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# Revised Constitution of the National Baptist Convention, United States of America

## PREAMBLE

Whereas, it was the sense of the Negro Baptists of the United States as represented in the several Baptist organizations convened in Atlanta, Georgia, September 28, 1895, and known as the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, hitherto engaged in missionary work on the West Coast of Africa; the National Baptist Convention, which had been doing missionary work in the United States; the National Baptist Educational Convention, charged with the educational interests of the Negro Baptists, that these organizations should unite into one organization for the purpose of putting into effect the benevolent intentions of their constituents by eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination: therefore, said organizations did unite and agree upon certain fundamental principles and organic rules, which as amended from time to time, are as follows:

## ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known and styled the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America.

## ARTICLE II—OBJECT

This Convention, by uniting Baptist churches and other Baptist organizations, such as may desire an organization of this kind, shall undertake to promote home and foreign missions; to encourage and support Christian education; to publish and distribute Sunday-school and other religious literature; and to engage in whatever other Christian endeavor is required to advance the Redeemer's kingdom throughout the world.

## ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of this Convention shall be representative, annual, and life.

Section 2. Representative membership shall be had in this Convention by Baptist churches, district associations and conventions, district state conventions, and state conventions, all known to be in harmony with the object of this Convention, by paying into the treasury of this Convention at the annual meetings thereof, such sums as are stated in Section 3 of this article; provided that any of the above mentioned organizations

that have contributed money to any of the Boards of this Convention during the conventional year immediately preceding an annual meeting, may have additional representation for each ten dollars (\$10.00) thus contributed upon presentation of an official receipt for same.

Section 3. Any regular Baptist church shall be entitled to one (1) messenger upon the payment of ten dollars (\$10.00); any district association or convention, to one (1) messenger upon the payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); any district upon convention, to one (1) messenger upon payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00); any state convention, to one (1) messenger upon payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); provided that any or all of the above mentioned organizations may be entitled to one (1) additional messenger for every additional ten dollars (\$10.00) paid, all of which shall be for the work of this Convention.

Section 4. Messengers representing district associations, district or state conventions, shall be elected at the annual meeting of these organizations for the session of this Convention next following such an election, and said election shall be regularly certified to the secretary of this Convention, so that said messengers may participate in the annual meeting of this Convention.

Section 5. Any person who is a member of a missionary Baptist church known to be in harmony with the objects of this Convention, and who is in good and regular standing with said church may become a life member of this Convention upon the payment of one hundred dollars, (\$100.00), at any session of this Convention, provided that any person with the same qualifications may upon the payment of ten dollars, (\$10.00), at any session of this Convention, become an annual member thereof.

#### ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a president, a vice-president-at-large, three regional vice-presidents, and a vice-president from each of the States and Territories from which messengers to this Convention may come, a secretary, four (4) assistant secretaries, a treasurer, a statistician, a historiographer, an auditor, an editor, an attorney, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of this Convention and shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected.

Section 2. The Convention shall have the right to try the officers of the Convention and dismiss them and also to try the officers of the Executive Board and to dismiss them.

Section 3. Any messenger in good and regular standing with any church holding membership in this Convention shall be eligible for any of the offices of this Convention, provided that he possesses sufficient learning and ability to insure competency for the position to which he aspires.

#### ARTICLE V—BOARDS

Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, vice-president-at-large, three regional vice-presidents, and the vice-presidents of the various state and territorial conventions represented at each annual session, the secretary, the treasurer, the auditor, the statistician, the historiographer, the editor, the attorney, and the assistant sec-

retaries of the Convention, fifteen of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors shall organize by electing a chairman and a secretary, who shall perform the duties usually assigned to like officers. It may, if so desired, create from among its own body such sub-committee as it may deem proper and make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Convention as it may deem necessary.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to complete the unfinished business of the Convention and to adjust such matters as may be referred to it by the Convention; and to fill any vacancies which may occur in the roster of the Convention, to nominate and fix the time and place of the meeting; to enforce the orders of the Convention or any of its Boards; to examine and pass on, and recommend all claims against the Convention; and during the recess of the Convention have entire charge of its affairs.

Executive Committee of Board of Directors: There shall be an Executive Committee of five (5) consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney, whose duty it shall be to look after any unfinished business of the Board of Directors or of the Convention, and to transact any urgent matters demanding immediate attention of the Board, and report same to the Board of Directors.

The chairman and corresponding secretaries of the several Boards shall be accorded the floor of the Board of Directors and the privilege to speak on and discuss all questions, but not to vote.

The Board of Directors shall meet at 8:00 a. m. the first day of the Convention; first, for more perfectly arranging for the sessions of the Convention; second, to hear any suggestions from any state convention looking to the good of the work of the Convention; third, the newly elected Board shall meet during the recess after the adjournment of the Convention to wind up any unfinished business of the Convention.

