sent to the headquarters of the Fireside School in Nashville, Tenn.

3. That for the next three years, two-thirds of all monies raised from this source shall be turned over quarterly to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. At the expiration of that time the same arrangement may be continued, a new one formed, or the whole plan discontinued, as may be thought best by the representatives of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society and the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

4. That the money so turned over to the Board of the National Baptist Convention by the Fireside School shall be spent in Foreign Mission work without cost to the fund, and a report from the representative furnished the Foreign Mission Board to appear in its annual report. Receipts for this work may be published in the Mission Herald monthly.

5. That the representative for this work may remain in Nashville, or the Foreign Mission Board will give desk space at its rooms in Louisville, free of cost to the fund; the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society being responsible for the salary and stationery of the representative of this Self-Denial Fund.

6. That manuscript for a book or booklets in the interest of the work to be written or arranged by the representative of the Self-denial Fund, shall be gotten out, and will be published by the Foreign Mission Board free of cost to the fund. These may be sold and the receipts divided as other monies coming into the fund. The Board of the National Baptist Convention will reserve the right to revise the manuscript for such book or booklets, so they may be in harmony with the work being done by the Negro Baptists in mission fields.

### *District Conventions.*

There are two District Conventions—the first, the Lott Carey District Convention, extending from North Carolina to Maine. This body is composed of many who were pioneers in Foreign Mission work among Negro Baptists. They are making themselves responsible of six workers—two American and four natives. It was our privilege to meet them ten days ago in their annual gathering at Durham, N. C. They received during the year \$2,700 with the prospects of collecting fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars at their session. We were most cordially received, and were promised the most loyal and hearty co-operation possible in pushing the kingdom of God in regions beyond. A corn mill, a very necessary adjunct to our station at Middletown, was promised by these brethren. We have urged upon them helping us to pay off the indebtedness at the Lott Carey Academy at Queenstown, in the employment of a competent teacher and the erection of a building which will enable us to do the work planned for the school.

The Second, or Western States and Territories District Convention, has raised considerable money, which has been spent on the Home field, in sentiment making and otherwise, contributing a very small per cent. to the Foreign Mission work. The men who have the Convention in charge have promised better results in the future.

### *Field Missionaries.*

During the past year the Board has had two Field Secretaries and several field missionaries to assist the secretary in reaching the churches and organizations.

We give below a summary of their final work for the year:

Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., appointed for the States east of the Mississippi River, covered but a small part of his territory. However, after a year's work, he is more interested than ever. His work in South Carolina is spoken of in the highest terms by both pastors and people. He did not raise the amount of money he or the Board had hoped. He collected \$1,909.28.

Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D., appointed for the States west of the Mississippi River, has done lasting good by institute work, as well as by direct appeal to the churches and the scattering of books and printed matter bearing on the

subject of world-wide mission work. He began work in March, and has collected \$1,022.

The work of Mrs. Josephine Straghn, as usual, has been constant, and no month in the whole year has found her report blank. She has proven to be one of the most proficient workers the Board has ever had. During the year she has collected \$1,197.88.

Rev. C. G. Fishback and Miss E. B. DeLaney, one of our self-sacrificing returned missionaries, have done special work, which has been of great value. He collected \$544.68, and she \$1,310.16.

Miss Julia A. Holmes, Mrs. F. R. Wilson, Rev. Joseph A. Leach and Miss Sidney J. Davis have greatly aided your Board in its arduous work. Miss Holmes collected \$240.45; Mrs. Wilson \$204.58; Rev. Leach \$47.90, and Miss Davis \$194.46.

Rev. R. A. Jackson, returned missionary, has spoken to a large number of our brethren in many States in the Union during the year, and reports \$223.60.

Rev. L. N. Cheek, returned missionary, has retained whatever money has been contributed to him for Foreign Missions. The Board expects his report at this meeting.

While the present method of appointing workers for the Home field has been an experiment, it must in the future bear fruit. The Board feels that the new plan to be inaugurated this year will be more satisfactory in every way. The workers have reached hundreds of friends who would never have known anything about the work we are doing in foreign fields, only for their hard, untiring service. It may seem to you an expensive educational campaign, but the Secretary can not do all of the work, and there are people who will not give unless they are reached by an appeal from the lips of a field missionary or the secretary.

The friends have been given credit on our books for all money reported by the Field Secretaries and Missionaries. We pay them for their services and are responsible for their traveling expenses. For the next year we can simply employ four or five of the best workers we can secure, and so divide the territory that there will be less traveling expense and no overlapping. We must also secure men and women who will serve for reasonable salaries.

#### *Board Members.*

The members of your Board in the various States, in some cases, have been most loyal and helpful. But many

have allowed their State delegations to appoint them, and during the whole year not a dime nor letter, though we have written them repeatedly. Your Board most earnestly asks the State delegations to give us men as members of this Board, who have had a vision of the great benefits which will come to the heathen world from the preaching of the Gospel—Men who are doing something and giving something to make Jesus known where he is unknown.

Any pastor so honored by his State delegation should see that his church leads in giving to the cause of preaching the gospel to every creature. We should be able to have him, arrange and map out a campaign when any worker goes to the State. He should be the last man to talk about what can not be done. Give us men who, when they find things blocked, will make a way, that their State may be led into the front ranks of obedient followers of Christ, our Lord, and loyalty to the great denomination they love and serve.

#### *Departmental Meetings.*

This Convention has grown to such proportions and its interests are so varied, that it seems to us, time to consider holding Departmental Meetings, in which each Board will have an opportunity to carefully discuss its work and to get expert testimony from specialists who are giving this question of missions very careful and serious study. It is impossible for us to get down to a careful study of the field and force, discuss and devise plans and methods in this general gathering, where some are interested in one thing, some in another, and some in nothing. In a Departmental Meeting we could bring together those of kindred spirits, and in that way do an educational work that is impossible under present arrangements. Such meetings could be held either in the afternoon or morning of each day the Convention is in session. Three hours could be well spent in a prayerful and careful study of this great question of Missions. If the Convention wants to do a lasting work, lay a sure foundation, it will be necessary to resort to such a method to reach the delegates who come up to it, year after year, desirous of doing something; and yet, for want of time, we can not advise and inform them as we should.

#### *Study Classes.*

You have noticed that the Mission Herald has urged the formation of Study Classes in all the churches. But few



have acted upon our suggestion, and it is safe to say that not ten of the sixteen thousand Negro Baptist churches have even a general idea of the work that is being done by this Board and by the other Foreign Missionary Boards in this country and in England.

The churches should be vitally concerned about this question, for this is their work. This is the business of the church in the world. The book of the Acts of the Apostles is an inspiration—there are hundreds of men and women whose lives are just as full of sacrifices and sufferings as the lives of those who took part in the Missionary Campaign when this blessed old book was being written. These modern missionaries are not lacking in devotion to the cause of Christ, and their lives are an inspiration to the churches of to-day. The churches have as much reason to rejoice over the baptism of 200 souls by Rev. John Chilembwe, who, after having led these converts into the water and baptized them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, stood before thousands of people, wet to the skin, and without a change of garments, as it has to rejoice over the baptism of the Eunuch by Philip. Here is a life of sacrifice and of devotion that has no parallel in missionary history. Why should not the churches read these thrilling events that daily transpire on the mission field and get the inspiration that only such sacrifices can bring to Christians? The cross is being moved forward; it is being planted in jungles and swamps, and in the plains and on the mountains; but it is not being done without sacrifice, without suffering, without loss of life, without tears, without prayers, and this Study Class is a call to review the incidents and lives of missionaries, and to catch inspiration from them as they labor to bring all these things to pass in the name of the Christ who commanded them to Go "to every creature."

We have three great books that have been used by the Forward Missionary Movement that we would like for every pastor here to take home with him and make it his business to organize a Mission Study Class, and above all, to either do the teaching himself or get some one who is highly capable of doing it. The "Price of Africa," "Day-break in the Dark Continent," and the "How and Why of Foreign Missions" are the three books that will be the means of helping pastor and people as no other books outside of the Bible can help.

### *The Mission Herald.*

For fourteen years this little paper has been pleading the cause of our missionaries in foreign fields. Each month it has gone into the homes to tell the story of their struggles and achievements. This year we have sent out 260,000 copies. We have sent four special editions to 6,000 preachers, with the view of informing and interesting them in our Foreign Mission work.

We come to this meeting to see if it is possible to secure subscriptions from five hundred preachers and a thousand laymen. We are going to ask each of these preachers and laymen in turn to secure subscriptions from at least five persons. Our subscription roll must be increased to twenty thousand, and it can be done if you will co-operate with us as we have asked. This is our only Foreign Mission organ. We do not give you a patent sheet, nor do we send you the same news each month; but so anxious are we to give you the latest events from the field that our missionaries are urged to write letters monthly, and they take great pleasure in doing so. If each pastor will interest himself in the foreign missionary work that is being done by this Convention, he will insist on every member having the paper, paying 35 cents a year for it. The best way in the world to quicken the spiritual life of your membership is to get people to read God's fulfillment of his promises to those who make an effort to preach the Gospel to every creature.

### *New Year's Offering.*

It has been the custom of the Board for quite a number of years to call upon the churches to take a special offering Watch Meeting night and send it at once to headquarters as a New Year's gift to Foreign Missions. Some of the churches are faithful in making their first offering to the Lord, but others turn the meeting to their personal account and demand the New Year's gift for themselves or for the sexton. There is much unpardonable selfishness in our churches, and until we get to the place where we can not set aside some time and give something to God we will not know the joy that comes from sacrifice. The pastor is with the church 365 days in the year, and so is the sexton; but the missionary comes just once a year asking for a Special Gift as an expression of thanks to the God who has kept us and brought us safely through the year.

We shall again ask our churches to remember the missionaries on Watch Meeting Night and lay upon the altar their First gift for the preaching of the Gospel to those who have never heard of Christ. If the people are urged to heartily respond to this appeal, we can easily raise \$5,000 for African Missions January 1st. We have no special bishop through whom to speak, but if you are your own bishop, speak to yourself, and if you have ears to hear, you will hear God speak to you in behalf of His servants in far-away Africa, Russia, South America and the West Indies.

*Names Not Published.*

You will notice that we are not publishing the names of contributors in this report. For several years we have gone to considerable expense publishing names of all contributors. It means a great outlay, and we decided this year that since the Board is heavily in debt, it would be better to send the money to Dr. Bouey, who is in need. We felt that the friends who have given would be more anxious to relieve him than to see their names in print a second time. Each month we have published the names of contributors in the Herald, and if you know of any contributions that should have been sent to the Board and have not been published, we would be glad to have you give us the information and we will look the matter up. Our records are carefully kept, and it is a pleasure to answer, at any time, any questions with reference to contributions. Every friend whose name would have been published in this report has made a contribution to our missionary in Africa, for which we thank you. Fifty dollars, part of the cost, was sent to Dr. Bouey August 26th.

*Sending Money Direct To the Field.*

There are some friends and organizations that have sent money directly to the missionaries. Every man and woman under the Board on foreign fields is looking to us for support. They do not go on depending upon any individual or church to support them, and we feel safe in saying that not one of them would be willing to sever their connection with the Board and depend upon individual friends to take care of them. The only effective missionary work being done in foreign fields is that conducted under well organized boards. It is encouraging missionaries to be dis-

loyal, insubordinate and disrespectful to send contributions direct to them, instead of through the channels established by this Convention. We respect the wishes of donors, and the Board certainly knows where the money is most needed, and is sufficiently interested in all its workers to do the very best in maintaining them. Just as the pastor on the home field must depend upon the church, a fixed organization for his support, a missionary on the foreign field must depend upon a Board properly constituted to maintain him. There are some churches that will send one hundred dollars directly to the field one year at one time, and will not send another cent for the next five years. There are Missionary Societies that will send five or ten dollars at one time, and will not send another five cents. What becomes of their missionary? Spasmodic, irregular giving means death to any cause, and it must be stated that all of our missionaries have exhibited common sense by remaining with the Board and not assuming any independency because our independent churches at home do not recognize the channel through which they should unitedly and systematically send their offerings.

The Board is a fixture. Men and churches may come, and men and churches may go, but the Board itself goes on permanently. We spend all our time praying, planning and pushing the Foreign Mission work of this Convention, and we handle with care the money given us to carry on the work; above all, we pray daily for those whose lives are very dear to us, and we believe our missionaries feel that their interest is safe in our hands. We plead their cause when they are asleep. We urge individuals, conventions and associations to help, when thousands of those who pretend to be interested, turn us coldly away and say that "We have too many bills to meet; we have Africa right here, and there is nothing here for Foreign Missions." Alone with our God, we have often told the story and trusted Him to raise up a friend who would hear our plea and send relief to those on the firing line. Are the preachers of this Convention wrestling in prayer? Are the churches here burning with missionary enthusiasm, asking, "What can we do to help in this great work?" If so, they are here in response to our prayers, and we shall gladly shake their hands and welcome them into that small army of consecrated workers, prayers and givers, who will not be satisfied until the Son of Righteousness shall rise in Africa and millions shall know of Jesus the Mighty to Save.

The Board is your channel, and we beg you to remember that the missionaries look to us for support, and we must look to you to be loyal to your established agency.

#### *Easter Rally.*

This year the Board made an effort to reach more Sunday-school superintendents, pastors and churches in their annual Foreign Mission Rally on Easter Sunday, than ever before. One hundred and ten thousand *Heralds* were mailed, and quite eight thousand Sunday-school superintendents received personal letters asking them to remember Africa on the second Sunday in April. Just 2,121 superintendents responded, and we received \$2,100 from the eight thousand Sunday-schools to which we send appeals. Such liberal advertisement should bring larger returns, but it will not come until the entire denomination is made to realize that it is a missionary agency established for the propagation of the Gospel, and that every department of the church ought to contribute its share to the good work. Our superintendents represent a powerful, spiritual element in our churches, and under their leadership our children will give cheerfully for the support of our missionaries. We thank those who gave, and beg their continued interest and prayers. The Sunday-school at Edwards, Miss., continues to make the largest contribution. This is due to the fact that the superintendent is thoroughly interested in the work. He starts in time to organize his forces and keeps the matter before them. We are indeed grateful to Brother Moore and we trust that when we shall have our departmental meetings in operation, he will tell us just how he has so successfully managed his Foreign Mission Rallies each year.

#### *Another Stranger With Us.*

Rev. A. S. Phillips, of Barbados, W. I., is with us. He has been under the Board for four years, and has done an excellent work. His report is submitted in connection with the reports of other missionaries on the field. He is in the West Indies, where Roman Catholicism has made the condition of the people just a little better than heathenism. He works among hundreds of poverty-stricken people who seldom get over five or ten cents a day for a full day's work. He is in attendance upon this Convention. It is his first visit to America. He is here to raise means with which to complete the three church buildings in his district, and

we trust that the friends and churches will be most liberal in their contributions. The Gospel in Latin lands is one of the **TEXT BOOKS** used by the Mission Study Classes this year. We will have an opportunity of hearing Bro. Phillips on this important subject.

#### *A Teacher for Queenstown School.*

It is quite necessary that we have a consecrated teacher for the school at Queenstown. It is in this public school that we are training natives for work among their people. It is from this school that we must get preachers, evangelists and teachers to work among the millions in South Africa. The man we send must be of good health, sound body, not over forty years of age, a graduate from a school of standing; he must be a leader and organizer; he must be a man of great energy, self-reliance and common sense; above all, he must be well endowed spiritually; he must be a married man, and must go to the field to remain at least four years. Surely, among the sixteen thousand Negro Baptist preachers, God has ordained one to do this important work. If he has called us at all, he has called some of us to go where the work is the greatest and the workers are the fewest. While Africa is shrouded in darkness and millions are pleading for the light, brethren, the burden of proof lies upon us to show that he meant for all of us to stay at home, where we have more preachers than we need, while the Macedonian cry grows louder and louder, "Come over and help us." Do not ask, "Should I go to Africa?" but ask, "Why should I not go?" There is hardly a month in which we do not get two or three letters from preachers asking to be helped to some good church on the home field. Most of these men, it is true, are failures—they can not stay long at one place—but we have often wondered why some of our men are not called to go where the work is most abundant and the workers most needed.

Let us pray in this meeting that the man may come forth, offering his life a living sacrifice for the great missionary and educational enterprise in South Africa.

#### *Missionaries to Sail.*

For quite two years, Miss Jannie Sontunzi, a young woman who assisted Brother Buchanan in Middledrift, So. Africa, has been in charge of the work at that station. It

is quite necessary that we relieve her. We are, therefore, arranging to send Rev. J. E. East to the field in October. He will be assisted by Miss Lucinda Thomas, to whom he will be married before sailing. The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., pastor, Pittsburg, Pa., has pledged to support him through the Board. This is the first church that has offered to be entirely responsible for the salary of a missionary. For some time they have been at work raising the money, and Pastor Brown states that since he has undertaken to do something worth while for Christ, Ebenezer has taken on new life, and he has raised more money and received more people into membership than ever before. "Try me," saith the Lord, "and see if I will not pour you out a blessing such as your heart shall not contain." Brother East is in attendance at the Convention, and will make his farewell address in our mass-meeting on Sunday.

The Women's Convention has been contributing \$25 a month to Miss Somtunzi. They are now offering to pay her transportation to America. It was our intention to have her at this meeting, but Brother Murff advised that it was not safe to have her make the trip on account of her health. She has been heavily burdened since Brother Buchanan's death and needs rest; then, too, she needs a year or two in school in this country. She has never been outside of her native land, and yet no woman has been of greater service to the Board. We believe that she will be a great power for good if she can be given a little contact and training in America.

In June, 1904, the late Rev. J. I. Buchanan, then in charge of our work in Middledrift, entrusted to our care the training and educating of his daughter, Mary Ann. During these five years she has been in charge of the Women's Department of the Convention, and has pursued her course at State University, of Louisville, and Hartshorn Memorial College, of Richmond, Va. She has completed a course in dressmaking and will (D. V.) sail in October in company with Brother East and wife. We are hoping to have her aid in conducting the Fireside schools. Five years ago she left a father, mother and brother to come to our country in search of religious training; she goes back to begin her life's work, but will not meet a loving father, who kissed her as she departed for this land.

We call upon the constituency of this Convention to unite in prayer for this young woman, that she may be a comfort

to her widowed mother, be of service to the thousands among whom her father lived, labored and died, and do much to make his name a lasting honor to the glory of God and the good of Africa's perishing children.

#### *Institute and School of Missions.*

Few of us are able to attend the Chautauquas and summer schools for the study of missions, and yet, our workers need to give themselves to a few weeks' special study and prayer. This will mean oneness of thought, of plan, of purpose. This will get a fund of general information, and each one will be prepared to tell the same story, but in his own way.

We shall therefore hold an institute for all workers under the Board, and all interested in the study of missions, at headquarters, the first ten days in April. We need devout preparation and special communion with God to effectively push the missionary campaign. We must come up to Louisville and linger until we get power with God, a new vision of our mission and faith in the power of the Gospel we represent.

#### *Cheering News From the Front.*

For fifteen years our Convention has been making an humble effort to do work in South Africa. Because of the Ethiopian Movement, our workers suffered, and yet, we thank God, there have never been any charges of disloyalty to constituted authorities against any of our missionaries. It will be recalled that our delegates to the World Baptist Congress made a special effort to have the English Baptists in South Africa give us denominational recognition, that we might have proper standing with the Colonial Government of that faroff region. Little by little, barriers and prejudice have given way under the influences of our English brethren better understanding us, and the spirit to have the Golden Rule applied in all our lives, until to-day, four of our brethren in South Africa are permitted to perform the marriage ceremony for the first time.

The following letter from Brother Solani, Secretary of the South African Baptist Society, will be cheering news to our brotherhood:

Quora Springs, South Africa.

Dear Brethren: Our work now is in good and promising condition all over South Africa. Our Annual Association is getting stronger and we expect good results in the near

future. Rev. Murff and Rev. E. B. P. Koti have received recognition, and at our last annual Association two more names, Rev. John Nihala and my own, were sent to the Executive of the Baptist Union of South Africa according to the agreement between the two Baptist bodies of South Africa for recognition. Do not get discouraged. Rev. Murff, the Superintendent of Missions in South Africa, is the right man in the right place, and may our Heavenly Father bless him and the work.

May the Lord wonderfully bless all, is the prayer of  
Yours in the Master's service.

F. SOLANI.

Georgetown, Demerara, South America.

Dear Brethren: This year has been a marvelous one. How we attempted, how we persevered, and how we finished the work set before us, none but God knows. It has been accompanied with sacrifice of a Christ-like nature all through.

I rejoice in the report of a new house of worship 68 by 40, one of the prettiest and most commodious in the city, with seats on the lower floor and double gallery affording accommodation for one thousand. Our thanks are due, and now go forth to Jesus Christ, the great Author and Head of Missions; to the poor people who have associated themselves with us as believers in Christ, and kind people of this place, who made blood sacrifices; to the noble-hearted, loyal, responsive and missionary spirited, self-sacrificing Secretary.

God bless you all. Pray for

Your brother,

H. D. PROWD.

*Work in the West Indies.*

Work in the West Indies progresses at every point. We had expected Dr. G. E. Steward, from Jamaica, to be with us to report from the Island. By some hindrance he is not here.

We rejoice to know the leaders of the little independent band of Baptists, in Jamaica, who revere in the highest the memory of George Lisle and count themselves his religious descendants, are having recognition that speaks well for them, and shows a love for justice on the part of the officials of that splendid island. Dr. Steward will doubtless visit this country, during this conventional year, and we bespeak for him or any of his colleagues a cordial welcome

by the churches of this convention. They need financial assistance which your Board has not been able to give them, but through our Publishing Board, we hope to establish a complete repository for religious books under their auspices, giving them whatever may accrue from the sale of said books and literature, to be spent in their missionary work.

*Work in Hayti.*

Your Board is indebted to Rev. J. E. Davis, of Nanticoke, Pa., for the very elaborate report of our work in Hayti, which is appended to this report. Rev. L. Ton Evans, our Superintendent, is in attendance at this meeting and will be heard from.

*Weighted With Obligations.*

At the Lexington session we reported liabilities amounting to \$3,600.37. We pled with the brotherhood to cancel the indebtedness, so that we might begin the year free. But we returned to headquarters with \$56.25 from sale of books and cards and \$1,191.23 sent up by the churches and contributed at the Missionary Mass-meeting. We began the Conventional year 1908-1909, \$2,352.89 in debt. This heavy burden, with the panic, has caused us to be handicapped the whole year. We faced a \$1,800 debt on the Mission Home and Schoolhouse in Capetown; \$1,500 on the Bethel Baptist Church in Georgetown, South Africa; \$1,500 on three church buildings in the West Indies; a debt to cancel on the Nazareth Baptist Church in South America; the church and school property at Queneestown to save; the one hundred acres and three brick houses in Central Africa to clear of debt; the church in the Transvaal to save, and money for food and clothing to be provided for your faithful toilers.

Nothing but prayer, consecration and self-denial on the part of every one who loves the Lord will give us the money to carry on the work we must do in foreign lands. If ten thousand of the sixteen thousand pastors will deny themselves just Five Dollars of the money they spend annually for pleasure, we will have Fifty Thousand Dollars, and that would enable us to do more than we have planned. If the pastors will do this, the people will do three times as much. Try them. They have never failed. If ten thou-

sand preachers will give Five Dollars each, two million members will give an average of twenty-five cents each. Brethren, you can make this the year of jubilee in America and in Africa if you will.

We must have within the next ninety days,

\$ 500 for West Africa.  
\$2,000 for South America.  
\$ 500 for East Central Africa.  
\$1,500 for South America.  
\$1,800 for the West Indies.  
\$ 150 for Russia.  
\$2,100 for our missionaries on salaries.

Doubtless you remember the well-worn but helpful story of a woman who went to church on a mission Sunday, and fell asleep while the minister was preaching his special sermon. She did not take much stock in missions anyway, and she was not much concerned in the fact that some souls in heathendom would be lost eternally if she failed to do what she could and should to grace them with the Gospel.

From her slumbers she was partly aroused by the announcement, "The offering will now be taken!" For this special occasion she had secured a half dollar from her husband. As she put it in the plate, she was surprised to see the plate transformed to a hand; a nail-pierced hand, that bled afresh as the silver was placed upon it. Looking up, the woman beheld the thorn-crowned Savior; the gracious Savior who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. He transfixed her with that sad gaze which brought Peter to tears and penitence, and she heard him say:

"I gave my life for thee,  
Is this thy gift to me?"

Then she awoke; awoke to substitute for her husband's silver a worthy gold coin from her private purse.

#### *Bible Preachers Needed.*

No book or pamphlet written on the great subject of Missions can take the place of the Old Book. Tell us what the Bible is to you, as Baptist preachers, and we can tell you how much interest you have in the evangelization of the world. To tell the average preacher he does not believe in the Book from which he preaches, would be to insult him; but to the test. When we read the sweet, consoling

thoughts from the twenty-third Psalm, beginning: "The Lord is my shepherd," we rejoice to know we are sheep of his pasture. As we read the Beatitudes, as found in the fifth chapter of Matthew, where blessing after blessing is pronounced, we rejoice and claim the promise as ours. Far away on some mountain peak, with the beautiful landscape lying out before us and the rippling rills hushing all else earthly, where we commune with God, we join David in exclaiming: "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." (90th Psalm.) Our soul is filled with joy, when our Lord and Master says: "Whosoever believeth and is baptized shall be saved," and we Baptists go wild with spiritual (?) enthusiasm. We leap and shout for joy.

Turning to the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of John, where he promises a home he goes to prepare, and says he shall return again and receive us unto himself, we say, "That means me." We believe all the above, and when we turn to Matthew 9:37, "The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers few; Pray ye therefore," this does not appeal to us. These words were uttered by the Christ when his thoughts turned to a lost world's need, and he beheld the millions of the earth scattered as sheep without a shepherd. Now, read John 11, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you," and sum up the last loving command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." To us, that means somebody else. To pray, "Our Father," and not be a missionary, is to play the hypocrite. Indeed, how much of the Bible do we believe? Are we cutting out bits of it to suit ourselves and ignoring the part that meant most to the Christ whose churches we pastor? Men who preach the Gospel are either missionaries in deed and in truth or they are hypocrites pure and simple. How shall we know them? Those who preach and practice what they preach are Missionary Baptist pastors; those who do not give and urge their people to give are Omissionary Baptist hypocrites. The every-day Bible Preacher is the man we need in every pulpit. The churches will speedily carry out the Commission.

#### *"God's Acre" Still Grows.*

During the year we have lost from our ranks by death, the wife of Rev. C. P. Rier. This good woman has been a bulwark to her husband amid all of his trials. He and his



dear children will greatly miss her, and we ask for them the sympathy and prayers of our entire denomination. The following letter from our brother will explain itself:

Surinam, Paramaribo, South America.

My Dear Brother: I would like to send you a brief statement concerning the Surinam Baptist Mission, but the sudden death of my dear wife, who passed from time to eternity on the afternoon of the 9th of July, so shocked me that I am almost unable to do so.

Forty-seven souls have been added to the church this year. The number of children in our Sunday-school is nineteen. The spirit and teachings in our school make many big churches here change their methods and principles. Our children are a light among many others here. The law of Surinam makes it almost impossible for us to have a day school as yet, but we are praying and hoping for it. The collection this year has amounted to \$21.10. Our Easter collection was \$2.05. Our indebtedness is \$345. Pray and help, please. Though almost crushed down, the Lord has enabled us to press forward, winning and saving souls and living with hope. The members are full of zeal and spirit for building. I do hope you can help us.

Yours in grief,

C. P. RIER.

As we are preparing this report, news comes of the death of Meeco, one of the children of our returned missionary, Rev. R. A. Jackson. We feel sure our brother has the sympathy of all who love the Lord and know of his worth.

#### *Must Go Forward.*

When we begin to discuss needs, you readily think of the thousands of dollars necessary to carry on the foreign mission campaign. Certainly the Board needs money and men to whom have been entrusted the Great Commission to see to it that this money is forthcoming, but the Board needs Prayers as well as Givers. We feel that if our churches would PRAY MORE for our missionaries and for the spread of the Gospel in all the world, that the giving would be a comparatively easy matter. When Christian people are strong spiritually, when their hearts are filled with supplication for our missionaries, we will no longer need to plead for men and women to carry on the work. There will be such a consecration of lives, and such a filling of the missionary treasury, that the Board will be able to

answer all calls and to meet all demands. Brethren, will you take your churches to their knees that they may be filled with spiritual power necessary to help in this mighty conquest?

Those who do not daily face the needs of the missionary on foreign fields are wont to ask, "Why not curtail the expenses, and not weight yourselves down with debt?" In other words, "Why not measure your work on the foreign field by the gifts from the churches at home?" "Why go in debt to support missionaries, build churches and schools?" We answer: Expansion, and not Retrenchment, is the watchword of your Foreign Mission Board. If we are to succeed in our Foreign Mission work, we must hear the voice of God as he speaks to us in Isaiah, saying: "Enlarge the place of the tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." Brethren, this is our opportunity to help God fulfill this promise. We hear the call for help and we hear the voice of God commanding us to "Go Forward." It is our opportunity, and we can not afford to lose it because our churches are asleep. We must awaken them, but in the meantime your Board must go to the rescue of the millions who are begging for the Light. Instead of urging us to curtail expenses and do less work on foreign fields, the churches ought to be urging us to Press Forward until every man who wants the Gospel shall have it within his reach. The churches must rise in their strength and answer the call, for

"God has sounded forth his trumpet  
That can never call retreat;  
He is sifting out his saints  
Before his judgment seat.  
Be swift our souls to meet him,  
Be jubilant our feet,  
For God is marching on."

Perhaps when we scan carefully the reports of the missionaries and see how souls have been coming into the kingdom through their efforts, we will be made to exclaim: "Thanks be to God who gave us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Our churches on foreign fields, have, comparatively, more conversions and accessions than our churches on the



home field. Stations have multiplied, congregations have grown beyond expectations throughout the wide, extended territory occupied by the missionaries. All of them have as many children in school as they can possibly accommodate. The girls' industrial classes at Middledrift, Capetown and Queenstown are crowded, and we have received samples of work done by native children that would take first-class prize in any needle-work exhibit. With these encouraging reports all along the line, the Board is resolved not to Retrench, but to expand; not to Curtail, but to Measure Up to Its Responsibility and Opportunity. Church of God, awake, awake! Put on thy strength—the Nation shake.

*Thanks To the Faithful.*

God spells success, *F-a-i-t-h-f-u-l*. He rewards us for enduring to the end, and not for running well for a season. When he called Samuel, he answered every time, "Here am I." The Board is entirely dependent upon churches and friends to whom it must send appeals from time to time. There are men and women throughout this country who never fail to answer when the Foreign Mission call is made. Many of them are poor, hard-working people, who make a sacrifice every time they give, but what a Willing sacrifice it is! How brim-full of devotion and earnestness and prayer are all of their letters. The Board is grateful to these faithful ones for their help in every hour of need. Without them our work would be a failure.

*A Campaign For Christ.*

The churches should invest the bulk of their money in spreading the Gospel. This is distinctively their work. They have no other reason for existing, and they can't exist long unless they obey the Great Commission. The churches must pray for the conversion of souls. They must not pray Less for the heathen at home but pray more than we are praying for the heathen abroad. We must put the Gospel within the reach of every man we possibly can. We urge the churches to open a campaign for a Christ reign in the earth. Let the workers who have come up to this meeting go home and enlist every member of their churches to do something definite—something tangible—for the spread of the Gospel. If it is necessary to obey

the call, "Come unto me," in order to receive salvation, it is just as necessary to obey the command "Go Ye" to receive the fruits of salvation. If you can't go, you must Help Go or Let Go. There are some who say, "I would go, but I do not feel that I can do any good." We are not responsible for conversions, but we are responsible for contact, and when we shall have discharged this duty, the responsibility is transferred from us to the sinner whom we were seeking to save. God will take care of Results if we will do our duty. We are to preach this Gospel everywhere for a witness; not coldly, not officially, not formally; but earnestly, prayerfully, lovingly. We are to set up Christian churches, schools and homes in the midst of heathen people as part of this witness to the power of the Gospel.

Then, whether the Gospel prove a savor of life or of death, we shall have our reward. When we tell you of the millions without the Gospel; when we tell you of the darkness that is growing more dense as the years pass by, your faith in the power of the Gospel seems to weaken; but brethren, there is as much Dynamite in this Old Story to-day as there was in it when Paul tried a bit of it on Agrippa, and he was made to exclaim, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." A stupendous and gigantic enterprise backed by an All-powerful, an All-Mighty, and an All-Conquering Christ and God can not fail. Through faith and prayer we can push the missionary enterprise so rapidly and so vigorously that on every hill, in every valley, from the equator to the poles, and from sea to sea, the Gospel silver trumpet shall sound, and the millions who now grope in darkness shall see The Great light. To this end, let us pray and labor.

"I never felt interested in the salvation of the Heathen until I did in My Own Soul."

*Hayti, or Our Mission In the Black Republic.  
Departure For Mission Field.*

By Rev. J. E. Davis.

The Field Secretary (Rev. L. Ton Evans), who, after leaving our American shores last year, first landed in Jamaica, and though in the Tropics, visited most of the native and other Baptist pastors, speaking incessantly at a large number of the most important churches in the island, succeeded in arousing a deep and intense interest in the Evan-

gelization of our own people in Hayti, so sadly neglected hitherto. Our brother attended the Jamaica Missionary Committee, as well as the Union Conferences, securing not only a Special Haiti Committee to take the Haitian work under advisement, but also the appointment of a deputation in the person of Rev. A. G. Kirkham, an excellent brother of the Baptist Union, and one of the leading members of the Missionary Board there to visit with him a portion of the Mission Field.

*Generous Help from Jamaica Baptists, and a Worthy Example to be Followed.*

As the result of this visit and through his personal efforts, our Jamaica Baptist brethren belonging to the same race, but privileged to have among their leaders Strong, Able and Devoted white brethren from England and Wales, who labor harmoniously and heartily together (an object lesson, by the way, to many of us Baptists here in the States), and even out of their own scanty funds they pledged a salary of \$500 per year (to be paid regularly every month) to the devoted native missionary, Brother Rev. Nosirel L'herison, who labors at Jacmel in the Southern part of the island.

The Rev. Ellis Fray, Secretary of Jamaica Missionary Society, and grandson of the immortal Wm. Knibb, who did more than any other one man, perhaps, to bring about the emancipation of the 800,000 slaves of the British West Indies—in presenting that Society's report (January of this year) at Montego Bay, refers to our representative's efforts in the following terms:

"The desire which we have had for many years to help the Black Republic has been greatly intensified by the earnest appeals made by the Rev. L. Ton Evans on behalf of Hayti Mission during his visit to Jamaica. Mr. L. Ton Evans was at one time the agent of our Society, but had to leave his post owing to the illness of the late Mrs. Evans. The way has been again opened up for him to return to the island, and he does so as representative (Superintendent) of the National Baptist Convention Foreign Board of U. S. A., an organization which directs the Missionary operations of our colored Baptists of that Republic. It is sincerely hoped that the special information we have officially requested Brother L. Ton Evans to supply our own Committee—with the contributions of the churches, will enable us to assist in evangelizing the spiritually dark, but deeply increasing people of Haiti."

The Board expresses its deep and sincere appreciation to their beloved brethren in Jamaica for the kind way in which they welcomed our representative among them, as well as their generous help, that is when we think of their numerical strength, and peculiar financial difficulties—in thus cheerfully undertaking to provide the salary of one of the missionaries in Haiti. We further assure them that as it is our sole desire to see this benighted island brought to Christ, this Board, through Rev. L. Ton Evans, will always continue to work together in the most cordial manner with their Baptist brethren in Jamaica who are not only of the same race, but who are essentially one in a higher and truer sense, viz.—born of self-same spirit—and hold together tenaciously to the same Gospel truths, and believe in the "One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism."

"For no weapon that is formed against Thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against Thee in judgment, Thou shalt condemn."

*Grave Political Peril, and Providential Escape of Missionary and Others with Him.*

From Jamaica the Superintendent landed in Jacmel, Haiti, during the time of the revolution, and when the people suffered untold miseries and indescribable cruelties. From the moment the Field Secretary put his feet on Haitian soil, until he again returned here this May (on a visit in connection with the extension and development of the mission), our beloved Bro. L. Ton Evans has been exceedingly busy, working hard, and traveling continuously, and very often indeed in a manner that hardly any native missionary, let alone a white man, would have done—and during the period of political strife and the nation's disturbances, when he and others had to face great risks. He, and his co-workers, as well as the city of Jacmel in the Southern part of the Republic, were only providentially saved from being blown up and very likely butchered in the month of December last, and that by the timely intervention of our small American gunboat called the "Eagle." Mr. Evans visited every mission church, and preaching station throughout the interior, and along the coast, and had no less than eight exchanges of horses, or rather mules and Haitian small ponies—fast of foot and unshod.

He also conducted careful personal investigations at each place. Ascertained conditions and basis of member-

ship, dealt with questions of Church discipline, Church properties, and other matters looking up the growth and development of the local work in particular, as well as that of the Mission itself in general. Services were held by him, assisted by natives, both indoors and outdoors, wherever he went—and often attended by Commandants de Commune, Magistrates, Commissaire de-la-police, judges, and generals of that country.

On four different occasions the traveling Missionary had to baptize; once in the open sea at Saint Marc, and the other three in rivers, when the candidates came from those who had been Romanists, Devil-worshippers, and persons practicing witchcraft, etc. One of those baptized at Dondon was the daughter of the Chief Magistrate of the little town while the other sister, wife of a native local preacher, is the principal of the small Government School, as it is called.

*Field Secretary Bitterly Attacked by Priest of Demon-cult, but Afterwards Assisted in Tearing up Houndfort Altar of Devil-god and Publicly Burning up all Instruments of Voodooism Used in Demon-worship.*

Rev. L. Ton Evans has been an eye witness of many wonderful, if not really incredible things in connection with fetishism and devil-worship on the Haitian Mission field, and such in all probability as was never seen by any other Missionary in the island before. On one occasion he and L'herisson and others, while crossing on a very long journey through the interior from Jacmel to Port-au-Prince, were vigorously attacked upon a high mountain, and just as they returned on horse and mule from a Gospel service held in the open air nearby, and in close proximity to the Voodoo exercises, and the devil-dance. The Papaloi had a big balon and danced around the Missionaries in a wild, delirious fashion, and most frantic gestures, with the devil devotees waving handkerchiefs and going through their senseless incantations, by which means they certainly expected Brother Evans and L'herisson to faint or fall dead at their feet. Only as far back as the 14th of March this year also and on a Sunday after—our General Missionary had the most unique experience of his life in a district far up in the interior called Petite Riviere, and when accompanied by a young native of the name of Poussy, not long

actively assisted an old woman of 70 years or more named converted and baptized at Jacmel. Both personally and Santana Francois, who had been a Mamaloi (Priestess) in connection with devil-religion for many years, to carry Tom-Toms, Tambourines and the Troughs used in giving soup to the evil spirit, Rattles, Goat Skins, Legbats, etc., and Pile collected them to one place and then put fire to the whole pile. After this was done, and everything reduced to ashes, the houndfort (altar), where the sacrifices are offered up to appease the wrath of the ferocious devil-god, was afterward torn to pieces in a manner somewhat similar to what was done in days of old by Ezechiah, King of Juda. The needs of Hayti are most Appalling, Politically, Educationally and Socially, but most of all Spiritually! Still with consecrated men and women of unfaltering faith in God, and the soul-saving power of Christ and the Blood, (and proper meaning to support the same) the future of this hitherto unfortunate land of revolutions, with kind-hearted but superstitious and benighted people, very often wilfully misrepresented through Ignorance, Prejudice or Malice, is not only fraught with grandest possibilities and of vital importance to the Haitians themselves, also really to the whole Negro race everywhere, but the prospects are indeed as Bright and as Glorious as the Promises of God., Owing to the great lack of Missionaries, our brother was called upon on several occasions, such as at Saint Marc (where the late Rev. George Angus was shot nearly two years ago when the revolution broke out there) to ordain native local preachers so as to be able to marry, baptize, etc., moreover deacons, and deaconesses in other places, in order that the work might be carried on regularly and in order, thus preventing the small and struggling Churches and Stations from further suffering, if possible, and while waiting the coming of a God-sent Missionary. One bright Haitian brother of about 25 years of age conducted a whole service in French, and preached his trial sermon before him and several others, with great acceptance.

At Cape Haiti a young Haitian sister, by the name of Alice Pierre Alexis, not quite 17, and daughter of Dumay Pierre Alexis, chief judge at Milot, in the interior, and Deacon and Local Preacher at Grande Riviere du Nord—was solemnly set aside by prayer by laying on of hands to

the Mission work. Rev. L. Ton Evans brought Miss Alice (the first young Haitian Baptist who ever came to America for this purpose) with him to the States. The Board rejoices that their sisters of the New England Convention, which Bro. Evans and the Haitian sister attended in the month of May at Boston, have undertaken to pay expenses and educate one of their own race from the Black Republic, so as to enable her to return for Christian service in her own country. We would also appreciate a promise and pledge from our sisters in the Southland to educate at their own expense one or two other suitable Christian women from Haiti, recommended by Bro. L. Ton Evans and his co-laborers there on the field, thus, at last, rendering Haiti some practical help to help herself. The Field Secretary wishes, in a special manner, to acknowledge the valuable assistance given him by the following Missionaries: Revs. L'herisson, Eli Marc, C. Jean Jaques, Metellus Menard, Judge Orius Paultre, Judge Dumay, Judge Ambroise, Judge Joachim, Ex-Senator Dutreville, and very especially express his deep sense of gratitude to Osiris Lamour, who though he had only just returned to his island home from seven years' exile in a foreign land—acted as his faithful guide throughout and conducted himself in every particular as a true Christian gentleman, for nearly the six weeks of his tour from Saint Marc right through the interior to the North.

"For ye shall go out with Joy and be led forth with Peace, the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you with Singing." (Isaiah.)

*A Forward Move Among the Churches of Wales and Appointment of Deputation and Collector, with Special Treasurer For Haiti Mission.*

A great advance has been made by our beloved Welsh brethren during the year, and as a result of the untiring efforts of our Superintendent, who is very anxious to see the Mission on a firm and solid foundation, and in a way not only so as to provide the present churches and each central station with an efficient worker, receiving a regularly paid salary, though small but if possible increase their number in order to occupy fresh districts long crying for an evangel to be sent them. With this object in view, and seeing that the Field Secretary is desirous to give more of his time and energy to the actual work on the field itself, as soon as the necessary funds are actually forthcoming—

the Rev. E. T. Jones, a consecrated Welsh brother, with large experience, and who has the confidence of the whole denomination as well as the hearty endorsement of such leading brethren of the Baptist churches as Revs. W. Morris, D. D., F. R. G. S., H. Cernyw Williams, Paron Griffiths, (Hon. Cor. Sec.) in the principality and others, has been recently employed as deputation and collector among the churches of Wales. Alderman W. P. Thomas, of Noddfa, Treorkey, and one of the leading and popular young Baptists in that country, has also consented to act as Treasurer for Haiti mission in Wales. The contributions, however, will continue to be sent as heretofore, through the Baptist Missionary Society, London. Bro. E. T. Jones has already been supplied with a large special map of Haiti, made by the Superintendent, and a number of photographs for lantern slide purposes. He will commence his work in September and has already received many promises of hearty support from Ministers, Churches, and Associations. This New Mission has been most fortunate, both in its deputation and collector, as well as in its selection of Treasurer, for both are not only known to be men of business, and enthusiasts in regard to Mission work, and in deep love with Haiti and its people—but also have long proved themselves in other responsible religious positions to be Faithful and most reliable, which is of greatest import to a New Missionary Enterprise like this. We can, therefore, confidently count, from this time onward upon a substantial help from gallant little Wales, where there are so many sturdy Christians and loyal generous hearts beating in true sympathy with not only the Negro but with Christ and his purpose in the salvation of the lost. Before his return to Haiti it may be necessary that our Superintendent visit the Baptist Union of Wales and otherwise help the newly appointed Collector and arrange certain important matters pertaining to the future procedure, and development of the Mission.

*Most Pressing Need of the Present Moment.*

Our most pressing need just now is that the sum of \$10,000.00 (.2,000) be placed at once at our disposal and for the following purposes:

First.—\$3,500 to provide salaries for Five Missionaries (including Field Secretary), right on the field, and three of whom are graduates of Newton Baptist College, Mass.

Second.—3,000 to provide salaries for Five Additional Missionaries to be located at so many new centers clamoring at present for the Evangel.

Third.—\$1,800 to provide salaries for Four Qualified Lady Missionaries to take charge of four girls' (High) Schools in the chief cities of the Republic, and who will render help to the Missionary on the spot.

Fourth.—\$800 to provide for native teachers, and thus enable us to re-open up all our schools in the interior, closed through want of funds.

Fifth.—\$625 to provide salary for special collector in Wales.

Sixth.—\$275 for printing, advertising and other sundry expense working of the Mission.

Thus the annual amount of \$10,000 (2,000) will furnish up immediately with fifteen trained missionaries, not to mention the native teachers, and workers who would be engaged in country schools and who are in other ways of such valuable assistance.

Will not our own Colored Baptist churches enable the Board to Pledge Solemnly This Year, aye, and also contribute cheerfully \$2,500, or one-fourth of the above sum annually, and as our own portion of this Haitian budget? Failing to do this much, then we cannot expect our beloved brethren of Wales, the Welsh and other white friends of Pennsylvania, to continue to contribute money for Haiti through us as a National Baptist Foreign Board, unless we really do something ourselves. If our patriotism and interest in our own Negro race is not sufficient and strong enough to constrain us as a Denomination to raise \$2,500 a year to help give them the Gospel for Christ's sake,—then we think it our imperative duty to do so if only to show our deep appreciation of the sacrifice made by the Welsh Baptists for the African, and the real efforts by other races to help poor Haiti. A carefully arranged table of statistics are Churches, Stations, etc., appended hereto by our Superintendent, and which should prove an encouragement and inspiration to all.

"Occupy until I come." (Christ.)  
Anwyl Frodyr,

This is a copy of the Welsh Circular sent to the Churches through the Rev. E. T. Jones, showing that he has begun his work in real earnest, and for whom we ask the prayers of Churches and friends:

Bwriada y Parch. E. T. Jones, Llandilo, Cyn-fugail Genhadwr Pontsenni, dalu ymweliad a chwi fel Eglwys barchus a charedig ar ran y Genadaeth uchod.....

Diangenhaidd ydyw eich hysbysu fodt eilyngdud y maes newydd hwn wedi ei gydnabod gan Bwyllgor Cymdeithas Genhadol Bedyddiedig Llundain, Ionawr 16eg. 1907, ac iddynt benderfynu gyda'r unfrydedd mwyaf i estyn ei naddogaeth fel Cymdeithas i'r ymdrech bresenol wheir i Efyngyleiddio paganiaid tywyll yr Vnys gyfoethog hun. Hysbys hefyd fod Eglwysai Cymru, yn nghyd a'r Cymanfaeodd oll wedi ac yn parhau i ddangos cydymdeimlad dwfn, a dyddordeb mawr yn yr anturiaeth fendigodig hon o wneyd y dyn sy'n ddu o groen, yn ysbrydol wyn drwy yr Efyngl Hyderwny y rhoddwch dderbyniad mwyaf calog a gwresog i Mr. Jones er mwyn y gwaith a'r Gwr a'l ordeiniodd, ac yr estynwch eich help mewn gasyliadau a gweddiau i roddo Ebur y Bendigedig Dduw i ddwy filiwn o ddiafolddu waddoolwyr y weriniaeth ddu hon.