Section 2. OTHER BOARDS. The work of this Convention shall be done by Boards. There shall be elected at each annual meeting as many Boards as may be necessary to carry out the objects which this Convention may undertake to foster, all of the members and officers of which Boards may remain in office until their successors shall have been elected. Each of these Boards shall consist of one member from each State or Territory from which messengers to this Convention may come, and eight (8) additional members from the State or Territory in which the Board is located, provided that the twenty-four (24) members of the Controlling Board and the four (4) members of the Holding Board of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and who are appointed by this Convention according to the plan of cooperation between the Southern Baptist Convention and this Convention, and by which plan said Theological Seminary is operated, shall by virtue of their office, be, and the same are hereby made members of the Educational Board of this Convention and provided further that a Board of Managers may be constituted under this section for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the National Organ of this Convention, and that the status of said Board of Managers shall be the same as

that of other Boards of this Convention. Each Board is hereby given power to nominate its own officers and to appoint its own employees, subject to the approval of the Convention or the Board of Directors.

The compensation of its officers and employees shall be fixed by the Boards. But the salaries of the officers of the Boards shall be passed upon by the Board of Directors, and before becoming effective shall be ratified by the Executive Board of this Convention. During the interim of the Convention, each Board shall have sole management of all affairs connected with the business for which it is created; but such management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provision shall be in strict Convention and with such other instructions adopted by this by the Board of Directors of the Convention or by the Convention. Each Board is hereby authorized to make its own by-laws and to fill any vacancy occurring in its membership during the interim of this Convention. But all such by-laws must be in harmony with the laws and regulations of and approved by the Convention.

#### ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the officers of this Convention shall be, in general terms, such as recognized custom devolves upon them, and which are suggested or indicated by the name of the office together with such other duties that may be required of them by this Convention.

Section 2. The treasurer of this Convention shall receive for all money turned over to him and shall pay out the same only upon order signed by the president and attested by the secretary. At each annual meeting he shall submit a written itemized report of receipts and disbursements.

Section 3. The auditor shall make annual examination and audits of the books and accounts of all Boards of the Convention and such officers that have the handling of the finances of this Convention. For this purpose he shall have full and free access to all books and records in the custody of the agencies of this Convention. He shall make a thorough examination of the same and shall report his findings to this Convention at its annual meetings. But nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent Boards and officers involved from having a survey and audit of their accounts when in their judgment such a survey and audit may be necessary.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the statistician to gather statistical data for the denomination as represented by this Convention by procuring such statistics from churches, district associations, and state conventions participating in this Convention, and from denominational schools within the domains of this Convention as will contribute to this end, and report the same to this Convention, annually.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the historiographer to gather all historical data bearing on the rise and progress of the National Baptist Convention and publish the same. He shall work in harmony with all Boards in pursuance of the ends set out above.

#### ARTICLE VII—SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Section 1. The Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, and the Baptist Laymen Movement are and the same are hereby recognized as subsidiary bodies to this Convention. These subsidiary bodies shall work in harmony with this Convention, contributing as they are able to the general needs of the said Convention.

Section 2. These subsidiary bodies shall make annual reports to this Convention, and said reports are hereby made subject to the approval of said Convention.

#### ARTICLE VIII

All Board members and missionaries and agents appointed by this Convention or by any of its Boards shall be members of some church in union with the churches composing this Convention.

#### ARTICLE IX

The churches, district associations, state conventions, and other Baptist organizations composing this Convention, shall have the right to specify the object or objects to which their contributions shall be applied. But when this right has not been exercised the Convention shall make the appropriation at its own discretion.

#### ARTICLE X

Missionaries appointed by this Convention or by any of the Boards must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in the Master's cause, and talents which fit them for the service for which they offer themselves.

#### ARTICLE XI

There shall be an annual meeting of this Convention the same to be held at the time and in order stated in the by-laws of this Convention.

#### ARTICLE XII

This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that such vote is taken without regard to the total enrollment, and provided further that no amendment may be considered after the second day of the session. All amendments, before being presented to the Convention for adoption, must have been presented to the Executive Board of this Convention for its consideration.

All constitutions and laws or parts of constitutions and laws in conflict with this constitution are hereby repealed and are of no force and effect. This constitution shall take effect upon its adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AUDITOR E. D. PIERSON, ADOPTED  
BY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION,  
U. S. A., IN YEAR INDICATED BELOW

1921

1. That all Boards, excepting the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Publishing Boards, will keep a well bound duplicate receipt book and the same kind of duplicate warrant book in which is to be recorded every cent of money received and paid out, respectively.
2. That the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Publishing Boards shall have printed conspicuously on their label books (which books shall be made in duplicate) the word "value," followed by the dollar sign where the amount of the order must be inserted.
3. That a quarterly trial balance be taken, that errors, if any, may be more easily detected. These trial balances to be submitted with other records to the auditor.
4. That the financial part of the Board's report be not printed until passed upon by the auditor.
5. That the auditor's report follow immediately on the program the reports of the various Boards.