Mae y rhagolygon yn ddisglaer iawn, a'r llwyddiant eisioes ar y gwaith wedi bod yn synfawr, yr hwn ddygir yn mlaen yn hollol ar linellau dysgeidiaeth y Testament Newydd, i'r rhai y teimlodd ein tadauic ac y teimlwn ninau, eu plant, dey rngar wch ac ymlyniad diwyrni.

O garied y gwasanaetha'r brodyr anwyl yr Henadur W. P. Thomas, Yaw., Treorci, fel Trysorydd,—a'r Parch. W. Paren Griffiths, Blackmill Mfel Ysgrifenydd, dros Gymru.

Os yn gyfleus neu yn anghyfleus yr adeg uchod, byddwch mor garedig ag anfon gair gyda'r troad ar y cerdyn amgauedig i'r Parch. E. T. Jones, Brynsiriol, Ffairfach, Llandilo, Carm.

Cofion caredig iawn,

Eich ufudd wasanaethwr, dros Grist ac Haiti,

L. Ton Evans, Ceadwr a Goruchwyliwr ar y Maes.

D. S.—Bydd gan Mr. Jones ddaearlen fawr (Map) darlunian hynod ddyddorol i Gymry drwy gyfrwng y Magis Lantern, a phethau ereill i'w egluro.

"And Crown Him Lord Of All."

*Haiti's Appreciation of the Present Effort to Evangelize Her, and Joy at Our General Missionary's Work as Expressed in Letters Received from the Brethren and Friends Since His Return.*

Rev. C. Jean Jaques (Native), writing from Cape Haiti, May 14, 1909, says:

I can truly say that your short stay among us has been productive of the highest spiritual good. Your Eloquent and Persuasive words seem to have awakened members to a new sense of their responsibility. In fact, a New Spiritual Life seems to have been infused into the churches. May the Lord, to whom belongs all the Gold and Silver of the world, bless your plans and crown them with success. You may rest assured that our prayers and that of all the brethren here will follow you in your labor of love for a part of sinful humanity sunk indeed so very low here."

Rev Eli Marc (White), from Trou, writes in appreciative terms of blessings received by himself and churches through the coming among them of Bro. Ton Evans. He describes it as a special answer to prayer and the beginning of a new and glorious era in the history of the priest-ridden, down-trodden and mentally and morally enslaved people of the Black Republic reveling in witchcraft, fetishism and demon-worship. His coming has brought hope, life, and sunshine to them, and begun a real spiritual revival among his people, both at Trou and Grand-Riviere. He also particularly thanks the brethren of the National Foreign Board, Jamaica, and the Baptists in Wales, for helping to send Mr. Ton Evans, and trust that their interest will continue to be deepened, and that the necessary assistance will be also forthcoming through his beloved brother, the Superintendent.

Brother Leon Hyson, a native local preacher, and intelligent young man of another denomination, who attended the services and expressed anxiety to study the question of Believer's Baptism with a view to complying with his dear Lord's will, and sought special interviews with our Missionary—writes him as follows:

"Your very short stay with us here—with all your Christian sympathy and brotherly affection—has caused me to love you with all my heart. I will never forget you, but having no riches, I do assure you that you will be daily held up by my feeble voice and prayers at the throne of grace."

Writing again, later, he states: "Without any doubt, you have been in our midst a real messenger of God. How thankful should we Haitian people be for that sweet and never-to-be-forgotten privilege we have received by our dear beloved Negro Baptist people in America sending you to us on such a mission of Love. You are undoubtedly

chosen as the blessed mediator through whom poor Haiti is destined to enjoy the greatest possible good. May God keep you in strength, and health and grant that we may see you back here very soon."

Dr. Holly, a native medical practitioner, and son of his very aged friend, Bishop Holly (African), of Port-au-Prince, has expressed himself also in warmest terms, and has become specially attached to him. News has just arrived that another bright, active medical friend, who professed conversion at the house at which Mr. Evans stayed in Grand Riviere—has since been publicly Baptized and commenced to preach. He, and one or two others are most anxious to come over to America to be educated at our colleges and Theological seminaries, so as to be fully equipped for the work in their own island home. While for many years Haiti no doubt will require the help of the best English, Welsh and American, whose entire remuneration must be provided from the outside—so as to work together with, and in some things take a lead;—yet the Real Salvation Of Haiti, Like Every Other Country, Must Eventually Be Wrought Through Her Own Sons and Daughters. Hence, we shall always give every possible encouragement, consistent with efficiency, and when the best interest of the Mission can be best served to all worthy, and capable young men and women of the Black Republic to acquire knowledge, and secure in Haiti, and in America the soundest and most thorough education possible, so as to prepare them to become Efficient Teachers, Strong and Capable Statesmen, useful and skillful medical practitioners, and more especially for that highest and noblest vocation of all, the Christian Ministry and For the True Missionary Life and Service.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine—  
That were a present far too small;  
Shall live my life, my love my all."  
Love—so amazing, so Divine.

#### RECEIPTS FROM STATES BY MONTHS.

ALABAMA.		January	\$286 50
September	\$103 40	February	152 00
October	8 20	March	81 00
November	152 60	April	380 40
December	55 80	May	45 00



June .....	\$ 50 13
July .....	1 59
August .....	15 80
Total .....	\$1,283 50

## ARKANSAS.

September .....	\$ 84 48
October .....	111 28
November .....	167 10
December .....	32 15
January .....	65 53
February .....	7 83
March .....	11 78
April .....	367 25
May .....	28 26
June .....	15 57
July .....	3 67
August .....	42 35
Total .....	\$937 22

## CALIFORNIA.

September .....	\$ 15 50
December .....	2 50
January .....	14 84
April .....	15 25
May .....	2 00
August .....	2 00
Total .....	\$ 52 09

## COLORADO.

November .....	\$ 3 70
January .....	20 05
February .....	2 58
March .....	1 50
April .....	18 54
May .....	3 41
August .....	3 00
Total .....	\$ 52 78

## CONNECTICUT.

September .....	\$ 9 01
October .....	65
November .....	2 52
January .....	12 7
February .....	2 0
March .....	5 1
April .....	10 1
Total .....	\$ 42 25

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

September .....	\$197 33
November .....	53 83
January .....	124 42
February .....	74 25
March .....	46 50
April .....	40 37
July .....	88 06
August .....	30 28
Total .....	\$655 24

## FLORIDA.

September .....	\$153 14
October .....	16 20
November .....	29 16
December .....	11 51
January .....	61 47
February .....	345 91
March .....	37 00
April .....	199 00
May .....	180 34
June .....	20 48
August .....	229 69
Total .....	\$1,284 78

## FOREIGN.

September .....	\$ 3 00
November .....	5 95
February .....	291 65
Total .....	\$300 60

## GEORGIA.

September .....	\$149 22
November .....	10 35
October .....	12 30
December .....	51 32
January .....	34 10
February .....	92 59
March .....	101 89
April .....	211 22
May .....	85 76
June .....	84 07
July .....	19 50
August .....	68 65
Total .....	\$920 97

## ILLINOIS.

September .....	\$ 76 50
October .....	10 84
November .....	17 80
December .....	19 15
January .....	81 07
February .....	24 85
March .....	33 37
April .....	147 43
May .....	5 81
June .....	17 35
July .....	158 62
August .....	32 99
Total .....	\$626 28

## INDIANA.

September .....	\$ 15 76
October .....	12 05
November .....	5 35
January .....	30 50
February .....	2 25
March .....	26 10
April .....	61 87
May .....	6 69
June .....	3 60
July .....	4 00

## August .....

Total .....

## IOWA.

September .....	\$ 5 00
January .....	16 59
February .....	35
April .....	1 00
Total .....	\$ 22 94

## KANSAS.

September .....	\$ 61 42
October .....	84 57
November .....	13 40
December .....	4 70
January .....	30 15
February .....	9 14
March .....	10 86
April .....	101 13
May .....	1 61
June .....	5 40
July .....	1 00
August .....	2 52
Total .....	\$325 80

## KENTUCKY.

September .....	\$117 50
October .....	13 60
November .....	59 20
December .....	10 90
January .....	115 65
February .....	15 50
March .....	63 58
April .....	285 82
May .....	16 38
June .....	30 81
July .....	14 31
August .....	13 22
Total .....	\$756 65



## LOUISIANA.

		April .....	\$8 86
		May .....	1 00
		August .....	9 13
September .....	\$ 15 50	Total .....	\$ 22 75
October .....	7 44		
November .....	25 21		
December .....	1 00		
January .....	58 16		
February .....	22 10		
March .....	89 77		
April .....	197 27		
May .....	31 85		
June .....	17 11		
July .....	12 25		
August .....	11 31		

Total .....

## MARYLAND.

September .....	\$ 1 00
January .....	8 00
March .....	3 00
April .....	19 00
August .....	12 00

Total .....

## MASSACHUSETTS.

September .....	\$ 7 00
October .....	1 10
November .....	45 10
December .....	2 00
January .....	14 30
February .....	8 00
March .....	14 67
April .....	5 50
May .....	4 50
June .....	6 50
July .....	12 50
August .....	4 00

Total .....

## MICHIGAN.

December .....	\$ 3 00
January .....	75

April .....	\$8 86
May .....	1 00
August .....	9 13
Total .....	\$ 22 75

## MINNESOTA.

September .....	\$ 1 00
November .....	2 50
January .....	9 25
April .....	2 00
August .....	1 00
Total .....	\$ 15 75

## MISSISSIPPI.

September .....	\$199 58
October .....	16 10
November .....	50 60
December .....	44 85
January .....	122 39
February .....	24 51
March .....	24 06
April .....	539 82
May .....	61 71
June .....	46 25
July .....	13 82
August .....	137 62

Total .....

## MISSOURI.

September .....	\$ 34 00
October .....	19 92
November .....	34 70
December .....	4 01
January .....	45 50
March .....	27 65
April .....	20 55
May .....	91 00
June .....	334 91
July .....	5 00
August .....	1 00

Total .....

## NEBRASKA.

		May .....	\$38 62
		June .....	7 00
		July .....	6 02
		August .....	77 67
May .....	\$ 2 75	Total .....	\$388 04
Total .....	\$ 2 75		

## NEW MEXICO.

September .....	\$ 2 00
October .....	10
Total .....	\$ 2 10

## NEW JERSEY.

September .....	\$ 82 60
October .....	6 10
November .....	7 00
December .....	2 61
January .....	14 30
February .....	14 00
March .....	39 20
April .....	25 82
May .....	433 86
June .....	1 03
July .....	4 21
August .....	78 89

Total .....

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

August .....	\$ 1 00
Total .....	\$ 1 00

## NEW YORK.

September .....	\$ 17 82
October .....	11 20
November .....	12 10
December .....	3 50
January .....	24 43
February .....	34 63
March .....	2 90
April .....	132 00

## NORTH CAROLINA.

September .....	\$ 25 58
October .....	13 20
November .....	6 10
December .....	25 53
January .....	37 01
February .....	20 82
March .....	19 00
April .....	169 39
May .....	8 96
June .....	15 28
July .....	47 29
August .....	17 10

Total .....

## OHIO.

September .....	\$141 01
October .....	142 73
November .....	59 99
December .....	6 20
January .....	106 21
February .....	25 11
March .....	37 29
April .....	178 56
May .....	16 80
June .....	53 80
July .....	13 80
August .....	196 19

Total .....

## OKLAHOMA.

September .....	\$ 24 00
October .....	43 70
November .....	3 45

December	\$ 6 70	December	\$ 7 44
January	16 89	January	191 96
February	12 63	February	229 08
March	4 10	March	117 44
April	126 62	April	169 44
May	312 87	May	49 39
June	10 62	June	16 11
August	11 80	July	7 38
		August	449 62
Total	\$674 28	Total	\$1,650 04

## PENNSYLVANIA.

September	\$254 75
October	120 63
November	169 80
December	2 76
January	62 87
February	34 93
March	11 23
April	40 62
May	3 30
June	3 00
July	199 71
August	209 50

Total \$1,112 67

## RHODE ISLAND.

February	\$12 00
April	10 00

Total \$ 22 00

## SALES.

September	\$213 58
April	71 03

Total \$284 61

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

September	\$ 53 06
October	351 80
November	17 38

## STATES UNKNOWN.

April	\$ 2 41
Total	\$ 2 41

## TENNESSEE.

September	\$ 79 70
October	1 35
November	21 90
December	32 89
January	100 17
February	26 72
March	26 66
April	169 74
May	14 85
June	38 74
July	111 95
August	9 46

Total \$634 09

## TEXAS.

September	\$546 37
October	3 45
November	7 05
December	19 71
January	127 56
February	9 75
March	44 25
April	205 89
May	204 98

June	\$25 44
July	1 06
August	78 73
Total	\$1,438 13

## VIRGINIA.

September	\$ 54 42
October	2 00
November	39 00
December	1 00
January	74 51
February	48 64
March	44 72
April	182 30
May	134 55
June	7 50
July	83 42

Total \$672 06

## WASHINGTON.

April	\$ 2 50
May	70
August	6 60

Total \$ 9 20

## WEST VIRGINIA.

September	\$ 11 50
October	5 00
November	1 50
December	5 00
January	14 23
February	3 40
March	5 51
April	74 62
May	10 25
June	4 25
July	2 75
August	107 51

Total \$245 54

## WISCONSIN.

March	\$ 1 06
Total	1 06

## WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

September	\$123 57
October	312 33
November	27 55
December	77 00
January	283 00
February	21 50
March	75 10
April	19 00
May	23 34
June	101 52
July	37 63
August	39 27

Total \$1,140 80

## MONTHLY EXPENDITURES.

<i>Missionaries and Missions.</i>	
September	\$1,569 20
October	412 00
November	1,013 61
December	566 02
January	1,450 14
February	1,216 35
March	747 20
April	781 10
May	1,235 30
June	1,143 42
July	487 81
August	393 12

Total \$11,015 27

## HERALD.

September	\$ 77 85
October	155 71
November	63 40

December	\$100 59
January	65 77
February	180 71
March	96 39
April	170 24
May	148 71
June	137 19
July	107 63
August	93 00
Total	\$1,296 92

## PRINTING.

September	\$ 55 19
October	37 10
November	17 00
December	10 60
January	30 25
February	112 25
March	31 75
April	29 00
May	143 25
June	29 53
July	25 00
August	66 00
Total	\$419 92

## EXPRESSAGE AND DRAYAGE.

September	\$ 3 50
October	1 00
November	2 55
December	1 06
January	7 63
February	1 20
March	5 20
April	3 23
May	3 75
June	1 75
July	1 60
August	3 27
Total	\$ 32 06

## SALARIES.

September	\$ 62 50
October	62 50
November	56 00
December	56 00
January	51 67
February	55 06
March	53 00
April	80 35
May	44 50
June	51 50
July	76 56
August	50 92
Total	\$700 41

## FIELD.

September	\$ 21 45
October	75
November	13 80
December	6 41
January	50
February	3 65
March	3 60
April	97 33
May	25 70
June	13 70
July	6 00
August	3 90
Total	\$196 80

## TRAVELING.

September	\$ 14 95
October	36 80
November	36 65
December	28 76
January	29 54
March	24 15
April	29 97
May	60 17
June	37 23
July	24 23
August	43 00

## SUPPLIES AND CUTS.

September	\$123 94
October	68 01
November	65 70
December	126 77
January	48 85
February	61 30
March	42 80
April	46 67
May	101 95
June	166 95
July	76 95
August	31 76
Total	\$961 73

## POSTAGE.

September	\$ 37 93
October	26 17
November	23 21
December	27 93
January	40 60
February	21 09
March	15 23
April	22 81
May	39 12
June	27 61
July	15 13
August	45 94
Total	\$342 80

## EASTER RALLY.

September	\$ 41 50
February	68 77
March	217 64
April	418 00
May	257 06
June	110 00
Total	\$1,112 99

## OFFICE.

September	\$ 4 50
October	18 80
November	6 75
December	7 50
January	6 50
February	17 75
March	9 50
April	9 00
May	7 55
June	6 00
July	13 50
August	5 95
Total	\$113 30

## INCIDENTS.

September	\$ 11 00
October	4 50
November	60
December	2 00
January	2 76
February	1 30
March	1 40
April	2 01
May	25
June	1 00
July	1 00
August	1 00
Total	\$ 28 80

## PAID ON LOANS.

September	\$249 00
October	150 00
November	600 00
January	16 00
March	100 00
April	937 00
May	1,125 00
June	100 00
July	60
August	1 78
Total	\$3,515 00

## FIELD MISSIONARIES.

June	\$ 15 00
July	15 00
August	15 00
September	\$580 03
October	330 14
November	190 79
December	95 13
January	362 54
February	500 23
March	442 56
April	194 13
May	536 65
June	359 54
July	239 98
August	862 40
Total	\$4,694 74

## NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD.

October	\$ 1 25
February	5 19
March	2 30
May	5 88
Total	\$ 14 62

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

September	\$ 60 23
November	15 00
May	5 00
Total	\$ 80 23

## 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

Total \$180 00

## SUMMARY.

## Receipts by States.

Alabama	\$1,283 50
Arkansas	937 22
California	52 09
Colorado	52 78
Connecticut	42 25
District of Columbia	055 23
Florida	1,281 78
Foreign	300 60
Georgia	920 97
Illinois	626 28
Indiana	174 37
Iowa	22 84
Kansas	325 80
Kentucky	756 63
September	1,569 20
October	312 00
Louisiana	629 27
Maryland	43 00
Massachusetts	125 17
Michigan	22 75
Minnesota	15 75
Mississippi	1,281 39
Missouri	627 30
Nebraska	2 75
New Mexico	2 10
New Hampshire	1 00
New Jersey	709 28
New York	388 04
North Carolina	405 86
Ohio	979 19
Oklahoma	574 28
Pennsylvania	1,112 87
Rhode Island	22 00
Sales (miscellaneous)	284 61

South Carolina	\$1,650 04	Foreign Mission Board	\$ 80 28
States unknown	2 41	Rent	180 00
Tennessee	634 09	Total	\$23,471 25
Texas	1,438 13	Total receipts	\$23,537 33
Virginia	672 06	Total expenses	23,471 25
Washington	9 20	Balance on hand	
West Virginia	254 54	9-7	\$ 66 08
Wisconsin	1 00		
Woman's Convention	1,140 80		
Borrowed money	3,073 00		
Total	\$23,537 33		

## LIABILITIES.

## EXPENSES.

Missions and Missionaries	\$10,915 27	To our Missionaries	\$1,500 21
Herald	1,397 03	Borrowed, Lou.	
Printing	619 92	Nat'l Bank	700 00
Expressage and drayage	32 06	Borrowed, German Bank	300 00
Salaries	600 41	Borrowed, German Ins. Bank	574 00
Field	196 80	To Tinsley-Mayer Eng. Co. (cuts)	125 00
Traveling	365 48	To Franklin Ptg. Co.	125 00
Supplies and cuts	361 73	To Bush-Krebs Co.	64 34
Postage	342 80	To E. G. Bridgeman (maps)	31 50
Easter Rally	1,012 99	To Young Peoples' Miss. Movement	93 00
Office	113 30	To World's Pub. Co	30 00
Incidentals	28 80	Total	\$3,543 06
Paid on loans	3,515 00		
Field Missionaries	3,694 74		
N. B. Publishing Board	14 62		

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 4 1909.

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

(Signed)

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Auditor National Baptist Convention.

Yours in the love of the Gospel,

C. H. PARRISH, Chairman.

D. A. GADDIE, Secretary.

L. G. JORDAN, Corresponding Secretary.

The report was full of information concerning the missionaries, their fields and the needs and obligations of the Board and was interesting throughout. Pledges were taken for Foreign Missions and the responses were liberal.

Pending consideration of the report, the Convention adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. L. N. Cheek, Missionary.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at the usual hour Thursday afternoon. The devotions were conducted by Dr. A. Barbour, of Texas, and Dr. B. L. Rose, of Pennsylvania.

"On Calvary there stood a Cross," was sung. Rev. Barbour read the second chapter of Corinthians. The congregation sang, with much feeling, "Am I a soldier of the Cross." Prayer was offered by Dr. A. B. Bolding, of Mississippi.

Dr. C. H. Clark, Chairman of the Publishing Board, presiding recognized Dr. W. F. Graham, of Virginia, to make a statement on behalf of the Finance Committee. Dr. Clark followed with an address outlining the policy and work of the Publishing Board, making special reference to the great achievements of Dr. R. H. Boyd, the Secretary of the Board.

At the close of Dr. Clark's address he introduced Dr. Boyd to submit his annual report to the Convention, which is as follows:

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

##### *To the National Baptist Convention:*

We, the members of the Home Mission Board, beg leave to make this our fourteenth annual report to your body, of the missionary work done on home fields from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909. Our report is by no means flattering this year. We have not accomplished what we had hoped, and yet we feel that under the circumstances we have done what we could, all things considered.

There are many things that hinder an active operation of missionary efforts on home fields. The first, our churches, associations and even state conventions seem slow to grasp the idea of missionary operation from a central point, radiating equally into all parts of the country. Again it seems to be impossible to employ men who will exactly understand their relations to both the national and state boards. They feel that if they work for one they can not work for the other, when, in fact, these should not conflict, but one should greatly assist the other, as the following general organization of our Board will show:

##### *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 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, but 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 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 it in its effort 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-operation 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 or 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 their own state or territorial convention, in all cases, preference should be given to their state or territorial organizations. 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 or accomplishments of its co-operative missionaries on the field, and many times has just reason for complaint. Yet 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 that a large majority, even of our well-informed Baptists, look 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 of sin, ignorance and superstition, and that this army is simply 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 in 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 body as a whole.

What is true with the military armies is equally true with the spiritual or Christian army. The Baptists can better drill 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 in both missionary and educational purposes if they would but study and understand the plan of organization. We are sometimes pained to learn that when our secretaries or representatives visit, for instance, an association, territorial or state convention, they are looked upon as visitors or as 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 donation 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 look upon the national organization as its own body, and it should be thoroughly understood that whatever work is done, and 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 much greater. We are praying for a speedy coming of this understanding.

*Missionary and Colporteur Work Performed Jointly.*

The Board wishes again to report that it is unchanged 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 each missionary perform both missionary and colporteur work in co-operation with each other. The Gospel may be preached, souls may be converted, but will the doctrine,

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, instructive, Baptist tracts, pamphlets or books, and thoroughly scatter them in the community, it would be seed sown that would spring up and continue to yield Baptist fruit through all coming years and generations. It is a fact that there are very, very few communities, towns or even cities where good, sound Baptist literature can be obtained. Bookstores, booksellers, book-agents, etc., do not handle sound, unadulterated Baptist literature. Hence the community must depend upon the knowledge of its pastor to obtain this literature, or upon the instructions given by these visiting secretaries, agents or missionaries as to where and how to obtain this literature.

*Our General Field Work Under the Supervision of the Field Secretary.*

In 1902 it was thought necessary by the Board to appoint a field secretary whose duty it would be to assist the general secretary in travelling and learning from observation the needs of the various states in the Union. The work has gone on from year to year. The field secretary has endeavored to visit each state once a year if possible. The field is so large that it has proven impossible for one man to get over such a broad and extensive territory. However, with his being constantly on the field, supplemented at times by the editorial secretary, the assistant secretary and sometimes the general secretary himself, we have managed to see almost all parts of the United States and to become personally acquainted with both the men and the work of the different state conventions.

If our co-operative missionaries could more clearly understand this work, it would not be found necessary to visit the associations; but we are convinced that in future our regular general officers, missionaries or agents will be compelled to go to the different district associations, as so many of them are entirely independent in their work, operating in a different manner, having different objects in view from that of the state conventions of their various

states. To become personally acquainted and to make personal visits to these various states, to meet them in their organized capacity, requires an enormous travelling expense. Our field secretary has on many occasions had to travel as far as four, five or six hundred miles without making a single stop, in order to reach these state meetings while in session. This expense, however, is more than overcome by the amount of actual good to the communities or states visited. It is the purpose of the Board another year to have the field secretary's work supplemented or assisted by appointing a superintendent of the Sunday-School Teacher Training Course. This superintendent will work jointly with both the editorial secretary and the field secretary. In this way, we hope to come in closer touch or relation with each state organization.

*Our Canadian Brethren.*

While there are only a few colored Baptists in the Dominion of Canada, yet we feel that some special attention should be paid to that territory. True, the color line or separation of the races is not practiced in Canada to the same extent as in the United States, but it is only a question of a short time before it will be felt, and separate work in Canada will be essentially necessary as it is in the United States, for the following reasons: First, it is an undisputed fact that the Baptists have done their greatest work, have their greatest numerical strength, and have done more to convince the world that they are the logical, evangelical church, right here in the United States, than in any other part of the world. Hence, as these people go out from this country into other territories they carry all of their customs and habits with them. Thus as both colored and white Baptists are rushing into Canada, a problem is sure to be created.

It is the belief of our Board that special efforts or special overtures should be made to the brethren of Canada, to have them unite with us more closely in our missionary, educational and publication work. To do this it will require a considerable sacrifice on the part of both ourselves and the brethren in Canada.

*West Indies.*

There are several of the West Indies that are under the British flag, and the natives speak the English



language. It is the belief of our Board that the National Baptist Convention should extend its territory into each of these English-speaking territories especially, and have these brethren come into our organization, not as a foreign field, but as a home field. They should be given representation, and special attention should be paid to them. Last year we called special attention to the work in Jamaica. We have had considerable correspondence with the brethren this year, and we are expecting Rev. G. E. Stewart, president of the Baptist Convention of the Island of Jamaica, to be with us this year. Should he or other delegates from that territory visit our convention, we ask that each member or delegate of the convention should make himself a committee of one to assist these brethren in their efforts. Our Board would recommend that a meeting be held somewhere either in Jamaica or the Panama Canal Zone, where we could invite the brethren from both the Islands, Central and South America to meet with a delegation from our convention, that we could see, know and learn more of these brethren, and have them learn more of us. Our Board would recommend that the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, the Secretary of the Publishing Board, the Secretary of the Educational Board, the Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Board, with the President of the National Convention, should constitute a commission to attend this meeting on behalf of the National Baptist Convention.

#### *The Philippine Islands.*

These people, it is true, do not speak the English language, but the United States government has finally taken hold of that territory, and are sure to hold it for the next hundred years, unless something unforeseen should happen. They are planting schools, educating the people, and giving them some form of self-government. Since these are dark people, it is possible that our missionaries might be able to do something in the form of planting a Protestant, evangelical religion among them. We do not know particularly what could be done, as we have had no representative to visit that field with this fact in view. But it is the belief of our Board that we should be awake and on the alert to let no opportunities to carry the old Baptist banner with its triple declaration, "One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism," wherever the stars and stripes float, as we believe that the Baptists are the only religious denomina-

tion that is capable of teaching the people true and actual self-government. Wherever this banner is planted, and the principles adhered to, freedom of government is sure to reign supreme, as Baptists are a law-abiding people, thereby teaching all of their followers to obey the law.

It is the belief of our Board that if the colored Baptists could get a firm grip upon the hearts and minds of the Philippine people, that twenty active missionaries would do more toward the satisfactory solution of this vexing problem of peace among these people and for loyalty to the stars and stripes than ten regiments of the United States army. A people conquered or subdued by force are never loyal citizens. It takes the love of God, the love of humanity and the love of country to make loyal citizens, and this is what the National Baptist Convention teaches in all of its doctrines. Our Board would therefore recommend that some attention be paid to these Islands and to the natives therein.

#### *The Canal Zone, Panama.*

Our work in the Zone dates from the sitting of the National Baptist Convention in 1907, and is just two years old. Two us only in name. To-day, our banner floats high in that territory, and the name "National Baptist Convention" is being reiterated from lip to lip, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the people of various languages are gathering under the waves and folds of this banner to hear the word of God. Our work indeed has been phenomenal, while we have had some disappointments. First among them is, our general secretary was to have visited the Zone last winter, but both time and money prevented his going. Our missionaries, however, have been met by the people of that Zone with open arms. They know nothing, however, of the support of the preacher or the possibilities of self-help in church government. We have been compelled to pay both the salary and expenses of our missionaries and secure the land and buildings in which the people worship. Our sisters, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, have in this come nobly to our assistance by volunteering to pay a female missionary to assist in the great effort of evangelizing the natives of the Zone. We have not had for ourselves nor have we been able to give to our sisters, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, as accurate a report of the work done in that territory as should have been the case. But another year it will be different, we hope, as the work is

now thoroughly organized. We are endeavoring to teach them self-help and service.

The Canal Zone Commission will not sell the government lands in that territory, but they give long leases subject to the order of the government. Each lease is within itself a deed unless called for by the government. We have secured three very beautiful and commodious lots at Ancon, right on a popular and busy thoroughfare of the city. These lots are secured, first, for a church, second, for a parsonage, and third, for a school. The architectural department of the National Baptist Publishing Board drew plans soon after the meeting of the last convention. Our missionary, Rev. Thorburne, was instructed to seek the location suitable to conditions, and to put our Board in correspondence with some reliable contractor to erect this building. This was done as hastily as possible. Our secretary secured the endorsement of the banks of Nashville, Tenn., and through this medium, secured the confidence of the Canal Zone Commission of the United States government, and it has not only conveyed to us these lots, but has assisted us with building material at governmental prices.

It will be hard for our brethren to understand the cost of building material on the Zone, but to give some idea of its cost, it is sufficient to say that common pine lumber sells at \$75.00 per thousand feet. The contractor agreed to erect this building 36 x 50 feet for the sum of \$800.00 Panama currency. The material will cost about the same, or possibly a few hundred dollars more.

We have shipped a bell for the church, which cost us delivered at the Zone \$75.00. This church was erected and an entrance meeting was held July 15. The building, however, is without window sash, door shutters, pews or pulpit furniture. When all of this is completed the building will cost us in the neighborhood of \$2,500 or \$3,000 Panama currency. The mechanic or contractor has been paid, and we are expecting a draft from the Canal Zone Commission at any moment for the material used, and we have authorized the banks of Nashville to meet this draft at sight and call on us for the same.

The ready increase of membership of this organization has been phenomenal. Our missionary pastor has a regularly organized Baptist church; has baptized more than a hundred members; has a flourishing little Sunday-school, and part of the time a primary school for the children. He

is greatly assisted in this work by the female assistant furnished him by the Woman's Auxiliary Board.

The Board is now in need of money for windows, which will have to be made in the states and shipped to the Zone. These ten windows will cost not less than \$25 each, besides freight expenses. We have desired that ten churches should take one window each and have their names upon the same.

It will require \$110 for pulpit furniture, besides the freight; \$300 for church pews, making an urgent need for \$410 to obtain material to complete this church, and about \$240.00 for freight. Thus it will be seen that the Board is in urgent need of \$900.00 to put this Canal Zone church in a condition that will attract the attention of all who visit this Zone, and that the National Baptist Convention is a live, religious organization worthy of the confidence of any people who cast their lot with it.

The Board can possibly arrange to take care of the missionary as to salary, etc., but must make special appeals to either or both the churches, associations and state conventions.

The brethren of Memphis, Tenn., headed by Dr. T. O. Fuller, gave the bell that calls these people to worship, and now we ask individuals or churches, associations or state conventions to volunteer to furnish the remainder of the equipment to complete this building.

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

This co-operative work with our Southern white brethren, which began some years ago, is still continuing. Some of the states, however, have not yet understood the nature of this work. It seems as if the leaders among us in some of the states have a tendency or a desire to hide from the people, rather than make public this great missionary co-operative work. A number of the state boards and even the missionaries themselves seem to be slow to understand this plan of co-operation.

We regret to be compelled to report that we have not enlarged to any extent this year in this work, for the reason that the work is not accomplishing all that its founders intended that it should accomplish. First, there has arisen a spirit of rivalry, and men who are incapable of holding a church as a pastor, seek and canvass

the members of the various boards for positions with a hope of obtaining a regular salary through this medium. The Home Mission Board wishes to be understood once for all that this co-operative plan was never intended to make place or give salaries to men. First, it is the purpose to do real evangelical, Christian missionary work. Second, to stimulate and strengthen state organizations, that they may accomplish more missionary work within their bounds. Third and last, but by no means least, it has been the fond hope and expectation of your Board that this co-operative work would bring about a closer and more fraternal relationship between the Southern white Baptists and the Southern colored Baptists. This object has to a great extent been accomplished, for there is a better and more friendly feeling and brotherly interest manifested to-day between the white and colored Baptists of the South than at any period in our history since the Emancipation, and there is a closer and better relation existing than between any other religious organization of the two races. The Southern Methodists, the Southern Presbyterians and Southern Episcopalians have taken up our example. We have just noticed that the College of Bishops of the M. E. Church, South, has recommended an appropriation of \$15,000 to help the colored Southern Methodist branch of their denomination. This recommendation was made after watching carefully our co-operative work for a period of eight years. If we have done nothing else, we have set an example by this co-operative work that will possibly take hold in every part of the South by and between colored and white Christians of the same religious denomination.

But the closer relation that we have hoped and prayed for has not yet reached the point where we still hope for it to reach. We felt, however, that this work should be pushed and moved very slowly, but your Board feels at this time a sufficient assurance in the confidence of our brethren to ask that the state conventions, district associations, and even churches, should invite our white brethren to meet with us at any and all meetings where it is possible for them to do so. We hope that the time has come when our brethren will not feel afraid to ask white ministers to come among them, enter their pulpits, talk to their people and take part in their deliberations. Five years ago in many parts of the country a white Baptist minister possibly would have hesitated long before accepting an invitation of this kind but after consulting with and being among our white Baptists for eight years, we have no hesitation in saying this

these invitations will be treated with the greatest consideration whenever and wherever extended.

Your Board would earnestly recommend that this convention ask the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint each year a fraternal delegation of white brethren to attend our meetings. Secondly, that we ask the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, wherever it is possible, to appoint a white minister to visit in the different states among the colored churches or associations, and acquaint themselves with the actual working conditions of the Negro Baptists throughout the country, as we believe this will do more to stimulate and bring about a more friendly and fraternal relation between the two races than anything else that can be done.

#### *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 a mere 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; thirdly, 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 the 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 skill of local contractors, or, in the best way they possibly can, erect a church edifice possibly at an enormous cost, and yet the church edifice is built with little or no regard of economy, comfort, durability or style. Thousands upon top of thousands of dollars could be saved to our church membership, more comfort, more durability and considerable more beauty could be had, while this money is saved, if we had a regular church architect or architectural department, which could be consulted in the matter of church building.

1. *Church Fire Insurance*—We feel safe in saying that few weeks have passed but that some church, some pastor or some individual has implored us to assist them, because of 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 sometimes 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 the trustees, but because there is no local agent or 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.

2. *Church Edifice Fund*.—The Board needs a church edifice fund with 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 need 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 missionary societies will rally to the aid of the Board, we are compelled to disappoint the people,

thereby causing a great setback to the confidence of the people in the work of the Baptists. We ask in heaven's name that this sitting of the convention put itself on 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.

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK.

	Present Year.	Last Year.
Number of Missionaries, Colporters, Sunday-school and Bible Workers working in co-operation with our Board during the year	43	66
Days of service reported	8,678	8,312
Sermons preached	3,582	3,702
Sunday-schools addressed	1,346	1,441
Prayer-meetings attended	2,368	2,765
B. Y. P. U. Societies addressed	396	663
Missionary Societies addressed	397	481
Other addresses and public talks delivered	2,141	2,859
Total number of sermons, addresses and public talks delivered	10,129	9,046
Homes visited for Bible reading and prayer	6,853	9,410
Homes found without Bibles	507	1,788
Number of churches visited	8,221	4,755
Number of churches helped to organize	28	21
New Sunday-schools organized	42	19
Missionary societies formed or organized	59	37
Number of persons baptized by request of churches	1,360	841
Number of conventions, associations and other State and District meetings attended	1,970	1,542
Missionary and Bible Conferences held	1,970	1,691
Letters and Postal Cards written	10,265	14,847
Number of religious tracts, pamphlets and booklets distributed	12,569	18,569

#### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF MISSIONARY MONEY BY HOME MISSION BOARD.

	Present Year.	Last Year.
Money collected and applied to missionary work in communities where collected	\$ 14,686 11	\$ 16,027 24
Value of tracts, pamphlets and booklets distributed free	585 46	699 46
Money collected by missionaries and colpor-		

	Present Year.	Last Year.
Miles traveled to perform this labor.....	157,362	270,691
ters and applied to their salaries.....	5,521 57	5,937 37
Money donated by Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention on salaries of missionaries.....	7,262 50	9,250 00
Money collected by missionaries and applied to their traveling expenses.....	3,076 34	5,082 21
Salaries of female missionaries working in co-operation with our Board.....	980 00	950 00
Cash, Commission and books supplemented on missionaries' salaries working in co-operation with our Board.....	9,783 96	3,850 00
Salary traveling, office rent and other expenses of Field Secretary paid by Publishing Board.....	2,400 00	1,700 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 44,296 94</b>	<b>\$ 43,396 41</b>

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

ROBT. MITCHELL,

Auditor of the National Baptist Convention.  
This September 1, 1909.

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

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

To the Twenty-ninth Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, Columbus, Ohio, September 15-20, 1909:

Dear Brethren:—

The National Baptist Publishing Board brings you its thirteenth annual report of business transacted at its headquarters 523, 521, 519, 517 Second avenue, North, from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909. On submitting this report to your body we beg to state that we do not attempt to give assets or liabilities; neither do we attempt to set out in this report an inventory of machinery, stock or merchandise on hand. We merely attempt to show the condition of the Board, condition of the property, the increase in machinery or real estate and the actual amount re-

ceived and expended. The Board feels that this would be a better plan, for if we would give assets we would be compelled to give liabilities, or if we should give liabilities, it would necessitate the giving of assets. While it is true we take an itemized inventory each year, and if called upon are prepared to show the exact financial condition of the entire property. As the Board started business without capital, machinery, stock, real estate or anything, except faith in God and confidence in the Baptists, it is but natural that for a number of years changes will have to be made to meet the conditions. First, it was found very difficult to locate ourselves in adequate quarters. However, it seems that the Board planned wiser than it knew when it purchased the property at 523 Second avenue, North. This being a corner lot, faced on one side by the broad thoroughfare known as Market street or Second avenue, North, fronted on another side with Locust street; situated just one-half block from the L. & N. Railroad and College Street Station, which makes it indeed very convenient for the Board to carry on its large business, as the property is entirely surrounded with streets and alleys. By making one private alley of its own, it has an opportunity to drive wagons around its property on all sides. The healthy location of the property was another unforeseen advantage which the Board secured. This property is annually increasing in value instead of decreasing.

The Board could dispose of this property to-day at fifty cents on the dollar in advance of what was paid for it. However, the ten-year use of the property or buildings, which had been in use a number of years before being purchased by the Board, required considerable repairs this year. The Board thought it wise to have the buildings repaired inside, considerable repairs on the roof, and the entire outside, including both brick and wood work, to be well painted. This has given a decided appearance for better, and has enhanced the value of the property.

By order of the Board of Health we have been compelled to do considerable sewerage and sanitary work around the property, and there remains considerable more to be done.

The Board has made considerable advances along all business lines. It has enlarged its scope of usefulness in its book department, making some changes in its periodicals and newspaper department, and has made considerable advances along the line of church and school supplies, together with the necessary pre-requisites for Sun-

day-school entertainments, until it is now one of the largest mail order houses located in that part of the state. We ship goods to every state in the Union; besides we are making a gradual increase in our importing and exporting business, as we are constantly filling orders for Canada, West Indies, Central America, South America, Europe and Africa.

#### *The Year's Work.*

We find that our work in all departments is gradually increasing, and there is a steady and gradual increase in the circulation of our periodical department. Our book department is improving or seems to be making rapid increase along all lines. That is to say, our brethren are beginning to learn that we are prepared to furnish them with all grades and classes of denominational and religious books. This has caused us to make an increase in stock along this line. In our Sunday-school pre-requisites and church supply department we have been compelled to make considerable enlargement.

Both our Sunday-schools and churches are learning to look to us as a house prepared to supply their needs, hence we have felt the necessity to prepare, as much as possible to meet this demand. However, there is always a danger of losing in a department of this kind, as the prices of such articles fluctuate according to demand. We have, however, this year had an opportunity to experiment considerably along this line, and we are prepared to report progress. We find that as our chief clerks and their assistants become more acquainted with the demands and wants of the people, they are better prepared to put this department into operation.

#### *New Machinery.*

No doubt many delegates will be surprised when we report again this year that instead of using our old machinery, we have been compelled to install new. But those who are acquainted with the rapid changes and inventions of printing machinery are perfectly aware of the fact that what was considered to be up-to-date, high-speed printing and book binders' machinery ten years ago, is almost antiquated by this time. However, as we bought our machinery new eight, ten or twelve years ago, it has about served its life, as the average life of printing machinery runs from five to fifteen years. Our old machinery that was bought eight and nine

years ago has become considerably worn from constant operation, and together with the increased circulation of our periodicals has made it next to impossible to supply the rapid growing demands of our people. The Board has therefore sold some of the old machinery and replaced it with new, more up-to-date, more rapid and high-speed machinery. We have replaced the old-style perforating machine with one of the latest national rotary perforating machines. We have replaced our old printing, book and job folder with an up-to-date double-action book and job folder. This folder is capable of folding and delivering a thirty-two page magazine at the rate of from twenty-five hundred to thirty-five hundred per hour. This will be the second of these high speed book folders that we now have in operation in our plant. We did not foresee this rapid growth when we built our present press room. We have therefore decided to move two of the large flat bed, two revolution, rear delivery, Cottrell presses that were bought in 1900 and 1901. These presses were sold at considerable advance in price of what the Board really expected they could possibly obtain for them, and the prices of these two presses have been added to the Scott's all-size, rotary book press that the Board has contracted to have put in. We have a written agreement with the Walter Scott Printing Press Mfg. Co., of Plainfield, N. J., to put in one of those high speed, all-size, rotary book presses which will print and deliver our magazines at the rate of from five to eight thousand per hour. In fact, they guaranteed this press to do as much work per day as ten flat bed presses. Of course the cost of this sounds considerably large when we speak of paying from \$18,000 to \$20,000 for one piece of printing machinery. It sounds unreasonable, but when we take into consideration the rapidity with which the work is expedited, the promptness with which we are able to obtain our periodicals, the saving in labor to operate this machinery, all go to make up the difference in prices. For instance, if a rotary press which requires two operators to handle it, or three at the outset, and yet does the work of ten flat bed presses, which would require two operators to each press, it will be seen that there is the saving in labor of eighteen men. If we must pay our press operators \$2.00 per day, and use twenty flat bed presses, the labor to operate these flat bed presses would be \$40 per day. If it only requires two operators to operate one rotary press that does the same amount of work, paying them the same wages, we would have a saving of \$36 per day in this one item. Then when



we had the expense of power, fuel, space to be occupied, etc., we can see that the cost of manufacturing with this high grade machinery is considerably less, hence must be made up in the cost of machinery. Again, the rotary press at first cost is no more than flat bed presses when we take in consideration the amount of work or labor performed. A flat bed press with automatic feeder, capable of doing the grade of work demanded by us, will cost in the market not less than \$5,000.00. We have in operation now five of these flat bed presses and two job presses, and yet we find it impossible to keep up with our work. One rotary press at a cost of \$20,000 is \$5,000 cheaper than five flat bed presses at \$5,000 each. Thus it can be seen that the Board will save \$5,000 in putting in this rotary press, and at the same time, will be able for the next ten years to do all the work demanded by the denomination in the way of periodicals. However, it may be that our book work will make such increase that we may feel called upon to add some new flat bed presses in the next four or five years.

#### *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 Baptist 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 the future as it has in the past. The management, however, has fully determined 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 matters and expedite business, carrying on manufacturing with a greater degree of efficiency.

#### *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 diction with any thing 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 our periodicals are gradually increasing in circulation.

Our National Baptist Sunday-School Commentary, begun by the Board six 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 were, "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.

#### *Book, Tract, Bible 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 book, tract, Bible 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 \$75,000 to \$100,000 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 for the reason that books fluctuate 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.

#### *Assistant Secretary and Superintendent.*

Last year we reported to the Convention that the Board had been experimenting for a year by the appointment of an assistant secretary. After two years' experiment, it has

proven to be what was actually needed to carry on the work. The assistant secretary acts not only as assistant to the general secretary, but in his absence is actual secretary. Besides this he is general superintendent of all departments, having immediately under him a general foreman over the manufacturing department and a chief clerk over the sales, clerical, stenographic and bookkeeping departments. With this arrangement the Board has been able to expedite its business with considerable more advantage both to itself and its customers.

Beginning with September 1, the Board has added one more department, which is the Sunday-School Teacher Training Department. With the aid of the assistant secretary the Board is able to keep track of all of these departments and have monthly reports from the general secretary, who must have entire oversight.

This year the assistant secretary has done considerable travelling for the purpose of acquainting himself with the actual needs of the denomination and meeting with the leading men in the different states. It will be found necessary in the future to have the assistant secretary visit other large publishing concerns, spending some time in acquainting himself with all of the latest methods of doing book and periodical work; seeing and learning the operation of the latest improved machinery; the latest methods of keeping accurate accounts of correspondents, and other things essential to the advancement of a work like this.

At first a number of patrons and correspondents could not understand why their communications should be answered by an assistant secretary, but when it was found that from fifty to one hundred thousand letters and inquiries, orders, etc., had to be answered each quarter, when from one hundred to one hundred and fifty employees had to be looked after, when stock and material had to be bought and paid for, machinery bought, insurance, water, rents, taxes and, in fact, thousands of detail matters too numerous to mention here, must have the sanction of some one in authority, and at the same time missionary movements to be watched, editorial decisions and other such matters, we believe that all who have become acquainted or had an opportunity to understand the working of the Board, have decided that the office of assistant secretary is indispensable. We confess, however, that we have not been able to pay a salary commensurate with this work, but we feel that this is an after consideration that will in time take care of itself.



*Song Books.*

We feel this year that we ought to mention the subject of song books under a separate head, for the reason that we now own our own song books in fee simple. Heretofore we have only had publishers' rights to these song books, but now we have under our control about sixteen song books. A great many of these are owned in fee simple by the National Baptist Publishing Board. The Board has bought out the D. E. Dortch Publishing Company's song books, both plates and copyright, which completes their list of about four thousand different songs. Some of these are copyrights and are worth from \$5 to \$25 for each song. Others are made up of the old familiar church songs, whose copyrights have long since passed out and have become common Baptist property. While these songs and copyrights have cost the Board a considerable sum, we do not say it boastfully, but for the encouragement of our brethren, the National Baptist Publishing Board now owns and controls more denominational, religious songs and song books than any other denominational publishing concern known to us now in America. If our brethren could learn the importance of this song book question and would insist upon their churches and congregations using nothing except our own song books on all occasions, the manufacturing of them would go a considerable way in furnishing steady employment for our machinery between the vacations of each quarter.

One of the reasons why the National Baptist Publishing Board has outstripped all other denominational publishing concerns and has been self-supporting, paying for its own real estate, its own machinery, paying its own help, and giving a decent dividend of from 10 to 20 per cent of its gross receipts to missions is because the management has been careful to manage its business in such a way as to keep its machinery steadily employed.