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1. Since time is an important element both in properly "closing" the books for any stated period as well as assembling the facts for the auditor's inspection and interpretation, and further, because the auditor needs ample time for this brain-taxing job, if it is to be done properly, (if otherwise, it is useless), I recommend that our Convention year begin with July 1 and close with June 30, instead of beginning with August 1 and ending July 31, as it now does.
2. Forewarned is forearmed. Because of this fundamental truth, I recommend that ALL bills and accounts against the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., (excepting those, the amount of which has been stipulated, by the Convention) be first submitted to the auditor of the Convention for his inspection and approval before same is paid by the Convention, the auditor returning said bills or accounts with his "O. K." or stating disapproval as the case may be.
3. Because of misunderstandings that often prove disastrous to the work of the Convention through its "Boards," I recommend that, in all cases where there is a change of a "directing official" of any of our Boards that the books and other records of that Board will be audited by the Convention auditor before the new secretary takes charge, and that the expense of this service be borne by said Board; provided, however, should the said Board fail to pay, the Convention will assume such expense and hold said Board responsible to it for same.
4. That no record keeping official of the Convention shall continue in office who persists in keeping his records according to any "pet scheme" entirely at variance with the practical and accepted standard business forms of our country; the auditor is

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to install such methods where needed and his instructions pertaining to these matters are to be absolutely followed.

5. Since nothing is practically right that is fundamentally wrong, and since we should be fair before we are generous, I recommend that no donations be made out of the Convention's treasury until all legitimate expenses incurred in its operation have been provided for.

6. That in reporting the receipts of the Convention, the reporting party or parties will report SEPARATELY the amount received from each source such as Enrollment, Finance Committee, Door Receipts and the like.

7. That the secretary be ordered to compile all auditor's approved recommendations for the last ten years and encouch same in the minutes just preceding the constitution, that all concerned may know of the Convention's adopted requirements and be enabled to govern themselves accordingly.

1925

1. The treasurer is to have, aside from his cash book, a duplicate receipt book, (the form of which is herewith ready for submission to the Executive Board) from which a receipt must be given for all money received by him. The same is true of the Warrant Book or Voucher Book in duplicate, to be kept by the secretary and from which there must be a properly drawn and signed voucher covering every expenditure.
2. That both the secretary and treasurer shall use a columnar form of cash journal, with sufficient columns to accommodate the various things to be kept distinctively separate, and that these columns be so used.
3. That the secretary begin making out, at an early period during the session vouchers for all specific accounts known to be due, as operating expenses, etc., that the usual embarrassments and blunders of the "rush" moments may be avoided.
4. That all persons claiming bills against the Convention make it known to the auditor, who will take the necessary steps to verify and approve same, which he shall bring to the attention of the Convention or Board.
5. That the reports of all the secretaries, along with the auditor's will be printed and delivered in sufficient time to be assembled and placed, one of each, in an envelope for free distribution at the Convention upon the presentation of the enrollment badge, provided the enrollment fee be so increased as to cover fully this added expense.
6. That the secretaries and officers in order to make recommendation six effective will, close their records according to the Convention orders, through the auditor, June 30, inclusive, and have everything in connection therewith ready for the auditor not later than July 15.
7. That a pre-Convention Executive Session be held annually, the day or evening before the opening of the Convention, and that the auditor be required to make his technical and detail report to this body for their safe guidance in dealing with the financial affairs of the Convention and planning intelligent adjustment and expansion during the working hours of the Convention. And that, for all important matters requiring investi-

gation or serious consideration, a committee be appointed to "boil the matter down" and bring the gist of it to the Convention for final action. The personnel of such a committee to be selected according to their special fitness for such service.

9. That the secretary be required to compile the approved recommendations of the auditor in his various reports, and print them in close proximity to the Constitution in the minutes, that all who are concerned may have due and timely notice in order to govern themselves accordingly.

10. That the minutes be printed within four months after adjournment of the Convention, so that their early distribution will be an added means of information to the jurisdiction through which confidence may be increased and cooperation may be accelerated.

11. In order that our system of operation may be effective and really mean something, the recommendation of 1921, "That the financial part of the reports of secretaries of Boards be not printed until passed upon and approved by the auditor," be rigidly enforced. The reasons are obvious, the violation of which is causing humiliating embarrassment.

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1883	Manchester, Va.	Rev. J. O. A. Wilbute	Prof. J. E. Jones
1884	Meriden, Miss.	Rev. J. A. Foster	Rev. H. H. Mitchell
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4. To discuss questions pertaining especially to the religious, educational, industrial, and social interests of our people.
5. To give an opportunity for the best thinkers and writers to be heard.
6. That, united, we may be more powerful for good and strengthen our pride in the denomination.

Having been solicited to write the Call by many whose names and endorsements are herewith affixed, the Call is hereby made by their advice and solicitations for said convention to meet in St. Louis, Mo., August 25, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the First Baptist Church, and the pastor thereof is hereby requested to serve as a Committee of Arrangements, with power to select his associates.

Wm. H. Steward, Louisville, Ky., and Rev. R. H. Cole, 2608 Goode Avenue, St. Louis, are hereby requested to serve as a Committee on Transportation.  
WM. J. SIMMONS.

The chronological report in our National Baptist Minutes is hereby corrected, viz.: The parties as they appear below were officers of the Foreign Mission or National Educational Conventions, as were their predecessors. Said conventions merged into the National Baptist Convention in 1886 or met co-jointly with it, or otherwise.

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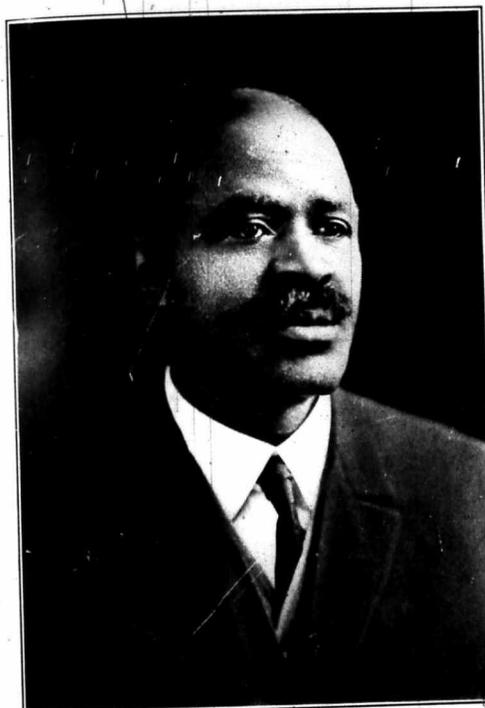
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 Mississippi—Rev. J. C. Armstrong, Meridian.  
 Mississippi—Rev. J. M. Winder, Vicksburg.  
 Missouri—Rev. J. A. Shields, 3934 W. Belle Place, St. Louis.  
 Nebraska—Rev. S. M. Smiley, 2621 Grace St., Omaha.  
 New Jersey—Rev. R. H. Cooper, D. D., Summit.  
 New York—Rev. T. White, 405 Dean St., Brooklyn.  
 North Carolina—Rev. J. H. Thomas, D. D., Winston-Salem.  
 Ohio—Rev. J. E. A. Wilson, Cleveland.  
 Ohio—Rev. Wm. Frisby, 1718 Hughes St., Cincinnati.  
 Oklahoma—  
 Pennsylvania—Rev. A. W. Woodard, Philadelphia.  
 South Carolina—  
 Tennessee—Rev. E. H. Dial, R. 35, Lookout Mountain.  
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 South Dakota—Rev. M. W. Withers, Sioux Falls.  
 Virginia—Rev. J. A. Harrell, Suffolk.  
 West Virginia—Rev. D. J. Jackson, Lego.

## STATE DIRECTORY

## ALABAMA

## STATE CONVENTION

President Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., 1605 Lapsley St., Selma  
 Secretary Prof. R. B. Hudson, Box 455, Selma  
 Date of Meeting, Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in November.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President Prof. J. H. Creed, Gadsden  
 Secretary Rev. J. H. L. Smith, D. D., Union Springs  
 Wednesday before the first Sunday in August.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President Prof. E. Z. Matthews, Tusculmbia  
 Secretary Prof. W. R. McCord, Birmingham  
 Wednesday before first Sunday in August.  
 Official Organ "The Baptist Leader"  
 Editor Rev. R. N. Hall, D. D., 1615 4th Ave., Birmingham

## CALIFORNIA

## STATE CONVENTION

President Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D.  
 233 Bonnie Brea St., Los Angeles  
 Secretary Rev. W. R. Knox, 140 S. Wilberton St., Watts  
 Second Tuesday in August.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President Mrs. Beatrice P. Johnson, 24th and Griffith, Los Angeles  
 Second Tuesday in August.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President Prof. Payne, El Central  
 Secretary Mrs. Nettie Jones, Redlands  
 Second Tuesday in August.  
 Official Organ "The California Eagle"  
 Editor Mr. Bass, Ninth and Central, Los Angeles