We have watched with earnestness the question of demands and supplies. That is, we have endeavored to find out just what the denomination demanded and have supplied the most needed of these demands. We have made but few new adventures. We have seldom experimented by putting new books on the market.

We have only published such books as were in urgent demand, for which we could find ready and constant sale. True, we have not bought as many manuscripts as the

brethren have thought we should. We have published no books on royalty plan except song books, for which we knew we had a constant demand and a ready sale. We have steered clear of experimenting on what is called by publishers "Leaders," some new book or novel that would attract attention for a while and soon die out. We have left this work for secular publishing concerns, men who had money, time and ability to experiment with these new ideas.

*Periodical and Newspaper Department.*

We have endeavored this year, as in the past, to keep our periodical department up to the standard of efficiency, both in doctrine, diction and workmanship. Notwithstanding our promise a year ago to, as soon as possible, put upon the market another magazine to be known as the *Pastor and Superintendent's Homiletic Review*, the Board has not yet seen its way clear to redeem this promise. We found that after looking over the field carefully it would take anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year to put up a monthly magazine of this high grade character, and keep it up to a standard that would be commensurate with the numerical strength and literary ability of our large membership. We feel that when such a magazine is brought out it should command, first, the attention of every well-informed pastor, every college president and high school principal, every up-to-date Sunday-school superintendent or worker that is connected with our denomination, and should be looked to as authority on all questions of Baptist doctrine and polity.

There are other things to be taken into consideration besides the finances to launch this gigantic movement, and the first of these is a well-regulated, well-informed, studious, energetic, patient and untiring editorial staff. Until such an editorial staff as this can be organized, it would be a discredit to the denomination to undertake this work and allow it to fall below the standard set by other publishers in their church or theological reviews.

Our regular Sunday-school periodicals have been kept up to their usual standard. We have made some little additions to these by putting in the four missionary and educational optional lessons. We have arranged these to fall on the four days set apart by the National Baptist Convention, as follows: First, Christmas Missionary Lesson, setting forth the birth of Christ; second, Easter or Foreign Mission Rally Day, setting forth the Resurrection of

Christ; third, Children's Day or Missionary Work in Home Fields, as a stimulation of Sunday-school, missionary and effective evangelical work; fourth, Bible Day, setting forth the necessity of both the study and spread of God's word. If these are continued to be kept up by the editorial staff, encouraged by the pastors and studied by the schools and churches, it will not be a great while until we shall be able to arouse the churches to the necessities of these great missionary efforts for which the National Baptist Convention was organized.

Our National Baptist Sunday-School Lesson Commentary has made steady improvement along all lines. Some new features have been added, and to quote from a leading bishop of one of our Peco-denominations in a strong letter endorsing the Commentary in everything except its doctrine, he uses the following notable expression: "I have carefully examined this national or international annual Commentary on the Sunday-school lessons published by the colored Baptists of the United States. With the exception of its denominational doctrine and Baptist tenets, with which it bristles, I must confess that I have compared it with several others, and it is superior in many ways to any which I have had the pleasure of examining. There are some few features that I would be glad if other publishers, including our own publishers, would add to their publications."

We have quoted this paragraph in this report because we consider this the highest commendation that could be given. It is said anybody desiring to hear the praises of man, inquire of his friends; if desirous of knowing the truth, ask his enemies or opponents.

Since this bishop is a religious or doctrinal opponent, what he says must be conceded as true. The efficiency and adaptability of our periodicals can best be told by giving a tabulated statement of their annual circulation, together with the increase and decrease of each periodical, as follows:

	Number Circulated this year.	Last Year.	Increase over Last Year.
Teacher Monthly.....	212,750	201,600	11,150
Senior Quarterly.....	433,000	69,000	364,000
Advanced Quarterly.....	950,400	412,000	538,400
Intermediate Quarterly.....	512,450	511,531	919
Primary Quarterly.....	233,700	607,854	374,154
Lesson Leaflets.....	900,400	909,000	8,600
Cards, Weekly.....	1,000,000	4,000,000	3,000,000
Rolls.....	200,000	200,000	0
Catechisms.....	127,000	127,374	374
Child's B. Q. Book.....	245,000	227,132	17,868
Concert Quarterly.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Easy Lessons.....	100,000	100,000	0
National Baptist Union.....	200,000	200,000	0
	11,217,870	11,217,870	0

#### *New Machinery Added This Year.*

We have only added three new machines to our printing department this year. First, a national rotary perforator. This perforating machine was found to be a necessity in our bindery department in order to execute our work with that despatch and neatness that becomes an institution like ours. This machine, though not very expensive, has met a long-felt want in the bindery of the Publishing Board. Second, is one new automatic double-gear book and magazine folding machine manufactured by the Fuller Folding Company, of New Haven, Conn. This machine is listed at \$3,800 at the factory where it is manufactured. While we have been turning out our periodicals for a number of years with the folding machinery that we had in the bindery, it was found that after ten years use one of our folders had not only become slow, but inaccurate, which caused our periodicals in many instances to have the appearance of poor workmanship. This the Board endured for a year but felt called upon to supplement this or duplicate it with a more up-to-date, high-speed, folding machine, and while they were buying they felt that it was safer and better to buy the best, and that the best was the cheapest in the end. Third, A ROTARY BOOK PRINTING PRESS. We have no doubt that each member of the convention has heard complaints from Sunday-school superintendents and clerks that they could not obtain their periodicals on time. While the Board does not plead guilty to this accusation, or, in other words, we want to say that nine out of every ten of

these complaints were caused by the superintendent or secretary waiting up to or after the date the periodicals were needed before ordering them. It is impossible for the Board to tell just how many periodicals will be ordered. Hence it can not undertake to print these too far ahead. Again, since our periodical circulation has not only increased to the enormous circulation of millions, but into the tens of millions, it was found impossible to supply this quick demand with flat-bed presses. After years of study and careful investigation the Board has decided that the only remedy for this fault or this complaint was to supply itself with an all-size rotary book printing press. While it is true there are but very, very few of these presses in operation, yet it is found that the latest invention of these presses has been brought up to the efficiency and speed that they can print, perfect and deliver these Sunday-school periodicals at the rapid rate of five or ten thousand per hour. It is true that the first cost of this rotary press is thought to be and really looks to be enormous and exorbitant, but when it is taken into consideration that this press will do the same work as ten flat-bed presses, with less than 20 per cent of operating expenses, it is found to be the most economical, and will enable the Publishing Board to produce its Sunday-school periodicals at prices that it can compete with any publishing concern in the open market. The Walter Scott Manufacturing Company, of Plainfield, N. J., has contracted to complete this press and ship it to Nashville not later than September 15th and have it erected in a complete and operating condition not later than October 15th. The Board feels that if this press meets the guarantee of the manufacturers, that it is what it has long looked for. This press will enable the Board not only in putting out its periodicals, but will give it greater facility for expediting its book work, for it can then give over the entire time of its flat-bed and job presses to book and job work, while the rotary press is given over to the periodical work.

#### *Clerical, Stenographic and Correspondence Department.*

The work of this department and its importance can best be shown by the number of letters handled during each month of the year. Our institution does a regular mail order business. It must depend upon the mails for its business. Therefore, prompt, accurate and intelligent answers to letters make up all of the importance of the business.

Thousands of inquiries must be answered and answered intelligently. Those answering letters must know prices, qualities of goods, character and manner of shipping, in fact, everything that goes to expedite the supply and demands. Of course, there are a number of persons who have but little conception of the work of this department, but when our exact table shows that we have handled since last convention 284,400 letters, each of which is compelled to have a definite answer, some idea can be given of the work that must be carried on in this department, and the importance of time.

Persons calling at the place or writing, of course, expect to have a personal letter or personal interview with the general secretary, with but little idea of what his time is worth. Let us suppose that he was compelled to see each of the 284,400 letters, and working ten hours a day, handling one letter every minute in the day, allowing 300 working-days, he would have time to handle only 180,000 of these, leaving 104,400 untouched; yet each of these must be given definite answers, or have a personal observation or oversight by some one in the office. The following is a tabulated list of letters handled this year by months:

## FOURTH QUARTER, 1908.

	September	October	November	Total Per Quarter.
Letters Received.....	9,256	7,793	9,345	21,394
Letters Mailed.....	8,795	4,391	4,225	11,374
Circular Letters Mailed.....			22,806	22,806
Total Letters Handled.....	11,965	12,184	24,426	55,674

## FIRST QUARTER, 1909.

	December	January	February	Total Per Quarter.
Letters Received.....	9,179	9,391	4,924	23,494
Letters Mailed.....	4,795	5,213	4,497	14,505
Circular Letters Mailed.....			21,100	21,100
Total Letters Handled.....	11,974	14,604	20,521	58,099

## SECOND QUARTER, 1909.

	March	April	May	Total Per Quarter
Letters Received.....	15,811	10,728	9,825	36,364
Letters Mailed.....	5,473	5,923	6,031	17,427
Circular Letters Mailed.....			21,000	21,000
Total Letters Handled.....	21,284	16,711	36,836	74,831

## THIRD QUARTER, 1909.

	June	July	August	Total Per Quarter
Letters Received.....	15,423	10,115	3,781	29,319
Letters Mailed.....	6,415	6,226	4,996	17,637
Circular Letters Mailed.....			48,900	48,900
Total Letters Handled.....	21,838	16,341	57,677	95,856

TOTAL number of Letters handled during the Fiscal Year ... 284,400.

## Sunday-School Work.

The Board reported last year and had the endorsement of the Convention to begin the Sunday-school Teacher Training Course, but owing to shortness of finances this year we were not able to begin by appointing a superintendent to this course until September 1, 1909. The Board has finally decided on Rev. N. H. Pius, of Springfield, Ohio, to take charge of this department and give his entire time under the supervision of the general secretary. The following is an outlined course which will be put before the Sunday-schools and pushed by the superintendent. He will at the same time have the oversight of the music and will push our song books. (See Teacher-Training Course Reprint.) The following is the financial statement of the Board for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1909. It will be seen by this report that our business department has made some little increase over last year. However, our missionary department has fallen off in numbers of employees, but our missionary expenses have slightly increased.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL  
TEACHER-TRAINING SERVICE.

The National Baptist Publishing Board, in keeping with its original purpose for the advancement of Sunday-school



work, and as a help to churches and pastors, is now offering to the churches of the National Baptist Convention a complete Sunday-school teacher-training service. It will consist of four general courses.

#### I. A Primary Course.

This course or grade will consist of *twenty lectures and a primary 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 six 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 missionary of that given 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 principle methods of Sunday-school teachings.*
5. *Outline study of Baptist church history and doctrine.*
6. *An outline study of Sunday-school and church missions.*

Written examinations will be required on each of the above six 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.*

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

6. *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 recommendation 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, may 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 the 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 united 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.

To balance in hand September 1, 1908.....	\$ 862 50
For September, October and November.....	26,641 40
For December, January and February.....	25,012 11
For March, April and May.....	32,989 13
For June, July and August.....	33,039 94
As shown in report of Home Mission Board from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909, on page 17.....	44,295 64

Total receipts from all sources.....\$ 162,741 19

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For wages, salaries, printing material and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909.....	\$ 61,856 62
For merchandise, material, freight, drayage and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909.....	24,468 13
For stamps, postage, telegrams, telephones, expressage, and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department, from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909.....	9,438 79
For editorial contributions, advertising, travelling and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909.....	2,205 96
On notes, leases, rents, buildings, legal advice and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909.....	9,587 35
Repairs, insurance, machinery, fuel, gas, ice, water, horse feed and other incidental expenses pertaining to this department from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909.....	7,859 58
To salaries of missionaries, colporters, field secretary, contributions, donations and other incidental expenses from September 1, 1908, to August 31, 1909, as shown on page 17 of the Home Mission Board report.....	44,295 94
To balance in hand August 31.....	3,088 92

Total Disbursements.....\$ 162,741 19

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

ROBT. MITCHELL,

Auditor of the National Baptist Convention.  
This September 1, 1909.

Respectfully submitted,  
National Baptist Publishing Board,

R. H. BOYD,

General Secretary,

HENRY A. BOYD,

Assistant Secretary.

The report covered every phase of the work of the Home Mission and Publishing Boards and was listened to with wrapt attention. Pending consideration of the same the Convention adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. R. A. Jackson, Missionary.

#### EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session another interesting and delightful song service was conducted by Prof. Pius. President Morris presented Dr. G. S. Lampkins, of Washington, D. C., who read the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," was sung with spiritual power by the vast congregation. Dr. I. Toliver, of Washington, D. C., the noted evangelist-pastor, stirred the hearts of the brethren with an earnest prayer. An anthem, "Peace be within thy walls," was sung by the choir.

The following committees were announced by the President:

On Investigating Matters in the President's Address: Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D., Illinois; G. B. Howard, D. D., Virginia; Attorney Wm. Harrison, Oklahoma; Rev. Geo. E. Stephens, D. D., Missouri; Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., New York; Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D., Mississippi; Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., Georgia; Rev. J. H. Eason, D. D., Alabama; Rev. A. Barbour, D. D., Texas.

Committee from the Convention at-large to be a part of the Commission of One Hundred, to meet with the Baptist World Alliance: Dr. E. C. Morris, Arkansas; Dr. C. T. Walker, Georgia; Dr. I. Toliver; District of Columbia; Prof. R. B. Hudson, Alabama; Dr. Geo. W. Lee, District of Columbia; Dr. E. R. Carter, Georgia; Dr. R. H. Boyd, Tennessee; Rev. A. A. Cossey, Mississippi; Dr. A. Barbour, Texas; Dr. I. G. Jordan, Kentucky; Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Tennessee; Editor W. H. Steward, Kentucky; Rev. R. Mitchell, D. D., Kentucky; Dr. J. J. Durham, South Carolina; Rev. E. R. Robinson, Arkansas.

The name of Dr. E. C. Morris was placed on the committee on motion of Dr. R. H. Boyd.

The announcement by Dr. Clark that Dr. Booker T. Washington would address the Convention Friday night was received with demonstrations of the heartiest approval.

#### HOME MISSION SERMON.

President Morris introduced Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D., of Arkansas, who had been selected to preach the sermon for the Home Mission Board.

The speaker announced as his text, Job 19:23, 24. "O that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!" etc. Theme: "The Value of the Printed Page." In his introduction the speaker emphasized the fact that Job actually lived and was a real man with an ideal and character and not mere fiction in Biblical literature. Job wisely craved the printed page that would tell his life, his deeds, his sufferings and his character to future generations. The desire that his life and sayings be written gave evidence of the uprightness of his life and the purity of his thoughts. He was not afraid for the world to know what he had said, how he had lived. The printed page came to Job as an answer to prayer. The printed page tells the doings and achievements of a nation. The work of the pen is powerful. The printed page brought the message of freedom to our fettered race. The printed page has held together the precious fabric of civil government. Without the printed page our footprints would be lost in the sands of time.

At the close of the sermon, which was an able one, Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., of Virginia, offered prayer.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Ward, of Kentucky, the Convention adjourned, Dr. Robinson pronouncing the benediction.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled Friday morning at the usual hour. "O Jesus is a friend of mine," was sung.

Vice President J. T. Clark called the meeting to order. Rev. J. D. Rouse, of Indiana, read the scriptures. "When

is the time to pray?" was sung. Rev. Dr. A. E. Edwards, of Virginia, offered prayer. The Convention sang, "I feel like going on."

President Morris took the chair. He introduced Dr. W. A. Creditt, president and fraternal messenger from the Educational and Missionary Convention of New England, who brought the greetings of his convention and also assurances of their being in fullest accord with the purposes and plans of the National Baptist Convention. His speech was a happy one and was well received by the brethren.

Prof. J. E. McGirt, of Philadelphia, was next introduced and spoke of his magazine to the delight of all.

Dr. Griffith, President of the First District Missionary Convention of the Western States was introduced and brought the greetings of his brethren in the west. His reception was cordial.

At this point the president called Dr. P. J. Bryant, of Atlanta, Chairman of the B. Y. P. U. Board to the chair, the report of that Board being the regular order.

After speaking briefly but effectively of the importance of the work of the Board, Dr. Bryant introduced Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, the Secretary, to make his annual report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

In bringing to you our tenth annual report, we are pleased to state that notwithstanding the fact that we have done our work under more adverse circumstances during this year than during any previous year, and have entertained a greater degree of discouragement than at any former time, the work has nevertheless gone forward in a very encouraging manner. We do not remember when our Board has been taxed as severely as during the past year. The purchase of the building, which we now occupy entailed an additional expense of Five Hundred Dollars a year with interest attached thereto, and just about the time these notes began to come due, our Secretary was compelled to undergo a surgical operation, which in addition to the large expense attached thereto, made it impossible for him to either solicit money, or to operate the business to advantage. Under such circumstances, we necessarily ran behind, and despite the most faithful endeavor on his and our

part, we have not been able to catch up until this good day. During this trying emergency, there were some pastors and presidents of B. Y. P. U. societies who were very prompt and faithful in sending in contributions, in response to appeals that were made. There were hundreds of others, however, who paid no attention to these appeals, and for that reason, we did not get sufficient money to meet the obligations thus imposed.

#### UNUSUAL COMPLAINTS.

We have had more complaints coming up this year, because of failure to fill orders for literature promptly, than we have ever had. The complaints have been so general, that we deem it necessary to make a statement here, for the relief of ourselves and our patrons. In addition to the delay and loss sustained by the sickness and confinement of our Corresponding Secretary, we have felt that it was very essential that the holders of the notes against the property should be satisfied. In order to satisfy them, it has sometimes been necessary to take every cent that came in sight for literature, merchandise, or otherwise, and apply it on the land notes. While this was not business in the strictest sense of the word, we have felt that since this property belonged to the denomination, since it was deeded to the National B. Y. P. U. Board of the National Baptist Convention, and since the equities of the Board in the property amount to about One Thousand Dollars, it were better for us to tax the local B. Y. P. U. societies for one or two quarters, and satisfy the holder of the notes against the property. It was not our desire to do this, but we reasoned that the friends to the B. Y. P. U. work would sustain a greater grievance against us, if we lost the property than they would, if they lost Topic Cards, etc., for one or two quarters. During the present quarter, however, we found ourselves in position to fill a greater number of these delinquent orders, and we are pleased to state that the majority of them have been filled. We trust this explanation will set at rest any feeling of uneasiness, with regard to our negligence in serving our customers. We are pleased to state that we are in position now to fill orders with a greater degree of promptness than we have filled them heretofore.

#### CO-OPERATION.

There have been no material changes in our plan of co-operation, except that in one or two states, we have been

compelled to suspend cooperation altogether. It is not necessary to mention the name of these states here; it sufficeth to remark that they were states in which we formerly spent more than Two Hundred Dollars per year for the work of organization, and from which we received no contributions whatever. We are partial to the opinion that if our Board spends money on a large or a small scale in any particular state, for the purpose of advancing the B. Y. P. U. work in that state, we should receive, at least, a small contribution when the State B. Y. P. U. Convention meets. Some of these conventions demand that we cooperate with them, but seem, nevertheless, disposed to give away all the money that they raise at their annual sessions for educational and missionary work that does not pertain to the young people, and ignore this Board altogether. We do not think that this is just or fair, and for that reason, we have sought to rebuke it, by suspending cooperation in such states. We are pleased to note, however, that new administrations, in some of these states, take a more unselfish and non-partisan view of our cooperative work, and have expressed the desire to have it renewed in some of the states in which it has been suspended. As a result of this changed condition of things, we are safe in predicting that cooperation will be revived, and that during the coming fiscal year, we will have cooperation in every state in which B. Y. P. U. societies exist. We have been compelled to deny, most emphatically, repeated applications to us to open depositories in the various states; this means that we will have some place in each state, to which the people of that state will send orders for B. Y. P. U. literature, merchandise, etc., rather than to the headquarters, at Nashville. We have always objected to this, because it was not a good business policy. It cuts the people in the various states off from the headquarters, and gradually unravels and undoes our business at the headquarters. No reasonable people among our constituents, however zealous for a depository they may be, would insist that we maintain these depositories at the expense of the National headquarters. We have not deviated from our former rule of requiring organizers to furnish recommendations, and to secure appointments from the State B. Y. P. U. Boards. We have found that this was a wise policy; that it was more harmonious in its operation than any other, and for that reason, we have clung closely to it. We have extended this cooperation to District Associations, in order that we might have a greater number of District B. Y. P. U. Conventions organized. We

are delighted with the progress that has been made in this direction. A greater number of associational districts have been organized, and some of these are raising equally as much money as the parent association, and contributing quite as liberally to every phase of denominational work. We have a few District Secretaries, and a Field Secretary still on the field. This policy, we will continue, until for good and sufficient reasons, we deem a change advisable. We would do this work of organizing on a larger and more effective basis, if we had the money with which to do it. We have continued to rally our local societies for the one-tenth of their collections, which according to our original purpose would be used for missionary work, but we have not succeeded in persuading very many of them to do this titling act set out in the Local Constitution. This constitution provides that one-tenth of all the weekly collections shall be sent to the Board's headquarters, to be used for the missionary work of the Board itself. If this were done, we would have sufficient funds for the successful prosecution of our work of organization and expansion.

#### LIBERAL PASTORS.

There are a few pastors in this country upon whom we can always rely to respond to an appeal with a contribution. Too much praise can not be given these pastors for the heroic manner in which they have come up to the help of this Board, in the prosecution of its missionary work. We trust that pastors and presidents alike will insist upon their people responding in the most liberal way, to all the appeals that are sent out by our Secretary, for money to maintain this department. Some of these pastors have given up the collections, which were intended for their salaries, in order to help us; others have received appeals at times when the churches were not in position to help us, and have sent personal donations in order to relieve us. We feel very grateful to these ministers, who have proved themselves to be such staunch friends to this department of the denominational work. Unfortunately there are some pastors whom we can never interest in their young people. We would not make any unpleasant reference to these, but we deplore the fact that they are walking in their own light, and that time will reveal the folly of their course. The pastor should be the active friend and helper of all young people, and should do just as much to sustain their organization as he does to keep alive any other phase of church work.

## THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS.

Our Secretary has not been able to attend as many of the regular Baptist State Conventions as he has been in the habit of attending. Wherever he has gone, they have made liberal contributions to the young people's work, and given it very much encouragement. Some of these Conventions make a speciality of this phase of our denominational work, by giving the National B. Y. P. U. Board a place on their blank letters. Notable instances of this kind are Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina. We would be pleased to have the authorities of all the Baptist State Conventions place the National B. Y. P. U. Board on the letters to be sent to their annual meetings. This will be educating the people, with reference to the work of our Board, and in most cases where such a letter reaches the hands of a pastor, or church messenger, some money will be contributed to the B. Y. P. U. work. The State B. Y. P. U. Conventions do not make as liberal appropriations to the work of the National B. Y. P. U. Board as they should. They gather in large sums of money, as a result of their special rallies, etc., but they feel that it is their duty to give the greater portion of it to the educational institutions in the various states. If it appears that they are about to make these less, the presidents of the various institutions are on hand to stir up their pure minds with regard to that fact. Your Board certainly has no objection to the organizations which it creates, or which exist, contributing, in the most liberal manner, to our denominational institutions, but we feel that the first duty that a B. Y. P. U. organization owes, whether local, district or state, is to make contributions to the B. Y. P. U. work. We are still hoping that a most radical change will be made in the distribution of the money raised by the State B. Y. P. U. Conventions, and that the National B. Y. P. U. Board will come in for proper recognition on the part of these Conventions, and a reasonable share of the appropriations which they make to the work of the denomination.

## CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

In our report, last year, we were pleased to emphasize the fact that this department of our Convention work had practically maintained itself. While this is not true in the most exclusive sense, still the organization has been able to stand on its feet, and to do a very decent grade of business in its own name. Similar organizations, among other

evangelical Christian denominations are appendages to the Sunday-school Board, and in most cases these Boards are required to carry the auxiliary organization. Where such a combination can not be formed, the auxiliaries go out of existence, or suspend indefinitely. Your Board has not felt the necessity for doing either. It is still operating in its own name, under your authority, and occupying a building, on which, as stated heretofore, practically One Thousand Dollars have been paid. These comparisons are made for the purpose of increasing the admiration and support of this Convention, and our constituents at large. Having done that which is good, we are not averse to making the suggestion that we should at least have praise of the same. We would consider ourselves ungrateful, if we did not remind you in this connection that much of the success of this Board is due to the fact that we have a Secretary, who is willing to work over time, and receive his pay as he can get it. There is evidence of great loyalty on his part, and we feel that he should be encouraged by all the people for whom he labors. It has been our opinion that he has been carrying too great a burden and undertaking to do too much. The burden imposed upon him would tax the strength of two strong men in good health; it is easy, therefore, to see what damaging effect these multitudinous labors would have upon a man whose health is problematical. We insist, in simple justice to the Corresponding Secretary of this Board, that he make his burden lighter, by ceasing to do the work of two or three men on one man's pay. While we are anxious to see the present prosperous condition of the work continued, we do not feel that an energetic and heroic Secretary should be led to the slaughter, in order that we might have the desire of our hearts in this particular. As far as this Board is concerned, it would like to insist that its Corresponding Secretary be allowed to do the B. Y. P. U. work proper, and that some of the other duties imposed upon him be transferred to other hands. We make this urgent plea, because we believe firmly that it is essential to the restoration of his health, and the prolongation of his life.

## THE NEEDY TIME.

We feel that we should not fail to remind our brethren of that season of the year, which is most trying and perplexing to our Secretary, in the operation of this work. This is the "winter period" to which we have constantly re-

ferred, the time when receipts are much smaller, and expenses much larger than during any other period of the year. It is absolutely necessary that voluntary contributions to the work of our Board shall be larger during that period; otherwise the work is not only handicapped, but, in order to operate it, we are compelled to borrow money, in large sums, and sometimes at exorbitant rates of interest, and tax the income of the spring and summer quarters, in order to pay back the money thus borrowed. This condition of things necessarily creates mental anxiety. Our Secretary can not know how much money will be contributed in this way, until the emergency is on the Board. Pending his appeal for money with which to relieve the situation, pressed by restless and merciless creditors, he can not avoid sustaining a degree of mental anguish, which is calculated to prevent him from making the best endeavor for the promotion of the work at that time. It is very desirable, therefore, that when appeals are sent out for money during the winter, they should be responded to with a great degree of promptness. They should never in any case be laid aside for future reference. The pastor or the president of the young people's society to whom they are sent should take the cause upon his heart, lay it before the people, show them the necessity for affording immediate relief, and send in promptly the money collected in this way. It is unreasonable to expect that a Secretary, however energetic and faithful he may be, should devote the rigid and harrowing winter months to campaigning for money with which to meet the obligations of his Board. Inclement weather is a prophecy of failure to begin with, and the Secretary, on the other hand, is subject to exposure that may, at any time, cause him to contract sufficient cold to baffle the skill of the ripest physician. In order that such risks shall not be taken, we plead with our brethren to send in the money promptly to appeals of this nature.

#### SYSTEMATIC PROCESSES.

It has been our purpose to encourage our young people to be systematic in their study, in their endeavor and in their gifts. The religious life of our people has been seasoned too largely by haphazard methods, which are certain prophecies of failure. Order is heaven's first law, and wherever it is not observed on earth, there is endless confusion. Despite the training received in our institutions of learning, our young people must necessarily imbibe from the tradi-

tions of their fathers, somewhat of that which is proof against system and order. These traditional aspects of their lives can not be overcome, except by diligent and continuous efforts to teach them the utility of systematic procedure. All such procedure should be manifest with the increase of intelligence on their part. If a young people's society, and the work which it does, do not induce to the management of a more systematic state of things, this society is failing of its purpose. Systematic study forms the basis for the reformation which we desire in this particular. Reading and research not only make thoughtful minds, but they produce painstaking and careful habits, and thereby assure the most certain and most beneficial results. Our churches have suffered during all the years past for lack of system. If by this auxiliary work we can make improvement along this line, the movement is well worth all the money that has been expended in the support and maintenance of it. We have urged our young people to be more systematic in their contributions to the various phases of denominational work. In making out their letters to District and State B. Y. P. U. Conventions, we have admonished them to contribute something to every cause maintained by the Baptist denomination even though their contributions after this fashion might be very small and weak. We have felt that it was profitable to imbue them with the proper spirit. We have witnessed many changes in their methods of giving, as a result of this insistence on our part. We trust that more and more this spirit of active cooperation with all the legitimate phases of denominational work will grow in favor with our young people until they have become model missionary institutions.

#### OUR NOVEMBER RALLY.

The proceeds to our Rally Day, which is the fourth Sunday in November, were not as encouraging as we had hoped to find them. A great many societies did not observe the day at all, and we failed to get reports from a great many that did. Unfortunately for our Board, occasionally when a rally is held by the authorities of the young people's societies for our work, even though they obtain permission from the pastor of the church to hold such a rally, the money is taken and applied to other phases of church work. The presidents of the young people's societies, who desire to see this money take the proper course are helpless when



compared with their pastors, who decree otherwise. Our attention has been called to the shameful fact that a president of one of our local B. Y. P. U. Societies, who by diligent effort raised more than Twenty Dollars for the B. Y. P. U. Board last November, was excluded from the church, because he protested against the pastor taking this money, and buying him a suit of clothes. We have no redress in cases of this kind. We can only admonish these faithless pastors to change their methods of dealing with money raised for our department of the work. This November rally is the last opportunity given us in the year to raise the money to tide us through the winter, and such a contingent fund is a veritable necessity. The need of it is emphasized by the frequent appeals, which we are forced to send out during the winter period, and by the large sums of money that we are compelled to borrow to tide us over that dull season. We are going to make an appeal in the usual manner for the observance of the fourth Sunday in November, this year, as B. Y. P. U. Rally Day, and we fervently pray that every pastor in whose church such a rally may be held, will put nothing in the way of the rally, or the transit of the money, after it has been raised for this Board. We will send out letters and programmes, as is our custom, some to pastors, and others to presidents of local societies, and we shall expect all to whom these appeals are sent to participate in the rally in the most active manner.

#### OUR BIBLE WORK.

We have witnessed some gratifying results in connection with our Bible work. The Bible Reader's Course has been pursued by many thousands of our young people with steadfastness and energy. We have printed and distributed a larger number of Bible Reader's Leaflets than ever. As a result of this daily Bible reading, the devotional life and spiritual aspirations of our young people must increase. The words of Jesus are, in accordance with his own construction of them, "spirit and life." If Christians read the Bible constantly and prayerfully, they not only become more intelligent, but secure a higher and more substantial form of consecration. The Bible has a self-perpetuating and multiplying power. The works of Porphyry, Julian and other infidels have only fragmentary portions of them remaining and these fragments are indebted to Christian criticism for their preservation. Hume, Voltaire and Bo-

lingbroke wrote with a relish, but it would require the world's reprieve to bring a copy out of the prison of their darkness.

The Bible is everywhere, speaking the language of heaven in seven-score and three of the tongues of earth, and giving the word of God by forty millions of voices to five times as many millions of ears, and in tongues spoken by six hundred millions of men, and having swept its path of storm through all time, it still walks triumphant, despite earth's dying malice and hell's eternal wrath; and like the apocalyptic angel, though it wraps its mantle of cloud around it, calmly looks out upon the world with a face as it were the sun encircled with the rainbow. If our young people would understand the science of Government, let them learn the Scriptures. Milton said truly: "there are no songs comparable to the songs of Zion, no orations equal to those of the prophets, and no politics like these which the Scriptures teach." In proportion, then, to our activities in the impartation of a knowledge of the Word of God, do we assist in the making of intelligent, reliable citizens. It is our purpose to connect an accurate knowledge of the Bible with the spiritual life of our young people; for we believe most firmly that the Bible without a spiritual life to interpret it is like a trellis on which no vine grows—bare, angular, and in the way. The Bible with a spiritual life, is like a trellis covered with a luxuriant vine—beautiful, odorous and heavy with purple clusters shining through the leaves. We undertake to teach the Bible as a whole, realizing its utility when taught in such manner. It is perilous to tamper with a chart. Those parts which may be of little importance to one captain may be of the highest importance to another. The Chart of the New Dispensation does not render unnecessary that of the Old. A chart of the Atlantic Ocean does not suffice him who is threading the coral reefs of the Pacific. The authorized charts for those respective seas must be consulted; the former chart, in some of its bearings, may be of some use under the circumstances, but a wise mariner will not presume to spread a sail upon the ocean, in coasting especially, without the chart which belongs to it. Our plan is to give the Bible pre-eminence in our Christian Culture Courses. It is the savor of life unto life. In it may be found the patriot's charter book, the child's delight, the old man's comfort, and the young man's guide. In its pages the sick and weary find the solace which they need, and the tempted meet with timely succor. Its words whisper hope and peace to the dying.



and minister daily food to the healthy and vigorous household. The pious music of its sublime or plaintive songs echoes to the roofs of thousands of Christian temples; and the prayer of the little child, night and morn, is lisped forth in the simple and comprehensive words which were dictated by him who is its central light.

In the prosecution of this all-important phase of our work, the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, has been a steadfast ally. Through the kindness of Rev. Robert G. Seymour, D. D., this Society has made us gifts of a nice quantity of Bibles which we have used to good advantage. We beseech our pastors to assist us all they can in extending the Bible Reader's Course in the young people's societies in their churches.

#### AN EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.

We congratulate ourselves upon the fact that the work we are doing is educational and must, therefore, have the most telling effect upon our denominational life. The making of intelligent Baptists is a problem, the solution of which requires much of thought and painstaking endeavor and the Board engaged in that particular part of the work is, necessarily, one of the most valuable assets that the denomination can have. Plato remarked: "Education is the constraining and directing of youth towards that right reason which the law affirms, and which the experience of the best of the elders has sanctioned as truly great."

The mission of education is so far-reaching that we can not afford to ignore it in any sense. The educated man sees things as others cannot see them. It is related of Michael Angelo that while walking with some friends through an obscure street in the city of Florence, he discovered a fine block of marble lying neglected in a yard and half buried in dirt and rubbish. Regardless of his holiday attire, he at once fell to work upon it, clearing away its filth, and striving to lift it from the slime and mire in which it lay. His companions asked him in astonishment what he was doing, and what he wanted with that worthless piece of rock. He answered, "Ah! there's an angel in the stone and I must get it out." He had it removed to his studio, and with patient toil, with mallet and chisel, he let the angel out. What to others was a rude, unsightly mass of stone, to his educated eye was the buried glory of art; and he discovered at a glance what might be made of it. A mason would have put it into a stone wall; a cartman would

have used it for filling in, or to grade the streets; but Angelo transformed it into a creation of genius, and gave it a value for ages to come. Thus it is: Christian education enables us to see value in every man, and gives us the disposition to transform the most unworthy being into a man of honor, esteem and Christian dignity. We are in great need of trained Christian workers, and we must not neglect the present opportunity of making them. It is said that the wise judgment of Alexander was due as much to the training which had been given him as to the excellence of his natural abilities. Several preceptors were appointed to teach him whatsoever was worth the heir to a great kingdom; and the chief of these was Leonidas, relation of the Queen and a person of the most severe morals. Alexander himself related afterward that this Leonidas, in their journey together used frequently to look into the trunks where his bed and clothes were laid, in order to see if Olympias, his mother, had put something superfluous into them, which might administer to delicacy and luxury. By educating the young people we are training the coming millions. In this connection, training in the things that pertain to God, the church and the Christian religion is more than essential: it is inevitable.

We are not only teaching the young people to know what they do not know, but to behave as they do not behave, and to work as they do not work. We require them to "*Study in order that they may serve*," and this is their motto. We have no patience with that kind of education that does not increase the working capacity of its possessor, and make him more willing to serve his fellow-men. That education which constrains one to ridicule and to sneer at the mistakes of his more unfortunate fellows is of such injurious and damaging character that it were better for its possessor that he had not been educated at all. Education is a co-operative agency and should be utilized in such a manner as to do the greatest good to the greatest number. He who has been taught should take special delight in teaching others. Our Savior enjoined that he who was greatest among us should be our servant. He then that is wisest among us should be the teacher. The B. Y. P. U. societies afford a splendid opportunity for the gathering of knowledge and the impartation of the same.

#### STUDYING THE DOCTRINES.

Your Board is endeavoring most faithfully to give the Baptists an intelligent conception of the doctrines held and

taught by Baptist churches. We have always regarded this as a fundamental feature of our work, and our zeal has never been lessened. We have not done as much of this kind of work since our Secretary ceased to travel, and for that reason suspended the Institute work. The work is still a part of our educational system, however, and we are advancing it as rapidly as we can under existing circumstances. We regret that we cannot report a large number of additions to our class in the study of Baptist doctrines, but we realize that conditions must alternate; that we cannot always do well in every direction. On the principle that our Baptist young people should be indoctrinated as thoroughly as possible, we contend that there should not be any organization in a Baptist church that fails to teach or compromises the doctrines of the Baptist churches. We repeat our oft familiar saying that with Baptists the compromise era has passed. They can neither be liberal nor dignified at the expense of the truth. If we know in whom we have believed and what we have believed, let us say so. A clear and intelligent statement of the principles which we hold carries with it the conviction that nothing else can carry. When we are called upon to give a reason for the hope that is within us, clearness and precision are essential elements. These qualities cannot be obtained without the faithful and constant study of the principles, doctrines and tenets held by the denomination. In our efforts to teach the Scriptures we should not forget that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable, among other things, for doctrine; wherever, therefore, the doctrinal aspects are overlooked, the whole truth of the Scriptures is not taught. Neither are the teachers of religion comfortable, unless they know the doctrines. Once more, we urge our pastors to lend their influence to this department of the work, trusting that they realize that their fortunes as pastors are advanced with every effort that they put forth to increase the intelligence of their parishioners.

#### HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

Our work in Baptist history has gone forward leisurely. We find that the best means by which to push this phase of the work is by Institutes. The young people grasp it more readily when it is given by chalk talks or blackboard illustrations. For lack of some one prepared for that special work, the duty devolves upon the Corresponding Secretary. Whenever, therefore, he is unable to travel, this phase of the

work must suffer. A knowledge of history is always an inspiration. A knowledge of the achievements of the past inspires us to greater endeavor for the purpose of making the future more glorious. When our young people read of the men and women who became martyrs to the faith, they become encouraged and nerve themselves for the conflict.

In the realm of secular education we devour history with multiplying greed, despite the fact that such history is but a kind of Newgate Calendar, a register of the crimes and miseries that man can inflict on his fellow-man. Much of it is a huge libel on human nature, to which we industriously add page after page, volume after volume, as if we were building a monument to the honor rather than the infamy of our species. Here we are introduced to tyrants, robbers, conquerors renowned only for the magnitude of their misdeeds and the stupendous wrongs and miseries they have inflicted on mankind. We recount the adventures of warriors who have hired themselves to the trade of blood, not from motives of virtuous patriotism, or to protect the injured and defenseless, but merely to gain the vaunted glory of being successful in mastering their fellow-beings. When we peruse sacred history we read much of the progress of human civilizations, the occupancy of happy countries, the rise of splendid cities, the increase of proud works of art, all coming with the conquering march of the heroes and heroines of the cross. Such knowledge holds out hope to the inquirer and increases his expectation of the Golden Age which Christianity came to bring.

#### THE MISSIONARY FEATURE.

It should be borne in mind that this is a missionary organization, doing missionary work almost exclusively, and dependent for its support, in a very large measure, upon missionary contributions. We are firm in the opinion that the fundamental purpose of the church is the preaching of the gospel, and that all things else are secondary and subordinate. We labor diligently, therefore, to inoculate all our young people with the virus of missionary endeavor.

In order to foster and promote the missionary spirit, it may be observed that the constitution of the local societies provides for a Committee on Missions, whose duty it is to divide the church into districts, secure visitors, seek new scholars for the Sunday-school, visit absent scholars, assist the pastor in securing contributions for missions and other objects, seek to inspire in all the young people a desire to

cultivate the grace of giving and a worthy zeal in all church, local, state, home and foreign mission work. On page 23 of this Guide will be found suggestions for the missionary department, which, if heeded, will cause each Young People's Union to become a missionary organization in deed and in truth. During the present fiscal year, we have inaugurated what is known as the "Mission Study Class," by means of which we hope to make more substantial and efficient missionary workers. This course in missions will extend over three years, and it is our purpose to form graduating classes therefrom, and issue graduating certificates to all who complete the course. We plead earnestly for the co-operation of all our pastors in the extension and promotion of this necessary phase of our Christian Culture Course work. We realize that the religion of Jesus Christ is a missionary religion. The work and example of its founder destined it to be such; its early spirit was missionary, and its history is a missionary history. Whenever it has lost its missionary quality it has so far lost its character and ceased to be itself. Its characteristic temper has always been missionary, its revivals of life and power have been attended by the truest signs of loyalty to our Lord. Christianity tends and seeks to spread itself through the world, and offers itself to all men as successor and substitute, in place of all their religions. This is what its missionary character implies. It is our duty, then, as a missionary denomination, to apply all our moral, mental and spiritual energy in the furtherance of the missionary enterprise.

#### OUR WATCHWORD.

The watchword of the B. Y. P. U. organizations is "*Loyalty to Christ*." This is the all-absorbing principle to which all others must give way. We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us, and without him we can do nothing. To us there is nothing sentimental or poetic in the proclamation, "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me." The presence of Christ always secures victory. It is said that the Macedonians had a General named Eumenes, in whom they placed immense confidence. On one occasion they were forced to march against an opposing host without his presence at their head. Seeing the lustre of the golden armor and the beauty of the purple vests of their foes, and the immense elephants with towers upon their backs filled with armed men, they halted, declaring that they would not move a step

unless their leader could direct their movements. Eumenes hearing of their indecision, hastened with speed to the front, opened the curtains that hid him from view, and stretched forth his hand, and bade them advance. Catching the inspiration, they hailed him joyously, clanked their weapons, uttered a great shout, and went forward, thinking themselves invincible. With all of this daring bravery, they were defeated, because Eumenes was only a man. Not so with the soldiers of the cross. The presence of Christ not only insures them against defeat, but secures them the most complete victory. Jesus Christ is, indeed, the most exalted creature to which the attention of mankind has been directed. The obscure place of his birth, the events attending his childhood, are signal evidence of the greatness, the grandeur and sublimity of his character. While born in a caravanserai, where cattle often fed, yet his birth was heralded by companies of heavenly hosts that filled the sky with celestial music. His whole life shows that while he was a man and lived among men, yet he was no common man. Great men have usually attained to greatness by destroying their fellow-men, knowing little of the nobler qualities of kindness, purity and meekness. Jesus appears as perfectly innocent, but no one ever felt that he lacked greatness. The bruised reed he would not break, and the flickering wick he would not quench, but with all his gentleness, no one ever thought him weak. He successfully maintained his claim to be, in all respects, like his brethren, the children of men, but never admitted he had ever sinned. He never repented, he never reformed. He visited sinners, and ate with them, and had compassion on the fallen, still no one ever felt that he was contaminated with them. So transcendently pure was he that the best of men and the greatest benefactors of the race are somehow put to shame when they contrast their lives with his, and are awed when they behold its simple majesty. So consistent had been his walk that he was never put to shame when he asked his hungry enemies, "Which of you convicted me of sin?" Pilate, who delivered him up to be crucified, was constrained to say, "I find no fault in this man." We can well afford to be loyal to such a Christ, and to persuade others to be loyal to him. He was in all things an example to the Christian. He moved among men so wisely that his enemies never cast a calumny against him. He did good to all, and helped all; he went down in his tender sympathy into the homes of the lowly, the sad, the wretched. He took their sorrow on himself and healed their sickness.

He mingled with men in their joyous feasts, and shed tears of sympathizing sorrow with those that wept. He rebuked the proud and vicious, and comforted the penitent and obedient. He died for our sins, and having been lifted up, he gave us the sweet promise that he would draw all men unto him. We verily believe that a Being who has wrought with such skill and perseverance through the past for human good will never cease to do all he can to bless mankind, and pour upon him the fullness and love of God. Then let us never cease to make faithful endeavor to satisfy those who beseech us to:

"Tell me the old, old story,  
Of unseen things above;  
Of Jesus and his glory,  
Of Jesus and his love.

"Tell me the story slowly,  
That I may take it in,—  
That wonderful redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.

"Tell me the story softly,  
With earnest tones and grave;  
Remember I am the sinner,  
Whom Jesus came to save.

"Tell me the same old story,  
When you have cause to fear,  
That this world's empty glory  
Is costing me too dear.

"Then when that world's bright glory,  
Shall dawn upon my soul,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

#### THE NATIONAL BAPTIST UNION.

For several years we have been operating this paper on a co-partnership basis between the National Baptist Publishing Board and this Board. Our Corresponding Secretary has edited it, and the Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board has managed it. We are still the recipient of many congratulations for the standard of excellency that has been kept up in the editorial work done on this

paper. This co-partnership does not seem to be satisfactory, the Secretary of our Board having been constantly humiliated by it in a manner that seems to be no longer tolerable on his part. Previous to this co-partnership this paper was operated as a young people's paper, but your Board does not feel justified in attempting to operate it in that exclusive capacity any more. Moreover, we feel that it is our duty to insist that our Secretary no longer undertake to do literary work on a large scale and to manage the business affairs of this Board in the meantime. His physician has advised that he unload, and to our minds it is far more desirable that he should unload this paper and give his energies to this young people's movement into which has gone ten years of the best efforts of his life. This paper has served as the official organ of this Convention; and if the Convention desires to continue it as such, this Board will offer no objection. Not feeling competent to advise the Convention with regard to the future of the paper, we leave the matter there. Our insistence in the main is that in the interest of his health, which he is fast regaining, we feel that duty impels us to admonish and instruct the Corresponding Secretary of this Board to retire from the editorship of this paper.

#### PROPERTY HOLDINGS.

We hold in trust for this Convention \$800 (eight hundred dollars) worth of office furniture, fixtures, plates, etc., and a two-story brick building at 409 Gay Street, one and one-half blocks from the State Capitol, which is easily worth \$5,000 (five thousand dollars). This building has an insurance of \$1,500 (fifteen hundred dollars), which adequately protects the equity which the Convention has in it up to this time. The office furniture, fixtures, etc., are insured for \$800 (eight hundred dollars). There are other valuable assets given account of elsewhere, which show that a reasonable degree of prosperity has attended the efforts of this Board. This is not quite as good showing as we would like to make, but we think that it is the best that could be done with a department purely missionary in character, and which began just a decade ago with the proverbial sum of \$13.30 (thirteen dollars and thirty cents). We think it remarkable that we have withstood the panic, the failing health of our Secretary, and still find ourselves able to bring you such an encouraging report.

## MINUTES.

## PROGRESS MADE.

Our organic processes have resulted in the formation of organizations on the following basis:

State B. Y. P. U. Conventions .....	38
District B. Y. P. U. Conventions .....	320
County B. Y. P. U. Conventions .....	510
City Conquest organizations .....	380
Local B. Y. P. U. Societies .....	7,600

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Converts joined the churches .....	19,850
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## INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS.