## CONNECTICUT

## STATE CONVENTION

President Rev. I. W. Reed, 125 Buckingham St., Waterbury  
 Secretary Rev. J. B. Pharr, D. D., 1305 Chapel St., New Haven  
 During month of May.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President Rev. A. W. Lewis, Stanford  
 During May.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. A. W. Lewis, Stanford  
 During May.  
 Official Organ ..... "The Christian Review"  
 Editor ..... Rev. A. C. Skinner, 1428 Lombard St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D.  
 1341 Third St., N. W., Washington.  
 Secretary ..... Rev. W. G. Opie, 938 Westminister St., Washington  
 Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. J. R. Moss, 1310 T St., N. W., Washington  
 Secretary ..... Rev. O. Z. Horton, 2320 Ontario Rd., N. W., Washington  
 Monday before the fourth Sunday in October.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President ..... Mr. Julian Taylor  
 3301 Sherman Ave., N. W., Washington  
 Secretary ..... Miss C. Woolfork  
 1515 Fifth St., N. W., Washington  
 Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October.

## IOWA

## STATE CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. S. Bates, D. D., 1328 Stewart St., Des Moines  
 Secretary ..... Rev. G. W. Robinson, D. D., 1009-12th St., Des Moines  
 Third Tuesday in August.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. F. K. Nicholson, Davenport  
 Secretary ..... Miss Genevieve Ashford, Garner  
 Third Wednesday in June

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President ..... Mrs. S. Bates, Des Moines  
 Secretary ..... Mrs. Irene Gibson, Des Moines  
 Third Friday in June

## ILLINOIS

## STATE CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. J. J. Olive, D. D., 1908 Walnut St., Cairo  
 Secretary ..... Rev. E. L. Randall, D. D., 37th and Indiana, Chicago  
 Tuesday after the first Sunday in June.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. Wm. Madison, D. D., Chicago  
 Secretary ..... Miss H. J. Wells, Champlain  
 Tuesday after second Sunday in August.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., 4505 S. State St., Chicago  
 Secretary ..... Miss Mabel H. Coleman, 5633 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago  
 Tuesday after the second Sunday in August.  
 Official Organ ..... "Illinois Messenger"  
 Editor ..... Rev. J. J. Olive, D. D., 1914 Poplar St., Cairo

## KENTUCKY

## STATE CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. W. P. Offutt, D. D., 312 State St., Bowling Green  
 Secretary ..... Mr. W. H. Stewart, 621 S. Eighth St., Louisville  
 Second Wednesday in August.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. S. E. Hoard, Nicholasville  
 Secretary ..... Miss Hattie C. Harris, Richmond

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. C. M. P. Bigbee, Paducah  
 Secretary ..... Miss Hattie C. Harris, Richmond  
 During month of May.  
 Official Organ ..... "The American Baptist"  
 Editor ..... Mr. W. H. Stewart, 621 S. Eighth St., Louisville

## KANSAS

## MISSIONARY STATE CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. W. A. Bowren, D. D.  
 1060 B Washington Blvd., Kansas City  
 Secretary ..... Rev. A. W. Ross, D. D., 821 Clay St., Topeka  
 First week in October.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President ..... Rev. H. I. Monroe, 1156 Clay St., Topeka  
 Secretary ..... Miss Sadie Smith, Junction City  
 Tuesday after the second Sunday in June.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President ..... Mr. H. T. Sims, 1241 Wabash Ave., Wichita  
 Secretary ..... Miss Mattie Bradshaw, 1517 Quincy St., Topeka  
 Tuesday after the second Sunday in June.  
 Official Organ ..... "The Negro Star"  
 Editor ..... Mr. H. T. Sims, 1241 Wabash Ave., Wichita

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## MISSISSIPPI

## STATE CONVENTION

President..... Rev. P. E. Frisby, D. D., Cannonsburg  
 Secretary..... Rev. W. E. Bradford, D.D., Mound Bayou  
 During third week in July.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President..... Rev. D. W. Higgins, Greenwood  
 Secretary..... Miss Ruby Johnson, Meridian  
 Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President..... Rev. J. W. Gayden, Belzona  
 Secretary..... Prof. M. C. Averhart, Greenwood  
 Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October.  
 Official Organ..... "Natchez Weekly Reporter"  
 Editor..... Rev. J. A. Young, Natchez

## MISSOURI

## STATE CONVENTION

President..... Rev. J. T. Caston, D. D., 4346 W. Belle Place, St. Louis  
 Secretary..... Rev. C. B. Johnson, Moberly  
 Tuesday before the second Sunday in October.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President..... Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, 4345 W. Belle Place, St. Louis  
 During month of July.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President..... Mrs. Rosa B. Gibson, Pleasant Hill  
 Secretary..... Miss Nellie Ray  
 During July.  
 Official Organ..... "The Baptist Record"  
 Editor..... Rev. C. R. McDowell, D. D., 14th and Michigan, Hannibal

## NEBRASKA

## STATE CONVENTION

President..... Rev. W. F. Bolts, D. D., 2526 Grant St., Omaha  
 Secretary..... Rev. H. W. Bolts, D. D., 920 S. 12th St., Lincoln  
 First week in June.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President..... Rev. H. L. Anderson, 29th and Lake St., Omaha  
 Secretary..... Miss Bernice Fowler, 25th and Franklin, Omaha  
 First week in June.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President..... Mr. J. H. Ford, 24th and Franklin, Omaha  
 Secretary..... Mrs. A. M. Johnson, 2528 Worth St., Omaha

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## NEBRASKA

## OMAHA DISTRICT CONVENTION

President..... Rev. Z. E. McGhee, D. D., 1810 N. 25th St., Omaha.  
 Secretary..... Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D., 2859 Wirt St., Omaha  
 During month of August.

## NEW JERSEY

## STATE CONVENTION

President..... Rev. Jno. C. Love, D. D., 60 Pompton Ave., Mt. Clair  
 Secretary..... Rev. Wm. B. Scott, D. D., Roselle  
 Thursday after the first Sunday in October.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President..... Mr. T. C. Woody, Roselle  
 Secretary..... Mrs. E. L. Thomas, Jersey City  
 Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President..... Rev. W. T. Wilcher, D. D., 75 Oakwood Place, Orange  
 Secretary..... Miss E. V. Bruce, 235 Sherman Ave., Newark  
 Fourth Thursday in May.

## NEW YORK

## STATE CONVENTION

President..... Rev. G. H. Simms, D. D., 131 W. 131st St., New York  
 Secretary..... Rev. A. C. Matthews, B. S.  
 Tuesday in October.

## STATE S. S. AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President..... Rev. W. H. Johnson, 22 Third St., Williamsbridge

## OHIO

## OHIO GENERAL CONVENTION

President..... Rev. B. F. McWilliams, D. D., 629 Indiana St., Toledo  
 Secretary..... Rev. N. S. Merritt, fronton  
 Second Tuesday in October.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President..... Mr. James R. Davis, 817 Fulton St., Sandusky  
 Secretary..... Miss Roger Williams, 808 Pinewood Ave., Toledo  
 Month of July.

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## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President... Mr. Frank L. Reynolds, 1377 Hildreth Ave., Columbus  
 Secretary... Miss Clara Nelson, Smith St., Cincinnati  
 During month of July.  
 Official Organ... "Ohio Baptist News"  
 Editor... Rev. Chas. T. Isom, 106 Lexington Ave., Columbus

## VIRGINIA

## STATE CONVENTION

President... Rev. A. L. James, D. D.  
 208 Patton Ave., N. W., Roanoke  
 Secretary... Rev. C. E. Miller, D. D., 819 Calhoun St., Radford  
 Wednesday after the first Sunday in May.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President... Prof. J. S. Lee, Newport News  
 During month of August.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President... Mr. W. H. Hurt, Suffolk  
 Secretary... Mr. W. H. Fotheroy, Richmond  
 During month of July.

## WEST VIRGINIA

## STATE CONVENTION

President... Rev. L. A. Watkins, B. Th., Norfolk  
 Secretary... Rev. J. J. Nickerson, Hinton  
 Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August.

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President... Mr. Byrd Prillerman, Institute  
 Secretary... Mr. J. W. Scott, Huntington  
 Fourth Wednesday in April.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President... Prof. J. W. Moss, Kimball  
 Secretary... Miss Clementine Pittard, Welch  
 Fourth Tuesday in April.

## MISSISSIPPI

## M. B. AND E. CONVENTION

President... Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D.  
 363 Beale Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Secretary... Rev. R. Rutherford  
 Tuesday after the second Sunday in July.

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## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President... Rev. L. J. Jordan, Railroad Ave., Greenville  
 Secretary... Mr. C. L. Pickens  
 First Sunday in October.

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President... Mr. W. M. Payton, Indianola  
 Secretary... Miss Bertha Smith, Ieland  
 Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.  
 Official Organ... "The Guiding Star"  
 Editor... Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D., 363 Beale Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

## INDIANA

## STATE CONVENTION

President... Rev. B. J. F. Westbrook, D. D.  
 520 W. Michigan Ave., Indianapolis  
 Secretary... Rev. C. H. Johnson, D. D.  
 2628 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President... Rev. A. T. Allen, D. D., Gary

## STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

President... Rev. J. D. Renfro, Lafayette

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MOTTO—"MEASURING UP"—GOD'S MEASURING RULE—THE BIBLE—PROGRAM OF THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, HELD IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1926

## FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY

## MORNING

- 9:30 Call to order, President L. K. Williams.  
 9:40 Devotions, Rev. J. C. Cunningham, Alabama; J. S. Drew, D. D., Arkansas; W. M. Thomas, California; P. B. Cornelius, Arizona.  
 10:00 Address: "THE MEASURE OF GOD AS SHOWN IN CHRIST."  
 "Show us the Father and it sufficeth us."  
 Rev. B. F. McWilliams, D. D., Ohio.  
 10:15 Welcome Addresses:  
 On behalf of the State, Governor Miriam Ferguson.  
 On behalf of the City of Ft. Worth, Hon. H. C. Mechams.  
 On behalf of B. M. and E. Convention of Texas, Rev. T. S. Boone.  
 On behalf of Other Denominations of the City, Rev. H. A. Carr.  
 On behalf of Baptist Pastors of the City, Rev. C. H. Johnson.  
 On behalf of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Prof. T. H. Tabb.  
 11:00 Response to Welcome, Rev. D. A. Holmes, D. D., Missouri.  
 11:10 Reading and Approving Program. Appointing Committees, etc.  
 11:45 Convention Sermon, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, D. D., New York.  
 Alternate, Rev. J. R. Jamison, D. D., Arkansas.  
 Foreign Mission Collection, Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary, Foreign Mission Board.  
 Benediction.

## AFTERNOON

- 2:30 Devotions, Revs. G. Wm. Ward, D. D., Colorado; A. A. Battle, District of Columbia; H. B. Harris, Connecticut; A. C. Scott, Delaware.  
 3:00 Report of Enrollment Committee.  
 3:15 Presentation of President L. K. Williams, D. D., by Rev. W. F. Botts, D. D., Nebraska.  
 Annual Address, President L. K. Williams.  
 4:15 Report of Secretary and Treasurer.  
 Election of Officers.

## EVENING

- 7:30 Devotions, Rev. Chas. A. Hill, Michigan; J. M. Coleman, B. D., Florida; A. R. McKee, Illinois; W. L. Phillips, Indiana.

- 1:45 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN REGENERATION."  
 "Ye must be born again."  
 Rev. J. H. Green, D. D., Maryland.  
 8:00 Educational Sermon, Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut; Alternate, Rev. T. J. Carr, D. D., Minnesota.  
 Educational Offering, Rev. Sutton E. Griggs, D. D.  
 Benediction.

## SECOND DAY—THURSDAY

## MORNING

- 9:00 Devotions, Rev. J. W. Tutt, D. D., Iowa; H. B. Bronson, D. D., Kansas; A. F. Martin, Kentucky; J. E. Evans, D. D., Louisiana.  
 9:15 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE."  
 "He that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself."  
 Rev. C. T. Hayes, D. D., Alabama.  
 9:30 Reading Journal.  
 9:45 Introduction of Visitors.  
 10:15 Report of Benefit Board.  
 11:00 Report of Publishing Board.  
 Publishing House Appeal, Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D., Michigan; Alternate, Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Pennsylvania.  
 Publishing House Rally.  
 (Reports will be made by states, through state directors.)

## AFTERNOON

- 2:30 Devotions, Revs. D. McCoy, Mississippi; F. B. Reed, Michigan; Wm. P. Mitchell, Arkansas; Beal Elliott, D. D., Maryland.  
 3:00 Report of Historian.  
 3:30 Report of Home Mission Board.  
 4:15 Report of B. Y. P. U. Board.

## EVENING

- 7:30 Devotions, Revs. C. R. Dell, D. D., Missouri; Z. M. Winders, Mississippi; L. H. Harris, Minnesota; J. S. Williams, Nebraska.  
 7:45 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN OUR SERVICE."  
 "What wilt thou have me to do? Thy will be done."  
 Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D., Mississippi.  
 8:00 Report of Foreign Mission Board.  
 8:45 Missionary Address, Rev. Chas. S. Morris, D. D., Virginia.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## THIRD DAY—FRIDAY

## MORNING

- 9:30 Devotions, Rev. J. Edward Nash, D. D., New York; C. B. Wilson, New Jersey; J. J. Howze, D. D., North Carolina; M. D. Ware, D. D., New Mexico.

- 9:45 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN OUR STEWARDSHIP"  
"Ye are not your own, for ye have been bought with a price."  
Rev. Spurgeon Davis, D. D., Alabama.
- 10:00 Reading of Journal.
- 10:15 Report of Educational Board.
- 11:00 Report of Auditor.
- 11:45 Pastors' Conference, Rev. P. D. Skinner, D. D., Kansas, Presiding.  
Address: "Denominational Irregularities and How to Correct Them," Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., District of Columbia.

## AFTERNOON

- 2:30 Devotions, Revs. J. I. Monroe, D. D., Ohio; C. A. Hamilton, Oklahoma; J. W. Brooks, Pennsylvania; S. C. Campbell, South Carolina.
- 3:00 Conference, Presidents State Conventions, Rev. W. A. Bowen, D. D., Kansas, presiding.  
Address: "How Presidents of State Conventions Can Best Help in the Work of the National Baptist Convention."  
Rev. J. C. Love, D. D., New Jersey.  
Rev. N. C. Nix, D. D., South Carolina.
- 4:00 Laymen's Movement, Hon. John L. Webb, Arkansas, presiding.