Number taking Bible Reader's Course .....	78,250
Number taking Baptist History .....	71,310
Number taking Baptist Doctrines .....	68,240

## MONEYS CONTRIBUTED.

For Christian Education .....	4, \$60,200.00
For Home Missions .....	46,500.00
For Foreign Mission .....	33,460.00
For State Missions .....	28,210.00
For Church Repairs .....	69,340.00

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, September, 1908 .....	\$ 10.78
General Fund .....	2,485.13
Merchandise, from all sources .....	1,314.00
B. Y. P. U. Missions .....	4,211.00
Foreign Missions .....	17.23
Christian Education .....	3,975.50
Subscriptions .....	215.71
Advertising .....	324.23

Total .....\$12,553.58

## EXPENDITURES.

Salaries .....	\$ 1071.18
Traveling .....	121.25
Merchandise .....	64.23

## MINUTES.

Printing .....	330.97
Postage .....	172.97
Freight .....	6.75
Telegrams .....	5.55
Advertising .....	489.23
B. Y. P. U. Missions .....	4211.00
Foreign Missions .....	17.23
Christian Education .....	3,975.50
Miscellaneous (Books, stationery, pens, ink, borrowed money, interest and exchange, telegram service, mechanical repairs, water, light, fuel, lumber, hardware, etc.) .....	2,060.00
Total .....	\$12,525.90
Balance to the credit of the Board .....	\$ 27.68

Respectfully submitted,

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

NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 27, 1909.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of The National B. Y. P. U. Board, and found the same correct.

SIGNED: ROBERT MITCHELL,  
Auditor National Baptist Convention.

Dr. Isaac's report was systematic and complete in all the details and brought much inspiration and encouragement.

A collection followed. Pending consideration of the report the Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. E. W. Merchant, of Arkansas.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met in afternoon session and was called to order at 2:30 by Dr. E. C. Morris, the president. Rev. E. T. Fishback read the 26th Psalm and Rev. D. Stratton, of West Virginia, offered prayer. "When is the time to pray?" was sung.

Father Stratton, one of the veterans in the ministry, was recognized and made a very interesting talk on "Kindness."

Evangelist Carlton, of Alabama, was presented. He is another one of the older ministers, but he clearly showed his remarkable familiarity with the Scriptures.

Rev. A. A. Cosey, of Mississippi, was now recognized to make the report of the National Benefit Board of which he is the Secretary. While this is the youngest of the Boards, its development has been rapid and its growth substantial and promises much in the future for the relief of aged ministers and their families. The report is as follows:

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL BAPTIST BENEFIT BOARD.

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

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

We come now to offer this, the Sixth Annual Report of the National Baptist Benefit Association. It was the aim of the Association at first to attempt to help or assist aged and decrepit ministers, but when the board has been organized, and got down to business, the members of the board took a broader view of the work, and thus framed the Constitution so as to operate an insurance department, as well as assist our worn-out preachers. So we have an Insurance Department, which was unanimously approved by the Na-

tional Baptist Convention, and an Aged and Decrepit Ministers' Department. In both departments the work has grown rapidly, and continues to meet with favor and success. It will be remembered that the board had no capital to start on, saving faith in the denomination and the justness of its cause. But we rejoice to think of the ministerial fathers we have aided and the many widows and orphans that have been helped by or through our Insurance Department.

#### THE INSURANCE FEATURE.

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

#### PLEA FOR INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Your board would place special stress upon the cause of the Aged and Decrepit Ministers among us. The pioneers



who toiled through the week and preached on Saturdays and Sundays, should not be forgotten by those of us who have entered into their labors. They often preached and toiled that they might preach. It might have been a mistaken idea of humility and service that led them to get little or nothing for their labors; but still conscientiously they did it; and God blessed them in giving the Negro Baptists their strength and standing above all other Negro Christians. These old men put fields into shape for development, and now they are enfeebled by age and without sufficient competency—shall they be allowed to go unhelped? And, again, should we as Christians and as Baptists be unmindful of those whose labors have made possible our present attainment? These pioneers are no longer able to stand in the pulpit and proclaim the message they love so well. Their message now is in the life back of them, and in their undimmed faith that waits for the appearing of the Son of God. But while they wait for His coming, shall we not minister unto their necessities? Let us keep in mind that our Captain has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." And further, brethren, let me ask, have you forgotten that some old preacher led your father and mother to the Savior? Many of the old preachers did more hard work to establish the church that you now enjoy than you can appreciate until you become an old man and learn how to read history by the unerring light of Heavenly wisdom. You have met the old preacher after he has been dismissed. You saw that fears were in his way. He felt the chill of eventide. He had visions of listening congregations. Blessed memories thrilled his soul like the songs that awakened the slumbering shepherds. Very likely he said to you: "I forgot to make money. My money went with my prayers and my work into the service of the Lord Jesus. My one business was to serve the churches of Christ. I did not take time to think I was growing old until my churches told me that some of the young people wanted a younger pastor. My wife says that if she had known forty years ago what she knows now, we would not be in poverty. Her gentle spirit is breaking fast." You may blame him for thinking about making money, but our conviction is that the Lord wants to have a few people, on earth, who do not think about getting money; but put their whole life into the salvation of souls and the building up of the churches.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE RACE.

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

## RECOMMENDATION.

In a vast and growing department like the National Baptist Benefit Association, it will be found necessary, from time to time, to recommend and inaugurate some changes. If we would develop with the age in which we live, if your board would succeed as the managers hope for, it must be ready and willing to present new features as the present-day business conditions present themselves. All things in this world have their seasons and changes. There are none eternal, but those things that come from above. The Apostle Paul was correct when he wrote that "The fashion of this world passeth away." The markets of the world are constantly changing. They are first "up" and then "down."



It is the aim of the National Baptist Benefit Association to help all of the members of our churches, who will comply with its rules or privileges, on becoming members, and in keeping up their membership.

We find that from time to time the death list increases so rapidly until the regular quarterly assessments are not sufficient to meet the payments promptly.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the Board be empowered, and is hereby authorized to issue an extra assessment of 50 cents (fifty cents) per member to meet the deficiency, when necessary.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount on hand at last report (1908)	\$ 585 75
Membership fees	348 00
Quarterly dues	2740 00
Collections or donations	379 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4052 75</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Office rent	\$ 60 00
Printing	116 00
Drayage	4 50
Traveling expenses	108 00
Express	
Interest and exchange	24 00
Postage	92 00
Refunded to applicants	22 00
Agents	186 00
Death claims	2116 00
Salaries	444 00
Incidentals	3 70
Indigent ministers	118 00

**Total** .....\$3272 50

## LIABILITIES.

Due board members	\$ 24 00
Due on salaries	86 00
Due on borrowed money	290 00
Due on traveling expenses	42 20

**Total** .....\$442 20

Balance exceeding liabilities	\$ 338 05
Stock on hand—Books, fixtures, etc.	200 00

Approved by the Board of Managers. at Helena, Ark., September 6, 1909.

REV. E. C. MORRIS, Ex-Officio.

REV. C. B. BROWN, President.

REV. D. S. SHADD, Vice-President.

REV. G. W. LOWE, Recording Secretary.

REV. A. A. COSEY, Corresponding Secretary.

REV. M. PROFFITT, Treasurer.

The president introduced Dr. Walter H. Brooks, of Washington, D. C., who made a concise historical statement as to the genesis and growth of missionary organizations among the Negro Baptists of the country. The following is the statement:

## THE GENESIS OF COLORED BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

While it is certain that Negro Baptists from the United States of America preached the Gospel and established churches in the islands of the Western Hemisphere and in faroff Africa, before the close of the Eighteenth Century, it is not known that they maintained any missionary society of their own until the middle of the second decade of the Nineteenth Century.

It appears that our first effort to establish a missionary society was inaugurated at Richmond, Va., in the year 1815. The object of the society was to give the Gospel of Christ to Africa. The Rev. Lott Carey was the first missionary of this body. He not only went to Africa and laid down his life for the elevation and salvation of that land, but in going he carried with him a regularly organized Baptist church of which he was pastor. This society contributed of its means, for the cause of Christ in Africa, to the Baptist Missionary Union until 1845, and then, through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, until 1880, when the Baptist Foreign Convention of the United States of America was formed at Montgomery, Ala. The African Baptist Missionary Society still exists as a local institution. The lamented Solo-

mon Cosby and the Rev. W. W. Colly went to Africa, under appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention, as missionaries of the African Missionary Society, of Richmond, Va.

The creation of the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States was due to a difference of opinion among the colored and white missionaries on the African field, in regard to the treatment of the natives. The advantage that the Foreign Mission Convention had over the older organization consisted in its being a national body, constituted for the purpose of doing business in its own name and on its own responsibility. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Presley, the Rev. H. McKenney, the Rev. J. J. Coles and wife, the Rev. R. A. Jackson, were among the earnest toilers who, with Rev. W. W. Colly, held appointments as missionaries of the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America.

Their labors on the continent of Africa were not void of blessed fruit.

Before the creation of the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America other missionary bodies had been formed in different sections of the country. The colored Baptists of New England and the Middle States, in 1810, organized the American Baptist Missionary Convention; the Western Colored Baptist Convention was formed in 1861; this, in order to include the southern churches, became the Northwestern and Southern Baptist Convention, in 1865; but in 1866, at Richmond, Va., the work for the first time was nationalized by combining these forces, east and west, north and south, as The Consolidated American Baptist Missionary Convention.

This new organization was especially zealous in planting and organizing churches in the South during the Reconstruction Period, and in creating district associations in the states and state conventions. It maintained for a number of years a mission in Hayti also. As the work grew this convention divided the United States up into six districts, with a view of organizing each district as auxiliary to the work of the convention.

Accordingly, the New England Baptist Missionary Convention was constituted in 1871 for the territory formerly occupied by the American Baptist Missionary Convention, and the Baptist General Association of the Western States and Territories was planned in the year 1873 to embrace the country formerly worked by the Western Colored Baptist

Convention. This was a mistake, for these bodies soon regarded themselves as independent of the Convention they were created to aid, and by 1877, the Consolidated American Baptist Missionary Convention, when in session at Richmond, Va., gave signs of its approaching dissolution. As we have seen, it was just three years later that the South took its step in hastening the dissolution by organizing the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America. With the east, the west, the north and the south out of it, there was nothing for the Consolidated Convention to do but die.

But the colored Baptists of the country felt that they needed some organization akin to the American Baptist Missionary Convention, which had given to Southern pulpits some of the best men of the North and the West at a time when they were most needed. Consequently, the American National Baptist Convention was organized at St. Louis, Mo., August 25, 1886. When the American National Baptist Convention was organized, colored Baptists were doing their work through

(1) The Consolidated American Baptist Missionary Convention;

(2) The Baptist General Association of the Western States and Territories;

(3) The Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America; and

(4) The New England Baptist Missionary Convention.

By 1895, these agencies were substantially unified, under the style and title of the National Baptist Convention with its several boards, and a little later, the Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention for missionary, educational and publication work, and the colored Baptists of the country began a new era in Christian enterprises to the praise of our blessed Redeemer. The work of the National Baptist Convention, through its several boards, needs no word of commendation from me. It is everywhere known. But the work of the National Baptist Convention has not been carried forward without misunderstanding in certain quarters.

In 1897, at Washington, D. C., some of the leaders in the old Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America organized the Lott Carey Baptist Convention and began an independent work in Africa. Later the Baptist

General Association of the Western States and Territories seemed disposed to go off on a tangent, and now there is an effort on foot to constitute the New England Baptist Convention into a rival of the National Baptist Convention in educational and publication work. But, thanks be to God, we are still one as a Baptist brotherhood, and it is to be hoped that nothing, either in the National Convention, or by persons not connected with it, will be done to destroy our unity.

It will soon be a hundred years since organized work for missions had a beginning among us, and it would indeed be unfortunate if the year 1915 found us divided into little societies, warring one against the other.

In the name of our common faith; in the name of all we hold dear; as a struggling Christian people, let us go forward to the Master's work as a solid phalanx. Nay, for the sake of bleeding Africa, and the cause of the less fortunate people everywhere, let us be one in all our missionary and educational enterprises, and let no man create dissension by being guilty of any injustice or wrong perpetrated to advance his own selfish ends. So shall our influence be felt for good the world around, and we shall leave a monument which our children's children will be proud to own.

WALTER H. BROOKS,

Pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church,  
September, 1905.

Washington, D.C.

Dr. S. N. Vass, of North Carolina, the District Secretary of the American Baptist Publishing Society for the Southern States, was introduced. He brought the greetings of his society and assurances of good will.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky:

"In view of the urgent needs of our missionaries in Africa and the desire of the public to see and hear the returned missionaries and those soon to sail to foreign fields, be it

*Resolved*, That all the churches of Columbus are hereby cordially invited to attend the missionary mass-meeting at the Auditorium, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and that

said churches are hereby requested to make no appointment for service at their usual places of worship at that hour."

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, was recognized for a "question of privilege." The question related to an article appearing in an afternoon paper to the effect that an effort was made during the morning session to debar Dr. Booker T. Washington from the Convention on account of his views as to certain phases of the race question and industrial education. Dr. Walker moved that the Convention put itself on record as denying that any such attempt was made, and that to the contrary, Dr. Washington has the endorsement and loyal support of the Convention in the great work he is doing for the race and the country.

The motion carried by unanimous vote. Dr. C. T. Walker, Dr. A. E. Edwards and Rev. A. A. Cossey were appointed a committee to prepare a formal statement of denial in keeping with the motion passed.

Several visitors appeared. President Morris presented the Secretary of Wilberforce University, who extended the fraternal greetings of the educational department of the A. M. E. Church in a forceful address as did also Prof. W. S. Scarborough, the noted Greek author, of the same institution.

Dr. E. J. Fisher was recognized to introduce a resolution which related to the Ecumenical Conference to be held in Scotland in 1910. The resolution was adopted and is as follows:

"WHEREAS, There is to be a World's Congress to be held at Edinburg, Scotland, in 1910, and

"WHEREAS, Every denomination is expected to represent at that meeting, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Convention appoint through the president a commission of five to represent us at that meeting."

The resolution was amended so as to provide that President Morris be a member of the commission.

Dr. W. G. Johnson, of Georgia, offered a resolution in relation to the holding in 1913 a Semi-Centennial Celebration of the freedom of the race.

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A motion by Dr. Fisher that the bonus offered by the people of Columbus to secure the meeting of the Convention at the last session at Lexington, Ky., be turned over to the Convention instead of the Boards, was carried after some discussion.

Dr. Thomas, of Chicago, offered a resolution in relation to perfecting the roll of delegates and facilitating the election of officers. A motion to table was lost. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

A resolution by Dr. L. A. Taylor, of Washington, D. C., relating to Evangelist Chas. H. Phillips, of Virginia, was read and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Dr. A. Barbours, of Texas, made feeling reference to the illness of Dr. A. N. McEwen, of Alabama. The Convention stood and Dr. Gaines, of Little Rock, Ark., offered an earnest prayer for Dr. McEwen's restoration to health.

At this point the Secretary announced the lists of the members of the several Boards and Committees, as selected by the delegations from the various states.

Dr. C. T. Walker was recognized. He presented Rev. A. A. Coscy, who read the statement prepared by the Special Committee appointed to refute the charges that the Convention is unfriendly to the educational policy of Dr. Booker T. Washington. The statement was adopted and is as follows:

#### RESOLUTION ON DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Brother President and Members of the National Baptist Convention assembled in its Twenty-ninth Annual Session, at Columbus, Ohio, September 17th, 1909:

We, your special committee appointed to investigate the rumor published in two of the afternoon papers of this city, of even date, to the effect that a resolution was offered or presented to the Committee on Resolutions, to bar Dr. Booker T. Washington, who is scheduled to speak to the convention this evening from the floor of the Convention, reports as follows:

First—That we deny that any such resolution has been offered by any member of the Convention before the Committee on Resolution or before the Convention proper.

Second—In proof of our denial, the Committee on Resolutions, which is composed of one member from each state and territory represented, has not as yet been organized, and therefore, has not held a session to consider any resolutions.

Third—In further proof of our denial, when the matter is brought to the attention of the Convention, upon the motion of Dr. C. T. Walker, the Convention voted unanimously that Dr. Booker T. Washington has its highest respect for and confidence in the work that he has done and is now doing for the race.

Fourth—That we brand the author of the report as being false in the truest sense of the word and unworthy of the respect of any people.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee—C. T. Walker, A. E. Edwards, A. A. Coscy,  
E. C. MORRIS, President.  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

Under suspension of the rules Revs. T. O. Fuller E. H. McDonald, J. H. A. Cyrus and E. A. Wilson were re-elected Assistant Secretaries for the ensuing year.

The Convention adjourned the Friday afternoon session with the benediction by Rev. D. V. Jemison, B. D., of Alabama.

#### EVENING SESSION.

An inspiring song service was conducted by Prof. Pius.

Vice-President W. G. Johnson was in the chair. Rev. Sutton E. Griggs, of Tennessee, author of several books, was introduced and made a brilliant address on matters affecting the welfare of the race.

Dr. Geo. W. Lee, of Washington, D. C., was loudly called for. He responded with one of his characteristic addresses, full of humor, but able and logical.

The noted Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, was called for and entertained the vast audience to their great delight.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the honored guest of the evening, appeared and was welcomed with shouts of applause—an ovation lasting for some minutes.

The choir sang a charming anthem.

Madam A. B. Simmons, of Columbus, recited, in artistic fashion, Paul Laurence Dunbar's poem on "Booker T. Washington."

President Morris presented Dr. R. C. Judkins, of Alabama, who introduced in eloquent manner and fitting language the speaker of the evening.

Dr. Washington arose amid cheers and salutes and proceeded to address the Convention:

"Ever since I have been able to think for myself I have been a Baptist. I think God that I am a life member of the largest delegated body that meets on the face of the earth. It is a great thing to bring men together in large numbers, but a greater thing to have them separate peaceably.

"The Convention is coming to recognize leadership. This is good; I am proud to be identified with the Negro race; If I could re-enter the spirit world and would be asked what race I would prefer, I would ask to be again made a Negro. We should advertise our friends more and our enemies less. The closing of the barrooms in the southern states was the greatest blessing that has come to our race since the Emancipation. The government of our church makes it very necessary that every member be intelligent. See to it that the public schools in your sections are the best, especially in the south. You can help by talking to the southern white man rather than talking about him. The Negro needs all forms of education given any other race."

The speaker condemned the practice of conferring unmerited degrees. Many interesting statistics showing the progress of the race were given. Dr. Washington made one of the ablest addresses ever listened to and closed

amid the shouts of many thousand admiring friends.

A beautiful solo was sung by Madam Egbert, of Detroit. Convention adjourned the night session.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention met at the usual hour Saturday morning. Dr. A. M. Johnson presided. "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung. The Scriptures were read by Rev. John Goins. "I am a soldier in the army of my Lord" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. T. Culley, of Florida.

Architect W. A. Rayfield, of Alabama, was introduced to the Convention.

A resolution relating to empowering and authorizing the President of the Convention to attend the meeting of the several Boards and for other purposes was introduced jointly by Revs. A. E. Edwards and J. M. Codwell. Adopted under suspension of the rules. The following is the text of the resolution:

#### RESOLUTION.

Mr. President:

WHEREAS, The former practice has been that the President of this Convention has had no expressed authority to visit the annual sessions of the various Boards of this Convention, thereby hindering his being as intelligent as his position requires he should be regarding the affairs of these Boards; and

WHEREAS, It is plain to us that this privilege should be given our Chief Executive to the end that that office might be as closely identified with the work and standing of our Boards as is possible and which privilege would better enable him to recommend to our annual meetings concerning the interests of said Boards and the good of this Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention authorize him to visit the annual sessions of our various boards with a view of ascertaining as far as is consistent with the highest good of this Convention the work and status of said Boards; be it further

*Resolved*, That each Board shall be required to pay the expense of the President to such meetings.

Committee—A. E. Edwards, J. M. Codwell.

Dr. T. J. Searcy, Chairman of the Educational Board, spoke of the work of that Board and introduced Dr. M. W. Gilbert, who made the Board's annual report. The report follows:

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

The Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention regrets exceedingly to come once more before this body to confess that we have not yet achieved the great object to which the denomination had repeatedly pledged the support and co-operation for years. There was a time when it was apparent that the brethren evinced a willingness to co-operate with the Board, but circumstances which we all regret prevented the Board from taking advantage of that favorable moment.

At the present time, a widespread impression prevails among our brethren that the Board has practically given up the idea that we should have a theological seminary, or that the denomination does not wish one. There is confessedly a lukewarmness in the denomination with regard to this movement, but this lukewarmness can be rationally explained. For instance, there is a widespread misapprehension as to the nature of the institution we are laboring to establish. Many believe that we are seeking to found a purely literary institution that would naturally compete with the local college in each state. But we need only remind brethren who hold this view that a theological seminary is entirely distinct from the college and the academy. The seminary is to do its work on the basis of the academy and the college. The theological seminary is to provide the technical professional training for preachers just as the Law school and the Medical school provide professional training for lawyers and physicians respectively.

Some misapprehended the purpose of our proposed seminary by supposing that the several colleges in the several states provide a sufficient theological training for our young ministers. If the M. E. Church were to hold such a position as to the training of its future ministry, Gammon Theological Seminary, of Atlanta, Georgia, would have never been founded, nor would we see a Negro President

presiding over that splendid institution in the person of Dr. J. W. E. Bowen. Such views among Presbyterians would abolish the well-equipped theological departments of Lincoln and Biddle Universities. A mere smattering of a theological training such as one instructor might give to a few young men who might providentially be prevented from taking a complete theological training will not enable the Baptists to keep pace with others who are producing skillful preachers of the word.

It is painful to realize that so many of our ministers take this unworthy view of our duty toward the young men who are to take our places after we shall have gone to our reward. Every generation owes it to the truth of God and to the vital principles they represent to transmit the truth and those principles to able and skillful men who shall be able to defend them and make them respected.

Of course, the masses of white Baptist ministers never attend the theological seminary, but that is no argument against the need and usefulness of the seminary, or the fact that ministers need just the training a seminary affords. We are also told that a seminary could only serve the state in which it may be located. Such views among the Methodists would abolish Gammon Theological Seminary, and the same argument would have prevented the Southern white Baptists from founding and maintaining their theological seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, which for years has been the pride of all Southern white Baptists, in spite of the fact that some of their state schools still provide a meagre practical training in theology for those who cannot go to the seminary in Louisville.

The fact that many of our brethren do not feel the need of such a seminary is no reflection upon the seminary idea itself. The denomination needs to be educated up to the idea of its necessity. And such education can only be provided by some well-equipped man, whose duty it should be to meet the brethren in their various organizations and explain the necessity and purpose of the seminary movement and enlighten them on this subject face to face.

Human nature in Negroes is practically like human nature in all other peoples. Negroes will respond to a noble idea just like other people only when you convince them as to its necessity and purpose and utility.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society, of N. Y., still holds out its offer, but how much longer they will do so we are unable to say. It may be well to reiterate the

pledge of the Society: they are to give us \$25,000 to be devoted as follows: \$10,000 for a site, \$10,000 for a building and \$5,000 for equipment of said building, provided the Negro Baptists raise only \$10,000 to help in the building. The money of the Society is available as soon as we raise our \$10,000. After its founding, we are to own the seminary and are to conduct and manage it. But we have failed to avail ourselves of this magnanimous offer hitherto, and it is not the fault of the Educational Board. We state frankly our sincere conviction that the failure of the denomination to achieve our purpose is due chiefly to our misfortune in electing brethren as Corresponding Secretaries who failed to do the work, or who were unwilling to give up all other work absolutely to lead the brethren in this laudable movement. Not long since, your Board elected the Rev. A. N. McEwen, of Mobile, Alabama, as Corresponding Secretary, to succeed the Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., who had resigned. But while we were hopeful of great results from Dr. McEwen's election we regret to announce that our good brother has been unable since to undertake this work because of his health.

The Board has not given up the idea of founding a seminary, and we believe it is possible to find a good man to do this work.

The Negro Baptists of the country should have a theological seminary, not because all of the denomination may see its necessity, but because we need it to give to the denomination a body of well-trained men to defend the truth of God and maintain the principles that were handed down to us. It is hard for us to believe that the present generation of Negro Baptist ministers can willingly sit down idly and with complacency permit other denominations to outstrip us in preparing an able ministry to lead our people, who are coming out of the schools and colleges.

We need as much as other denominations—a body of skilled men, who are well versed in ancient languages in which the Holy Spirit was pleased to reveal to men the will of God. There is one important truth we wish to bring home to the denomination, and it is the fact that the theological seminary is the only practical idea for which the denomination can and will unitedly work. We have heard the suggestion made from time to time that the National Baptist Convention should adopt one of the already existing institutions. But permit your Board to say with emphasis that the denomination will do no such

thing. The adopting and supporting of a literary institution, such as a college or university, in any one state is an utterly impracticable idea. None of the states are providing a literary training for our children will consent to support an institution that, in the very nature of the case, must compete with the local institutions in the several states.

The Negro Baptists must learn from some experiences we have already had on this question. Brethren will recall that they were once asked to adopt the Virginia College and Seminary at Lynchburg, Virginia, and the denomination, with an overwhelming and emphatic vote, defeated the proposal. Subsequently a similar offer was made to the National Convention to adopt the Eckstein Norton University, of Kentucky, and the proposition shared the same fate as that coming from the college at Lynchburg, Va.

The theological seminary is a practical idea, for the Negro Baptists of the country do not own and manage one in the entire country, and such a school will not compete with any such school in any other state, for Negro Baptists, nowhere at present, own and conduct any such institution. In founding and maintaining such an institution we can demonstrate its practicableness in the example of the white Baptist Seminary at Louisville Ky., which is the creature of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is well to keep in mind amidst the many impractical suggestions made that the offer made to us by the American Baptist Home Mission Society relates only to the founding of a theological seminary and not a purely literary institution of learning.

Your Board would respectfully recommend that the Convention will re-endorse the idea of establishing a theological seminary and approve the purpose of the Board to find at the earliest possible date a strong man to prosecute the work and lead the denomination in this laudable and needful undertaking. Your Board is not discouraged and still believes that the seminary will yet be a certainty.

Dr. C. H. Clark arose to a question of personal privilege. Not entertained.

The President introduced Mr. W. M. Hartshorn, of Boston, Chairman of the International Sunday-School Association. Mr. Hartshorn brought the greetings of the International Central Committee, which has just closed a session in Chicago.



Rev. R. H. Boyd followed Mr. Hartshorn and spoke of the great Clifton Conference held at Mr. Hartshorn's residence last summer.

Dr. E. K. Carter, of Atlanta, was introduced and spoke interestingly on the necessity of establishing the National Theological Seminary.

Rev. A. T. Stewart was recognized. He proposed an amendment to the report of the Educational Board, as read by Dr. M. W. Gilbert.

A motion to table was lost. The amendment was referred to the Educational Board.

A resolution relative to selling and displaying merchandise within the limits of the Convention hall was offered by Rev. J. A. Martin, of Alabama, and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Secretary, Prof. R. B. Hudson, was recognized and introduced a resolution of condolence on the death of the late Mr. Wm. Harrison, of Mississippi, the father of Attorney Wm. Harrison, of Oklahoma. Under suspension of the rules, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is as follows:

#### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, We have heard with profound sorrow and regret of the death of William Harrison, the father of our esteemed friend and co-worker, Attorney William Harrison, of Oklahoma, whose high Christian character, eminent ability and distinguished career as a citizen have made him the pride of our hearts and an honor to the denomination and the race; and

WHEREAS, This heavy stroke of Divine Providence has cast a shadow upon the pathway and bowed with grief our friend and brother; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we tender our stricken brother the deepest sympathy of our hearts and commend him to the tender mercy of our Heavenly Father who doth not willingly afflict, but doeth all things well. We pray that the silver lining of this darkened cloud may speedily appear, giving the comfort that cometh only from above.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved, a copy given to press and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HUDSON.

Adopted.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dr. Robt. Mitchell, Auditor of the Convention, was introduced to submit his annual statement as to the accounts of the several Boards. The report was as follows:

To the Members of the National Baptist Convention:

It is a pleasure to bring to you my ninth annual report of the work of our Boards. In compliance with the constitution, I visited the homes of our several Boards and found them all busily engaged doing the work of the Convention. I commend all the Secretaries to the favor of the brethren and ask for them a more generous support. They deserve the confidence and unstinted support of the denomination. My findings were as follows:

#### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT BY HOME MISSION BOARD.

Money collected and left with the churches..	\$ 14,686 11
Value of tracts, etc., distributed.....	685 46
Money collected by missionaries and colporters and applied on their salaries.....	5,521 57
Money paid by Southern Baptist Convention..	7,262 50
Money collected by missionaries and paid on their traveling expenses .....	3,076 34
Money paid on salaries of lady missionaries..	980 00
Cash commission on books .....	9,783 96
Salary, traveling expenses, office rent, etc., of Field Secretary .....	2,400 00
Total .....	\$44,295 94

#### PUBLISHING BOARD.

##### Receipts.

To balance on hand September 1, 1908.....	\$ 862 56
September, October and November .....	26,641 49
December, January and February .....	26,012 18

March, April and May .....\$32,989 13  
 June, July and August ..... 83,039 94  
 Including Missionary Department ..... 44,295 94

Total receipts from all sources .....\$162,741 19  
 Total disbursements including Missionary Department ..... 159,652 27

Balance August 31, 1909 .....\$3,088 92

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Total receipts .....\$23,537 33  
 Total expenses ..... 23,471 25

Balance .....\$ 66 08

## B. Y. P. U. BOARD.

Total receipts .....\$12,563 58  
 Total expenditures ..... 12,525 90

Balance .....\$27 68

I certify that the above is correct, as found on the books of the Boards.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Auditor National Baptist Convention.

This September 1, 1909.

After some discussion as to the real work and duty of an Auditor, the report was adopted.

Mr. W. M. Taylor, of Louisiana, was recognized. He arose to nominate the city of New Orleans for the place of meeting of the next session of the Convention. His address was forcible and eloquent.

Dr. W. H. Jarnigan, of Oklahoma, was recognized. He nominated and made a plea for Oklahoma City.

Dr. A. Barbour, of Texas, was recognized. He nominated Houston, Texas. At the close of his address, Dr. Barbour withdrew Houston in favor of New Orleans.

The vote on the nominations was held in abeyance for a time, and the consecrated Miss Joanna P. Moore, who has given the years of her long life to the uplift of our

people, was heard. Her message of love was received with open hearts. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung. Consideration of the "place of meeting" was resumed, and New Orleans was selected by a large majority.

The Convention adjourned its morning session with a song and benediction.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at the usual hour. Service of song was delightful.

President Morris presented Rev. J. J. Totten, of Tennessee, who read the Scriptures.

"I am a soldier in the army of the Lord" was sung.

Dr. S. G. Lampkins, of Washington, D. C., offered prayer. "O, Jesus is a friend of mine" was sung.

A telegram of "good will and best wishes" was received from Bishop W. B. Derrick, of Greenfield, Ohio. A suitable response was ordered sent.

Mrs. M. E. A. Campbell, of Louisville, Ky., engaged in the work of rescuing unfortunate girls, was introduced and spoke of her work.

Rev. S. W. Bacote, Statistical Secretary, was introduced and submitted his annual report. He spoke of the difficulty in securing statistics because of the failure of the officials of the District Associations to send in their minutes.

On motion of Dr. J. F. Walker, the report of Committee on Laymen's Movement be now submitted.

Under suspension of the rules, Dr. S. W. Bacote was re-elected to the office he had held for nine years.

Dr. Robt. Mitchell was also re-elected Auditor under suspension of the rules.

Dr. J. E. Fisher was recognized. He introduced a resolution to the formation of district conventions auxiliary to the National Convention. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

On motion of Dr. Fisher, Dr. C. M. Wells, of Alabama, was recognized to submit a report for the Committee on

"The Laymen's Movement," appointed at the Lexington, Ky., meeting.

On motion of Dr. Fisher the report was adopted and is as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

Brother President:

Your committee appointed twelve months ago to report on this subject finds that in order to do effective work for the cause of Christ every soldier that has enlisted under his Banner should be a worker. The movement to enlist the laymen of our churches as a part of the active forces that help push forward the work of the Master, if well directed, will result in great good to the cause. The strong appeals from our various Boards for funds to prosecute the work for which they have been organized to make it necessary that the strong men in our churches be aroused to do more for the general work of the denomination.

We do not ask that any national Board or organization be effected, but we believe it is wise to endorse this movement and commend it to the favorable consideration of the states, that the states take such action as suit them best. But we commend the movement to our brethren throughout the entire country.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee—G. W. Lee, P. James Bryant, W. H. Moses, C. M. Wells, L. S. Simon.

Dr. A. J. Stokes offered five acres of land as a donation provided that the Theological Seminary is located in Montgomery, Alabama, or ten acres, if said school is located at Watumpica, Alabama.

The Convention adjourned for the afternoon with the benediction by the President.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Song service was conducted by Prof. Pius. The Scriptures were read by Rev. R. D. Phillips, of Ohio. The Rev. S. T. Floyd, of Texas, led the prayer. "I feel like going home" was sung. Rev. H. H. Harris, of St. Louis, Mo., was introduced to preach the educational sermon. Text,

2 Kings 6:1: "Behold now the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us," etc.

Among other things, the speaker said: "No cause can rise higher than the principles upon which it stands." The speaker mentioned some things for which he said the Convention should stand, viz:

1. Missions—Home and Foreign.
2. Preservation and Perpetuation of our Denominational Principles.
3. Education in well-equipped institutions of learning.

Dr. Harris delivered an able and eloquent sermon, which was greatly enjoyed by the vast congregation and marked him as one of the very able preachers of the Convention.

Rev. A. J. Lacey, of Arkansas, followed with a fervent, soul-stirring prayer, which moved the Convention spiritually.

The appointments for the Sunday services were announced by the Committee on Divine Service.

On motion of Dr. G. W. Ward, of Kentucky, the Committee to attend the Ecumenical Conference at Edinburg was increased to twenty-five; appointments to be made by the President.

Dr. M. W. Gilbert was recognized and offered a resolution in the relation to the National Baptist Union and for other purposes, which was adopted, the rules being suspended for that purpose. The following is the resolution:

WHEREAS, *The National Baptist Union* has maintained a high standard for editorial ability and has been an able exponent of the rights of our people and the cause of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, The course of Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, the editor of *The Union* has won our unqualified approval as its editor; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That *The Union* shall hence forth be strictly the organ of the Convention and that the Reverend E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., be elected by this body as its editor; be it further

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Convention be authorized and directed to furnish the necessary money from

time to time to publish *The Union* in keeping with the above resolution.

After singing the Convention adjourned the night session with benediction.

#### SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The great Sunday-school was called to order by Dr. William Beckham, Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board. An interesting song service was conducted by Prof. Pius. Dr. M. W. Gilbert read the 21st chapter of Acts. Dr. Walter H. Brooks, of Washington, D. C., offered prayer. "Near-er my God to thee" was sung. The collectors for the several states, participating in the Banner Contest, were announced. The teaching of the review lessons began. Rev. E. D. Hubbard, of Mississippi, taught very instructively for three minutes, as did Rev. S. E. J. Watson, of Arkansas. Rev. W. O. Harper, of Ohio, sang, "Sweeping through the gates." Dr. J. B. Beckham, of Denver, reviewed the lesson three minutes, as did Mrs. Annie Webber, of Indiana; Mrs. Griggsby, of Indiana, and Dr. Gale, of Illinois. "Life is like a mountain railroad" was feelingly sung by Rev. Harper. Dr. J. A. Taylor, of Washington, made the last review, which was interesting.

Dr. R. H. Boyd, Secretary of the Publishing Board, was introduced by Secretary Beckham, and spoke earnestly of the great work of publications and missions, in which his life is being spent.

By request Prof. Britt, the noted soloist, sang with touching pathos, "Death is only a dream." Prayer was offered and Madam Egbert, of Detroit, sang a beautiful solo.

#### *The Morning Sermon.*

The hour having arrived for preaching, President Morris introduced Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Florida, who, by mutual agreement, had been selected to preach in lieu of Dr. Morris. The speaker announced as his text Dan. 2:44, 45; Matt. 16:18; subject, "The superiority of the kingdom of Christ over

all other kingdoms." The vision showed "World powers in league against the kingdom of Christ," said the speaker. Babylon, Persia and Greece held sway in turn, and were swallowed up by the Romans, which power was finally overwhelmed by the kingdom of Jesus Christ. "The church and the kingdom are identical." "The church is not divided—only one church in the universal sense. The militant church, now contending—the church triumphant, resting in heaven." There are local churches organized and associated under covenant for the spread of the gospel. Bodies not organized according to the Scriptures are not churches. The church existed under Patriarchal, Jewish and Gospel Dispensations. The church, in its *universal sense*, is invisible. The *local church* is visible. The church is ahead of other organizations in the following considerations:

- (1) The church antedates all.
  - (2) Greater Founder than all—Christ.
  - (3) Of heavenly origin—the only one.
  - (4) New Birth essential to membership.
  - (5) Superior in its mission—the salvation of the world.
  - (6) Offers greater protection in this world.
- "Christ, the Great Shepherd, is the Head."  
 "The Church is his Flock."  
 "He is the Bridegroom—the Church is his Bride."

The sermon was an able one and was listened to attentively. A collection for the work of the Convention was taken. After singing "I feel like going on," the morning service closed with benediction by Dr. Kennedy.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

##### *Missionary Mass-Meeting.*

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, directed the program.

Prof. Pius, the Director of music, announced as the opening selection, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?"

Dr. L. L. Campbell, of Texas, read 1 Cor. 13th chapter. Dr. A. Hubbs, of New Orleans, offered prayer. Dr. W. H. Jarnigan, of Oklahoma, and W. W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, were introduced by Secretary Jordan. The Foreign Mission Quartette sang a beautiful selection. Miss Delaney

and Rev. Evans spoke. Dr. Bushnell, of Cincinnati, sang a solo. Missionaries Jackson and Cheek spoke. Secretary Jordan presented Miss Phillips, Miss Josephine Strang, A. S. Phillips, Rev. East and Miss Buchanan.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, of the Woman's Convention, made a stirring appeal in behalf of the missionaries, both on the field and those soon to sail.

Miss Buchanan sang while the offering was being made. Wheat Street Church, of Atlanta, Georgia, pledged one hundred and eighty dollars per year toward the support of Miss Buchanan, through the pastor, Dr. P. J. Bryant.

Prof. Brill sang a solo. The children sang a beautiful selection. Mrs. Mason sang a solo. The collection amounted to \$103.65. The meeting adjourned with benediction by Dr. F. L. Lights.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by Rev. A. B. Flood. "Amazing grace how sweet the sound" was sung.

Dr. W. E. Purvis read the 37th Psalm. "Blessed assurance Jesus is mine" was sung.

Rev. E. M. ... offered prayer. The Convention sang "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?"

Rev. L. K. Williams, of Texas, was introduced as the preacher for the evening. Text, Ezek. 47:12; theme, "Gospel Waters." The following outlines were given:

- (1) The divine origin of the Gospel.
- (2) The universality of its application.
- (3) The unity of the divine purpose.
- (4) The nature of Christ, who brought the plan.
- (a) He was man.
- (b) He was God.
- (5) The rapid spread of the Gospel.

"The Gospel, the water of life, cures the sin-sick soul. Saves from the effects and punishment of sin. It saves to the uttermost. It saves now. It not only saves, but sustains. The Gospel reveals to us the true nature of God. It reveals the relation of man to man; of man to time and eternity. The Gospel reveals the immortality of the soul."

The sermon was logical, eloquent and strong. It was heard with pleasure. Rev. J. B. Bolden, of Pine Bluff, prayed, adding fuel to the spiritual flames. The doxology was sung and Rev. Williams pronounced the benediction, thus ending the night session.

#### MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

President Morris called the Convention to order.

Revs. T. S. Sandefur, of Arkansas, and Jackson, of Georgia, conducted the devotions.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone" was sung.

The President announced the Committee to the Ecumenical Conference. Committee according to vote previously taken. The committee follows:

#### COMMITTEE TO EDINBURG.

Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.; Rev. E. J. Fisher, D. D.; Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D.; Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D.; Prof. R. B. Hudson, Dr. Booker T. Washington, LL. D.; Rev. S. L. Lights, D. D.; Prof. D. Abner, Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D.; Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D.; Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D.; Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D.; Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D.; Rev. R. H. Bowling, D. D.; Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D.; Rev. T. J. Searcy, D. D.; Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D.; Rev. A. W. Moss, D. D.; Rev. J. H. Eason, D. D.; Rev. G. W. Ward, D. D.; Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D.; Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D.; Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D.; Prof. Wm. H. Stewart, D. D.; Rev. A. C. Powell, D. D.; Rev. L. L. Campbell, D. D.; Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D.; Rev. George W. Lee, D. D.; Rev. W. A. Credett, D. D.; Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D.; Lawyer Ewing, Lawyer W. H. Harrison, Rev. E. W. Johnson, D. D.; Rev. W. G. Johnson, D. D.; Rev. A. M. Johnson, D. D.; Rev. S. M. Fisher, D. D.; Rev. A. Holman, D. D.; Rev. S. E. Griggs, D. D.; Rev. A. L. Hall, D. D.; Rev. S. L. M. Francis, D. D.; Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D.; Rev. E. A. Wilson, D. D.; Rev. P. R. Neal, D. D.; Rev. S. S. Jones, D. D.; Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D.; Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D.; Rev. D. B. Gaines, D. D.; Rev. T. S. Sandefur, D. D.; Rev. R. T. Simms, D. D.; Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D.; Prof. Chas. Stewart, Rev.

W. B. Johnson, D. D.; Rev. Robert Mitchell, D. D.; Rev. R. A. Adams, D. D.; Rev. R. L. Williams, D. D.; Rev. S. A. Moseley, D. D.; Rev. J. M. Harris, D. D.; Prof. J. M. Codwell, Rev. A. T. Stewart, Rev. W. H. Jernigan, D. D.; Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D.

Dr. A. E. Edwards, of Virginia, moved that the Finance Committee and the Secretaries of the several Boards report the money raised during the session on the last day of the Convention. Carried.

Rev. A. T. Stewart offered a resolution of thanks for the hospitality shown by the people of Columbus. Adopted under suspension of the rules. Resolution by Dr. Stewart follows:

## RESOLUTION.

National Baptist Convention, Columbus, Ohio.

WHEREAS, This Convention has been so hospitably entertained by the good people of this city, and

WHEREAS, The railroad lines leading into the city have rendered to the messengers of this Convention much service, thereby making possible a larger delegation; be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby tender our hearty appreciation for said service.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. STEWART.

Helena, Ark.

A resolution was offered by Dr. E. W. Merchant directing the Secretaries of the Boards to report the status of properties held by them for the Convention.

Dr. A. T. Stewart moved to amend by striking out the name of Attorney Ewing and inserting some other lawyer. The amendment was carried and the resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules.

WHEREAS, The National Baptist Convention is interested in large property both real and personal situated in Nashville, Tenn., and

WHEREAS, The real estate belonging to the Convention was purchased several years ago on partial payments and the Secretary did not report whether or not the said property was paid for or what the outstanding indebtedness against it was; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That an attorney for this Convention be appointed to investigate the condition of the said property and report at the next annual meeting of this Convention the total outstanding indebtedness against the real estate and personal property belonging to this Convention. That the expense of said investigation be paid by the National Baptist Publishing Board.

(Signed)

E. W. MERCHANT.

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac was recognized. He spoke of the great responsibility placed upon him by a resolution previously adopted, making him editor and manager of "The Union." He offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee from the various states, which committee would be responsible for the running of *The National Baptist Union*. An amendment was adopted, giving Dr. Isaac the power to appoint said committee this session.

Having been amended as mentioned above, the resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules. The resolution by Dr. Isaac is as follows:

## RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, *The National Baptist Union* has been made the official organ of this Convention; and

WHEREAS, This action places the responsibility for publishing this paper on the Convention rather than on any or all of its Boards; and

WHEREAS, There is no money available for the emergencies that may arise in the publication of the paper, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Convention appoint a committee of one from each state to be known as the Committee on Publication of *The National Baptist Union*, and that said committee be and is hereby instructed to take charge of the business affairs of *The Union* and required to make annual report to this Convention as to the status of this publication; and be it further

*Resolved*, That each Board of this Convention be and is hereby instructed to carry a department in *The National Baptist Union* and to require all of its agents and representatives to solicit subscriptions for the same.

Dr. Jordan offered a resolution asking all states and territorial conventions to place the Foreign Mission work in

their "Blanks." Amendment by Dr. E. J. Fisher that the same apply to the work of all the Boards. Carried.

As amended the resolution passed. (No resolution submitted in writing in this case.)

Dr. C. M. Wells submitted the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report was adopted and is as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee reports the following:

The National Baptist Convention congratulates the people of the United States on the onward sweep of temperance reform which, through local option and state-wide prohibition, is closing the saloons in this country at the rate of forty a day. As a result of this forward movement, crime and misery, much of which is the direct effect of the traffic in intoxicating liquor, has been greatly reduced, and happiness and prosperity correspondingly increased.

We pledge ourselves to zealous and persistent work in the temperance cause until the manufacture and sale of intoxicants is prohibited in every and all sections of this country. We demand on the part of officials the enforcement of all laws. We ask that these laws be impartially executed for the protection of both blacks and whites and for the punishment of both races. We deplore the lynching of men in defiance of law. The same spirit that makes men defy the law of prohibition makes them defy law and lynch men. We condemn the blind tiger business. We urge our people everywhere to renew their covenant which says, "We promise to abstain from the use and sale of intoxicants as a beverage." The Bible is so plain on this subject that no one need make a mistake. In the defense of our homes, our wives and children, and the cause of Christ, we urge the members of our churches and the ministers to join heart and hand to destroy this monster that is doing harm and seeking to undermine the home, the church and the state.

We heartily endorse the noble work that has been and is now being done by the Anti-saloon League of America. This organization has done much for the safety of life and property by stamping out the liquor traffic in many states and municipalities of our country. We approve of the appointment of Prof. E. W. B. Curry, A. M., who is the only number of our race who is on the staff of national orators for the Anti-saloon League.





REV. J. H. A. CARTER, D. D.  
Assistant Secretary National Baptist Convention



REV. S. H. PUGH, D. D.  
Moderator National Baptist Convention



REV. HENRY C. BOOTH  
Assistant Secretary National Baptist Publishing Board



REV. W. M. HICKHAM, D. D.  
Field Secretary National Baptist Home Mission Board

Prof. R. B. Hudson, Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, was given the surprise of the session when work was temporarily suspended and Rev. T. O. Fuller, first Assistant Secretary, presented him with a fine gold fob on behalf of the four Assistant Secretaries. Prof. Hudson soon recovered himself and accepted the valuable token in a happy speech.

The Finance Committee reported collections amounting to \$1,564.92. The report in detail follows:

The B. Y. P. U. Board reported \$525.50 collected.

Dr. Sterling Brown, of Howard University, addressed the Convention.

Rev. A. Barbour moved that the local committee be called upon to turn the five hundred (\$500) dollars "bonus" over to the Convention instead of giving it to the several Boards. Carried.

President Morris appointed Dr. W. G. Parks, Rev. W. W. Whitton and Dr. A. R. Griggs to convey to the Local Committee the expressed wish of the Convention.

Resolution by Rev. J. A. Martin, of Alabama, in relation to selling on the site of the Convention was adopted. The resolution follows:

Mr. President:

WHEREAS, This Convention is increasing in numerical strength each year, and

WHEREAS, The general disorder of this large delegation makes it impossible to do the general work of the Convention successfully and to collect sufficient means to run this Convention and to meet its current expenses; therefore, be it

Resolved, That wherever this Convention holds its session that separate quarters be provided for the Boards, where they can do their work; and that they report to the Convention at such time as the program may provide; and be it further

Resolved, That no cooking and selling of provision be allowed on the floor of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MARTIN.

Dr. Abner, of Texas, was recognized to make some remarks.

Dr. L. G. Jordan reported as collected by the Foreign Mission Board during the session \$1,441.90.

Dr. W. G. Parks offered a resolution which was adopted and is as follows:

#### RESOLUTION.

Brother President and Members of the Convention:

WHEREAS, This Convention was represented in the Federal Council of the Churches in America, held in Philadelphia, Penn., December 8, 1908, and

WHEREAS, The object of the Council is to bring the Christian bodies of America into united services for Christ and the world and to secure a larger combined influence for the churches of Christ in all matters affecting the moral and social conditions of the people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention will endorse the Federal Council and recommend a liberal contribution for the promotion of the work for which it stands.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. PARKS.

Rev. Williams, of Texas, offered a resolution asking full membership for the "Third Convention of Texas." The resolution was not entertained, President Morris ruling that the status of the Convention in question had already been defined.

Dr. R. H. Boyd reported money collected by the Home Mission Board during the session \$57.02; collected by the Publishing Board \$132.25. Report adopted.

Rev. Codwell reported money collected by the Educational Board \$47.30.

The Committee on State of the Country submitted its report through Dr. R. C. Judkins, of Alabama. The report was well prepared, was adopted and is as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Mr. President and Members of the National Baptist Convention Assembled in Columbus, Ohio, September 20, 1909:  
We, your Committee on the State of the Country, beg leave to submit the following:

#### I. PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Considering our more than eighty million souls in this country, together with our island possessions and the varied and perplexing relations which we as a nation sustain to the other nations of the world, we have cause to thank an all-wise Providence that while other nations have been rent and torn by internal strife, and in some cases threatened with outside entanglements, for the last twelve months we have been at peace at home and abroad.

The fruits of this peaceable condition are seen in the wonderful development of our nation at home and the unique prestige it has in the world.

#### II. LABOR CONDITIONS AND OUR PEOPLE.

If America is noted for its full institutions, and for its democratic spirit, it is no less famed for the advantage it offers our laboring classes. The congestion of Europe is relieved by the overflow of its hungry upon our shores, and to-day our Western states need fifty thousand men to help harvest their crops. To-day colored labor produces the greatest cotton crops the world has ever known, and moves the commerce of the South. With exception to a few strikes of a more or less serious nature, labor conditions in this country have been of the most favorable, and are noted for no backward steps taken. We urge the laboring classes of our people everywhere to work honestly and steadily, and thereby make themselves indispensable in the communities where they are located.

We also advise and urge the leaders of our people everywhere to counsel and encourage our laboring classes, as they furnish the real foundation for our racial development.

We are thankful that so large a share of American labor is performed by members of our race.

#### III. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AMONG US.

No previous year in our history has witnessed a more quickening impulse in the direction of business development and commercial activity than the one just closed. The National Negro Business League, which recently met at Louisville, Ky., showed great gain in the acquisition of property holdings, and in the unparalleled interest in and strides made in business.

Too much praise cannot be given Dr. Booker T. Washington for the lead he has taken and the encouragement he has given in this work of advancing the material interests of the race.

The leaders should not be slow in lending every encouragement to the infant industries and business springing up among our people everywhere.

#### IV. THE PROHIBITION MOVEMENT.

Notwithstanding, here and there injustice is seen in the administration of our national and state affairs, we are not unmindful of the fact that there are moral agencies at work in the nation that will yet, we trust, be for the salvation of the American people. Among these, none is more noticeable than the prohibition movement; and it is more noticeable that this movement has been given more attention and has been more successful in the Southern states. As has been said, the prohibition laws enacted in the South are the greatest boon that has come to our race since emancipation. The race is hereby called upon to support these enactments by their strict observance and by putting behind them its moral support.

#### V. POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND THE RACE.

We reaffirm our faith in the meaning and teaching of the Federal Constitution, and believe that if strictly adhered to will furnish a foundation for our political affairs that will be satisfactory to all. We regret, however, that in too many cases the plain meaning and teaching of our fundamental law has been ignored, and proscription laws aimed at us as a race have been passed in many states, the operation of which degrade a large per cent of our population and deprive us of a most effective means of support. We regret further to note that the scope of Negro disfranchisement is being evidenced. We also view with alarm the fact that too large a portion of the American nation is indifferent to the political injustice perpetrated against a section of America's humble and law-abiding citizens.

We ask to speak favorably but we demand every right guaranteed to us under the fundamental law. We, therefore, appeal to the justice-loving people in all the states to encourage us in our struggle to regain our full civil and political rights.

#### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Religious freedom is yet one of the cardinal principles of our government, and it is gratifying to know that all men are permitted to serve God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Under this system with religious liberty more than fifty per cent of the race of which we are identified are members of Christian churches, a record of which we are proud.

To attain our present standing in the Christian world, our people have passed through a dark and perilous period which has tried men's souls and which too many have been like the fires of persecution which were heaped upon Christian in the early centuries, but unlike the early fathers, our fiery trials have come very largely from the people whose religion we have adopted and whose God we serve. But, through it all we have possessed our souls in peace and can say of a truth, we have charity for all and malice toward none.

We are not unmindful of the many agencies which have been at work ever since our emancipation in helping us on our feet and which have done so much toward the religious and educational uplift of our race.

Yet we do not think the time has come for our friends in the stronger race to withdraw their aid; for millions are yet to be redeemed and the task is too great for the few.

A great country like ours which has become flushed with almost unlimited prosperity and whose material growth exceeds that of any other country of the world, may be pardoned for a lax enforcement of its laws touching the exports and imports of commerce and in dealing with great corporations, industries and all other economic or labor questions, but no words of extenuation are due a great republic that will not give absolute protection to the humblest of its citizens at home and abroad.

We sincerely deplore the fact that many of the states have enacted discriminating or what is known as "Jim Crow" laws, which has been directed exclusively against our race and against no other, and we give it as our opinion that these unjust laws are the cause of most of the lynchings in our country, the people having been taught by them that the life of a Negro is no more sacred than the life of a brute. We confidently believe that the good of the whole nation demands their repeal.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the best and ablest men of the white race favor the equality of all men before the law, and that the patience and tolerance of our race in being deprived of their rights as American citizens has aroused the conscience of many of the foremost people of the nation and they are beginning to exert their influence in behalf of the whole people, recognizing the Negro as being the most reliable man as a laborer and as patriotic as any other as a citizen.

We most heartily approve of the merit system adopted by the federal government, and would be content if the same was enacted in the states.

The educational facilities open to our people are better now than at any time of the past and it is a notable fact, that the Negro people are doing more for their own education than at any time since their emancipation, and yet we regret to say that the great missionary societies among our white brethren are not doing as much for needs require. We are glad to say that the religious and moral status of the Negro is rapidly improving.

The home and home life of the race is being magnified as never before, which is a true barometer of what the moral trend of the race is. In the matter of churches and church building, the Negroes have a most enviable record.

The committee appointed to call upon the local Committee on Business connected with the five hundred dollars bonus reported through Dr. A. R. Griggs. Adopted. The report follows:

"We, your committee appointed to collect the \$500 promised by the pastors of the various Baptist churches of Columbus, Ohio, to this Convention, beg leave to report that we have seen the Chairman, Rev. W. Z. Thomas, and he promises to come before the Convention before 12 m. to-day and pay for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee—A. R. Griggs, W. G. Parks, W. W. Whitton.

The resolutions asking further consideration of the Third Convention of Texas matter was by vote deferred until the next session of the Convention.

#### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, This great Baptist Convention has favored the Baptist Convention of Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana and Florida by special act; and

WHEREAS, We believe it unrighteous for this great Baptist organization to use discrimination. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Convention of Texas be given the proper recognition as other Conventions.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. WILLIAMS.

The following is the resolution offered by Rev. S. M. Fisher, authorizing the Secretary of the Convention to call upon all our churches to send \$1.50 to the Convention for general expenses. Prevailed. (See resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, We are in need of money to carry on the work of the National Baptist Convention, be it

*Resolved*, That each church send to this Convention \$1.50 annually for general expenses; be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to send out appeals to all the Baptist churches of the country in time that this donation may be sent in.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. FISHER.

A resolution was offered asking the Government to designate a Substitute Post-Office at the meeting places of our Convention to facilitate the handling and care of mail. Amended by empowering the President of the Convention to appoint a post-master at each session. Carried. The resolution follows:

#### RESOLUTION.

Mr. President:

In view of the fact that hundreds of ministers and other attendants of this great body have much mail coming to them in the care of this Convention; and in view of the further fact that the present system of handling the mail of this body is taking up no small amount of the time of our Secretary in this Convention, be it

*Resolved*, That this Convention ask the Post-office Department at Washington, D. C., to establish a Substitute Post-office on the seat of this Convention. Should the said Post-office Department refuse, or for any other cause do not establish an office for this Convention, then the Con-

vention will appoint a postmaster to look after the mail of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. JONES.

Dr. C. T. Walker was recognized. He offered a resolution in relation to the holding of a great semi-centennial exposition. Adopted under suspension of the rules. The following is the text of the resolution:

#### RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL EXPOSITION.

WHEREAS, There is an effort, by a number of leaders of our race, to have a great national exposition in the year 1913, thereby giving the race an opportunity of showing to the world the industrial, financial, intellectual and religious progress made by the race during the first half of our freedom, be it

*Resolved*, That the National Baptist Convention, representing the two millions and five hundred thousands communicants, endorse the movement and recommend the South as the most appropriate place for such an exposition; be it further

*Resolved*, That we pledge the hearty support of our denomination to make the exposition a success.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. WALKER.

Rev. Williams was recognized for a question of privilege. The chair ruled that his rights had not been infringed upon.

Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, of Virginia, was recognized. He offered a resolution commending Dr. C. H. Phillips as a national evangelist. Adopted. The resolution is as follows:

#### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Dr. C. H. Phillips, of Richmond, Virginia, a member of this Convention, is an evangelist of rare ability and marvelous success, having conducted a great number of wonderful revivals in various portions of the country—a notable one in Richmond last winter in which 1,000 souls were converted; and having received the approval and endorsement of the leading pastors and ministers conference of the East; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That he is heartily endorsed by this Convention as an evangelist and is hereby authorized to organize a national evangelistic system among Negro Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. CYRUS.

Dr. Phillips was introduced and spoke briefly.

Dr. S. E. Griggs asked that the courtesy of endorsement extended the "Hindered Hand" be changed to his latest work, "The Southern Situation." Request granted.

The Committee on Resolution reported that they were unable to hold a meeting.

Dr. L. L. Campbell moved that Dr. J. P. Robinson be requested to bring out his sermon, "The Value of the Printed Page," in pamphlet form. Carried.

Dr. A. J. Stokes, of Alabama, moved that a committee of twenty-five be appointed by the President of this Convention to make continuous demand for better treatment for our women, when traveling on railroads. Carried.

Rev. R. Z. Thomas, of Columbus, Ohio, was recognized. By agreement he turned over to the Convention one hundred dollars and to the Publishing Board four hundred dollars, the bonus promised.

Prof. R. B. Hudson, Secretary, accepted the money on behalf of the Convention.

The Finance Committee submitted the following corrected statement of money collected, viz.: \$1,477.95; adding the \$100.00 just received from Rev. Thomas making \$1,577.95.

On motion of Dr. L. G. Jordan, the report of the Woman's Auxiliary was ordered filed with the Secretary.

President Morris announced the appointment of the Committee of Twenty-five in accordance with a previous motion to petition the railroads for better treatment of our women. Committee follows: A. J. Stokes, R. C. Judkins, C. M. Wells, J. H. Eason, J. A. Taylor, C. T. Walker, A. Barber, W. H. Steward, L. G. Jordan, W. H. Jernigan, J. E. Wood, M. M. Rodgers, W. M. Taylor, S. E. Griggs, E. J. Fisher, Robert Mitchell, D. Abner, Jr., C. H. Clark, L. L. Campbell, E. R. Carter, J. F. Walker.

T. O. Fuller, D. D.; E. H. McDonald, D. D.; J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D.; E. Arlington Wilson, D. D. Assistant Secretaries.

On motion of Dr. Johnson, President Morris was added to the Committee on Exposition Commemorating the Emancipation of the Negro.

The business was now at an end. Dr. J. E. Walker pronounced the benediction and another session of the National Baptist Convention passed into history.

E. C. MORRIS, President.

R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

## APPENDIX.

### Committee of Convention

#### OFFICERS REPORT.

Alabama, Rev. S. B. Brown, Lee; Colorado, Rev. J. B. Beckham; District of Columbia, Rev. G. W. Lee, D. D., Washington; East Mississippi, Rev. J. R. Reed, Inda; Florida, Rev. Thos. Bellinger; Florida, Rev. C. T. Dorrah; Georgia, Rev. I. H. Thomas, A. B.; Georgia, Rev. S. C. Roberts, D. D., General Convention of Georgia; Illinois, Mrs. Mary Toleo Mitchell, Chicago; Iowa, Rev. T. L. Griffith, Des Moines; Kentucky, Rev. I. Fuller, Lexington; Kansas, Rev. J. W. Gordon, Iola; Louisiana, Rev. C. S. Shelton, Louisiana Missionary Convention; Mississippi, Rev. E. L. Harper, Winona, Educational State Convention; Mississippi, Rev. E. G. Mason, A. M., Shaw, General Convention of Mississippi; Massachusetts, Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D., Boston; New Jersey, Rev. M. N. Vaughn, D. D., Plainfield; New York, Rev. Holland Powell, D. D., Brooklyn; Ohio, Rev. H. L. Page, Cincinnati; Oklahoma, Rev. P. C. Dandridge, Muskogee; Pennsylvania, Rev. T. C. Crittendon, D. D., Steelton; Rhode Island, Rev. H. N. Jeter, D. D., Newport; South Carolina, Rev. J. W. Boykin; Texas, Rev. W. C. Barnes, Corsicana; Texas, Rev. D. H. Rankins, Houston, Baptist State Convention of Texas; Virginia, Rev. S. A. Moses, A. B., Harrisonburg; West Virginia, Rev. A. P. Straughter; Texas, Rev. M. M. Rogers, LaGrange, Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas.

#### STATE OF COUNTRY.

Alabama, Rev. L. C. Judkins, D. D., Montgomery; Arkansas, Rev. S. E. J. Watson, Hot Springs; Colorado, Rev. J. B. Beckham; District of Columbia, Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., Washington; East Mississippi, Rev. E. D. Hubbard, Laurel; Florida, Rev. R. H. Pittman; Florida, Rev. D. T. Guley, D. D., Pensacola, West Florida State Conven-



tion; Georgia, Rev. C. F. Thompson, M. D.; Georgia, Rev. P. J. Jackson, D. D., General Convention of Georgia; Illinois, Rev. T. L. Smith, D. D., Quincy; Iowa, Rev. T. L. Griffith, Des Moines; Kentucky, Rev. G. W. Ward, D. D., Lancaster; Kansas, Rev. J. C. Rogers, Hutcherson; Louisiana, Rev. L. C. Simon, Louisiana Missionary Convention; Mississippi, Rev. J. D. Zuler, West Point, Educational State Convention; Mississippi, Rev. S. H. Harris, Winona, General Convention of Mississippi; Massachusetts, Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D., Boston; Missouri, Rev. S. B. Butler, B. S., Palmyra; North Carolina, Rev. J. J. Jenkins, Hertford, National North Carolina State Convention; New Jersey, Rev. W. T. Watkins, D. D.; New York, Rev. Holland Powell, D. D., Brooklyn; Ohio, Rev. J. B. Anderson, B. D., Dayton; Oklahoma, Honorable William Harrison, Oklahoma City; Pennsylvania, Rev. J. H. Holder, D. D., Pittsburg; Rhode Island, Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D., Providence; South Carolina, Rev. R. W. Baylor; Tennessee, Rev. A. Parr; Texas, Rev. J. D. Leonard, Smithville, General Convention of Texas; Texas, Rev. M. J. Luckey, Baptist State Convention of Texas; Virginia, Rev. R. H. Bowling, LL. D., Norfolk; Texas, Rev. A. W. Moss, D. D., Dallas, Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas.

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Alabama, Rev. S. M. Hall, D. D.; Arkansas, Rev. R. M. Guy, Ocala; Colorado, Rev. D. E. Over, Denver; District of Columbia, Rev. S. G. Lampkins, D. D., Washington; East Mississippi, Rev. E. B. Young, Biloxi; Florida, Rev. N. W. Robinson; Florida, Rev. R. V. McCudy; Georgia, Rev. E. J. Carter, D. D., Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia; Georgia, Rev. John H. May, D. D., Savannah, General Convention of Georgia; Illinois, Rev. S. L. M. Francis, D. D., Ph. D., Chicago; Iowa, Rev. T. L. Griffith, Des Moines; Kentucky, Rev. E. W. Hawthorn, D. D., Lexington; Kansas, Rev. C. G. Fishback, Topeka; Louisiana, Rev. B. Moon, Louisiana Missionary Convention; Mississippi, Rev. N. C. Weeks, West Point, Educational State Convention; Mississippi, Rev. J. J. Olive, Winona, General Convention of Mississippi; Massachusetts, Rev. W. A. Burch, D. D., Cambridge; Missouri, Rev. R. W. Critz, Carrottville; New Jersey, Rev. G. W. Bailey, D. D., Plainfield; New York, Rev. J. C. Brown, D. D., Flusing; Ohio, Rev. J. W. Stewart, Oklahoma City; Pennsylvania, Rev. W. H. Smith, Burgettstown; Rhode Island, Rev. H. N. Jeter, D. D., Newport; South Car-

olina, Rev. J. E. Washington; Tennessee, Rev. B. D. Ferrell; Texas, Rev. J. H. Winn, Sherman, General Convention of Texas; Texas, Rev. J. Johnson, D. D., Conroy, Baptist State Convention of Texas; Virginia, Rev. R. C. Woods, A. B., Stanton; West Virginia, Prof. Byrd Prillerman, Institute; Texas, Rev. D. J. Crawford, Sherman, Missionary and Education Convention of Texas.

## TEMPERANCE.

Alabama, Rev. C. M. Wells, D. D.; Arkansas, Rev. R. W. Patterson, Pine Bluff; Colorado, Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Denver; District of Columbia, Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., Washington; East Mississippi, Rev. J. T. Adkins, Lawrence; Florida, Rev. J. S. P. Watson; Florida, Rev. C. A. Johnson, West Florida State Convention; Georgia, Rev. R. T. Shell; Georgia, Rev. A. R. McKinney, General Convention of Georgia; Illinois, Rev. E. H. Fletcher, Evanston; Iowa, Rev. T. L. Griffith, Des Moines; Kentucky, Rev. W. H. Williams, Sommerset; Kansas, Rev. W. A. Bowren, Kansas City; Louisiana, Rev. W. W. Hill, Louisiana Missionary Convention; Mississippi, Rev. T. B. Miles, Indiano, Educational State Convention; Mississippi, Rev. R. W. Dumas, Gloster, General Convention of Mississippi; Massachusetts, Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D., Boston; Missouri, Rev. J. L. Cohron, D. D., St. Louis; New Jersey, Rev. G. W. Bailey, D. D., Plainfield; New York, Rev. A. C. Powell, D. D., New York City; Ohio, Rev. B. A. Mitchell, Hillsboro; Oklahoma, Rev. S. Lyon, Muskogee; Pennsylvania, Rev. G. L. Davis, S. T. B., Philadelphia; Rhode Island, Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D., Providence; South Carolina, Rev. P. P. Watson; Tennessee, Rev. E. M. Seymour; Texas, Rev. W. M. Taylor, San Antonio; Texas, Rev. O. Edwards, San Antonio, Baptist State Convention of Texas; Virginia, Rev. L. E. Kleser; West Virginia, Rev. W. C. Clemmons, Godfrey; Texas, Rev. B. J. Brown, Gainesville, Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas.

## LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION.

## ALABAMA.

J. J. Nicholson, Nichburg .....	\$ 1 00
C. S. Smith, Talladega .....	1 00
S. C. Colley, Alexander City .....	1 00



T. Russell, Vienna	\$ 1 00
G. R. Nash, East Lake	1 00
A. C. Collins, Hazen	1 00
Wm. Jones, Geneva	1 00
M. Davis, Waugh	1 00
P. F. Foster, Pickensville	1 00
W. E. Sharp, Denopolis	1 00
G. W. Fredd, Sawyerville	1 00
W. P. Tait, Selma	1 00
W. S. Stratman, B. Tn., Prairie	1 00
A. J. Williams, Hamburg	1 00
W. E. Shepherd, Eleaunor	1 00
John McIntosh, Selma	1 00
E. B. Tyson, Selma	1 00
W. H. Montgomery, Alberta	1 00
Ben King, Uniontown	1 00
J. W. Dumas, Central Mills	1 00
G. M. Jones, Selma	1 00
Rev. J. W. Goodgame, D. D., Birmingham	1 00
S. M. Hall, D. D., Birmingham	1 00
J. H. Kelly, D. D., Birmingham	1 00
K. C. Judkins, D. D., Montgomery	1 00
C. J. Davis, D. D., Mt. Meigs	1 00
W. L. Maddox, Anniston	1 00
P. J. Johnson, Union Springs	1 00
D. V. Jemison, B. D., Selma	1 00
J. A. Martin, Selma	1 00
P. G. Guitun, Cordova	1 00
J. B. Jennings, Shelby	1 00
J. R. Scott, D. D., Bessemer	1 00
C. L. Fisher, D. D., Birmingham	1 00
P. W. White, Georgiana	1 00
Dea. H. C. Walker, Dothan	1 00
W. P. Cook, Coaling	1 00
J. R. Sanders, B. D., Lafayette	1 00
F. Jowers, Eutaw	1 00
S. N. Reed, Gadsden	1 00
Wm. Moseley, Bellville	1 00
P. C. Caddell, Sylacauga	1 00
Rev. J. I. Pearson, Melvin	1 00
K. D. Watkins, Mobile	1 00
D. V. Foreman, Anniston	1 00
C. A. J. Mallory, Rock Springs	1 00
S. B. Brownlee, B. D., Talladega	1 00
J. D. Kent, Birmingham	1 00
A. Hawkins, Birmingham	1 00

J. M. Coleman, B. D., Anniston	\$ 1 00
J. H. Eason, D. D., Anniston	1 00
N. N. Nealey, D. D., Carrollton	1 50
W. T. Cunningham, Montgomery	1 00
S. M. Fisher, D. D., Mobile	1 00
S. M. Robinson, D. D., Decatur	1 00
A. C. Morris, Birmingham	1 00
J. H. Wrenn, Monroeville	5 00
J. A. E. Wilson, Opelika	1 00
A. J. Stokes, D. D., Montgomery	1 00
Ira McKinney, Birmingham	1 00
Jas. Hampton, D. D., Tusculmbia	1 00
F. L. Sanders, B. D., West Point, Ga.	1 00
J. G. Pennington, Ashville	1 00
A. W. Ragland, Marion	1 00
H. Stephens, Scotts	1 00
R. Z. DeYampert, Augustine	1 00
E. M. Moten, Selma	1 00
E. C. Burroughs, Selma	1 00
R. C. Phillips, Laneville	1 00
T. B. Brown, Rehoboth	1 00
W. L. Rhone, Uniontown	1 00
Wm. Wagstaff, Scotts	1 00
G. L. Thornton, D. D., Selma	1 00
J. H. Thornvonn, Greensboro	1 00
F. E. Edwards, B. D., Calhoun	1 00
Prof. G. W. Trenholm, Tusculmbia	1 00
T. A. Ray, Butler	1 00
R. F. Johnson, Montgomery	1 00
Wm. Holmes, Linden	1 00
W. L. Boyd, Talladega	1 00
J. P. Barton, D. D., Talladega	1 00
A. M. Moore, Talladega	1 00
E. C. Crowell, Mt. Meigs	1 00
L. J. Green, Ph. D., Florence	1 00
Rev. W. E. Burton, Tuskegee Institute	1 00
Prof. R. E. Hudson, A. M., Selma	1 00
A. J. Jones, Deatsville	1 00
Y. R. Brock, Demopolis	1 00
A. M. Moore, Cottage Grove	1 00
T. M. Smith, Troy	1 00
J. H. Ford, Mitchell Station	1 00
J. S. Perry, Eufaula	1 00
C. I. Hewett, Covin	1 00
N. Winston, Bodka	1 00
J. S. Prentice, Aldrich	1 00

W. H. Hesse, Courtland	\$ 1 00
W. C. Owens, Birmingham	1 00
Dea. C. Fox Jacksonville	1 00
W. L. Jeffries, B. D., Marion	1 00
Prof. D. D. Hawkins, East Lake	1 00
P. T. Bowden, Selma	1 00
Rev. H. H. Cunningham, Talladega	1 00
M. J. Adams, Dothan	1 00
A. Troupe, Town Creek	1 00
J. L. Frazier, Auburn	1 00
S. Ware, Selma	1 00
M. Thomas, Talladega	1 00
M. C. Cleveland, Thomasville	1 00
T. W. Walker, D. D., Birmingham	1 00
J. C. Archibald, Aliceville	1 00
J. W. Luke, Jett	1 00
A. C. Coke, Tuscaloosa	1 00
D. Savage, Talladega	1 00
J. S. Peterson, Eufaula	1 00
R. J. Madison, D. B., Snow Hill	1 00
S. George, Thomasville	1 00
Wm. Madison, B. D., Montgomery	1 00
B. F. Baxter, Tyler	1 00
W. R. Robinson, Tyler	1 00
A. T. Allen, Orrville	1 00
Wm. Franklin, Andalusia	1 00
S. G. Gunn, Whatley	1 00
Baptist State Convention, J. H. Eason, D. D., President, Anniston	10 00
Uniontown Association, Wm. Madison, D. D., Moderator, Uniontown	1 00
Uniontown District Sunday-School Convention, R. B. Hudson, President, Selma	1 00
Antioch Baptist Church, Rev. C. J. Davis, Mt. Meigs	1 00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. C. J. Davis, Mt. Meigs	2 00
Morning Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. A. Hawkins, Birmingham	3 00

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

S. A. Moseley, Pine Bluff	\$ 1 00
J. W. McCrary, Fordyce	1 00
J. H. Sims, Argenta	1 00
D. B. Gaines, Little Rock	1 00
S. C. Collins, Mayflower	1 00
T. S. Shadd, Helena	1 00

E. W. Merchant, Little Rock	\$ 1 00
H. K. Brown, Eudora	1 00
A. J. Jackson, Arkadelphia	1 00
R. M. Rideout, Pine Bluff	1 00
G. A. Long, Helena	1 00
C. B. Brown, Marianna	1 00
R. A. Adams, Baxter	1 00
D. L. Lindsey, Jefferson Springs	1 00
W. E. Stewart, Little Rock	1 00
R. M. Caver, Little Rock	1 00
J. C. Battle, Pine Bluff	1 00
J. C. Culliver, Pine Bluff	1 00
J. P. Robinson, Little Rock	1 00
T. W. Washington, Tucker	1 00
Robert W. Guy, Osceola	1 00
T. S. Sandefur, Camden	1 00
J. D. Humphrey, Brinkley	1 00
J. S. Drew, Helena	1 00
R. F. Hockenhull, Pine Bluff	1 00
A. A. Cozey, Helena	1 00
P. L. Lawson, England	1 00
E. L. Harris, Tucker	1 00
E. M. Mosely, Helena	1 00
G. W. Lewis, Sweet Home	1 00
J. B. Bolden, Pine Bluff	1 00
William Reeves, Augusta	1 00
W. F. Lovelace, Wynne	1 00
N. H. Hunter, Wynne	1 00
G. W. Lowe, Holly Grove	1 00
T. P. Hilliard, Texarkana	1 00
Mrs. T. P. Hilliard, Texarkana	1 00
J. L. Little, Little Rock	1 00
Dr. E. C. Morris, Helena	1 00
R. W. Patterson, Pine Bluff	1 00
J. W. Simms, Stamps	1 00
A. J. Lacy, Forest City	1 00
L. Rogers, Menafee	1 00
A. L. Higgins, Pine Bluff	1 00
A. T. Stewart, Helena	1 00
M. C. Springer, Jonesboro	1 00
J. M. Russell, Marianna	1 00
W. L. Pettis, Jonesboro	1 00
J. W. Walker	1 00
W. A. Moss, Forest City	1 00
J. H. Hammonds, Little Rock	1 00
S. L. Woodfolk, Althiemer	1 00

G. W. Simmons, Helena	\$ 1 00
J. E. Brice, Helena	1 00
G. W. Sandefur, Magnolia	1 00
G. W. Robinson, New Louisville	1 00
E. D. McDade, Little Rock	1 00
E. A. Morris, Helena	1 00
R. B. Porter, Little Rock	1 00
J. P. Paine, Holly Grove	1 00
J. P. Robinson, D. D., Little Rock	1 00
C. H. Whittington, Fort Smith	1 00
T. W. Washington, Tucker	1 00
C. B. Williams, Batesville	1 00
W. O. Davis, Little Rock	1 00
E. T. Harris, Tucker	1 00
V. H. Haynes, Argenta	1 00
A. J. Steele, Argenta	1 00
William Rogers, Little Rock	1 00
S. W. Dorson, Fairfield	1 00
L. C. Culliver, Pine Bluff	1 00
S. E. J. Watson, Hot Springs	1 00
I. G. Bailey, Dermott	1 00
J. F. Clark, Brinkley	1 00
C. C. Harper, Texarkana	1 00
N. Nichols, Tucker	1 00
J. S. Ladell, Argenta	1 00
F. J. Williams, Little Rock	1 00
W. M. Jones, Fort Smith	1 00
L. J. Van Pelt, Hot Springs	1 00
J. M. Harris, Texarkana	1 00
Mrs. E. A. Phillips, La Grange	5 00

## COLORADO—GREAT WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Denver	\$ 1 00
Rev. J. B. Beckham, Denver	1 00

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

J. Milton Waldron, D. D., Washington	\$ 1 00
J. T. Clarke, D. D., Washington	1 00
M. W. D. Norman, D. D., Washington	1 00
W. H. Brooks, Washington	1 00
Rev. A. J. Tyler, Washington	1 00

## FLORIDA.

G. P. McKinney, Live Oak	\$ 1 00
W. M. Cole, Eustace	1 00

Rev. R. W. Lawrence, Daytona	\$ 1 00
Rev. R. Thomas, Mulberry	1 00
Rev. Robert H. Pitman, Arcadia	1 00
Rev. J. S. P. Watson, Miami	1 00
Rev. J. N. Stokes, Orlandao	1 00
Rev. J. D. Davis, Forest City	1 00
Rev. J. J. Jenkins, D. D., Port Tampa	1 00
Rev. J. A. Davis, Bartow	1 00
H. Holman, Crystal River	1 00
C. Brewer, Sanford	1 00
N. W. Robinson, Daytona	1 00
J. Patterson, Tampa	1 00
F. W. Lancaster, Jacksonville	1 00
Rev. J. H. Newman, St. Jax	1 00
M. Stewart, Ocala	1 00
F. K. Anthony, Fort Miles	1 00
Rev. Wm. B. Marshall, Manatee	1 00
J. B. Reese, Clear Water	1 00
G. W. Raiford, Jacksonville	1 00
W. L. Thompson, Jax	1 00
Rev. O. M. McQueen, Biddice	1 00
J. E. Eads, D. D., Jacksonville	1 00
H. M. Fleming, D. D., Gainesville	1 00
S. W. Brown, Jacksonville	1 00
Y. A. Roberts, Sanford	1 00
Rev. J. B. Lake, D. D., Pensacola	1 00
C. T. Dorroh, Pensacola	1 00
Rev. K. D. Britt, Milton	1 00
Rev. L. Hawthorne, D. D., Pensacola	1 00
Sister Esslar L. Odam, Milton	1 00
E. J. Taylor, Pensacola	1 00
Rev. E. L. Simpson, Cottage Hill	1 00
Rev. C. A. Johnson, Pensacola	1 00
Levi Owens, Pensacola	1 00
A. A. Jones, Muskogee	1 00
Rev. D. T. Gullie, Pensacola	1 00
Rev. R. D. McCurdy, Pensacola	1 00
Sister Minnie Bain, Pensacola	1 00
Antioch Baptist Church, Muskogee, Fla., J. H. Cheat- ham Clerk	2 50

## GEORGIA.

Rev. W. H. Forbes, D. D., Macon	\$ 1 00
Rev. W. E. Holmes, Macon	1 00
Rev. I. A. Thomas, A. B., Macon	1 00
G. M. Spratling, D. D., Brunswick	1 00

Rev. R. D. Arline, D. D., Marietta	\$ 1 00
Rev. J. H. McDevine, Waycross	1 00
Rev. F. M. Simmons, Washington	1 00
Rev. H. F. Taylor, A. B., Dawson	1 00
Rev. W. P. Paschal, Atlanta	1 00
Rev. P. L. Scruggs, Dec	1 00
C. F. Thompson, M. D., Boston	1 00
Rev. S. E. Gore, D. D., Atlanta	1 00
Rev. N. B. Wright, D. D., Macon	1 00
C. B. Barnes, Waycross	1 00
Rev. W. L. Jones, D. D., Savannah	1 00
J. B. Borden, D. D., Macon	1 00
Rev. R. T. Sabell, Americus	1 00
Rev. A. W. Bryant, Valdosta	1 00
J. M. Nobrith (Rev.), Americus	1 00
E. J. Carter, D. D., Columbus	1 00
Rev. M. J. Morris, Corde	1 00
Rev. McD. Spencer, Valdosta	1 00
Rev. T. A. Lomax, Valdosta	1 00
Rev. R. Brown, Macon	1 00
Prof. W. R. Mack, Americus	1 00
Rev. R. Turpin, Columbus	1 00
Rev. H. W. Williams, Albany	1 00
Rev. N. H. Whitman, Savannah	1 00
Rev. G. W. Paulhill, Seville	1 00
R. J. White, Gerode	1 00
Rev. A. L. Shaw, Malone	1 00
Rev. B. B. Bullock, Vienna	1 00
Rev. L. M. Mather, Tipton	1 00
Rev. W. H. Ballard, Atlanta	1 00
Rev. P. Jas. Bryant, D. D., Atlanta	1 00
Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D.	1 00
Rev. B. B. Dunn, Atlanta	1 00
Rev. T. E. Eberhart, Atlanta	1 00
Rev. W. W. Floyd, Atlanta	1 00
Rev. P. J. Jackson, D. D.	1 00
J. H. Starts, Atlanta	1 00
M. V. James, Atlanta	1 00
J. W. Jackson (life member)	1 00
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Lily of the Valley Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Hathaway, Plymouth	1 00

## WEST VIRGINIA.

I. V. Bryant, Huntington	\$ 5 00
Rev. R. H. McCoy, D. D., Elkhorn	1 00
Rev. W. H. Mitchell, Kimball	1 00
Rev. J. A. Hargrow, Alderson	1 00
Rev. J. P. Caul, Charleston	1 00
W. M. Toney, Parkersburg	1 00
M. J. Banks, Handley	5 00
M. E. Green, Graham	5 00
Rev. P. P. Holland, Springfield	1 00
Rev. J. C. Smith, Alderson	1 00
Marie Waldron, Alderson	1 00
Rev. W. C. Clements, Godfrey	1 00
J. W. Robinson, St. Albans	1 00
Mrs. Maria Waldron, Alderson	1 00
Jessie C. Smith, Alderson	1 00
Rev. L. Dabney, Freeman	1 00
Rev. Robert Mason, Parkersburg	1 00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. C. W. Harris, Anderson	1 60
Rev. Warner Brown, Montgomery	3 00
Prof. A. P. Straughter, Hinton	1 00
Rev. Wm. Jackson, Sweet Springs	5 00
Prof. J. M. Arter, Red Star	1 00

Officers of Association: Rev. C. N. Harris, D. D., Moderator; Rev. M. Roberson, Vice Moderator; Rev. R. H. Gordon, Secretary; Rev. J. J. Turner, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. D. C. Deans, Treasurer.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

G. W. Lee, Washington	\$93 00
W. H. Brooks, Washington	144 00
Mr. V. D. Norman, Washington	5 00

Drs. Lee and Wilbanks, Washington	\$ 37 00
J. T. Clark, Washington	1 00
A. J. Tyler, Washington	1 00
J. A. Taylor, Washington	1 00

## ENROLLMENT.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Washington, D. C.	\$5 00
Emanuel Baptist Church, Rev. G. M. Hunter, D. D., Lake Charles, La.	5 00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D., Boston, Mass.	1 00
Harmony Street Baptist Church, Rev. C. M. Wells, Avondale, Ala.	2 00
Rev. J. H. C. Henry	1 00
Greenwood Baptist Church, Rev. J. D. Williams, Shady Dale, Ga.	3 25
Mt. Zion, Rev. T. Bellinger, Pensacola, Fla.	1 00
East Mississippi Baptist Association, Rev. R. H. Reed, Secretary, Laurel, Miss.	6 00
Green Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	5 00

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

## ALABAMA.

The State of Alabama submits the following financial statement:

We have made at this session of the Convention the following donations:	
To Home Mission Board	\$ 10 30
To B. Y. P. U. Board	5 00
To General Expenses	96 00
Total Annual Membership Fee	23 00

Grand total from all sources 134 30

Respectfully submitted,  
D. M. COLEMAN, D. D., President.  
C. J. DAVIS, B. D., Secretary.

## ARKANSAS.

Second Baptist Church, Helena, G. A. Long	\$ 8 00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Helena, N. H. Hunter	1 00
St. Marks Baptist Church, Helena, N. H. Hunter	1 00
St. Paul Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, R. W. Patterson	12 00

Union District Association, Little Rock.....	\$ 50 00
Roanoke Church, Hot Springs, S. E. J. Watson....	10 00
Salem Church, Forest City, A. J. Lacey.....	3 00
First Baptist, Cotton Plant, J. H. Sims.....	1 00
Endora, Argenta, J. H. Sims .....	1 00
Widener Grove, Widener, W. A. Moss.....	2 00
Peter's Rock, Tettleton .....	2 00
Consolidated W. R. Association, J. H. Humphrey..	1 00
Central Association, D. L. Lindsey.....	10 00
St. Marian Association, S. L. Woodfolk .....	10 00
S. E. Association, I. G. Bailey .....	10 00
Canaan Church, Texarkana, J. M. Harris .....	9 00
First Baptist Church, Wynne, W. F. Lovelace....	3 00
Mt. Canaan, Hot Springs, W. F. Lovelace.....	3 00
Central District Sunday-School Convention.....	5 00
Bethlehem Church, J. B. Words .....	1 50
First Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, C. H. Whittington	6 00

## WEST FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION.

The State of Florida submits the following financial statement:

We have made at this session of the Convention the following donations:

To Foreign Mission Board .....	\$ 8 00
To Publishing Board .....	1 00
To B. Y. P. U. Board.....	3 00
Grand total from all sources.....	\$12 00

Respectfully submitted,  
J. B. LAKE, D. D., President.  
L. HAWTHORNE, Secretary.

## COLORADO.

The State of Colorado submits the following financial statement:

We have made at this session of the Convention the following donations:

To Foreign Mission Board .....	\$ 1 00
To Home Mission Board .....	1 00
To General Expenses .....	2 00
Grand total from all sources .....	\$ 5 00

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. J. B. BECKHAM, President.  
REV. D. E. OVER, Secretary.  
Revs. A. E. Reynolds and J. B. Beckham, Delegation.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

The State of North Carolina submits the following financial statement:

We have made at this session of the Convention the following donations:

To Foreign Mission Board .....	\$11 00
To Home Mission Board .....	8 84
To B. Y. P. U. Board .....	7 64
To General Expenses .....	3 00
Total Annual Membership Fee .....	10 00
Grand total from all sources .....	\$40 48

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. C. M. CARTWRIGHT, D. D., President.  
PROF. GEO. M. JAMES, Secretary.  
REV. C. M. CARTWRIGHT, D. D., Delegation.

## MINNESOTA.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. W. D. Carter, D. D., St. Paul, Minn., submits the following financial statement:

To Foreign Mission Board .....	\$ 2 00
To Publishing Board .....	1 00
Home Mission Board .....	2 00
To B. Y. P. U. Board .....	5 00
Total Annual Membership Fee .....	3 00
Grand total from all sources .....	\$13 00

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. W. D. CARTER, D. D., Pastor.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Delegation submits the following financial statement:

We have made at this session of the Convention the following donations:

To Foreign Mission Board.....	\$10 00
To Home Mission Board.....	5 00
To B. Y. P. U. Board .....	2 00
To General Expenses .....	6 00
Total Annual Membership Fee .....	14 00
Grand total from all sources.....	\$45 00

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. L. S. LEE, D. D., President.  
R. H. REID, Secretary.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

At the close of the Convention the President called the Executive Board in session to hear the final report of the Finance Committee, to make the disbursements for the Convention, and to transact any other business left to the Board by the said National Convention.

Rev. C. B. Brown, D. D., Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Mr. President, your Committee on Finance begs to submit the following:

Received from annual membership fees, public collections, donations and special for current expenses .....\$1577 95

By motion the following disbursements were ordered:

To Finance Committee .....	\$ 40 00
To Enrollment Committee .....	20 00
To Ushers .....	40 00
To Office of President E. C. Morris .....	885 00
To Chas. Stewart, Official Reporter .....	50 00
To Badges, Express, Etc .....	107 00
To Assistant Secretaries .....	62 50
To Rev. A. J. Stokes, borrowed money .....	50 00
To Miscellaneous Expense .....	21 63
To Rev. S. W. Bacote, Statistician .....	60 00
To N. H. Pius, Musical Director .....	4 00
To Secretary R. B. Hudson .....	46 82
To Expense on Auditorium .....	25 00
To Rev. Robt. Mitchell, Auditor .....	10 95
To A. J. Stokes, Treasurer .....	25 00
To Correspondence and Expense for year .....	120 05
To Official Help .....	10 00

Total .....\$1577 95

There being no further business the committee adjourned.

E. C. MORRIS, D. D., President.  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

**JOURNAL**

**OF THE**

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**OF THE**

**WOMAN'S CONVENTION**

**(Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention)**

**HELD IN THE**

**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO**

**SEPTEMBER 15-20, 1909**



# 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 \$10, local societies that have paid \$5, and Children's Bands that have paid \$1.00, 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; shall organize new societies, and shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees. She may, through the Corresponding Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when in her judgment 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 co-operation 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 these reports the Corresponding Secretary shall collect the annual report.

She shall conduct the correspondence of the Executive Committee, and shall be authorized to organize societies, and transact all necessary business connected therewith.

Art. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the annual meeting, compile and distribute the minutes and see that minutes are sent to all members, whether life or annual.

Art. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected on the field or at the Convention. The Treasurer shall pay out no money without an order from the Corresponding Secretary, signed by the President. An accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money as reported or received by her shall be kept; she shall present a detailed account of all moneys paid out by her, to whom, for what, and the amount turned over to the Boards.

Art. 6. The Executive Committee of twelve members shall be nominated by a committee appointed for that purpose, and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. It shall be their duty to advise the Corresponding Secretary in her work, hear her monthly report and pass upon the same. The Executive Committee shall also keep in hand two hundred dollars for Corresponding Secretary, in case of emergency. Instead of reporting monthly to the committee, she may report quarterly. There shall be five members in the city or thereabouts.

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

Art. 8. Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer, and the delegates shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two highest nominees for each office.

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

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

Art. 11. The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting, three months previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to the Woman's Missionary 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.

Mrs. S. W. Layton, 2225 Madison Square, Philadelphia, Pa. .... President  
 Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Atlanta, Ga. .... Vice-President  
 Miss N. H. Burroughs, Louisville, Ky. .... Corresponding Secretary  
 Mrs. V. W. Broughton, 940 McDowell Street, Memphis, Tenn., Recording Secretary  
 Mrs. M. B. Goins, Jefferson City, Mo. .... Assistant Recording Secretary  
 Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Ky. .... Treasurer  
 Mrs. E. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo. .... Statistician

#### Vice Presidents of States.

Mrs. C. M. Wells ..... Montgomery, Ala.  
 Mrs. S. C. V. Shanks ..... Pine Bluff, Ark.  
 Mrs. Lillie Smith, 2111, Arapahoe Street, ..... Denver, Col.  
 Mrs. J. Davis ..... Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Mrs. Julia Mason Layton ..... District of Columbia  
 Mrs. H. E. Herrie ..... Atlant, Ga.  
 Mrs. L. J. Washington ..... Macon, Ga.  
 Mrs. M. D. Grigsby ..... Indiana  
 Mrs. Hattie Wells ..... Illinois  
 Mrs. Emma Gaines ..... Topeka, Kans.  
 Mrs. C. K. Parrish ..... Louisville, Ky.  
 Mrs. N. L. West ..... Louisiana  
 Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, 4221 Papin Street, ..... St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. Fanny White, 421 West Ransom Street, ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 Mrs. Hattie E. Jackson ..... Beltsfontaine, O.  
 Mrs. L. W. Landrum ..... Oklahoma  
 Mrs. L. W. Carter, 338 R. R. Street, ..... Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, 1107 McGhee Avenue, ..... Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Mrs. M. M. Buckner ..... Austin, Tex.  
 Mrs. L. Miller ..... Texas  
 Mrs. M. M. Gilmore ..... Rock Hill, S. C.  
 Mrs. B. F. Fox ..... Virginia

## Executive Board.

Mrs. A. A. Bowie, 616 North Sixteenth Street.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. S. J. Porter, 1600 East Fourteenth Street.....	Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. J. Davis .....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. J. B. Bockham, 2474 California Street.....	Denver, Col.
Mrs. Sallie Minor .....	District of Columbia
Mrs. S. A. Chrisbolm .....	Georgia
Miss Hattie L. Forrest .....	Georgia
Mrs. Anna E. Webber .....	Indiana
Mrs. Mattie Bledsoe .....	Carlo, Ill.
Mrs. H. L. Frazier .....	Wichita, Kans.
Mrs. A. D. Hurt .....	Owensboro, Ky.
Mrs. F. H. Lewis .....	Louisiana
Mrs. M. L. Saunders .....	Missouri
Mrs. Mamie Clark, 724 East Sixth Street.....	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. M. J. Brockway .....	Oklahoma
Mrs. Patience Carter .....	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. Nannie West .....	Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield .....	Texas
Mrs. H. Weekley .....	Texas
Mrs. A. P. Dupbar, 1213 Barnwell Street.....	Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. L. S. Edwards .....	Virginia

## Local Committee.

Mrs. C. H. Parish, Miss L. Crittendon, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. V. Parker, Mrs. John Frank.

## State Superintendents of Children's Band.

Mrs. R. T. Pollard .....	Selma, Ala.
Mrs. T. W. Doe .....	Alabama
Mrs. R. F. Means, 1823 Pulaski Street.....	Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. H. H. Williams .....	California
Mrs. M. E. Morrison, 534 Fox Street.....	Denver, Col.
Mrs. Fanny W. Jones .....	District of Columbia
Miss Bessie B. Foster.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Eliza J. Bennett .....	Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Florence Cooke .....	Quincy, Ill.
Mrs. J. W. Gordon .....	Iola, Kans.
Mrs. Sallie Williams .....	Louisiana
Mrs. J. V. Donley .....	Missouri
Mrs. F. A. Townsend .....	Oklahoma
Mrs. Edna Gray, 256 Thirtieth Street.....	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. M. H. Flowers, 513 Mulberry Street.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Tyrrell, 1307 Twelfth Street.....	Lynchburg, Va.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM

OF THE

## Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

WEDNESDAY—Morning.

Attend Opening Session National Baptist Convention.

Afternoon.

2:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. N. L. West, of Baldwin, La. Theme—"The Christianity Needed To-day." First, that will address itself to the neglected classes. Second, the Christianity of comfort. Third, the Christianity of hope. Fourth, Christianity of light.

2:30—Formal Opening of Convention.

Music Convention Choir.

2:45—Addresses of Welcome:

1. On Behalf of the Second Baptist Church, Mrs. Wm. Roason.
2. On Behalf of the Baptist Auxiliaries of Columbus, Mrs. Daley J. Burr.
3. On Behalf of Other Denominations, Mrs. Minnie G. Jamison.
4. On Behalf of Baptist City Missionary Union, Mrs. Jennie Pack.
5. On Behalf of the Ohio Baptist Women's State Convention, Mrs. K. E. Jackson.

4:00—Response to Welcome Addresses, Mrs. E. W. Abner, of Texas. Two-minute Greetings from the States—Vice Presidents.

4:15—Appointment of Committees and Enrollment of Delegates.

5:00—Music. Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

Evening.

7:30—Song Service.

8:00—Devotional services, led by Revs. J. P. Robinson, of Arkansas, and A. Barbour, of Texas.

- 8:30—Annual Sermon, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., of Louisville, Ky.  
 9:30—Music. Offering. (The offering of the evening goes to defray the expenses of the President, and each friend and delegate is requested to be liberal.)  
 Announcements. Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY—Morning.

- 6:30—Sunrise Prayer-Meeting, led by Mrs. Lula M. Jackson, Field Missionary, Kentucky, and Mrs. Rosella Robinson, Indiana. All delegates are urged to attend this special meeting. Come praying; come singing; come expecting a Pentecostal shower.  
 8:45—Bible Hour, conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bailey, of Dermott, Ark.  
 9:15—Intermission.  
 9:30—Devotional services, led by Mrs. F. A. Townsend, of Oklahoma.  
 9:45—Report of Enrollment Committee.  
 10:00—President's Annual Address.  
 Music. Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

#### Afternoon.

- 2:00—Devotional services, led by Mrs. E. L. Jefferson, of New York, assisted by Mrs. Bettie Holmes, of Maryland. Theme—"Forgiveness." (Matt. 18.)  
 2:30—Report of Corresponding Secretary.  
 Music.  
 Report of Treasurer.  
 A Review of the Field.  
 Field Missionaries, Mrs. E. E. Widfield, Mrs. Lula M. Jackson, Miss M. M. Kimball.  
 District Missionaries, Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett.  
 Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

#### Evening.

##### Platform Meeting—Training School.

- 7:30—Devotional services, led by Rev. W. R. Ashburn, of Virginia, and Rev. Thomas White, Virginia.  
 7:45—Report, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs.  
 8:00—Address, "The Duty of the Denomination to Make a Specialty of Preparing Its Own Workers," Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., of New York.

- 8:15—Address, "The Need of Trained Christian Women as Workers in the Church, and in the Community," Rev. T. L. Griffith, of Iowa.  
 Music.  
 8:30—Address, "What Trained Workers Can Do for the Masses," Rev. E. W. Moore, of Pennsylvania, and Prof. Byrd Pillerman, of West Virginia.  
 Music.  
 8:50—Address, "Fitness for Service," Rev. Walter H. Brooks, of District of Columbia.  
 9:00—Address, "What the Training School Will Do for the Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Negroes, Who Live Within a Radius of Two Hundred Miles of Washington," Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, of District of Columbia.  
 Music.  
 9:15—Introduction of Trustees. Special Offering. Prayer.  
 Adjournment.

#### FRIDAY—Morning.

- 8:45—Bible Hour, conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bailey.  
 9:15—Intermission.  
 9:30—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. Mary Stratton, West Virginia.  
 Theme: Missionary—"The Field is the World." (Matt. 13:1-38.)  
 Music.

#### Foreign Mission Period.

- 9:45—Address, "Review of the Mission Fields," Mrs. E. Jeanette Hines, of Indiana.  
 10:00—Address, "How to Increase Interest On Behalf of Foreign Missions in the Local Church," Mrs. A. J. Abington, of Missouri.  
 10:20—Address, "The Best Missionary Literature and How to Use It," Mrs. A. P. Dunbar, and Miss C. B. Gary, of South Carolina, Alternate.  
 Music.  
 10:40—Address, "How to Educate a Local Church on the Question of Missions," Mrs. F. H. Lewis, of Louisiana.  
 11:00—Address, "Your Interest is Due," Mrs. L. S. Edwards, of Virginia.  
 11:15—Discussions opened by the following workers:  
 Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, of Tennessee, "How to Increase Interest on Behalf of Foreign Missions in the Local Church."  
 Mrs. Belle W. Battle, of Colorado, "How to Educate a Local Church on the Question of Missions."

Mrs. M. J. Davis, of California, "Your Interest Is Due."  
Delegates who desire to take part in these discussions may pass their cards to the ushers, indicating the subject upon which they wish to speak. Three minutes are allowed each speaker.

11:00—Opening Question Box. Offering. Announcement. Adjournment.

#### Afternoon.

2:30—Devotional services, led by Miss Jessie Holman, of Texas.  
Theme: "Dead Broke." (Luke 15.)  
Music.

#### Social Reform Period.

2:00—Address, "The Status and Condition of the Negro in the North—The Servant Girl; The Laborer," Mrs. Julia Burgess, of Chicago.

3:15—Address, "What Effect Have the Skating Rink, Nickelodeon, and other Amusements Upon Society?" Mrs. C. D. Trice, of Illinois.

3:30—Address, "What Moral Effect Has the Installment Dress and Furniture Business Upon the Masses?" Mrs. L. Alexander, of Missouri.

3:45—Address, "How the Successful Crusade Against the Saloon Is Helping the Masses," Miss Hattie Forest, of Georgia.

4:00—Address, "How to Make a Humble Home a Happy Home," Mrs. H. F. Frazier, of Kansas.

4:15—Address, "Why Our Boys Should Not Be Neglected," Mrs. C. B. McDowell, of Missouri.

4:30—Address, "The Jim Crow Negro, and How to Improve His Conduct," Mrs. Florence P. Cooper, of Tennessee.  
Music.

#### To Open and Take Part in Discussions:

Mrs. Alice Fowkes, of Alabama, "What Effect Has the Installment Dress and Furniture Business Upon the Masses?"  
Mrs. B. Terrell, of Virginia, "How the Successful Crusade Against the Saloon Is Helping the Masses."

Miss Martha J. Johnson, of District of Columbia, "How to Make a Humble Home a Happy Home."

Mrs. M. M. Buckner, of Texas, "Why Our Boys Should Not Be Neglected."

Mrs. L. A. K. Johnson, of Mississippi, and Mrs. R. J. Henderson, of Louisiana, "The Jim Crow Negro, and How to Improve His Conduct."

Mrs. S. L. Cochran, of Ohio, "The Status and Condition of the Negro in the North—The servant Girl; The Laborer."  
6:30—Music: Offering. Announcements. Adjournment.

#### Evening.

##### Young Girls' Evening.

Miss Katharine Johnson, of Chicago, Ill., presiding.

7:30—Devotional services, led by Miss Katharine Johnson. Theme—"Christ Our Rock" (Matt. 7.)

7:45—Address, "How the Church Can Draw Its Young People," Miss Herbert Webber, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Solo, Miss Jessie May Cross, Houston, Texas.

8:00—Address, "The Necessity of Educating Girls in Christian Schools," Miss Willie Spaulding, of Atlanta, Ga.  
Chorus, "Sailing Home."

Solo, Miss Clara Bell Rivers, Atlanta, Ga.

8:15—Address, "What the Needle Can Do for Africa," Miss Mary Buchanan, of Middledrift, South Africa.

Solo, Miss Lavinia Valentine, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

8:30—Address, "Right About, Face," Miss Rosalie Hanna, of Atlanta, Ga.

Solo, Miss Geneva Cowles, of Xenia, Ohio.

8:45—Address, "A Vision of Africa's Future," Miss Della Rudolph, of Capetown, South Africa.

Chorus, "We are Under Marching Orders."

Pray, encourage and help our girls in every good work attempted by them.

#### SATURDAY—Morning.

8:45—Bible Hour, conducted by Mrs. S. B. Bailey.

9:15—Intermission.

9:30—Devotional services, led by Mrs. R. S. Mitchell, of Florida.  
Theme—"The Christ Estimate of the Child" (Matt. 10: 13-16.)

Report of Finance Committee.

Look Upon the Field Vice Presidents:

Three-Minute Reports, Giving, First, Conditions; Second, Needs.

9:55—Address, "Ways by Which Effective Work May Be Done Among Children," Miss Fannie E. Blackburn, State Superintendent Ohio Children's Bands.

10:15—Open parliament in which workers among children will give practical talks on how they have made their work a success. Five minutes will be allowed each speaker.

## MINUTES.

Things to carry away from this meeting, and how to use them. Note-book suggestions.

10:45—Reports of Committees.

11:30—Election of Officers.

Afternoon.

Attend Session National Baptist Convention.

Evening.

SLABTOWN CONVENTION.

SUNDAY—MORNING.

9:30 Sunday-school.

11:00—Devotional services, led by Rev. G. L. Davis, of Pennsylvania.  
Sermon, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, of New York.  
Music. Offering. Adjournment.

Afternoon.

3:00—Attend Missionary Mass-Meeting.

Evening.

7:30—Special Song Service.

8:00—Devotional services, led by Rev. W. G. Johnson, of Georgia.  
8:15—Address, "The Triumphs of Christianity in the World," Mr. J. S. Morton, of Pennsylvania.

8:30—Sermon, Rev. A. S. Jackson, of Texas.

9:30—Installation of Officers, Rev. W. H. Jernaglo, of Oklahoma.  
Offering. Announcements. Final Adjournment.

## MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

COLUMBUS, OHIO., September 15, 1909.

The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, convened in its ninth annual session in the Second Baptist Church, Rev. A. D. Chandler, pastor, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. A. D. Hurt, of Owensboro, Ky. Song, "There is a fountain filled with blood;" prayer by Sister Joanna P. Moore; song, "We bear the cross alone;" Bible reading, Psalm 66 by Mrs. R. T. Fry, Lexington, Ky.; song "No never alone;" testimonies by Mrs. Malinda A. Dowell, Kentucky, Mrs. Agnes M. Gilbert, N. Y.; song, "I want to be a Christian;" testimonies continued, Mrs. R. E. Pitts, Alabama, Mrs. Emma Gaines, Kansas. President Layten called upon Mrs. Nellie Bishop, Tennessee, to pray for God's guidance in all the work undertaken during the Convention's sessions.

Mrs. C. S. Westfall, Corresponding Secretary of W. B. H. M. S., Chicago, Ill., was escorted to the platform. All ladies programmed for the afternoon session were invited to the platform.

Mrs. Shanks, Arkansas, and those she might secure to assist her were asked to seat the delegation.

Appropriate words of Christian greeting, and of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for permitting so many of us to meet again were spoken by President Layten, who declared the Convention duly opened for the transaction of business. She rejoiced to have two honored visitors pres-



ent in the persons of Sister Joanna P. Moore, and Mrs. Westfall.

Song by the choir, "His truth is marching on."

Mrs. Wm. Hobson delivered the welcome address on behalf of the Second Baptist Church, of Columbus. She expressed her joy in being privileged to bid us welcome, because of the work we had done, and the greater work we were planning to do. She was glad to have us here to tell the tidings concerning our work in all lands. "This is our day of opportunity and service," she said, and she bade us welcome because the world's evangelization depended greatly upon our service.

Mrs. Daisy J. Burr welcomed the Convention on behalf of the auxiliaries of Columbus. She said that the auxiliaries of Columbus represented about one hundred zealous women who were one with us in our great effort to spread the gospel, and establish the Missionary Training School. She bade us welcome because our coming would give greater inspiration to the workers in Columbus, and probably induce others to join our ranks. She said also that to the extent of their ability preparations had been made to make our meeting pleasant as well as profitable.

Song, "Victory! victory! the battle cry."

Mrs. Minnie G. Jamison, delivered the welcome address on behalf of other denominations. She was very happy in her historical references to our beginning as a race to do organized Christian work. She spoke of an effort made in New Orleans, La., May, 1886. Three men, three women and three children constituted the membership of that organization. Our progress in the past twenty-three years was manifest in the phenomenal growth as is seen today. We were welcome because of our loyalty to Christ, our love for humanity and our efforts to uplift all classes.

Song, "We're under marching orders."

Mrs. Jennie Pack welcomed the Convention on behalf of the Baptist City Missionary Union. She said that her welcome was the voice of every Christian woman in the

city. They were a determined band of Christians, united to advance the Lord's kingdom; they were in full accord with our motto, "Higher Ground," and stood ready to help us advance while in Columbus to the extent of their financial ability as by all other available means.

Mrs. B. Clark, representing Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Vice President of Ohio, appeared on behalf of the Ohio Baptist Women's State Convention. She said that the Baptist Women's Convention of Ohio was no longer auxiliary. As an independent body, though young, as a separate and distinct organization, it had aided every noble object presented, and owned property in the State. She welcomed us to the state because of the greatness of our work and because of the blessings our coming brought to them.

Song, "Till the day breaks."

The regular appointee to make the response to the welcome addresses was Mrs. E. W. Abner, of Texas. Mrs. Abner being absent, Mrs. P. Jas. Bryant, Vice President, of Georgia, responded. She responded in a most cheerful vein to the many kind words of welcome so heartily extended. Mrs. Bryant was pleased to note that our work had been observed. She then enumerated the objects of our endeavors; principally the true development of pure womanhood, and the uplift of humanity the world over, emphasizing the special work of women in the home as wife and mother; then, our missionary endeavors and the Missionary Training School. She expressed sympathy for the affliction of the women of the state in the illness of the beloved President, Mrs. H. E. Jackson. Concluding with hearty thanks for the cordial welcome extended, "Win the crown" was sung.

Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, of the District of Columbia was called to the platform to introduce Sister J. P. Moore. Very fittingly with appropriate, suggestive language she presented Sister Moore, as the angel of mercy, that God sent to us, at the beginning or launching of our racial-ship, as freedmen to teach us how to build our homes, and live true to God and to each other. Amidst loud hallelujahs

Sister Moore gave her message, Heb. 12:3; 2 Cor. 8:9. These truths had encouraged her and kept her happy all these years. She urged that we recognize the presence of God. In short she represented the Bible and the home life. In her usual manner she closed with prayer.

Song, Sister V. W. Broughton, "What book ought I to love the best?"

Mrs. C. M. Wells, Vice President of Alabama, brought greetings. She gave statistics as substantial evidence of the progress of the woman's work in Alabama. She assured the Convention that Alabama was loyal to all the work of the Convention, and a large delegation had come from Alabama to encourage the work undertaken.

Mrs. S. C. V. Shanks, Vice President of Arkansas, brought an encouraging message. She said that Arkansas was wide-awake, trying to lift up suffering humanity. Arkansas was emphasizing the need of thorough development of head, heart and hand.

Mrs. H. E. Harris, Vice-President of Georgia, reported the work of her state. She said that the reformatory was a special feature of their work in Georgia. The Baptist women of her state were in full accord with our national work and would give hearty support to the same.

Mrs. M. D. Grigsby, Vice President of Indiana brought greetings. The State of Indiana was wide-awake, was supporting a field work who was doing excellent service as state missionary. More than one hundred conversions were reported. Slum work was given due consideration. Indiana was loyal to every endeavor of the National Convention and hoped to send two students to the Missionary Training School.

Mrs. Annie Peyton, Vice President of Illinois, rejoiced to be present, perhaps as no other, because of special providential provision in restoring her health sufficiently to be there. She reported the work in Illinois as steadily progressing. Marked progress had been made along all lines. The women were being developed into efficient workers, and they were ever ready to share in the respon-

sibilities of the general work of missions and education. The City Union of Chicago was a source of great strength to the work in Illinois.

Mrs. Emma Gaines, Vice President of Kansas, brought greetings from her state. She said that Kansas was fast falling in line, striving to do the Master's work. An Old Folk's Home was a special feature of endeavor in Kansas.

Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Vice President of Kentucky, said that she was impressed by the prayer on the wall as she entered the room, "Lord what would'st thou have me to do?" She then spoke of Sister Joanna P. Moore's life as her earthly example. A girl's dormitory had been erected by the women of Kentucky. Slum work was given special attention. She rejoiced in the help given their work in Kentucky by the missionaries supported by the white Baptists of both North and South. A statistical report was read showing excellent that work was being done by our sisters in Kentucky.

Song, "Step in anywhere, fighting all along the line."

Mrs. N. L. West, Vice President of Louisiana, brought greetings from her state. She said that Louisiana represented only a small body of Christian workers; but they were in harmony with the National work, and would do what they could to foster it.

Mrs. A. G. Abington, Missionary of the Woman's Convention of Missouri, brought greetings from Missouri. She said that the women of her state had decided to endure hardness as good soldiers. Missouri was in line with the work of the National Convention and could be counted upon to foster every object of our endeavor.

Mrs. L. W. Andrews brought greetings from Oklahoma. She said that Oklahoma was doing a similar work to that of the other states and was ready to foster the work of the National Convention.

Mrs. Mamie Clark brought greetings from Ohio. She gave statistics showing their work was well advanced. Slum work was emphasized. Ohio was in full accord with all the work of our Convention.

Mrs. M. H. Hamilton, Vice President of Tennessee, brought greetings from her state. She rejoiced to report that Tennessee was a prohibition state. Tennessee Baptist women's organization represented fourteen district associations and one state convention, about one hundred local societies. Tennessee was doing missionary and educational state work and was loyal in her support of the National work. She praised God for answered prayer in behalf of her health, and for her increased faith in God. She spoke of the large donations Tennessee was making toward the furnishings of the Training School and concluded by referring to an incident relative to shipping a box of eggs to the Training School as proof of Tennessee's willingness to do whatever she was asked.

Mrs. I. Miller, Vice President of Texas, gave a glowing report of the work of her state and promised continued loyalty to the national work.

Mrs. B. F. Fox, Vice President of Virginia, rejoiced to note the peace and harmony in our Convention. She then spoke of the special work the Virginia Baptist women were doing toward erecting a girl's dormitory in their state. She assured the Convention of Virginia's loyalty to the general work.

Mrs. H. L. Dorroh brought greetings from Florida. She said that Florida was gradually falling in line with all the phases of our work. Mrs. Dorroh expressed great joy in being permitted to see Sister Joanna P. Moore face to face, for the first time in her life, because Sister Moore's "Hope" had been the chief cause of her inspiration to do Christian work.

Mrs. A. E. West was called to represent Pennsylvania, but preferred to wait for a more opportune time.

Mrs. J. M. Layton, Vice President of District of Columbia, said that Washington was ready with heart and hand to do full duty toward fostering the Missionary Training School. The women's work of the District was in a pre-

gressive condition and they were loyal to all the objects of our endeavor in the National Convention.

Mrs. M. W. Gilbert, of New York, said that the women of New York were wide-awake and striving to do the Lord's work.

Mrs. R. L. Kearney brought a word of greeting from North Carolina assuring the Convention that the women of her state were determined to do more and better work all along the lines set forth by the great Convention.

Mrs. M. A. B. Smith, said that both the state conventions of Texas were in full accord with our work, and would be heard from later.

Mrs. Queen, representing the Old Folk's Home in Washington, D. C., spoke in a cheerful vein of the good work that was being done by her sisters to provide a home for the aged. All forms of missionary, educational and charitable work are being founded and fostered by the good women of our National Baptist Convention as set forth in the pointed and brief reports of the various state representatives. Let us praise God and press forward in all these lines of Christian activities, so nobly begun.

Announcements were made. An offering amounting to \$2.57 was taken.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wm. Phillips, of Pennsylvania.

Immediately after this session an informal reception was kindly tendered by the ladies of Columbus to the Woman's Convention. A much needed refreshment, as well as a social pleasure was enjoyed by all present.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Wm. Phillips, Pennsylvania. Song by the choir, "I'm pressing on the upward way;" Bible reading, Ezekiel 37:1-11; prayer by Rev. Carter of Georgia; song by choir, "Shine and give God the glory."

President Layton, presiding, made some timely remarks complimentary of the decorum of our Convention, then in-

roduced Dr. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky, to preach our annual sermon. Solo, Miss Geneva Cowles, of Ohio, "I shall know Him by the prints of the nails in his hands," was most effectively rendered.

Dr. Parrish read Ezekiel 37:10. Ezekiel's vision teaches resurrection from death to life. A dead world—God's means of bringing it to life. A description of Jewish life at the time of Ezekiel's vision similar to present day life. Paul's teaching thousands of years later, a repetition of Ezekiel's vision. The condition of all mankind. All fell in Adam. Universality of sin, tells not alone of the untidy of the human family, but also its lost and ruined condition. World separated from God, dead, utterly as Ezekiel's vision states. Three forms of death: Bones separated, dead; bones united in the skeleton, dead; bones covered with flesh, (the body) also dead. No breath, no life, save through the Spirit of God. The gospel of Jesus Christ the only remedy for man's salvation, a resurrection from the death of sin, to new life in Christ Jesus. Christ's sacrificial life set forth as God's means of raising lost men. The Word of God—the power to raise dry bones. Illustrations: Saul of Tarsus, Africana and others were resurrected to new life by the gospel of Jesus. The commission to go had reached our women, and all who heeded the call were more heroic than either Cook or Peary, who claim to have explored the north pole. It is ours to go to these spiritually dead, a glorious privilege, for they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever. An earnest appeal made to go forth and publish the gospel message to all the world.

Solo, Miss Cowles, "I expect to hear the Savior call my name."

Chairmen of the following committees were appointed: On Recommendations, Temperance, Lost and Found and Seating.

The choir sang several selections during the taking of the evening collection which amounted to \$23.27.

Announcements were made. Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Jno. Frank, Louisville, Kentucky.

#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

An early morning prayer service was engaged in to the spiritual edification of all who attended. Several asked for special prayers.

The service of Bible hour, 8:45 to 9:45 a. m., was conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bailey, of Dermott, Ark. Lesson, John 16:8-11; Eph. 6:17; Acts 2: 41; 1 Cor. 2:2-4. Subject, "The Word Magnified." A goodly number of sisters commented upon the references given and all enjoyed the lesson. Sister Bailey told of an association of women in her district in Arkansas that devoted two hours of each of their annual sessions to Bible study. They begun with three women, but the work had grown until one hundred and fifty women were present at one session with Bibles in hand ready for their lesson. This Bible study had proven such a great spiritual blessing to the sisters of her district, and now that her prayers had been answered to have a season of Bible study in the National Convention, her joy was full.

Song, "Come Holy Spirit;" prayer, Sister M. H. Flowers; song, "Leaning on the everlasting arm." Recess 15 minutes.

10 o'clock a. m. devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ella McElroy, of Tennessee. Song, "Glory to His name;" Bible reading, Psalm 27; Sister McElroy commented upon the lesson read; song, "There is power in the blood;" prayer; songs, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus," "I will guide thee;" prayer, Rev. A. W. DeYampert, Alabama; songs of praise continued, "We'll understand it better by and by," "Bring them in."

Vice President of states were again given opportunity to report.

Mrs. A. E. West, representing the Woman's State Convention of Pennsylvania, said that the women of Pennsylvania were doing educational and missionary work, and they were in accord with all lines of the national work. Pennsylvania rejoiced to be able to support a missionary on foreign fields. Mrs. West gave a statistical report as conclusive evidence of a great work being done in her state.

Mrs. Lula J. Washington, Vice President of Woman's State Convention of Georgia, brought greetings from her convention. She said that the women of her convention were doing a special educational work in Georgia, in connection with the state school; they were also interested in the National work, and hoped to do much toward advancing the general work as the women of the other states.

Miss C. B. Gary, representing the work in South Carolina in the absence of her state president, reported that the state had taken on new life. The women were building a girl's dormitory in connection with Morris College. The sisters had also supported two girls in school; they were with us to do their duty toward developing the general work. South Carolina rejoices to have a share in the direct support of a native missionary.

Mrs. Fannie White, of Michigan, said that she was greatly pleased to be with us in our annual gathering for the first time. The women of her state were interested in an Old Folks' Home, also the work of world wide missions, and Christian education.

Mrs. M. J. Davis, of California, represented the work in Southern California. The women of that state were interested in an Old Folks' Home and other local work. They were also in full accord with the national work and would give their hearty support to it.

\* The minutes of the first day's session were read and by motion approved, with the changes of names necessary.

Committees were then appointed (See the names with their reports).

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, of Tennessee, presented the Fireside School work. She spoke of the manual and catalogue, telling somewhat of their contents, calling special attention to Sister Joanna P. Moore's picture and urged the women to supply themselves with the Fireside School literature which she would be on hand to distribute and to give any information desired concerning that work, during the sessions of our Convention.

Sister J. P. Moore arose and gave her good-morning verse: "The Lord thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty; he will rejoice over thee, he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing."—Zeph. 3:17. She told us that God spoke to her every morning by giving her a Bible verse. Her loving, vivid comment was very comforting. It was a real joy to have the blessed assurance that God loved us, and rejoiced o'er us, with singing.

Rev. Wm. Phillips, father of our beloved President, arose and told of his long acquaintance with Sister Moore; how helpful her lesson had been to him, and then told of a personal experience that testified to God's might and power to deliver his children from temptation. He urged us to recognize the Holy Spirit as our personal comforter and strength for service.

Song by the choir, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be."

A partial report of Enrollment Committee was read by Mrs. J. M. Layten. A motion to adopt report prevailed.

After another beautiful song Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Vice President of Kentucky, very fittingly, with a brief description of the many virtues of our honored President, presented Mrs. S. W. Layten, of Pennsylvania, to read her Ninth Annual Message.

Song, "All hail the power of Jesus name!"

Address outline—Review of history of our organization. This the Ninth Anniversary of continued successful organized effort. Fifty years ago no women had the privilege of development through organized effort. The world our field of operation. Women needed to cultivate this field.

An appeal to heed the Master's call. Work progressing along all lines. New workers heartily welcomed; old ones encouraged to press forward. The status of women the standard of civilization. Hence the loud call to women to lift this standard high. Take the Bible as our guide. Guard carefully the marriage vow. Magnify duties of motherhood and childhood. Make home what it should be. Honor labor. The Fall of Man brought wreck and ruin to the home as to every other phase of human life. The promise of God that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head places the first responsibility to restore home to its original state of blessedness upon mothers and fathers. Child training strongly emphasized, the same care and attention should be given to rearing of boys as to girls. Our women should expect protection first from men of our race, then from all men; we begin to secure this protection when we teach our sons to protect their mothers and sisters. A slight and timely rebuke given to ambitious workers who seek place and position to the scattering of our forces, by multiplying the number of local organizations. Our gift of song commended. Shortcomings in church decorum and taking collections referred to. Industrial problem given due consideration. Prevention and reform work considered.

An experience told of a visit of investigation into a slum district was very convincing of the need of our help to save our girls and women from the many vices to which they are subjected in the large cities of our country.

An article was read giving an insight into the work of the "Association for Protection of Colored Girls," a club organized for the industrial training of our young women, who go unprepared to meet the conditions of great northern and western cities, to serve as domestics, was spoken of complimentary.

Encouragement given our young women to take up the work of developing noble womanhood, so well begun by our Convention nine years ago. Our condition as Negro women will be improved as women's voices get a hearing

in the legislatures of our states and the Congress of the United States. This most excellent message was closed with suggestive lines of Kipling. Song, "My hope is built on nothing less."

Touching words by President's father, Rev. Wm. Phillips, followed.

A motion by Mrs. Kelly, of Kentucky, to extend thanks and give Chautauqua salute.

A motion by Mrs. J. M. Layten, that the able address of President be received, studied, cherished and given out to those who heard it not, and referred to Committee, given to Secretary for publication in full in our record.

Mrs. E. W. Tyrrell, of Virginia, made an amendment to have the address printed in pamphlet form.

A substitute motion that the address be referred to the Committee on Recommendations and brought to this Convention.

The substitute was lost. The amendment to print in pamphlet form was carried.

A motion by Mrs. Carter that the cost of printing the address be paid by the Convention and proceeds received from sale of pamphlet be given to the President. Carried.

Mrs. Kelly's motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rule and re-elect President Layten by acclamation.

President Layten asked that the motion be deferred and her election be taken at the regular time.

Mrs. Annie Peyton asked that we adhere to the President's request.

Motion was called for and a vote was taken with the following result: yeas, 139; nays, 15. Mrs. J. M. Layten desired to go on record as opposed to suspending the rule.

A motion that President Layten's election be made unanimous. Carried.

Announcements were made and the Convention was favored with a solo by Miss Cowles, the sweet singer in Israel, "Did Any Body Tell You?"

Song by the Convention, "Blest be the tie that binds." Benediction was pronounced by Rev. P. Jas. Bryant, of Georgia.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Eva Hooper, of Illinois. Song, "Nearer my God to thee;" Sister Mariah Toles, of Illinois, led in prayer; song, "There is a fountain filled with blood;" Bible reading, Psalm 23; song, "Oh happy day;" testimonies by Mrs. R. Means, Mrs. M. T. Mitchel, Mrs. M. Toles, Mrs. Maggie Love, Mrs. Hattie Nellnod, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mrs. Corine Stewart; songs, "Jesus shall lead me," "Walk in the light."

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Sister E. E. Whitfield, our Field Missionary, was presented and made the following address:

"I have travelled from the Atlantic to the Pacific; from the gulf to the lakes, going in every way known to present day transit. As time is so limited I can only review my work briefly." She then proceeded to touch upon the arduous work of the Corresponding Secretary and the Field workers who weary, worn and often without food or shelter, travelling by day and by night, had paid the price in a large measure for the great work we now rejoiced over. The constituency was not fully awake, many still sitting idly by with folded hands, waiting for something to turn up. God had given her marching orders and no obstructions could hinder the onward march of God's army. She briefly reviewed our work from our beginning in Atlanta, dissolution in St. Louis and the glorious resurrection in Virginia, when Miss Nannie H. Burroughs came on the scene and through her fertile mind had given plans, and pushed them, until this land was flooded with literature for the development of our women and children. Great good was being done, and much more needed to be done. We did not need more organizations, but we needed to develop this great work. As poor people we should leave off every needless expense and give more attention to essentials. She bade our women to cease working for men, but marry men who would take care of them. Due respect should be given to the working classes. There was no disgrace in any work; but it was a disgrace not to know how to work. The masses needed plain practical talk and her address as-

sured us she was discharging her duty as well on that line as all others.

Song, "We under marching orders."

President Layten very appropriately in suggestive language presented Miss N. H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary, to make her annual report.

Solo by Miss Cowles, "Jesus is near you, fix your eyes upon the cross."

The following is a brief outline of Miss Burrough's address:

A hearty greeting extended workers from all climates. This is a great age for the Protestant Christians the world over; this year hardest work of the nine; God's presence has been manifest, and encouragement given to press on; many new societies organized; many pages of literature scattered; mail sent from office increased three-fold; God's kingdom gloriously moving on; our women not a whit behind in their enthusiasm to push the battle to the gates; appeal to send Christmas boxes in time for foreign fields not later than November; workers commended for contributions of stamps on stamp day; woman's day last Sunday in July should be a great blessing to our local work everywhere; its observance urged; the standing army called to task for dereliction of duty; vice presidents of states urged to do their full duty; high compliments extended the field missionaries; Mrs. Whitfield the noblest Roman of them all in amount of money raised, and work done; Mrs. Kimball given full credit for her noble work; Mrs. Lula Jackson had also wrought valiantly; supplies sent out reported; buttons, badges, tracts, topic cards, etc.; story told of an army engaged in terrible conflict, that was inspired by singing, "Coronation," so will our missionary societies march on to victory under efficient leaders; our women had only partially met their obligations to the worker on the Panama Zone; Mrs. Murff's twenty-fifth anniversary to be celebrated in America; a native teacher had kept the work at Middle Drift in tact since Rev. Buchanan's death; the board hopes to have that teacher relieved and given opportunity for higher development in our Training School; Miss Mary Buchanan now ready to return to Africa to teach her people.

See the printed report which follows for the detailed account of our great work as presented by Secretary Burroughs.



NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF MISS N. H. BURROUGHS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

*Madam President, Workers from the North, South, East and West, from Africa and the West Indies, we greet you:*

This is our Ninth Annual Report, and this is the second time we have had the pleasure of meeting on Ohio soil. God has wonderfully blessed us, and we come at this hour with grateful hearts to acknowledge His benefits and to reconsecrate and rededicate ourselves to Him. For Protestants the world over this is a momentous missionary period. It is a period of challenge and crisis. It is the period in the missionary enterprise when God says to His loyal followers, "Go forward." We have entered upon the work of world-wide evangelization. To-day, we realize more fully than ever before that the Gospel alone can save men, and that we are to be instruments in reaching them.

The women of this Convention have a broader vision than they had nine years ago, because they have had a larger part in spreading the Gospel. We are better workers at home to-day than we were nine years ago, because we have had more definite work on foreign fields to do. Our foreign mission work has taught us to pray, it has taught us to give, it has taught us to sympathize with our fellow-men more than any work we have attempted since we have enlisted in the Christian army. Christian women are finding work to do that counts as much for the betterment of the lives of others as for the enrichment of their own lives.

We have had to work harder this year than doing any year of our administration. God has been with us, and has blessed us. We have moved under the very shadow of His August presence. We have been encompassed about by Him. The angel of His presence has gone before us, and we have been made to exclaim as we have faced obstacles along the rugged way:

Thro' all the devious ways press on, my soul,  
Thro' all the toilsome days press on;  
Behold a better land, behold a shining band;  
Jesus will give you grace! press on.

Thro' sorrow, sin and strife press on,  
Thro' every ill of life press on;  
Behold a city bright, behold its radiant light;  
Jesus will give you grace! press on.

With zeal and courage true press on,  
With faith and patience, too, press on;  
Behold a cross laid by, behold a crown on high;  
Jesus will give you grace! press on! my soul, press on.

We are glad to report the organization of 326 societies, 107 children's bands, the enrollment of hundreds of women who have never been in touch with the Organization and a more general enlistment of our young women in clubs and missionary societies. We have put into the homes over two hundred thousand tracts and leaflets. We have urged the most despondent and downcast to look up and take a fresh hold on life. We have touched by voice and pen an innumerable host of women of all classes, ages and conditions. Whichever way we have turned we have seen evidences of new life in our local organizations. We have sent out three times as much mail as we sent during any previous year, and we have received over fifteen thousand.

It is, indeed, encouraging as we turn to give you an account of the work in detail for the year, and to assure you that the final triumph of the Gospel is as sure as the promises of God, and that woman is having a large share in the world-awakening.

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

Nothing gives us greater pleasure than to prepare the Christmas boxes for the missionaries. Last year we sent seven large boxes, brimful of bolts of cotton, gingham, dress material, needles, thread, ready-made garments and other useful articles. We have insisted that we give our missionaries new material, and the boxes last year were the best ever sent out. The expense of transportation is large, and we have urged our friends to send us their gifts not later than the first of November so as to get as much for each station as possible. It costs as much to send five bolts of cotton to a box as it does to send twenty. It seems to us that we might return home from the Annual Meeting, call attention to our annual Christmas gift and get the donations from our societies in time to enable us to have a box at each station Christmas Day.

We are glad to have gifts from our friends at any season of the year, but we expect our Christmas gifts on Christmas Day. Why not treat the missionaries in the same way? We simply need to think of them, and think

what it would mean to us if we were away from friends and loved ones, at the Christmas period, not to get a card or a little token of some kind.

Let us start in time to ask our societies and friends for an annual gift to the workers on foreign fields. Send all gifts not later than the last Monday in October.

#### STAMP DAY.

Societies and individual friends were very liberal in their gift of stamps the first day of January. The friends who make this annual contribution do not realize how much expense they save us by simply collecting a few stamps once a year. The superintendents were, as usual, very active and successful. Mrs. E. E. Whitfield reported the largest number of stamps. Texas again leads in the annual contribution of postage stamps. Will she always lead? This is the question for your State to answer. We received \$141.18 worth of stamps.

We here ask that the friends keep Stamp Day in mind and begin in time to solicit postage stamps for the missionary societies and friends. We need twice as many stamps for 1910 as we needed this year.

#### WOMAN'S DAY.

Perhaps you do not realize how anxious we are to make the last Sunday in July a most blessed day to our women throughout the country. Programs, music and addresses are furnished free, and if the officers in the societies will take hold as they should, they will add many new friends and members to their roll. Many of us wait until the last minute to prepare the program. We do not then have time to commit the addresses or to read them often enough to familiarize ourselves with the matter. When our women have their annual sermons, they experience little trouble in getting all the members to "turn out," arrayed in gorgeous splendor. Most of the women in the missionary society are members of lodges. Why is it that they do not take the same interest in the annual meeting of their missionary organization. Are they more interested in the lodge than they are in the cause of Jesus Christ. The church ought to have our best talent, our greatest interest, our greatest sacrifice. Let us think on these things and render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto

God the things that are His. Woman's Day is more important than Lodge Day. God's work first. Let every Christian say so.

We spent the day in Cincinnati the guest of the Woman's Missionary Union. It was a union meeting in the Zion Baptist Church. The women and pastors throughout the city joined in making it a blessing to us all. An offering of ninety-two dollars was taken for foreign missions. Why can't the women in each city unite on the day set apart by the national organization to tell of the triumphs of the Cross, to understand more clearly our duty and to plan to more vigorously push the great missionary campaign? Make Woman's Day count for a spiritual uplift to your city.

#### STANDING ARMY.

We all talk of systematic giving, but there are only a few women who practice what they preach on this subject. Last year we made an appeal for three thousand friends to give us \$1 each every four months. We enrolled 341, and of that number only 54 have paid their pledges in full. The Standing Army must be increased. This systematic way of getting money is the best. The old way of making appeals and spasmodic, irregular contributions will not do. Weekly or monthly or quarterly giving must be adopted. This is the common sense and the scriptural method, and we must push it. We want to get our work on a substantial basis and must use the scriptural, common-sense, practical, business methods to do it.

#### VICE PRESIDENTS.

The vice-presidents are our representatives in the States, to whom we must look for help in developing our work in their respective States and in making friends who will give and pray. They should assist our field missionaries in getting into the churches. Perhaps you remember what valuable service Mrs. McDowell, of Missouri, rendered Mrs. Whitfield three years ago. Vice-presidents should help these workers in every way possible. We try to keep them well posted, and certainly expect that they shall be loyal to this Convention and its interests. It matters not what the appeal may be, we expect these officers to pass the word down the line and rally their forces and report to headquarters at the appointed hour. We have not ap-

pointed women for honor, but for service, and the women who isn't willing to serve or the woman who cannot rally her State forces ought not to be in the position. We expect our leaders to do more work than the followers. The vice-president for Indiana, Mrs. Griggsby, again leads the roll.

#### FIELD MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield has spent most of the year in Texas. She has been under treatment of a specialist, and we are glad to report that her health is somewhat improved. In spite of the fact that she could not spend much of her time on the field and travel long distances, she has done most excellent work, and we would like her to have an opportunity of telling the women of this Convention how she got such excellent results working in such a limited territory. Some of us can not do very much work around home, but Mrs. Whitfield's report shows her to be the worker who knows how to get extraordinary results by letting down her bucket where she is. The following is her report for the year: Homes visited, 1,341; mothers' meetings held, 14; churches, associations, etc., visited, 262; amount reported, not including month of August, \$944.55.

Mrs. Bennett began work in May, and it was through her efforts that we had a very successful institute in St. Louis. She has put us in touch with a number of friends, who are contributing to our work.

We had also the services of Mrs. L. A. M. Williams, of Texas, and Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, of Missouri, as District Missionaries. We had no representative in the part of the State covered by Mrs. Williams, and she brought to us a number of new friends, and has been very helpful in distributing literature.

Miss M. M. Kimball spent ten months on the field, and for that time sends in the following report: Homes visited, 220; churches and associations, 127; money received, \$451.76. While it does not show such excellent results financially, she has been faithful to duty.

Mrs. Lula M. Jackson has covered a deal of territory, and has made many new friends for this Convention. She has had sickness in her family during the year, and this has given her much concern, and yet she has lost but three weeks from her work. She possesses the happy faculty of knowing how to make friends, and, above all, how to open

closed doors. The following is Mrs. Jackson's report for the year: Homes visited, 648; mothers' meetings held, 82; churches, associations, etc., visited, 65; amount received, \$1,362.48.

#### SUPPLIES.

You get a faint idea of the large number of women that are being reached by this organization when you look over our supply record and see that there are sent from the office daily all kinds of supplies for missionary societies. Tracts, note boxes, badges, buttons, topic cards, guides, charts and secretary's minute books are being used by the women's missionary societies in every State. Received from sale of supplies, \$1,059.14.

We wish to emphasize the great good that is being done by the matter we send out from headquarters. We reach thousands of women in the back-woods who have no other helps but what they get from us. There are thousands of letters at the office from humble women who have been helped and inspired by the little leaflets we have been sending them. The topic cards have been a great blessing to the missionary societies. We have sent out 21,000. Women write daily, telling of the great good they are doing in reviving interest in their meetings. It is sweet to labor when we realize that we are blessing others.

The societies that are trying to get along without tools with which to work are behind time. Every missionary organization in the country is doubling its supply of helps, and the society stands in its own light to keep a woman at its head who is so antiquated that she prefers singing "Hark from the Tomb" without an organ or piano or reading in every meeting. "In those days came John, the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness," instead of having the topic cards and enter upon a systematic study of God's Word. Such a woman is out of harmony with things spiritual and things progressive, and she ought to be asked to resign or retire by a unanimous vote of the society.

In this day of missionary literature of all kinds the woman who is ignorant concerning the missionary campaign is without excuse. There are stories of the triumphs of the Cross on all foreign fields, which, if known, would fire the hearts of Christendom. The women who lead in our missionary societies ought to take the magazines and papers that tell the story of the march of Jesus Christ across the continents and around the world, and the people will be no longer indifferent to the appeals for the

means with which to push the work, but will press the battle until a joyful shout shall go forth from earth to heaven and the kingdom of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. When leaders are strong spiritually, when they are informed as to what is being done, when they are praying and making intercession for the work and the workers, we do not need to plead for money, but the churches and friends, like Macedonians of old, will pour into the Lord's treasury more than we need, and, like Paul, we will have to beg them to desist. A leader whose heart is on fire can inspire the humblest follower to greater exertion and to greater sacrifice. A story is told of one of the battles of the War of the Rebellion:

"An army was moving out on its first campaign to its first battle. The men had marched all day across tracts of burning sand and had waded many streams. Many had fallen out by the way—even horses had failed. They had cheered their weary march with army songs. But as evening draws on, completely worn out, they hear the boom of the cannon in their front. The battle is on. The men, unaccustomed to such hardships and such sounds, thinking of home, are completely discouraged and disheartened. The general and his officers note with alarm the state of the army. Something must be done to cheer these men. The general with a colonel comes riding rapidly up to one who was accustomed to lead the singing of the regiment and cries out, 'For heaven's sake sing something to cheer the boys.' But what could he sing? They had sung and grown weary of all their army songs. Coronation flashed upon his mind, and he began, 'All hail, the power of Jesus' name.' With lightning speed it flew up and down the ranks, from regiment to regiment, till the entire army was singing that grand old song.

"It rose up into the heavens and it seemed as though the God of battles was marshaling the angels and sending them down the sky to fight His cause. Everything was instantly changed. The discouraged and disheartened felt the inspiration of a new and mighty life swelling in their veins. With dauntless and invincible courage they sprang forward to the dreadful conflict, and that evening won their first victory, and crowned once more the old flag with glory."

If our churches are lagging behind in this missionary enterprise, we can awaken them under the leadership of women who have been singled out by the Almighty, baptized with the Holy Spirit, made strong through prayer

and consecration. Jesus must be crowned King of all Kings; it is the work of the leaders in the missionary enterprise to hasten the final consummation. Women, God called you to service. He speaks to-day—He is speaking louder than ever before. The generations, the years, the centuries that span the chasm between the command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel and the open doors and Macedonian cries of to-day give volume to His voice and emphasis to his command. To-day the needs of man and the Word of God call like voices of thunder, and some of you are only partially awake. The heavens and the earth are vibrating with the command, "Go forward," and yet you permit women to hold place in the Lord's house, who are asleep, while the world is awake on the question of missions.

#### PANAMA ZONE WORK.

At the Lexington meeting we pledged the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention to support Miss Robinson, a native missionary worker in the Panama Zone. The money was to be raised by subscription, and many of the friends pledged to give 50 cents per month. Not many, however, have paid their pledges. We have received \$56.00 and have paid same to the Secretary of the Home Mission Board. \$25.00 per month was the sum for which the Board asked. We are of the opinion that it is better to pledge \$10.00 per month for Miss Robinson's support, and give this, than to pledge \$25.00 per month and not pay the pledge.

Miss Robinson was sick during the early part of the year, and for three months her work was suspended. We received one letter from her through the Home Mission Board and have no report of the work to submit herewith. We know the needs of this new field, and trust that an American woman will be inspired to take up the work, and that we will continue our interest in the people without the Gospel at our own doors.

#### MRS. D. E. MURFF.

Mrs. Murff has been quite sick for some time. We had a most interesting letter from her during July, in which she states that she is arranging to come home for medical treatment and to observe her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. She hopes to make the celebration a blessing to

Africa. She says, "The Lord has put it in my heart, as next year is my twenty-fifth anniversary, that when I do come home to celebrate this anniversary for Africa. I am impressed that five thousand invitations will each bring a dollar, and I want out of that amount enough given to the Training School in Washington, D. C., for the education of an African girl, and the other to be used for putting the work of South Africa in a better financial condition. So whenever I come, sick or well, the Lord has put it in my heart to do this. I do not crave money for myself only to push and hasten our Lord's kingdom in Africa."

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of two pieces of beautiful hand-work done by a Mohammedan girl. It is likely that Mrs. Murff will bring this girl with her. She says, "She is one of the smartest of our pupils, but her parents treat her so cruelly. When these Mohammedans go home and speak of 'Jesus' their parents do not like it." We all know the importance of training African women to labor among their own people, and we trust when the time comes the money will be provided for bringing the girl, and that she will be carefully trained and returned to her home.

#### MISS SONTUNZI.

The Sontunzi Club is composed of one hundred friends who pledged to give 25 cents per month for the support of Miss Jeanie Sontunzi, teacher at Middledrift, South Africa. For nearly two and one-half years we have been paying her \$25.00 per month, and we have sent her two large boxes of supplies for the school.

It was the wish of the Board to have Miss Sontunzi at this meeting. The matter was taken up with Rev. D. E. Murff, Superintendent of the work in South Africa, and with Miss Sontunzi. Both wrote that her health was so much impaired by hard work, in trying to keep the school running, that she was not physically able to stand the trip this season. So anxious were we to have her that we urged Brother Murff to let her come, but he insisted that it was not wise to run the risk, and so we are disappointed in not having her here to take a special Missionary Training Course to better equip her for her work, and it has been suggested by them that we provide the money and have her leave Middledrift not later than October 15th.

Miss Sontunzi has done a splendid work, and is to be commended. The Board has not had a pastor in charge

at Middledrift since the death of Rev. Buchanan, and yet, under her supervision, the attendance in the school has been kept up; and while the church work has suffered perhaps some spiritual loss, yet the out-going missionaries will find that things have been held intact, and that they are not going to the hardest field in South Africa. Since the death of Brother Buchanan, the light would have been almost extinguished had it not been for the wisdom, the zeal, the wise direction of this consecrated woman, whom the Lord has wonderfully used.

#### OUTGOING MISSIONARIES.

The Foreign Mission Board is preparing to have Rev. J. E. East and wife sail for America the last week in October. They have requested us to arrange to have Mary Buchanan return with them as an assistant at the station, of which her father had charge for a number of years. Mary has been in this country five years, and we have tried in every way to prepare her to take up the work for which her father gave his life. She attended State University for three years, Hartshorne Memorial College one year, and during the past year has been under our charge, taking plain sewing and dressmaking under one of the best teachers in the city of Louisville. She expressed a desire to be a good cook and a first-class dress-maker. She has given a year exclusively to these two arts, and the garments she has made show that she is prepared to be of great service to the women of her own country. We have noted marked improvement in her conduct, and believe, under the care of a good woman, she will develop into a splendid worker and teacher of industries. The Board would like to have the women in this meeting pledge to send two dollars each on Wednesday, October 20th, to pay her transportation and incidental expenses. Do not forget to follow her with your prayers and your help as the months go by.

#### INSTITUTE WORK.

The institute work that is intended to inform, inspire and enlist the women in our churches must be pushed vigorously. Only those who have been in these meetings and who have had contact with the people after we have talked with them on various educational and missionary subjects, for three or four days, realize what a word of good these institutes do. Perhaps the best institute this

year was the one held with the Galilee Baptist Church, under the Women's Union of St. Louis, Mo. The people have never ceased writing us of the wonderful effect this meeting had upon their lives and upon the community. There are women in this meeting who were present and know of the happy hours we spent together talking about the Lord's work and finding out how we might take a more active part in it.

We make a specialty of the music, and the young woman who helps us in this has been singled out by the Almighty to sing the Gospel into the hearts of men. We do not turn these meetings into little graveyards, nor do we make covenant meetings out of them. We study the Christ method of reaching men, give illustrations from the lives of modern missionaries and heralds of the Cross and show how He guides those who are committed to the world's evangelization. We compare modern and bible methods used by churches and missionaries organizations, and suggest what we consider the best plans to do effective missionary work. We read the call of God to the church of to-day, through the needs of the field, and plead for reapers to go into the vineyard and labor.

We lay heavily upon the hearts of the people the importance of personal living, personal giving and personal doing. The home is made the preparation ground, where children must be taught from infancy, to love and obey the Lord. We make the women in the home the one great power for uplifting, transforming and saving the race; the church, the lighthouse on the hill, to which all of those who are out on the tempestuous sea of life must make their way if they would be saved from the storm. Young men, young women, are urged to come in and take refuge.

This is a blessed work, and this year we have planned to hold institutes in Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Chicago, Atlanta, Montgomery, Richmond, Va., and as many other cities and towns as we possibly can. These must necessarily be Union Meetings in which all the churches of the city will participate. Come, let us reason together. Come, let us talk of Jehovah's reign in the earth. Come, let us pray, plan and work for the establishment of His kingdom in the hearts of men.

#### MISSION STUDY CLASS.

There are very few missionary societies following the course of study outlined by the Foreign Missionary Movement. During the past year we urged the societies to use

*Daybreak in the Dark Continent, The Price of Africa, or the How and Why of Foreign Missions.* The women who stand at the head of local missionary societies ought to be sufficiently interested in the development of their own workers and in the enlargement of their vision to follow a course of study that will give them definite information about the field and its needs. We do not know what is being done by the splendid army of self-sacrificing heroes and heroines who have gone forward with the message of Salvation. We ought to know where they are, and what they are doing, and it is only by following this course of study and reading current literature on missions that leaders can hope to do any lasting good in making converts for foreign missions.

We make extensive research and preparation when called upon to read a paper before the woman's Club. We are vitally concerned about events that daily transpire in our city and in the country at large. But when it comes to preparing an address for a missionary society we consider it a minor matter, and give very little time and study and prayer to the important task. We urge the societies to take up the course of study suggested by the Forward Missionary Movement, appoint some one who is capable of teaching. Meet twice a month for study and and prayer and you will find your vision enlarged, your knowledge increased, your sympathies strengthened and some lasting friends made for the workers who have gone in your stead to give the Gospel to those who have it not.

We would also suggest that our societies read carefully the book, "From Darkness to Light," by Miss Mary Helm. This is the Home Mission text-book for the year, and it would be well for us to study it carefully and follow the program suggested in the last chapter. We have not time to review the book, but it is worth careful study, and with modifications and changes to suit local conditions, we find her suggestions safe to follow in reaching the unreached in the highways and the hedges.

#### SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Summer schools with the motto, "One Heart, One Way," are being held at Northfield, Mass., Winona Lake, Ind., Chautauqua, N. Y., Mont Eagle, and Boulder, Col. It was our good fortune to be invited to be present at the Summer School of Missions at Winona Lake and to tell what the colored women throughout the country are doing for



the uplift of their race. We are indebted to the Inter-denominational Committees of the Central West, representing Women's Boards of Foreign and Home Missions, for this opportunity of meeting the splendid corps of workers of their section, who are not only vitally interested in the uplift and advancement of other races in this and foreign lands, but particularly interested in the advancement of the colored race. We have already called your attention to the text-book, by Miss Helm, that was used in the Winona Conference, and we want you to know that we have hundred of good white friends who are anxious to help us reach the mass of our people for better living. These summer meetings are doing untold good. A new world-thought has come to Christian women of every class. As a result of these schools, we have new life in the missionary societies, and women better equipped by study and teaching to serve. We suggest that we consider holding a Chautauqua at the Training School next July.

#### WORK WITH CHILDREN.

Our children are not sufficiently provided for. We need consecrated, trained leaders for them. We need text-books and such literature as will interest them. We need to have some definite foreign miss work for them to do. The Board suggests that contributions from the bands go to the work at Chimuzula under Rev. Jno. Chilembwe, and that we look about for three women who are specially fitted to work among the little folks and urge them to take special training, and when they shall have completed the prescribed course, we give them work to do. As the book for our children this year we suggest "Uganda's White Man of Works."

#### NEED OF LITERATURE.

The people need information. They need it every day and every hour. Millions of tracts are being printed and scattered by missionary societies, and this organization must do more of this kind of educational work during the present year. True, we have distributed printed matter freely, but we haven't reached a fourth of the three million Baptists in this country. It is not sufficient to send one tract or one paper once a year. Leaflets and papers ought to be sent monthly to every church and every missionary society in the country. These churches and missionary societies ought to be distributing agencies.

We have interested ourselves in trying to secure help in printing large numbers of tracts, and we are very glad to report that we have received some help from publishing companies. Perhaps you have noticed the Travelers' Friend has a wide circulation, and we are indebted to the Franklin Printing Co., of Louisville, Ky., for making the liberal distribution of these tracts possible. "Woman Wanted" has been freely distributed, and also you will find "Ten Things the Negro Needs" and the "Anti-hanging Out Committee" tracts scattered in large numbers. There is another publishing company that is going to give us fifty thousand of the last two tracts mentioned. A committee of twelve women has been appointed to help us push this tract educational campaign.

This literature is for free distribution, and every missionary society and church in the country is asked to make a donation of a dollar a year to the *Tract Fund*. This would provide us with sufficient money to get out the literature and to mail it monthly to all the churches and societies. Do you realize the vast amount of good that you can do by this method? Thousands of people read tracts who never enter a church door. In the selection of matter we have tried to get practical talks on every-day living and on proper conduct. We feel that this is what the people need, and we have tried to speak to them so that they can understand. There must be some woman in every town and a half dozen of them in every city who will stand on the thoroughfares frequented by our people and hand to each passerby a leaflet. We are forever talking about how to reach the unreached—how to preach to the people who do not come to church. This is the best way to reach large numbers of them, and to give them something that they can read and see and think about. Thousands of them will be constrained to conduct themselves differently and keep their homes better. **WILL YOU HELP US PUSH THE CAMPAIGN?** You can help the tract fund, and the tract will reach the people you can not reach.

#### THE SLABTOWN CONVENTION.

The question as often asked, "What is this Convention doing for Home Missions?" The thousands of printed matter sent from the office monthly have been the means of stimulating the missionary societies and of informing the women who stand at the head of these organizations.



This fund of information has meant an awakening that has brought friends and financial help that the societies heretofore were not able to command. The fact that all the missionary societies have had their contributions increased is evidence that this Convention is doing some very tangible work on the home field.

We have done further than this. Last year we reported that the Secretary of the Convention had just completed a one-act drama—The Slabtown Convention. Since our last meeting this drama has been sold to over two hundred missionary societies and organizations. It has been played in the churches, and from reports we find that the smallest amount received at any entertainment was \$16.00, and the highest amount yet reported, \$105.00. The entertainment has been repeated by a number of the churches three and four times. The Convention has received only the fifteen or twenty-five cents for the book in every case, except that of the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, which sent the \$25.00 they cleared at the first entertainment. This society repeated the entertainment and cleared over \$50.00 for the church.

From the letters received we find that the Slabtown Convention has brought to our churches and missionary societies over three thousand dollars. Thus you see we have given to the churches and societies this year a real nest sum.

Be it not understood that we mean to be less helpful, but we state these facts that those who at times are inclined to feel that we appeal too often for help may realize that we are helping all the time, and that we have a just claim upon our churches and societies. The earth received light from the sun, and the fruit and flowers, grass and trees owe their life to the King of Day. These local organizations, these women in the State owe much to this national organization, that is verily their sun, and they must be at least as grateful as the sunflower that bows its head in the morning toward the East and in the evening toward the West in acknowledgment of the blessing it receives during the day. Are we afraid to tell how much we have been benefited by the work of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention? Are we afraid that others will be helped, or that the Convention will be reinforced with workers as a result of our testimony. The Slabtown Convention has been a financial blessing to the churches. It would be an expression of gratitude and of thanks if they would repeat the enter-

tainment in the fall, and put as much interest and enthusiasm into it as they did last year, and give the money to this Convention.

#### HELP WANTED.

Perhaps you have noticed the call by the Student Volunteer Movement for four hundred men and women to do mission work in foreign fields. All the heathen world is represented, and the call is for ordained clergymen, physicians, teachers, nurses, printers, carpenters, stenographers, mechanics, contractors, builders and business men. All of these must have the qualifications for evangelistic work. What a mighty army of qualified consecrated men and women to go forward with the message of salvation. This is the greatest call the church has ever made. Africa will only have nineteen of this number, and yet her needs are as great as those of China, India or Japan.

Our Foreign Mission Board needs fifty workers, but it must have seventy-five thousand dollars for salaries and equipments for this reinforcement. A denomination representing quite two and one-half million ought not to stagger at this paltry sum, but until our churches are awake as to their duty—until our churches are in charge of men who are filled with the Holy Spirit and who realize that the mission of the church is to give the world the Gospel, and not simply to clothe and fatten them, the missionary organization will be handicapped and the work will have to be carried on by the handful of men and women now on the firing line.

#### WOMEN WANTED.

This organization is in need of women smitten by the Almighty for Christian service. In our local churches the need is apparent. We need women who are consecrated to the Lord's work, clothed with the spirit of humility; women who have the mental and spiritual strength to stoop down and lift up the masses. In this day of modern methods the president of the missionary society must be a woman with an enlarged outlook on life. Her mind must be broadened by constant and careful study of the missionary field and the missionary force. She must know the true relation between the home field and the foreign field. Her heart ought to be on fire for the salvation of souls. She must not be a tool. She must not be an office-seeker. She must not be "just good"—for

there are thousands of people who are good, but good for nothing. She must be full of good works and alms-deeds. We want women who talk less and do more, for we can do five times as much work as we are now doing with women who have a mind to work.

We do not want women with too many petty differences and prejudices. And, above all, we do not want women who carry into their church work their little personal "feelings." Hundred of women in our churches are not being used because they happen to be in disfavor with some leader who isn't big enough to lay aside her feelings for the sake of the cause. Any woman who will let a cause suffer to get even with an enemy has no business at the head of any kind of organization, and certainly not at the head of a Christian organization.

We must mind, too, that we do not get women who simply serve when they lead, and will have nothing to do with our organization, unless they the reigns of government in hand. Be ware of them. Their hearts are not right.

#### STATES NOT REPRESENTED.

Look over the list of vice-presidents, we find that there are several States not officially represented. We have urged each State delegate to see to it that an active worker is elected to fill the position of vice-president. While we have individual friends and receive contributions from the local societies in many of the States not officially represented, it is best to entrust our interest to some woman who will make it her business to keep constantly before the organizations and churches the work of this Convention. The following States are without representatives, and we ask that vice-presidents be named in this meeting:

Connecticut, Colorado, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Nebraska, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Virginia and Washington.

If these States have not sent delegates to this meeting, or if the delegates sent do not select vice-presidents, the Executive Board will have to appoint good workers to represent the States.

#### OUR GIRLS.

Nothing is giving us more concern than the presence of so many girls between the ages of twelve and twenty in the streets. In nearly every city and town, especially

on Sunday afternoons and between the hours of seven and twelve at night, they form a regular procession. These girls are bedecked in all kinds of costumes, from dirty, common calicoes to the most expensive gowns made in the height of fashion. They go in pairs or in shoals, string themselves in a line across the sidewalk, making it almost impossible for others to pass, and are exceedingly boisterous in their conduct. Every man or youngster who shows the least inclination to speak to them is cordially greeted, held up for a long talk or made a member of the "strolling party." If this "gang" goes to church on Sunday night, it is just before the benediction when they arrive, and their mission seems to be to grin, chew gum and get company to patrol the streets until late in the night.

Where are the mothers of these hundreds of girls who indulge in this dangerous practice? Where are the club women who claim that they are lifting as they climb? Where are the members of the Missionary Society, which stands for the highest development of Christian womanhood? Their voices are not heard. They have not been seen going to the rescue. The result is that hundreds of our most beautiful and promising girls are lost every year before they reach their twenties.

This is not confined to girls who are not in the public schools and in our high schools. There are girls who sit day by day, receiving instruction, who spend their evenings in pleasure-seeking and riotous living. Many mothers think that as soon as their daughters reach the high school it is time for them to have "company." It is just the time when they should not have company. It is the most important period of a girl's career, and she needs all of her time to study, contact with a good mother and men and women who have very high ideals and a correct notion of life and living. Associated with such company, a girl of the high school age is likely to develop into a splendid type of womanhood.

It is the work of the women in the local societies and churches to rescue these young women who are given to pleasure and to self-destruction. The church needs them, the race needs them, and yet we are content to let the street gang have them, and when they return to us they have very little life that can be used in building up the Master's kingdom and in purifying society.

Women, we beg you to save our young girls. Let the women in the towns organize union clubs, composed of

women from all the churches. Have a large room well lighted and well ventilated. Make it as attractive as you possibly can. Have all kinds of industrious classes, good magazines and current literature. Get a good piano and employ an accomplished musician. Have song service every evening, and put these young people to singing. Do not stay away from the place of meeting, but make it your business to go every evening and meet the girls there. Do not confine your work to any class or age. Put it on the gospel level (whosoever will) and then use the Christ method (go into the highways and hedges and constrain them to come in). Our young people can be drawn, and drawn in large numbers, but we must be dead in earnest about our work, and keep at it.

A few months ago we were in the city of St. Louis, and on Sunday afternoon our heart was pained to see the thousands of young men and women arrayed in gorgeous splendor in the streets of that city, going nowhere, and yet going. The same condition prevails in Chicago, Louisville, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, New York, Columbus and, in fact, every city and town in which a few of our people are assembled. We hold the mothers and the Christian women responsible for this condition, and we must set to work to improve conditions. On the streets, the highways, public parks you find young people deporting themselves so unbecomingly that we hang our heads in shame, and yet we do nothing but criticize. It is time for us to wake up and set to work counter-attractions that will save the majority of those who are now on the road to ruin.

We would not have you understand that all our girls are on parade. There are hundreds of good young women who would not join in this army under any circumstances, and there are hundreds of mothers who would suffer the loss of a right arm before they would permit their daughters to patrol the streets. But these mothers and girls do not find it easy to live amid such environments. There are other women who allow their daughters to do as they please, and there are girls by the thousands on the outside who form advisory committees and bureaus of information. They tell the good girls the story of their social triumphs and urge her to join the "band." Year by year young girls are led astray by old women who are enemies to good homes and pure living. It remains for the good women in every community to study social conditions and face the issue like women.

#### MORE GIVERS AND LESS BEGGARS.

We must emphasize and encourage more personal giving to missions. There are hundreds of women leading in missionary organizations who never give anything out of their own earnings. They will urge their societies to give or they will solicit from friends, but when it comes to running their hands down in their pockets and giving as the Lord has prospered them, they are found wanting. Some of these women send up money in their names. They never give the name of the organization or of the friends who contributed it, but get the credit on our record themselves. We are not responsible for this, but it is not right and honest to encourage methods of this kind. The only effective leadership is that leadership that thinks so as to make others think; live so as to make others live; acts so as to make others act. Only those who have given personally to the Lord's work and have prayed for Him to bless and multiply it have the joy that comes to those who are in deed and in truth workers together with Christ.

Your personal giving is a test of your personal interest, and it is the only way to measure your sincerity, your earnestness, your devotion. For you may speak eloquently and plead earnestly, and thereby get others to give a hundred dollars in one effort; but unless you have contributed more than the physical exertion necessary to get the offering, you have no soul-joy in the work. Your conscience will not allow you to get the *inside happiness* that those who make the sacrifice receive. It is all right to urge others to give. It is necessary to stir up the givers, but this does not relieve us of our *personal obligation*. Have you given as God has prospered you this year, or are you in debt to Him? A mite or a tenth is not all you owe Him, but you owe Him in proportion to what he has given you.

We are too much like children when it comes to real work, we always look around for somebody to help us. We lean too much and lift too little. Some of us will never develop into spiritual giants. We will always be pigmies and dwarfs and invalids in the spiritual kingdom, because we do not do enough to develop ourselves. Let us do our part of the lifting that we may get the strength and joy that comes to those who, knowing the will of the Master, doeth it.

#### HOME MISSION WORK.

How to reach and uplift the masses of our people is the home mission problem that needs more consideration than

any other. The home is the citadel. It is the Negro homes and the Negro women in these homes that we must reach. There are two things we must remember.

1. The flood-mark in our moral, spiritual and intellectual development will not rise higher than our home life.
2. No substantial moral elevation of the race is possible without highly qualified women who shall teach truth and righteousness at the fireside.

Women must be taught how to create and maintain homes in honor and purity. What must we do to attain the end in view?

1. The leaders of the people must come to some agreement as to the best thing to do to improve the moral condition of the masses—socially and industrially, and then address themselves to meeting these needs. Senseless, jealous, petty strivings, narrowness of vision, indifference, have kept us apart. We must unite churches, religious organizations, lodges, clubs. All of these have germs of co-operation, and must so unify their work that they will be of mutual benefit in solving the problem.

2. Under this united leadership a broad beneficent move must be undertaken and vigorously pushed.

3. In this movement we would adopt some feasible system of community education.

4. The preachers can do more in helping to effectively push such a movement than any other class of people. Negro churches can draw men in large numbers to the house of God, and can by precept and example teach all of the Christian virtues; thus developing in the character of the members consistency, integrity, industry and unselfishness.

5. If the lodges and fraternal organizations will throw their strength into the movement, they can do a tremendous amount of good in reaching the masses. For a word from the Grand Master or Worthy Mistress is the only thing necessary to bring things to pass.

6. Every Negro who is clean and upright must make it his business to make another Negro just like him.

7. Every Christian must become a missionary and do some constructive work in race-building and race-improvement.

8. Every woman must know what constitutes a home and must be taught how to make one. Women must not be encouraged to become wives who lack the essential knowledge of home-making, and are wanting in the disposition to keep a home. Mothers can help in this work

by properly training their daughters to house-keep and by putting them in schools that make a specialty of this work.

9. Missionary workers must preach the gospel of hope and possibility to the poorest. They must spend their time spurring up the one-talent crowd that do not realize that no flower need waste its sweetness on desert air. Go forth to infuse new life and new inspiration into the least ambitious. Make those who come under your influence desire to become useful and great.

10. Let pastors and leaders teach their people to so conduct themselves at their work and on the streets and public carriers as to disarm racial antagonism and prejudice. We can change public sentiment and get a place among the efficient forces of society by our well-doing. Properly endowed, there are very few of us who will not compel recognition in any section of the country. The law-abiding, industrious man is always stronger than a lawless one. Our capacity for doing things will fix and maintain our place in the ranks of civilization and industry. Every Negro must realize the importance of bearing his own burden and working out his own salvation.

11. Co-workers, this is the task we must undertake for ourselves, and this is the only work that will uplift the mass of Negroes. Despite charges to the contrary, the submerged, abandoned, neglected people of ours as well as other races, have in them latent powers of moral recovery, and we must join hands in giving them an opportunity for honest living and self-improvement.

#### THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Nine years ago, in the City of Cincinnati, the Corresponding Secretary made the following recommendation: "That we establish a Woman's Training School, the object of which shall be

- "1. To train women to do mission work in this and other lands.

- "2. To prepare women as teachers of the Word of God in our Sunday-schools.

- "3. To train women to give better domestic service."

This recommendation is found on page 22 of the National Baptist Journal, 1901. There were some who did not feel that an institution of this kind could be established by that handful of women then in session in the very State to which we now come to announce to you that

the National Training School for Women and Girls has materialized. Our dreams have come true, and indeed we are realizing more than we dreamed. Instead of an "amen corner" at the end of nowhere, we have that beautiful six-acre tract of land, at Washington, with buildings and equipments to the value of \$13,000. The property for which we paid \$6,000 can be sold to-day for \$10,000, and the improvements bring the valuation up to the amount just stated. Our last note of \$1,100 is due October 1st, and there will then remain \$800 of the \$1,600 mortgage. This \$800 will be paid off at the rate of \$100 every quarter. Our women have gone about helping themselves, and own a great educational plant—a thing that no other band of Negro women own anywhere in the world. The Lord be praised for His wonderful benefits to us.

It is here that we must thank the hundreds of faithful friends who have grown more and more enthusiastic over this effort on the part of our women to help themselves. They have prayed, they have given, and they have pledged to continue to give until the capstone is placed on our fifty-thousand-dollar building, and every dollar is paid off. Do we believe they will do it? Certainly they will. Their loyalty in the past is a guarantee of their support in the future. We owe much to these self-sacrificing friends north, south, east and west, and we can only reward them by giving to the race women who will dedicate their lives to the betterment of the world in which we live.

#### DISTRICT CAMPAIGN.

It is necessary to make friends with the people among whom you are to live and labor. It was for this purpose that we went to Washington, the home of the Training School, and spent six weeks visiting homes and churches. We were assisted by Mrs. Lula M. Jackson and Miss M. M. Kimball, Mrs. Julia M. Layton, Trustee for the District was of great assistance to us in furnishing the names and addresses of hundreds of people. We secured pledges amounting to \$1,675.00 in mass-meetings and by canvassing. Of this amount \$450 has been paid.

This campaign convinced us beyond the shadow of a doubt that the people of the District want the Training School and will stand by it. We organized a District Training School Board that will co-operate with the trustees in making friends for the institution. They have already done a good work, and have delegates in this meet-

ing. We feel that Miss Ida C. Plummer, Financial Secretary, deserves special attention. She has been of great service to us since we began our building. She lives near the school, and has had oversight of the workmen. She has been instrumental in reaching a number of individual friends. The President of the District Committee, Mrs. Emma Lewis, is a most energetic, conscientious worker. With Trustee Layton, and an able corps of assistants, we will be able to make many friends in and about Washington.

#### TRUSTEE MEETING.

The National Trustee Board met during the session of the Sunday-School Chataqua, at Nashville, Tennessee, in June. At this meeting, the course of study was submitted, the general plan of operating the institution was discussed, and Miss Nannie H. Burroughs was elected President. The Trustees appointed a committee of five to make necessary arrangements for opening the school Monday, October 4th. The committee found that it would be necessary to provide a chapel, domestic science hall, and enough dormitory rooms above, to accommodate at least twenty girls. The work is now in progress.

The assembly room or chapel will seat a hundred and fifty. There are two large rooms on the same floor, one to be used as domestic science hall, and the other for sewing. These two are fifteen by twenty. On the second floor we have eight rooms, each nine by twenty. The ceilings are high, there are thirty-two windows to the new building, and the halls are spacious. The building that was already on the place when we bought it has ten rooms and a splendid basement for kitchen and laundry. With the new building and the one already on the place we are able to accommodate all who come. It is quite necessary, however, that we turn our attention this year to putting up a fifty thousand-dollar building to accommodate our girls next fall. With prayer, sacrifice and work, the money will come. We have made extensive improvements about the campus. We have installed a poultry plant, and are preparing to put on the market at least three hundred frying chickens for the holiday trade. We have a poultry-raiser who has promised to give us good results. The campus is being put in order, and we mean to make Lincoln Heights one of the most picturesque places about the District of Columbia. It will require time and labor and money to

do it, but the Lord, who has led us thus far, will give us all we ask, if we but put our trust in Him.

#### HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY HELP FROM WHITE FRIENDS?

To this question, we can say we have not asked for help. We started out determined to call upon them for nothing until this fall, when the doors of the institution are thrown open. There are friends who are keenly interested, and they are going to help us with their prayers, their counsel, their means. Our own missionary and friend from Chattanooga has been most liberal in her personal gifts to the school, and she has made many friends for us. From the incipency of this movement we have had the sympathy and moral support of the women of the West, representing the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The late Miss Mary G. Burdette urged us to lay heavily upon the hearts of our women the importance of equipping themselves to do Christian work. Her successors and the Chicago Training School Board have shown marked interest in our work and have never failed to advise and encourage us in every way possible. We acknowledge our gratitude and pray that the work that our late friend helped us to plan may become a blessing to the race to which the society has extended so much help and sympathy. A white friend in the West gave us \$75.00 to be used in the poultry department. Others stand ready to help when we call upon them, and we are praying that the Lord will lead us to friends who will be able to give largely that we may have our building for the beginning of the next school year. To this end let us pray and labor.

#### STUDENTS.

We have sent catalogues to over one hundred and fifty people who have expressed a desire to enter the institution. We do not know just how many will matriculate. The indications are that we will have a splendid enrollment. Dozens of young women have written us asking that some arrangement be made whereby they may work their way through school. It is the purpose of the institution to encourage every worthy woman and girl who desires to learn a trade or enter any profession, but it is impossible for an institution without endowment or scholarships to extend very much help. Deserving, trust-

worthy students can be placed for some hours of the day in good homes, and will be paid well for their service. This money will be turned into the school to help such students meet their expenses. Those who are taking sewing and can do good work, will be employed in the Supply Department. There are other students who desire to study poultry raising, and some help can be given them, beginning January 1st. But we beg you not to try to send all your poor students to a poor school.

Every woman interested in the work of this Convention should use her influence in placing at least one student in school this year. We are urging this, because we believe the work will be so thoroughly done, that these students will become splendid advertisements for us, and will enable us to fill our fifty-thousand building with women and girls October, 1910. Then, we want to prove conclusively, that this is the best institution for woman and girls on the American continent. If you have daughters in other schools, remember that you owe your first duty to your own, and people doubt your sincerity, when you urge them elsewhere. Perhaps you want to stand off and see how we get along. The Lord is on our side, and we will move forward at His command. Perhaps you are wondering whether we have a strong faculty. We have the best and will never have any other kind. The teachers are not only graduates of universities and colleges of standing, but are women who have mixed religion with their education, and will make their spiritual lives count for the enrichment of the lives of their students. You ought to know that your daughter is being trained by a strong Christian woman. The special lecturers in the Missionary Training Department are pastors in the city, and graduates from the best colleges.

All students are very much concerned about the quantity and quality of food furnished by a school. Those who are used to the poorest home fare, are the ones who do the most complaining at school, and those who are slowest in settling their board bills are the ones who do the most complaining on the outside about the cooking. Those who haven't had a square meal at home are those who never get enough to eat at school. We have never seen students satisfied on the eating score. Most of them seem to feel that they have come to feed their stomachs and not their minds. We have been fortunate in securing a first-class cook. We will have first-class service. If we have corn-bread, it will be well-made and properly served. We shall



certainly have common food, the same kind that the students have had all their lives, but we will see to it that no cook in America makes better corn-bread, bakes better beans, roasts better beef, or fries better potatoes than we do. Indeed, in the quality of our work we are going to compete with the cook at the White House. She will have the best. We may have the poorest, but we are going to do the best that can be done with what we have. Our table linen will be as white as that used in the Executive Mansion. If we eat out of tin plates and drink from tin cups, they will be as clean and shining as the finest china and cut glass, and we will serve with as much grace as those who have the best. Until we realize our ideal, we are going to idealize our real.

The entire building will be kept in perfect order. The bed linen must be spotless, the rooms must be clean in every crack and crevice. Every student must keep herself clean from skin out. Every student must be perfectly familiar with the three "B's,"—the Bible, the bath-tub, and the broom—for we believe that soul-culture, self-pride and industry are the only safeguards to a woman's character. Send your girls to us, and we will send them back to you, with minds cultivated, souls cultured and hands trained, and with an unswerving determination to contribute their part in real service to the world's betterment.

#### PUTTING THE STRESS WHERE IT BELONGS.

Some one has said that we are laying too much stress upon the importance of vocational training for women. Why not help the women who work at service? They are the best friends the churches have. They give more and attend services better than any other class of laborers. We are convinced that any system of education for women, that does not include domestic and professional training, is faulty and inadequate. Those who have carefully investigated conditions, and have heard the complaints and charges against the working force in thousands of homes throughout the country, realize that a school that will prepare Negro women to give satisfactory service as domestics is essential. Not only is the school designed to help people who hire servants, but will train women to become home-makers for themselves. The Negro family is suffering as much from bad cooking and bad house-keeping as the white family that has a bill of complaint against the women who are hired to do the work.

There is entirely too much prejudice within the race against honest labor. Two-thirds of the Negro women who earn their living work at service. They need training and need it badly. There is no school making a specialty of fitting them to do their work efficiently. The Industrial Schools now operated are not meeting the demands. The girls who attend the Industrial Schools take domestic science as a side-issue. The Training School at Washington will make vocational training one of the main planks in its educational platform, and not an after-thought or diversion from regular study. Women and girls will come for the definite purpose of preparing themselves to take positions as cooks, laundresses, chamber-maids, ladies' maids, nurses, housekeepers, dress-makers, stenographers, bookkeepers and clerks, and will be able to command respect and a good living because of their fitness. Their work will not be a drudgery to them.

We might as well learn this year as next; that it is no disgrace to be a well-trained servant, but it is rather a shame and a crime to be a makeshift. No carpenter considers himself disgraced because he is required to learn his trade before he attempts to build a house. No man who wants to practice medicine scorns the idea of taking a four-year course in a Medical College. No woman, who wants to make dresses, thinks it an eternal disgrace to prepare herself for her work. Then why should a woman who feels it her calling to wash and iron, or keep house, or cook, turn up her nose when someone tells her to go to a Training School and learn how to do her work well? We may pander to the prejudices of the ignorant, we may try to please those, who do not belong to the servant class, and who therefore scorn the idea training servants; but unless we *get busy*, and meet the demand for trained women, Negro women will lose their places in the homes and kitchens as surely as our thoughtless, antiquated men lost their places as barbers, whitewashers, boot-blacks, etc.

Incompetency and an aversion to honest labor have given us a "gang of loafers" that has added shame and crime to the records of the race. It is time to offset this influence by increasing the efficient working force. The slogan is "Work, support thyself, to thine own powers appeal." Work anywhere. Do any kind of work. Don't be idle. Don't scorn labor nor look with contempt upon the laborer. Those who encourage Negro women to loaf, rather than work at service for a living, are enemies to the race, and



they deserve and should receive the same treatment that the heretics and blasphemers receive at the hands of Christians.

3 If the Negro woman doesn't watch her job and do her work better than anyone else, she will find that it has been taken by the women of the same nationalities that took the barber business, the boot-black business and the white-wash business from Negro men. We can only hold our own by giving better service

#### OPENING OF THE SCHOOL.

The week beginning October 4th, and ending Sunday, October 10th, will be the National Educational Week. Speakers of national repute and friends of education have been invited to participate in our opening exercises. The Demonstration Meeting will be held Sunday, the 10th, in a large hall. Invitation is here extended to friends far and near, either to be present in person or send a contribution. We must raise \$5,000 on that day. Every pastor is asked to make a personal contribution of \$2.00. Every church, \$5.00; and every layman a personal offering of \$1.00. It will be a happy climax and a telling tribute to the men of our race if one thousand of them would send a dollar each on that day to help the women who have contributed so much to the uplift of the race and the upbuilding of the churches.

#### FINANCIAL PLAN.

As you know, we have no endowment, nor teachers' salary fund. We must depend upon friends to help us pay the teachers each month, and provide running expenses. We have planned to help ourselves all we possibly can. The Poultry Department is one of the means by which the school will have a small constant income. We are also establishing a Supply Department in which all kinds of garments, especially shirtwaists, house-dresses, aprons, caps, etc., will be furnished housekeepers and working women. The woman in charge of this department is one of the finest dressmakers in America. If you need aprons, work-dresses, or shirt-waists, or underwear, do not forget your own Supply Department. Careful and prompt attention given to mail orders. You may have your measurements taken before you leave the Convention, and thus get one of the first garments made by the Institution. If it is only



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a five-cent calico dress, it will be so well made that it will be an advertisement that will bring us other orders. Let us have your orders.

We have to submit the following plan to secure monthly help in paying teachers. We have divided our friends into seven classes:

- Class a. 100 friends to give 25 cents each per month, for one year, to help pay the dress-maker.
- Class b. 100 friends to give 25 cents each per month, for one year, to help pay the music teacher.
- Class c. 100 friends to give 25 cents each per month, for one year, to help pay the domestic science teacher.
- Class d. 10 churches to give \$5.00 each per month, for one year, to pay the teacher of history and languages.
- Class e. 25 churches to give \$2.50 each per month, for one year, to pay the teacher of shorthand and typewriting.
- Class f. 50 churches to give \$1.00 per month each, for one year, to provide fuel, lights and telephone service.
- Class g. 200 friends to give \$1.00 per month each, for one year, to help us cover our general expenses and to continue necessary improvements.

Praying Class—Every member of every class praying every day for the success of the work.

If our friends will join the classes and help us for one year, as requested, we will not have to tax you next year. All we want is a start, and then we believe you will be so well pleased with results, that you will be inclined to do even more.

#### WHICH OF THESE CLASSES WILL YOU JOIN?

Friends, do not forget the school in your last will and testament. Some of us can not give as largely as we desire while we live, but out of our insurance, or whatever of this world's goods we have accumulated, we can set aside something for the Training School, which can go into a permanent salary fund or endowment. Since we must die, and can not take any thing with us, let us remember the institutions and enterprises that are making others who will represent us when we are gone.

## LINCOLN DAY.

Your Training School is situated on Lincoln Heights. This name is very sacred to all lovers of freedom, and the Negro women of this country have now the opportunity of adding new lustre to a name that is already transcendently brilliant. It is strikingly significant that we should secure a place named for Lincoln. The site was not named Lincoln by us, but long before we began dreaming of a National Training School. He who shapes our destiny inspired the name and gave us this delightful spot on which to prepare ourselves to work out our salvation. It is dedicated to the uplift of the women of the race made free by the great Emancipator. These women are to be freed from ignorance, emancipated from drudgery, and have the shackles of dependency broken from their limbs. They will go forth, prepared to measure arms with all who are striving to do their best in the battle of life.

We are suggesting here that since our school is located at Lincoln, the twelfth of February be now, henceforth and forever set apart as National Training School Day, and that each year in a fitting way, we commemorate the life and deeds of the great Emancipator, and make an offering to help those who are preparing themselves to lift the race to a higher plane of usefulness. We now ask ten thousand people to send us a penny for each year the race has had its freedom. Appeals will be sent out in January, and we believe thousands of friends will respond by sending to the School, on Lincoln Heights, 45 cents, February 12, 1910.

A motion to receive and adopt the report was carried.

Mrs. Walker, of Virginia, President of the Bank at Richmond, Va., spoke in the highest complimentary terms of the report read, and assured the Secretary that as women, we would strive to follow the instructions given and build a bridge so strong and broad that she could walk safely over to "higher ground."

Mrs. J. M. Layten, of District of Columbia, rejoiced to have the pleasure of informing the Convention concerning Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Walker, of Richmond, Va., was the generous hearted woman who had given \$500.00 for the Training School.

The Treasurer's report was called and a motion to defer the same until Friday morning was carried.

The time 10:30 a. m., Friday was fixed to hear an address by Mrs. C. A. Westfall.

Dr. L. G. Jordan made announcements. Songs of praise. Collection was taken; amount, \$1.00. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Thomas, of Illinois.

## EVENING SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. H. Frank, of Kentucky; song, "When the roll is called;" Rev. Coran read Bible lesson, Proverbs 12; the speakers of the evening were called to the platform; song by the choir, "See the sunlight shining bright;" prayer by Rev. H. N. Jeter; song by the choir, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

Song, "Shout His praise in glory." Theme for the evening: "Training School."

Miss N. H. Burroughs reported the conditions of the Training School. An excellent property, located in Washington, D. C. Cleanliness a special feature. Three B's, Bible, Bath and Broom, would be emphasized. Industrial training another feature.

Appeals had been made to friends for help. Amount received, \$3627.32.

A motion to receive and adopt the report. Carried.

Dr. M. W. Gilbert, of New York, addressed the Convention on "The Duty of Denomination to Make a Speciality of Preparing Its Own Workers." A woeful need of prepared workers makes our duty to prepare them imperative; a real Christian home our special need; give us the Christian home and no power on earth can keep us down; hence, we need prepared women to go into our homes, and help our women to become home makers; our mission fields need prepared women; some places in foreign lands men are not allowed to labor among women; hence trained women are greatly needed; on the home field trained women are needed as assistants to the pastors of our churches; this help already demanded by many white pastors, and the time is near when our pastors will require the same; appeal to de-

velop Negro men and women and not be dependent upon others; trained race leaders inspire our youth as no others can; have Negro teachers for Negro youth; one of every three Negroes is a Baptist; hence our responsibility great to prepare leaders; a hearty God-speed bidden us in our effort to prepare workers in our Training School in Washington, D. C.

Rev. T. L. Griffith, of Iowa, spoke on "The Need of Trained Women as Workers in the Church and in the Community." The church work is many fold—incidental expenses, missions and charitable work all need care and attention. The charitable part is largely left to fraternities and neglected by the church. Evangelistic work in great need. When souls are won they should be carefully nurtured. A large part of this work is left to our women, perhaps even more than should be and because of so much work to be done, the great need of trained women appears for the skilled worker can ever do better and more acceptable service than the untrained woman. A high tribute was paid to our representative women who had made our Convention the great force for good it now was. Illustrations from the Bible of women whom God had used in the part presented as worthy examples for our imitation. Rev. Wm. Phillips suggested that a special course be arranged to prepare women to become minister's wives.

Song, "Blessed assurance."

Address, "Fitness for Service," by Rev. Walter H. Brooks. Life is a ministry or a service. Whatever service is necessary for good of humanity is honorable. In proportion to one's fitness for service does his service become more valuable; a trained cook as great a benefactor to the health of the body as a prepared preacher is a benefactor to the soul. Physical fitness needed; a healthy body a contribution to any service; a school in Washington emphasized, physical fitness a step in the right direction; mental fitness needed; service not rendered intelligently is always attended with disastrous results; through mental fitness service has been enhanced a hundred fold; made less burdensome, yet more profitable and pleasant; ignorance and stupidity a curse to any service; moral fitness needed; men should bring integrity, veracity and sobriety to whatever line of service; whether humble or exalted; moral fitness will add more greatly to service than either physical fitness or mental fitness is equally binding upon us to render service all it should be.

Prof. Jyrd Pillerman spoke on "What Trained Workers Can Do for the Masses." Question, What do the masses need most? Answer, proper example. Example is more powerful than precept. The trained workers must go into all the world, everywhere among all classes and come in personal touch with men, and thus help them. Masses need proper business standards, proper moral, intellectual and social standards. They must be taught economy, hence the trained worker must be a creator of proper standards. Character could not be taught; but given by correct daily deportment. The trained worker is the salt of the earth and light of the world.

Address, Mrs. J. M. Layten, "What the Training School Will Do for the Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Negroes, Who Live Within a Radius of Two Hundred Miles of Washington." While the civilized world rejoices over the discovery of the North Pole by Cook or Peary, the Baptists are rejoicing because Nannie H. Burroughs had found a north pole and located it upon Lincoln Heights in Washington, D. C., and the Esquimaux (J. M. Layten) was with her. This Training School purposed to train women, not alone for minister's wives, but for all men's wives, and for every other service appointed to women. Women will be trained in this school not alone for the home, but for the church as well. We hope so to train our women that they all may have a job. Appeal made to pray for the success of the work.

The trustees were invited forward and presented to the Convention. Each trustee present was asked to speak.

Texas sent greeting and a large donation, likewise the other states doing something of material benefit to the school. Total amount donated that evening, \$300.35. Dedictory prayer by Rev. J. B. Howard. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Griggs, of Texas.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Bible Hour, 8:45 to 9:45. Good morning verses were recited by several sisters. Sister J. P. Moore rejoiced that Sister Bailey's prayer for this special hour had been answered, and that she had received more than she asked, since the brethren also were studying the Word at this same hour in another part of the city. Sisters Bailey and

Flowers testified to the great value the daily study of God's Word, as outlined in "Hope," the organ of Sister Moore's Fireside School, had been to them. The Bible Band Prayer and Verse were repeated in concert. Lesson, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, taught by Sister Moore. Constitution of Bible Band was studied with profit. Prayer by Sister Moore. Song, "When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word." Further devotions were conducted by Mrs. A. E. West, of Pennsylvania. Song, "Blest be the tie that binds." Bible Reading by Sister Stratton, of West Virginia, Matthew 13. Prayer. Song, "Jesus doeth all things well." Sister Stratton commented on the Scripture read.

Minutes of Thursday evening session read. By motion they were approved. Mrs. Bowie called attention to the matter of securing the faculty for the Training School. As that matter was not mentioned in the minutes, Vice President Bryant declared it out of order at that time, but the matter might be considered later.

Song, "Win the crown."

President Layten presented Mrs. E. Jeanette Hines, of Indiana, to discuss the subject, "Review of the Mission Fields." She spoke of our National Convention's organization in Montgomery, Alabama, marking its progress. She emphasized the work done by the Foreign Mission Board when its headquarters were in Richmond, Va.; told of Sister Priestly's mission and early death in the dark continent and of other workers of those early days; she reminded us of Sister J. P. Moore's cooperation in those days of our beginning. Rev. Cole was mentioned among the faithful. Rev. Buchanan was faithful and also died on Africa's soil. A native woman took up the work and had kept it alive until now. In 1892 we were able to send a trained woman in person of Miss E. B. Delaney, who was the first woman to build a house in Africa, as a memorial to the effort of Christian women in America. Nine years of organized effort had given proof of what united Christian women can do. She said that the Bushmen and other heathen were still waiting for the gospel message. We must press on, no time to delay. "There remaineth yet much land to be possessed." There is much we all can do while the days are going by.

Mrs. Kelly, of Kentucky, called attention to Dr. Parrish's book, and a picture she wished all to see.

President Layten spoke of Mrs. Westfall's presence and asked Secretary Burroughs to introduce her to our Convention. Miss Burroughs kindly did so in suggestive and impressive language, assuring the Convention that Mrs. Westfall represented a society that had done much, and still was doing a great deal toward helping us in our struggles toward our racial development. Mrs. C. A. Westfall, Corresponding Secretary of Women's Baptist Home Missionary Society, with headquarters in Chicago, Ill., said that she came not to make a speech, but rather to be informed and learn more of our work and its needs and had she only heard our President's address, our Secretary's report and the other addresses and met the workers of her society, she would have been many times repaid. She spoke on "Training For Service," and presented many valuable thoughts. Master's commission, "Go into all the world," etc., was given to all his children. All should labor and all should be trained to do their very best in all lines of service. She rejoiced over her work in Chicago, where she was helping to train women for life's work and she rejoiced to know that we were soon to begin a Training School of our very own to train our girls and women, and prepare them for service. She spoke of a visit to Utah, and said that in one town of Utah, nine of their missionaries had worked, and yet there was no established station; also she spoke of visits to a Chinese mission in Seattle, Wash., where were great needs. As she thought of the needs of all fields, she concluded to help wherever God impressed her most. She concluded by bidding us "Be strong and of good courage," with the blessed assurance of God's sustaining power and presence.

President Layten assured Mrs. Westfall that we rejoiced to have her attend our meeting, were pleased with her message and hoped she would tell her society that their investment made in our behalf had not been in vain. Vice President Bryant commented on the helpful message of

Mrs. Westfall) and made a motion that the Convention show its appreciation by extending her a standing vote of thanks. Motion carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Treasurer, said that our Convention was worthy of the religion of the Christ we love. She brought us facts gathered from statistics gleaned from the states and not alone from her own view point. She rejoiced in hopeful changes in the conditions of our people everywhere. The wide spread of prohibition was hailed with delight. Crime largely the result of drink. Good homes should be our watch-word, hence good cooking cleanliness and general improvement of the surroundings of the homes of our people should ever be emphasized. Juvenile courts were proving helpful to remedy our youth from association with hardened criminals. Public playgrounds should be provided to help save our children from evils on the streets. American prejudice touched upon the laws of health urged to be observed, that the terrible scourge of consumption might be checked. Moral status improving notwithstanding the many odds against us. Our greatest success had been attained in church life. Education and better homes evidences of improved conditions. She had accepted the treasury of the Convention by its vote and not by her solicitation, and she had endeavored to discharge the duties imposed upon her, then followed the financial report. See report.

In the printed report of Corresponding Secretary the Financial report is given.

A motion to receive and adopt Treasurer's report carried.

Address, "How to Increase Interest On Behalf of Foreign Missions in Local Churches," Mrs. A. J. Abington, Missouri. First secure ministers who are called of God, and have some interest aside from their own bread and butter. Secure missionary leaders who are consecrated to God, and his work; not those who appear only on dress occasions. Get leaders who are very busy about the King's business. Have special missionary meetings, sermons and lectures; songs that will inform the people. Give the people an opportunity to give. Information will beget inspiration, and when inspired the people will give. Lastly enlist the children. Some barriers; in debt to God. How

much do we owe? Have we given the tenth? Let each answer for herself. Selfishness and indifference of many pastors in our local churches; some will not allow a missionary to present the cause, nor circulate a page of literature. With all the barriers the church is gloriously marching on; high tribute paid to the foreign mission agents by personal reference. Jesus sealed man's salvation upon the cross; but not until after his resurrection, when all power was given to him did he give the church her marching orders. Story of a contending army told with telling effect, closed this exceedingly interesting and instructive address.

Vice President Buckner, of Texas, presiding turned the gavel over to President Layten.

Mrs. A. P. Dunbar, address, "The Best Missionary Literature and How to Use It." The Bible is the best book to inspire us to work for missions. "Price of Africa," "The Mission Herald" are helpful. The preached gospel an indispensable help for the promotion of missions. Religious tracts great aid and should be scattered freely and generally. We all should be living epistles known and read of all men: "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." Illustrations: Andrew brought Peter; Philip brought Nathaniel. Personal contact of consecrated Christians with the unsaved, one of the greatest means of saving the world.

Song, "The Fight is on."

Mrs. L. S. Edwards, of Virginia, addressed on "Your Interest Due." Interest is a source of income. You must return the loan article with the interest also. We have all borrowed from Christ and should return it. The interest must be paid in life. Some have borrowed health, and many other things. We must use what God gives us to gain interest. If he has loaned you a good home, pay your interest by helping others. God has given us great and good women; they should pay their interest by helping others to be great and good. You owe for your honor, your position, your good name. Come pay up your interest!

Mrs. F. H. Lewis, of Louisiana, spoke on "How to Educate a Local Church on Question of Missions." It's the duty of the Church to evangelize the world. Pastors should be intellectually and spiritually awake to missions. Such pastors, who themselves are heartily awakened to world wide missions, will create a similar spirit of missions in their churches. Systematic giving should be en-



couraged. Give regularly and continuously if only a penny at the time. Competent missionaries who study the subject of missions should be employed to impress the work upon the people. All the money in world cannot take the place of human zeal; so, those who give should give cheerfully and willingly, as their task is light when compared to that of the faithful missionary who must go and teach the people. Sunday-school workers can help greatly. Train children in school and home of their duties to help send the gospel of Jesus to those who have it not. Every church should have a well organized circle of women and children to do mission work. When pastor and Christian leaders in all our churches agitate the subject of missions continuously, the time will soon come when the blessed gospel message will be carried all over the world.

Mrs. Ella McElroy, of Tennessee, opened the discussion, "How to Increase Interest in Missions." She said, that it was the duty of women to heed the Master's call to service, and when awakened themselves, tell the story of salvation to others, tell of the world's great need of the gospel; give out general information about the work and workers. Observe the special rally days for missions, and thus we can increase interest in our local churches in missions.

Mrs. Lillie Smith, of Colorado, as substitute for Mrs. Battle, was pleased to extend the greetings of Colorado, as Missionary in that state. She was striving to organize and develop the women's work and had been blessed to accomplish some good during the past year. Her state was heartily in accord with the national work, and would do what she could to foster it.

Mrs. M. J. Davis, of California, discussed "Your Interest is Due." She said that she wished to clinch the nail driven by Mrs. Edwards. Our interest was more than due, and by beginning at once we could scarcely hope to pay up in our life time. Let us begin to pay to-day.

Rev. L. G. Jordan introduced Rev. A. S. Phillips, who has been laboring in South America, and West Indies. He spoke of the work on those fields. Miss Burroughs being the first to make a donation, a church was named for her. He plead that we assist him to pay off his debt of \$360.00 due on one of his churches.

Rev. J. E. East, the missionary soon to embark to Africa, was also introduced by Rev. Jordan.

Collection taken for the work to amount of \$20.00 Benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions conducted by Mrs. Wheatley, of Texas. Song, "This is my story;" prayer, Mrs. C. E. Allison; song, "Is thy heart right with God?" Bible reading, Luke 15:11-32. Sister Wheatley said that it was hard to fill the place of another, especially without preparation. She knew that Miss Jessie the regular appointee was well prepared to treat her subject, "Dead Broke." However she would do what she could. The parable of the Prodigal Son was read and commented upon effectively. Prayer.

Speakers of the afternoon were called to the platform.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. Julia Burgess, Illinois, addressed the Convention on "The Status and Condition of the Negro in the North—The Servant Girl and The Laborer." Mrs. Burgess said that the conditions were not as pleasant as we would have them. Many servants were untrained, and were not satisfactory to employers; then in many instances servants were ostracised causing girls to shrink from domestic service. Those who do accept the position of servant and give satisfaction are helpful both in our church and missionary societies. Living wages are given in the North and a few are so economical, as to meet their expenses and have a bank account. Opportunities for untrained workers to secure labor in North are few. If such classes insist upon emigrating North, they should resort to agricultural pursuits, and thus provide an honest living. The quality of the service rather than the class should be our concern for the time has come that no service, however menial, is accepted in the North unless it is well done.

Mrs. C. D. Trice, Ill., address—"What Effect Have the Skating Rink, Nickelodeon and Other Amusements Upon Society?" The skating rink and the like are proving very damaging to our young people. The skating rink is established for money-raising, and that alone, hence all classes of persons gather there and such association is only degrading and debasing. The theatre is becoming more and more the nursery of vice, and cannot contribute to the pure development of our people. The hold-up man, the nude woman are too often displayed. Saloons and houses of ill-fame are too often in easy reach of the theatre, hence temptations to sin are greater for our youth who visit the



playhouses. The card-tables in our homes make gamblers of our women and youths. The gambling dens only graduate them.

Dancing was condemned as one of the evil forces leading downward. Miserable homes, poverty, prison, death and the gallows are some of the effects of these questionable amusements.

Mrs. L. Alexander, Mo., address—"What Moral Effect Has the Installment Dress and Furniture Business Upon the Masses?" This subject is causing a deal of dissatisfaction among our people at this time. No usher in a church receives you so cordially as a salesman in one of these installment paying establishments. The ease of securing coveted house furnishings and dress is so great that many are tempted to invest therein. Parties do not even make needed preparation for marriage since they can depend upon the installment house, clothing credit houses growing every day, and promise in time to be in as great demand as the credit furnishing house. Our safe rule would be to pay cash and limit our wants to what we are able to pay for.

Miss Hattie Forest, of Georgia, address—"How the Crusade Against the Saloon Is Helping the Masses." She introduced her address with a statistical statement showing the alarming destruction of the saloon. This successful crusade is lessening these evils by removing the saloon, making less criminals, jails, almshouses and the like. From a moral viewpoint youths are helped because they do not see the open saloon. The race can save more money for necessities of life, since the removal of the saloon. Church, state and society are elated over removal of saloon and are praying that the removal be permanent. Let our cry be, Crusade, crusade, onward go! Down King Alcohol! May the early years of the twentieth century see our flag wave over a land saved from the blighting effects of the legalized saloon!

Solo by Miss Cowles, sweetly rendered.

Mrs. H. F. Frazier, of Kansas, address, "How to Make a Humble Home a Happy Home." Many answers might be given to the word Home. Next to religion the name of Home, though ever so humble, a cottage or a palace, there is no place like home, if joy, love and peace there abide. Humility is an excellent grace to adorn any home. The outward home is an expression of the inward. Life is made up of adversity and prosperity. The mind is the seat of happiness. If the soul is tuned by love divine, there will be

sweet peace at home. Grave responsibilities rest upon us who are privileged to be home-makers. Let us study the Bible and take it as our guide, and all will be well. True happiness comes from a consciousness of doing right. Let each member of the family share in the joy and sorrow of the home. The mother as queen, the father king, and the children obedient subjects.

Mrs. F. P. Cooper, of Tennessee, address, "The Jim Crow Negro and How to Improve His Conduct." Mrs. Cooper wondered why this subject was given her, and decided it was given because she lived in the South; but she was glad to say that all Jim Crow Negroes were not in the South. She defined the Jim Crow Negro from Webster's definition of *jimmie* and *crow*, to be an unbreakable, incorrigible black Negro. The so-called Jim Crow Negro, before the war is an honor to the race. He was ignorant and unfortunate because he was deprived of any advantages of improvement. The real Jim Crow Negro was the one who had had advantages and failed to use them save to his own and his neighbors' degradation. There was a third class of Negroes who separated themselves from the race, because of having had some advantages above the masses. That class does more harm to the race than any other. Although the crow is black, as a race we are so mixed that all of us are not black, but in some sections of our country the white Negro has no better chance than his black brother; and the white Negro who separates himself from his race jim-crows himself first and then the other fellow; is not respected by the Caucasian, neither by his own race. When we come together and recognize each other for real worth, we'll rise as a people, and not until then. The James Crow Negro is the proper Negro. We have plenty of them who are rearing honorable sons and daughters, building comfortable homes and engaging in honorable pursuits of labor. We are placing a price on virtue, causing legitimate children to be respected as they should be, and in every way striving to live honorable lives and be examples for our less fortunate brothers and sisters to emulate. President Layton kindly referred to an experience in their early life, as Mrs. Cooper's neighbor, that made her a little fearful to stop Mrs. Cooper when her time expired.

Mr. Thomas Jesse Jones, of Virginia, a distinguished visitor, chaplain of the Hampton Institute, was introduced. He addressed us in a very pleasant vein, commending our program very highly, and said that we were discussing the

vital subjects pertaining to our race's elevation. Our afternoon's discussions would have been creditable to any race. He presented the following word picture: On one side a thousand white children, on another a thousand colored children. Grim monster death calls for 48 of the white children; coming to the colored children he takes 118. This should not be; there are some conditions we are not responsible for and there are some we can remedy; and that is a duty we owe the race, in order that the death rate on the one side be no greater than that of the other.

A request was sent from President Morris that we call off our evening session to attend the General Convention meeting, at which place Prof. Booker T. Washington would address the people. By motion the Woman's Auxiliary Convention decided to continue its work and carry out the program as arranged for the evening.

Miss Martha J. Johnson, of the District of Columbia, discussed the subject "How to Make a Humble Home Happy." She emphasized the paper read, and said that she simply arose to second what had already been said, and would not take more of our time to repeat.

Mrs. M. M. Buckner, of Texas, discussed the subject, "Why Our Boys Should not Be Neglected." It has been said, "No matter what a boy does, if the girls are all right." No greater mistake could be made—equal care should be given to the boys as to the girls; for the nation cannot rise higher than its men.

Mrs. H. J. Henderson, of Louisiana, discussed "The Jim Crow Negro." She said that she felt like the man who wrote out his prayer and hung it upon the wall, saying, "Lord, those are my sentiments," for Mrs. Cooper had expressed her sentiments; but she would mention a few things that might be done to improve the conduct of the Jim Crow Negro. Reform schools, missionary endeavors and orphanages could do something to help him. Prayer and labor for the destruction of the saloon and places of vice, and thus may we help improve the conduct of the Jim Crow Negro.

Mrs. S. L. Cochran, of Ohio, discussed "The Status and Condition of the Negro in the North: The Servant Girl." She said that there were few opportunities opened to our women to earn a living wage; the tendency growing to

even bar colored girls from domestic service in the North; we must take this matter under careful consideration and help change conditions.

Mrs. Ida Joice Jackson was introduced. She expressed herself as highly pleased with the discussions she had heard, and only regretted that those who most needed the wholesome instructions given were not present.

A converted Jewish evangelist, Brother Ney, was also introduced. He expressed himself as glad to be present; rejoiced that he had found Christ to be the Savior of all men. Before he came to know Jesus and to be partaker of his Spirit, he was not in fellowship with us, but now the Jew had been crucified, and he was a free man in Christ Jesus. Time being limited, he could not say more, but freely distributed tracts that told more of his conversion and work.

Rev. Waldron, of the District of Columbia, was presented. He rejoiced to hear of our early prayer service and Bible study, and wanted us to know that he was conducting a similar service for men in another part of the city. He was impressed as he had never been, that without Christ we could do nothing, and urged that we more and more recognize the need of the Holy Spirit's power in all our Christian service. Rev. Waldron pronounced the benediction.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Miss Katherine Johnson, of Illinois. Songs of Zion were sung; glowing testimonies; all rejoicing over the work of our young people.

Theme, "Christ Our Rock," Matt. 7. Solo by Miss Mary Buchanan, "Sail Away O'er Life's Ocean." This solo was sweetly rendered, adding joy to hearts already overflowing.

Miss Herbert Webber, of Indiana, address, "How the Church Can Draw Its Young People." We are told to train the child in the way it should go. This injunction is given to parents, mothers in particular. It is easy to lead an innocent child to Christ; the Christ story is so interesting to children. A great responsibility rests upon the church to draw its young people. Christ's power to save is as great as ever and the church will live as long as God wills it shall. Old people should lay good examples for the young people. Pastors and superintendents should encourage and use them in the church and Sunday-school

services. Make the church house attractive and the services interesting and the young people will be drawn to the church.

Miss Gertrude Cruik, sang, "Sweet Spirit, 'Hear My Prayer." Her rendition was sweet and very effective.

Miss Willie Spaulding, of Georgia, address, "The Necessity of Educating Girls in Christian Schools." The fundamental step should be taken in infancy, in the training of children. Parents should not leave the selection of a school to their children, but should choose for them the very best their circumstances will permit, where the training is done according to God's order. Public schools ordinarily are the first schools attended. Sometimes the teachers are consecrated, from our best homes and well prepared to give correct example; often it is otherwise. Christian schools are better suited to give proper training for God's Word is taught in such schools, and the teachers are required to be proper examples for the students to follow. Whenever possible we should patronize our denominational schools. Our Training School at Washington plans to give the girls a good education and industrial training to prepare them for the duties of life.

Shiloh's Children, of Columbus, Ohio, sang a beautiful chorus.

Miss Rosalee H., of Georgia, address, "Right About Face." This is a song of great opportunity for any to work who is in the church calling for young women to work; women have for years ago discussing how to enlist colored girls in Christian missionary work; and many had been reached. What better investment could the churches make than to invest in girls? Some are going the wrong way, some would gladly "right about face" were they helped and encouraged to do so. We beg our girls not to sit down and throw away time, but love service; be somebody and do something. Why be in league with Satan when "the Lord" is calling so loudly for our aid? An appeal to our girls to leave the foolish and frivolous things of this world, "right about face" and do those things which our Lord calls us to mankind.

Solo by Miss C. H., of Georgia, "His Eye is on the Sparrow, and He Watches Me." This song was rendered with much devotion and pathos.

Miss Burroughs introduced Miss Plummer of the District of Columbia, who rendered her great service in

the business matters at Washington incident to getting the Training School in readiness for its opening. Miss Plummer said that she was taken by surprise to be called upon to speak. However, she could say that she was pleased to be used wherever she could forward the movement now in hand. The President of the Local School Board in the District of Columbia was also presented. She expressed her joy in being present and promised her loyal support to the work of the Training School.

Solo, Miss Jessie May Gross, of Texas.

Miss Delia Rudolph, of Capetown South Africa, address, "A Vision of Africa's Future." Miss Rudolph said that she came to tell of what she knew by actual experience, and to plead for a land and a people that had long been sinned against. America had wronged Africa and was in debt to her; she felt that it was about time for America to pay her debt. She would plead for the women of her country, who were degraded and burdened beyond the power of words to describe; most tenderly did she plead, with tears in her eyes, as she told their story of sorrow, degradation and neglect. Every heart was touched as she plead. Send the light to those millions of women and children. Send the blessed gospel light to dear benighted Africa, that her women and children might be saved!

Solo by Miss Geneva Cowles, of Ohio, "They tell me of a City up in the sky." So pathetically did the sweet singer render this solo that the vast congregation expressed their joy in tears, loud hallelujahs and hearty amens! Encore, "I shall know Him by the print of the nail in His hands."

Miss Mary Buchanan, of Middle Drift, South Africa; address, "What the Needle Can Do for Africa." She said that her people wore just one piece of cloth when they could get it. So you see they greatly need cloth, needles, thread and thimbles. Africans like to dress up. They will more gladly hear the missionary that can sew and will give them clothes to wear. They easily learn and readily turn from their heathen customs when encouraged by Christian missionaries. Appeal to our women to supply cloth and other materials to establish sewing schools in Africa. What the needle has done for India it can do for Africa. She said that she purposed now to return to her home in Africa and be an industrial teacher for her people; made an earnest

appeal for the needed supplies to begin sewing schools in Africa; concluded by singing "Loud and strong the Master calleth."

Mrs. Gadie, of Kentucky was greatly moved, arose and in a timely, heartfelt speech assured Miss Buchanan that she should have the hearty support of her husband's church and her missionary society.

Miss Burroughs spoke of Miss Buchanan's life and her successful accomplishments as a trained young woman, ready to return to her home and serve her people.

The people were then asked to give Mary her transportation fee, to do so quietly, without singing. The response was so spontaneous and generous that in a few moments \$152.53 was given. Names of donors were given to Miss Buchanan.

Rev. Walter Brooks, of the District of Columbia, offered a prayer of thanksgiving and invocation of God's choicest blessings upon Miss Buchanan as she shall go forth to bless her people. The following texts were given her: "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5); "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me," (Phil. 4:13). Song, "Take the name of Jesus with you," parting song of the Convention to Miss Mary Buchanan. Benediction by Rev. L. G. Jordan, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Bible Hour, 8:45 to 9:45 a. m. A blessed service of waiting before God. Lesson "Power of Christ to Save from Sin." (Isa. 59:1, 2; Rom. 6:16-22; Matt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:34.) Sister V. W. Broughton taught the lesson. She concluded by adding her personal testimony to the value of the Fireside School work, emphasizing it by reference to Isaiah's Vision (Isa. 6:1-9). Every heart seemed touched and blessed testimonies followed, Sisters West, Ruckner and Bailey getting the right of way. Closing prayer by Miss E. R. Delaney, our returned missionary.

We were all gratified to note the increased attendance daily to this Bible Study Hour. Our prayer shall be that

this feature may ever be continued, that all our women may be better prepared to serve each day of our Convention, from sitting at Jesus' feet in the early morning hour.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Dorroh, of Florida, and Miss Green, of Chicago, Ill. Song, "I need Thee every hour." Bible reading, Matt. 25:14-30. Sister Dorroh commented on the Parable, making it very plain and clear. Many sisters repeated Bible quotations and sentence prayers. Song, "Will there be any stars in my crown?"

President Layten asked that all committees be ready to report this morning.

Dr. J. F. Thomas, of Illinois, made announcements.

Minutes of Friday afternoon read and approved.

Miss Fannie E. Blackburn, State Superintendent of Ohio Children's Bands, address, "Ways by Which Effective Work May be Done Among Children." She presented two little girls, who sang "Bring them in." The selection was sweetly rendered with good effect.

Address—In answer to the prayer, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" God had given her, through the women of her state, a work among the children. For one year she had been earnestly working, writing and organizing children's bands; she had enrolled seven hundred Baptist children in the bands organized. Other denominations were training their children and we should do the same. Every church should have a Children's Band. She said that she loved children and her work was her delight. She appealed to her associate superintendents of children's bands to press forward. She bade them make their work attractive, love the children teach the Word simply and be examples of what they would have their children be.

A beautiful floral offering was presented to President Layten as a token of the love the children of Ohio entertained for her. President Layten expressed her delightful surprise in receiving the offering and extended her hearty thanks for the same.

Miss Joanna P. Moore opened the discussion. She wanted to tell something of the work our dear women were doing for the children. She had a plan operating that every child of the family should have a Bible, family prayer and daily Bible study at home has proven the most effective means for training our children. She told an interest-

ing story of a little boy doing mission work, by telling other boys what his mother had taught him about his body; the same child got lost, was carried to the police station; he could tell where he lived, but was so tired that he wanted to sleep; but said that he couldn't lie down until he said his prayers, which he did, causing all present to shed tears. She concluded her sweet message with a prayer of thanksgiving for what God was doing for the children through us.

Song by Mrs. Kelly, of Kentucky, "Higher Ground." From the fullness of her heart she told of how greatly she had been blessed by Friday night's exercises. She complimented all the officers and all the good women who were upholding their hands. She further said that she was a teacher at Eckstein Norton Institute and knew what a great care the training of girls meant.

Sister M. E. Conrad, of Indiana, spoke of the work being done among the children in her state.

Mrs. L. W. Carter, of Pennsylvania, has a number of children's bands at work.

Miss E. B. Allen, of the District of Columbia, stated that her children's band had raised \$1.40, and was trying to help the sick, poor and needy.

Rev. Thomas announced that he had flags for sale at 10 cents each.

Sister H. Lewis said that they have eight children's bands in the Olivet Baptist Church, and they brought \$42.28 to this Convention.

Sister Ella Woods, of Kentucky, spoke of the work done among the children in Kentucky.

Sister M. L. Saunders stated that Missouri was also organizing children's bands.

Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, of Tennessee, assured the Convention that her state was also enlisting the children and striving to train them.

The Enrollment Committee reported 397 messengers. Report received by common consent.

The Finance Committee reported. Amount raised during Convention, \$116.36. By motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported. (See report.) By motion the report was adopted.

Committees on Education and Minutes reported. By motion reports were adopted. (See reports.)

Committee on Recommendations reported. A motion to adopt by sections prevailed.

After some discussion the recommendations were all adopted save the 8th, which was ordered laid on the table.

The Corresponding Secretary made a supplementary report of \$476.03, besides the amount raised Thursday evening for Training School and the amount raised Friday evening for Miss Mary Buchanan. By motion this report was adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary called for a conference of State Vice-Presidents immediately after the Executive Board meeting.

The President called forward Mesdames Shanks, Layten, Burgess, Whitfield, Abner and Miss Delaney for special service.

Delegates being seated, President Layten stated that the time had come for the election of officers, and asked that the Convention conduct the election with the same good order and peace that had characterized all the proceedings. Roll was called, 236 delegates responded to their names.

A motion by Mrs. Abington, of Missouri, seconded by several sisters, that the rule be suspended, and the entire corps of officers be re-elected by acclamation. The motion prevailed without a dissenting voice.

Song of rejoicing sung, "We're marching to Zion."

A motion that the Secretary cast the ballot for the unanimous election of all the officers. Carried.

President Layten repeated, "How good and pleasant for sisters to dwell together in unity."

Mrs. J. M. Layten, by the authority invested in her, declared the officers of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, all duly elected.

Rev. Chandler made a statement relative to the entertainment to remove any thought that might be cherished faulting the Committee on Entertainment.

Vice-Presidents of States, Executive Board members, Superintendents of Children's Bands, as recommended by the several states, were duly elected.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. C. M. Wells, of Alabama; Rev. S. E. Griggs, of Tennessee; Prof. E. W. B. Curry, Ohio; Mrs. Anna Dodd, representing the National Baptist Sunday-School Convention of Ohio; Mrs. Jamison, of Ohio, representing Temperance and Women's Club work; Mr. McGirt, representing a magazine. Each said a word touching some special phase of our racial life, as well as complimenting the excellent deliberations of our Convention.

Benediction by Dr. L. G. Jordan.

#### *Executive Board.*

The Board meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. A. Bowie, of Alabama.

The Corresponding Secretary read minutes of the Executive Board meeting held in June. By motion the report was received. Discussion followed.

A motion to refer the matter relative to the \$100.00 appropriation to President Layten to the Local Executive Committee to be presented to the Convention next year. Carried.

A motion to give Vice-President Bryant all her expenses. Carried.

A motion to pay Recording Secretary \$35.00 salary and expenses. Carried.

A motion to pay Assistant Recording Secretary's railroad fare, \$6.00 for board, and \$1.00 per day for services. Carried.

A motion to pay Treasurer \$25.00. Carried.

A motion to pay each member of Finance and Enrollment Committees \$1.00 per day for actual service. Carried.

A motion that the Chairman of the Finance Committee give the time of the members of her committee. Carried.

A motion to pay Mrs. Shanks, Sergeant-at-Arms, \$4.00. Carried.

A motion to have four members on Finance Committee. Carried.

Sister Wheatley, of Texas, asked that the Corresponding Secretary inform each Executive Board member of the work done by the local Committee. It was left with President Layten to select the four members of the Finance Committee.

Suggestion made that states and the names of delegates to the National Convention be sent to the Corresponding Secretary not later than thirty days after their State Conventions.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. H. Burroughs, made a statement relative to the opening of the Training School. School opens October 19. All asked to pray for the work on that day.

Information given about teachers and lecturers. Some dissatisfaction expressed as to the teachers who were members of pedobaptist churches.

A motion to give Mrs. Nannie West, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, \$4.00. Carried.

After making a motion to leave the matter of Training School in the hands of the President and Board of Trustees, which prevailed, Mrs. Annie Peyton, of Illinois was asked to close the meeting with prayer. Thus closed the business of the ninth annual session of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of the United States.

#### *EVENING SESSION.*

A Sacred Concert was given to the entertainment of all who came. A special feature was a reading by Mrs. Preston, of Michigan, a national W. C. T. U. lecturer and orator.

#### *SUNDAY—MORNING.*

The Sunday-School Review Lesson was conducted by Mrs. V. W. Broughton.

Sisters of the various states were selected to present the



lessons of the Quarter. The Review was made very interesting, showing that our sisters were active Sunday-school workers.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE.

Song by the church choir. Scripture reading by Rev. W. G. Parks, of Pennsylvania, Ps. 148. Prayer by Rev. Merchant, of Arkansas. Song by the choir, "Glory Hallelujah!"

Rev. Clayton A. Powell, of New York, was presented by President Layten to preach the sermon.

Solo by Miss Cowles, "I expect to hear the Savior call my name."

Sermon—Introductory remarks complimentary to the pastor and members of Second Baptist Church and to our Woman's Convention heartily extended. Text: "Ps. 19:78. Subject: "Transforming Power of the Word of God." Inexpressible passion for the Word of God, characteristic of all who wrought well in the church. Illustrations: Joshua, David, Ezekiel, John Bunyan, Judge Muller, Spurgeon, Moody and Sister Joanna P. Moore. His morning verse was 1 Sam. 12:24. His own love for the Word; above church, wife and children, and even his own soul. General neglect of the Word referred to; Bible more interesting than any book published from a mere literary viewpoint. Bible more than literature; a revelation from God. Give the Bible the first place in your daily thought and it will wonderfully transform you. Word of God alone is perfect and will convert the soul; will cultivate the mind. Education incomplete and worthless without you have drunk at this fountain. "Thy word is sure, making wise the simple." The Word of God includes in a nutshell creation, fall, promise of redemption, incarnation of Christ, his life sacrifice, resurrection. Commission to the church; surety of this testimony emphasized. Word of God will fill one's life with happiness. Man's life a long quest for happiness. Illustration given of varied means employed to secure happiness. Why labor for that which satisfieth not? Do right! Feed upon God's Word, and happiness is assured. God's Word will transform the whole body. "The commandment of God is pure, enlightening the eye"—eye a figure of the whole body, the lamp of the body is the eye. Bible will fully educate. Spiritual culture, con-

verting the soul; mental culture, making wise the simple; sociological culture, statutes of God are right; physical culture, enlightening the eye. Take the course! Read it through! Let Bible go through you! Pass it on! Emphasized "Pass it on" by a striking story of a husband's love being manifest to his wife which caused her so much joy that all whom she met that day were made happy.

Solo by Miss Cowles, "Oh, Bless the Lord!" Sister Moore was moved to add a word. She repeated the poem,

If you've had a kindness shown you,  
Pass it on!

President Layten rejoiced over the blessed spiritual feast the morning service had been to us all.  
Offering, \$41.68.

Doxology. Benediction by Rev. Stokes, of Montgomery, Alabama.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. G. Johnson, of Georgia. Song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Prayer. Song by choir. Special selection Scripture reading, Eph. 4:1-24. Song, "Hear our prayer, Oh Father." Prayer by Dr. J. J. Durham, of South Carolina. Dr. Hubbs led the congregation in song, "I love thy church."

Dr. Campbell prayed.

Mrs. J. S. Morton, of Pennsylvania, address, "The Triumphs of Christianity in the World." Christianity has been strengthened by opposition. Bible record still intact; the acknowledged Book of books; education and invention; children of Christianity; home-life blessed and elevated through Christianity; women elevated and honored. This latter truth emphasized by contrasting women of Christian lands with those in heathendom. Christianity advancing throughout the world. Its power to save and comfort man, proof that it will be eventually the religion of all mankind.

Rev. Dr. Aaron Barbour, of Texas, was introduced by Miss Burroughs as the preacher of the evening. Rev. Barbour introduced his sermon by assuring us that he be-



lieved in a religion that stirred the hearts of men; and the learned Dr. Parker had said that those who denied that Christian religion moved men, did so because they had none. He extended high compliments to Miss Burroughs for her great work in the developing of our Convention. He then read John 14:1-3. Dr. C. T. Walker, of Georgia, prayed. Text, Dan. 5:27: "Weighed in the balances and found wanting." God deals with men according to their opportunity to know the right. Belshazzar knew of God's dealing with his father for his sins, since he did not profit by that knowledge, God sent greater judgment upon him. Because of present-day opportunities God requires more of our young people than he did of their fathers; worldly amusements condemned; fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man emphasized. Love of God necessary to bring men together and establish brotherhood; united effort on part of members of our race necessary to race development; hence the great need of our organization. Young people rebuked for indifference to church work. Questions—What are you doing with your opportunities? Are you weighed in the balances and found wanting?

Prayer by Dr. J. J. Durham, of South Carolina.

The officers of the Convention were installed by Rev. W. H. Jernagin, of Oklahoma. The President, Miss N. H. Burroughs, and officers of the Trustee Board of the Training School were presented. Mrs. C. H. Parrish, of Kentucky, Chairman of the Board, was presented. She made a brief address and presented the other officers.

Collection taken, \$14.41.

A motion to give this evening as well as the morning collection to the Second Baptist Church. Carried.

Farewell words of love and tenderness spoken by President Layten. Solo by Madam Egbert, "Man of Galilee."

Benediction by Rev. P. J. Bryant, of Georgia.

### COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

#### FINANCE.

Total amount raised during Convention \$1106.36.

COMMITTEE—Mesdames M. E. Hamilton, Tenn.; Harris, Ga.; Mattie Grigsby, Ind.; L. S. Edwards, Va.; Annie Peyton, Ill.; M. J. Brockney, Okla.

#### ENROLLMENT.

Delegates enrolled, 397.

COMMITTEE—Mesdames J. Mason Layten, R. L. Bennett, Mo.; F. P. Cooper, Tenn.; F. H. Lewis, La.

We your Committee on Education submit the following:

"We are living in a grand and awful age." As Negro women of America we are facing the most important period of our civilization. We are surrounded. There is no escape, except through the great channel of education. The demand is upon us, and we can see, in the the distance, thousands of boys and girls standing with outstretched hands, saying, "Help us secure an education, or we will be forever oppressed and made the object of scorn in the world!" Seeing this condition, and realizing the obligation placed upon us as mothers, sisters, wives and daughters, we would recommend that this Convention place itself on record as being willing to make any necessary sacrifice to promote the education of our sons and daughters; that education, which will so completely develop heart, head and hand, as to enable our children to render the very best service to God and to man. It should go without question that education, true and practical, is one of our greatest needs. It's the function of the school to develop our birth gifts and to prepare us for the realization of our highest possibilities and not alone as it relates to the culture of one's own self, but also as it relates to one's power for service. Education is not only the greatest need of our race to-day in general, but of our calling as Christian workers in particular. To meet the demands of our age, and ministry, we must educate. In view of the fact that for the supplying of our greatest need, for the enrichment of our resources, for the harmonious development of our God-given faculties, and the preparation of our lives for the greatest usefulness, there has been established throughout this country schools, academies, colleges and universities; we recommend to the Convention all the schools for encouragement, and for support those which represent the things for which we peculiarly stand; and above all that we concentrate our forces to the support and improvement of the worthy institutions of learning which we already have, that more effectual work may be accomplished by this great race, of which we are a part. We cannot reach higher ground, until we reach our young people, educate them, and put their hands to work, and their feet walking in right paths.

We further recommend that the states cooperate heartily in the effort to establish and maintain one strong national institution, that our young women may be trained for service on our home and foreign mission fields, for we see in the distance a host of trained workers for our mission fields coming out from our school at Washington, D. C., fair as the morning, pure as the dew drop, and polished after the similitude of a place, saying:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,  
I'll do what you want me to do,  
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,  
I'll be what you want me to be."

COMMITTEE—Mesdames R. T. Pollard, Ala.; Maggie Moss, Tenn.; Roberta Jackson; R. J. Henderson, La.; H. F. Frazier, Kans.; Anna Anderson, Ind.; A. P. Dunbar, S. C.; M. A. R. Smith, Tex.; Isabel Taylor, O.; Alice Kelly, Ky.; Hattie Brokans, Penn.; L. A. Lenndrum, Okla.

We, your Committee and Missions, submit the following report:

We are glad to note the growth of missionary sentiment throughout our country. Both pastors and people are becoming aroused to a sense of responsibility for the world's salvation; but there yet remains much ground to be taken for our Lord. Fields are opening daily and opportunities were never so numerous as now.

Therefore, we recommend greater consecration and more systematic methods of work, that the best possible results may be obtained. We recommend that all local societies correspond with our Secretary procuring such literature as will unify their study as is done in our Sunday-schools. The topic cards should be used in every society. The leaflet, "What a Missionary Society Should Do," will do much to correct the practice of collecting money for missions and then using it for every other purpose. We recommend that every circle take at least one copy of "The Mission Herald," and have it read at the meetings that all members may be brought into sympathetic touch with our workers on the foreign fields through increased knowledge of their work and their needs. We urge upon Presidents of circles that when field workers are to come to them they work up good meetings for them and provide for their personal comfort. Recognizing prayer as the greatest force in the world, we urge upon all the necessity of more earnest definite prayer for the coming of our Lord's kingdom in the hearts of men.

COMMITTEE—Mesdames Nellie Bishop, Tenn.; Maria Bias, D. C.; Katie Jones, Ala.; Allen, O.; M. L. Sanders, Mo.; E. E. Whitfield, Tex.; Julia Johnson, Ind.; E. B. Windfield, Ga.; M. A. Jones, Okla.; Vienna Parker, Ky.; S. J. Porter, Ark.; R. E. West, Penn.; B. F. Fox, Va.; B. C. Carter, Minn.; M. Toles, Ill.; D. A. Gaddy, Ky.; Miss C. B. Cary, S. C.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Since the wave of temperance has swept over our country playing havoc with the demon of intemperance that has ruined so many homes, casting out women and children upon the cold charity of the world, be it

*Resolved*, That this great body of Christian women unite with their pastors and all the consecrated temperance workers to drive this demon of intemperance from the face of the earth. Be it further

*Resolved*, That we endorse the movement of the states which have gone dry; pray that they remain dry, and that all the other states of the Union may join in the crusade, until the United States is free from the legalized liquor traffic. Be it also

*Resolved*, That our Convention heartily endorse the great work of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union organization, and encourage our women to cooperate with that organization wherever it is practicable.

We also recommend that we discourage the use of fermented wines in our churches at the Lord's Supper; also for medicinal purposes; for many leading physicians are seeing the danger of using alcohol, and are prescribing non-alcoholic medicines instead. In the train of this temperance wave poor-houses, insane asylums and prisons already are decreasing in the numbers of their inmates. Bank accounts are increasing and well fed, neatly clothed children are crowding our schools, while the ill-clad, hungry waifs are disappearing from the streets.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE—Miss E. B. Delaney, Fla.; Mesdames S. Brynes, Tenn.; Emma Gaines, Kan.; Laura Anderson, Ind.; L. O. Queen, D. C.; M. Allison, La.; Mary Thornton, Mo.; Fanny Blackburn, O.; M. E. Edwards, Tex.; Bertha Williams, S. C.; Clara B. Reeves, Ga.; Hattie C. Taylor, Ind.; S. A. Prince, Tex.; F. A. Townsend, Okla.; Emma Rich, Ga.; Malinda Dowell, Ky.; C. T. Dorroh, Fla.

We, your Committee on Recommendations, submit the following:

WHEREAS, We listened with much delight to the splendid address delivered by our President, we feel that her general suggestions regarding the attempt to uplift humanity in general, and the women and girls of our race in particular, are worthy of the deepest consideration, and we recommend that they be treasured in our hearts, and become a part of our endeavors.

IF HEREBAS, The Corresponding Secretary's report gave such an excellent review of the work of the year as well as suggestions for the future; and believing that in this capacity she would know the needs of the work, we recommend that the suggestions for next year's work be adopted with this one change in No. 3: That the President, Mrs. S. W. Layten, and Corresponding Secretary, be appointed delegates to the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, June, 1910.

In view of the fact that we are all interested in Home and Foreign Missions and B. Y. P. U. work, we recommend that our Corresponding Secretary be asked to invite the several secretaries of the National Baptist Convention to open those subjects when they occur on our programs.

We also recommend that our returned missionaries be placed on our programs each year when possible.

We ask that we have a report each year from the trustee board of the National Baptist Training School.

WHEREAS, We find a great need of raising more money in our local societies to meet the many and pressing demands continually made upon us, we recommend that as far as possible our local societies ask their churches the privilege of raising an after penny collection each Lord's day for missionary purposes.

If the Committee on Reception in the various cities where we meet will insist upon arranging only two meals a day, we recommend that they make arrangements for a little less than \$1.00 per day for board and lodging, because we consider \$1.00 per day quite enough for any Christian organization to pay, and that should include three meals a day.

We further recommend the enforcement of the rule made last year that the Woman's Convention open its annual session Thursday morning before the third Lord's Day in September instead of Wednesday afternoon, in order that the sisters may keep in close touch with the general work of the denomination and get the inspiration that comes from increased information.

We also recommend the enforcement of the recommendation that this Convention hold one session with closed doors for the discussion of subjects of vital interest to the denomination and such other topics as can be discussed among women only.

Lastly, we recommend that the Convention extend a vote of thanks to the pastor and members of the Second Baptist Church, and the various pastors and citizens, who in any way, contributed to the pleasant and profitable session of our Convention.

We also recommend that a vote of thanks be extended the newspapers for allowing such liberal space for the proceedings of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE—Mesdames E. A. Wilson, Kan.; M. H. Flowers, Tenn.; A. J. Abington, Mo.; E. M. Terrell, Va.; Marnie Clark, O.; Sallie Miner, D. C.; Ida Sawyer, S. C.; Bessie Foster, Ga.; Ida Miller, Ind.; M. T. Wells, La.; Sharkie, Tex.; L. J. Washington, Ga.; M. W. Gilbert, N. Y.; M. M. Ruckner, Tex.; M. J. Brockney, Okla.; W. F. McKinney, Ga.; Pearm, Ala.; M. V. Parrish, Ky.; A. E. West, Pa.; J. F. Thomas, Ill.

#### COURTESY.

Introduced the distinguished visitors.

COMMITTEE—Mesdames M. Bledsoe, Ill.; A. A. Bowie, Ala.; Louanna Jackson, Mo.; Saunders, O.; Agnes Gilbert, Kans.; F. A. Townsland, Okla.; A. D. Hurt, Ky.; Eliza White, S. C.; J. N. Moss, Tex.; A. Batts, Mo.; Miss Nellie Spaulding, Ga.

#### OBITUARY.

COMMITTEE—Mesdames Fox, Va.; Rifley, S. C.; Ida Simpson, Ind.; H. Forest, Ga.; R. M. Graves, Tex.; E. W. Window, La.; R. E. Pitt, Ala.; Fannie White, O.; Martha Johnson, D. C.; Lucy Bacote, Mo.; H. Ellington, Tenn.; M. L. Bemles, Ga.; Hattie Taylor, Ind.; S. A. Prina, Tex.; F. A. Townsland, Okla.; Emma Rich, Ga.; J. Washington, Kan.; Martha Johnson, D. C.; Emma Majors, La.; B. High, Minn.

Committee on Seating served as ushers.

COMMITTEE—Mesdames S. C. V. Shanks, Ark.; L. Washington, Ga.; Abner, Tex.; J. H. Walker; Nannie West Tenn.

Committee of Lost and Found—Mesdames H. Weasley, Tex.; M. J. Barbour, Pa.; Emma Rich, Ga.; Olivia Hill, La.; M. Arkens, Tex.; Julia Washington; Cochran, O.; Lula M. Alexander, Mo.; A. D. Hurt, Ky.; Mattie Cearn, Okla.; Ella B. Wood, Ky.

# FINANCIAL REPORT BY STATES. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1909.

## ALABAMA

NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY.	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Education	Training School	Refugee	Total
Mrs. C. M. Wells, Birmingham	Woman's Educational Congress	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mrs. A. B. Davis, Mrs. V. M. Pearson, Mrs. H. R. Pitts, Mrs. C. M. Wells, Mrs. R. F. Pollard, Mrs. Belle Glass	Woman's B. B. Convention						
Wm. Madson, Jr., Montgomery	Woman's Missionary Society						
	Day St. Baptist Church						

## ARKANSAS

Mrs. B. B. Bailey, Dermott	Baptist Women's Benevolent District Association	\$10.00					\$10.00
Mrs. B. J. Purdie							\$
Mrs. Rebecca Manitt, Little Rock	Baptist Sunday School, Marsh Hill, Ark.						\$
M. F. A. Rowan, Thoms J. Owens	Woman's Consolidated White River Dist. Association	\$					\$

# CALIFORNIA.

NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY	OF THE Ladies	Home Mission	Education	Training School	General Expenses	Total
Mrs. M. J. Davis, Los Angeles		15 00					15 00

# COLORADO

Mrs. Lillie L. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Beckham	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 75	1 00	7 75
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# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

B. V. Allen, Washington	Allen Mission School						2 50
Sarah E. Miner, Washington	Metropolitan Baptist Sun. Sch.	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00

# GEORGIA

Mrs. I. L. Davis, Atlanta	St. Olive Baptist Church Mis- sion Club	3 00			1 50	50	5 00
Rev. H. H. Anderson	Home and Foreign Mission Con.	5 00					5 00
Rev. J. W. Jackson, D. D., Mrs. W. T. McKinney, Atlanta	Liberty Baptist Church Mission	1 25	1 25		1 30	1 25	5 00
Mrs. Emma Rich, Mrs. Georgia Banks	County Convention, Fulton	3 00	75		1 00	75	5 00

Mrs. M. L. Banks, Macon	Home and Foreign Mission Club				50	75	10 75
Mrs. S. C. J. Bryant, E. Ro- berta Jackson, Mrs. E. R. Wingfield, Atlanta	Current Topic Club	5 00			2 50	2 50	10 00
Mrs. Temple Wolfe, Mary Kidd, Lorgia South, Henri- etta Beaman, W. F. McKin- ney, H. E. Harris, Miss Be- sie Foster, Miss M. L. Banks	Woman's Convention, Auxil- iary to General State Bap- tist Convention	30 00			15 00	5 85	51 85
Rev. P. James Bryant, Mrs. S. C. J. Bryant, Atlanta	Woman's Missionary of Wheat Street Church	16 00	2 80		10 00	2 50	30 00

# ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Annie M. Peyton, Miss Lula Pettis, Mrs. Maggie Love, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mrs. Hattie Heales, Mrs. Ella McCargo, Chicago	Home and Foreign Mission Cir- cle of Ebenezer Bap. Church	6 00					6 00
Mrs. Wilson, Julia Burgess, Fannie Pointer, Willie M. Williams, Jennie Williams, Miss Nettie Gregg, Emily C. Pinker, Miss Jordan, Lucy Jones, Mrs. Leah Rice, Miss Beth Hughes, Lela Camp- bell, Bessie Lewis, C. D. Trice, Mattie Foltz, M. E. Clark, Mrs. Wallace, Elvora							

ILLINOIS Continued

NAME AND PLACE	SOCIETY.	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Education	Training School	General Expenses	Total
Franklin, Jennie Harris. Eliza Clarence, Chicago	Mission Circle and Band of Ol- ver Baptist Church	42 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	59 00
Mrs. Laura Anderson, Mrs. Ab- bie Hall, Chicago	Naimi Circle Ebenezer Church						2 00
Hattie Chares, Chicago	Missionary Circle Hermon Bap- tist Church	5 00					5 00
Mrs. V. C. King, Mrs. B. L. Dean, Mrs. H. J. Wells, Mrs. W. A. Oliphant, Miss Flor- ence Dampflin, Mrs. Pamp- lin, Mrs. Florence Cook, Miss Florence McBride, Mrs. Corena Stewart, Mrs. Hat- tie McFier, Mrs. Taylor	Educational and Mission Dis- trict of Wood River Children's Band	5 00	1 00		5 00		11 00
Champaign M. E. Holloway, Mrs. Sadie Smith, Rev. E. J. Martin, Chicago	Bethesda Baptist Church	20 00					20 00
Mrs. G. A. Cass, Maggie Francis, Chicago	Mission Circle of Providence Baptist Church	5 00		2 00			7 00
Chicago	Sunshine Band						1 00
Mrs. Marie Mitchell, Mrs. Sa- rah Allison, Chicago	Boys Club						1 00
	Mothers Union of Ebenezer Baptist Church	2 00				2 00	4 00

Miss Lula Peyton, Chicago Children's Missionary Band of  
Ebenezer Baptist Church

INDIANA

Rev. C. W. McColl, Anderson	Missionary Society Second Bap- tist Church	2 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Glenie Johnson, C. C. Ford, Hattie Curd, Alice Evans, In- dianapolis	E. B. Delaney Missionary		2 00	1 00	1 00		4 00
Louise Wallace	Lot Carey Mission of Mt. Zion Baptist Church	2 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	5 50

KENTUCKY

Martha H. Jones, Mrs. Millie A. Thomas, Danville	DeBaptist-Faulkner First Church	3 00			2 00		5 00
Mrs. R. F. Frye, Lexington	Baptist Women's Missionary Union	5 00					5 00
Mrs. L. S. Edwards, Rev. C. C. Bates, Miss Mary E. Harrie, Louisville	Lampson Baptist Church	5 00		5 00	2 00		12 00
Mrs. D. A. Gaddie, Miss Carrie B. Richardson, Louisville	Green Street Baptist Church	10 00		1 50		2 50	15 00
Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Vi- enia Parker, Malinda Dowell, Ella B. Wood, J. E. Givins, S. W. Underwood, A. D. Hurt, Misses Alice P. Kelly, Alice L. Dortet	Baptist Women's Missionary Convention						

KANSAS

Mrs. Emma Gaines, Mrs. H. F.  
Frazier, Rev. E. T. Flebbach,  
Dr. E. A. Wilson, Mrs. E. A.  
Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

KANSAS—Continued.

NAME AND PLACE.	SOCIETY.	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Education	Religious School	Other Societies	Total
Mrs. Julia Washington, Rev. Geo McNeal .....	Women's H. & F. Mission Con- vention .....	\$ 10 00	5 00	4 00			19 00

LOUISIANA

Miss Phoebe Skiri, New Orleans.	Austerlitz Church Home Mis- sion .....	\$ 2 50	1 00	1 50			5 00
Mrs. Marie Wells, Mrs. Susie O Love, Mrs. E. J. Windsor, Mrs. Martha Anderson, New Orleans .....	Women's First District Mission Society of Sixth Bap- tist Church .....						10 00
Mrs. H. F. Lewis .....							

MISSOURI.

Mrs. M. E. Goins, Mrs. A. J. Ab- ington, M. L. Sanders, Mrs. R. L. Bennett, L. Alexander, Mrs. E. A. Botta, M. A. Thorn- ton, Mrs. L. J. Bacote, Ella Randall, Mrs. G. N. Jackson, Annie Hamilton, Viola Duke, Mrs. S. W. Hamble, Kansas City.	Woman's State Convention .....	\$ 23 00					23 00
	Second Baptist Mission Circle .....	2 00	1 00	1 00			6 00

MINNESOTA

Mrs. W. D. Carter, Mrs. B. High, Martin Baptist .....							
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MICHIGAN.

Fannie White, Eastman .....	Women's Missionary .....						5 00
Mrs. Joseph Phillips .....	B. Y. P. U. ....						2 00

MISSISSIPPI.

Rev. J. D. Zuber, Rev. N. C. Wicks .....	District Convention .....	\$ 5 00					5 00
Miss Mary M. Young .....	Women's Home Mission .....	50	25	25			1 00

NEW YORK

Mrs. Agnes M. Gilbert .....	Dorcas Circle of Mt. Zion Bap- tist Church .....	\$ 2 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	10 00
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OHIO

Miss Mahala Saunders, Miss Fannie Blackburn, Mrs. S. L. Cochran, Mrs. B. W. Clark ..	Women's Baptist State Conven- tion .....					30 00	30 00
Mrs. F. D. Cochran, Mrs. Laura Vasey, Springfield .....	Missionary Society of Second Baptist Church .....	1 00	1 00		2 00		6 00



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