## EVENING

- 6:00 Thanksgiving Drama, three acts, Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Author and Manager, Mrs. R. T. Sims, Cradle Roll President, presiding.
- 7:00 Stereopticon Views of Sunday School Publishing Board, Prof. W. G. Hynes.
- 8:00 Introduction of Speaker, Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Georgia.  
Address: Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

## FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY

## MORNING

- 9:00 Devotions, Revs. G. W. Sandefur, D. D., Tennessee; M. K. Curry, Texas; A. L. James, D. D., Virginia; D. J. Jackson, West Virginia.
- 9:15 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN MISSIONS."  
"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."  
Rev. W. H. Powell, D. D., Pennsylvania.
- 9:30 Reading Journal.
- 9:45 Educational Hour: Rev. W. J. Winston, D. D., Maryland, presiding.



PROF. R. B. HUDSON,  
Secretary of the National Baptist Convention

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Address: "The Attitude of Denominational Schools to the National Baptist Convention," President J. E. Knox, Texas. Introduction of Presidents and Principals. President C. Harrison, Missouri.

- 11:45 Denominational Press Hour. Prof. J. D. Crenshaw, Tennessee, presiding.  
Introduction of Editors.

AFTERNOON

- 2:30 Devotions, Revs. B. E. Harshaw, D. D., Tennessee; B. L. Matthews, Wisconsin; C. C. Harper, D. D., Texas; T. W. Walker, Pennsylvania.  
2:45 Consideration of reports and adoption.  
3:45 Memorial Service: Rev. P. Jas. Bryant, D. D., Georgia, presiding.  
Address: Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky.

EVENING

- 7:30 Devotions, Revs. S. A. Clark, D. D., Oklahoma; I. M. Yancy, D. D., Ohio; B. T. Wilson, Arkansas.  
8:00 Evangelistic Period: Rev. B. E. V. Westbrook, D. D., Indiana, presiding.  
9:00 Evangelistic Sermon, Rev. T. L. Ballou, D. D., Oklahoma. Alternate, Rev. Geo. O. Sumner, D. D., Florida.  
Collection. Benediction.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY

MORNING

- 9:30 Sunday School conducted by S. S. Publishing Board, Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Secretary Religious Education, presiding.  
Rally by States, conducted by Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., Director General.  
11:00 Devotions, Rev. R. J. White, Alabama; S. B. Butler, D. D., Indiana; I. S. Powell, D. D., Colorado.  
11:30 Annual Sermon, Rev. L. E. Williams, D. D., President Alternate, Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D., California.  
Collection. Benediction.

AFTERNOON

- 3:00 Missionary Mass Meeting, Foreign Mission Board.  
Devotions, Revs. G. W. Sandelut, Tennessee; B. T. Sims, Mississippi.  
Music, Convention Chorus.  
Remarks, Rev. J. G. Austin, D. D., Chairman Foreign Mission Board.  
Remarks, Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary Foreign Mission Board.  
Solo, Mrs. Hynes, Nashville, Tenn.

Address: "What Christianity is Doing for Africa," Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Secretary Emeritus.  
 Music, Convention Chorus.  
 Presentation of Missionaries.  
 Address: "Relation of Foreign Missions to the Church," Rev. S. D. Ross, D. D., Georgia.  
 Offering.

6:00 B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting, B. Y. P. U. Board.

## EVENING

7:30 Devotions, Rev. J. B. Glover, D. D., Michigan; G. D. Griffin, D. D., Florida; J. W. White, D. D., Louisiana.  
 7:45 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION."  
 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."  
 Rev. W. M. Hall, D. D., Georgia.  
 8:00 Sermon: Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Massachusetts.  
 Alternate, Rev. W. H. Young, D. D., Kansas.  
 Collection. Benediction.

## MONDAY—SIXTH DAY

## MORNING

9:00 Devotions, Revs. H. H. Norman, North Carolina; L. D. Bunn, Ohio; L. A. Kemp, D. D., Tennessee.  
 9:15 Address: "THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN PROPER RACE RELATIONS."  
 "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Hath made of one blood all nations of men. As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also to them likewise."  
 Rev. John B. Ford, D. D., Florida.  
 9:30 Reading Journal.  
 9:45 Reports of Committees.  
 10:30 Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. S. W. Layten, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs.  
 11:15 Report of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D.

## AFTERNOON

2:30 Devotions, Revs. F. J. Capshaw, D. D., Missouri; W. H. Polk, D. D., Illinois; Wm. D. Jarvis, D. D., District of Columbia.  
 3:00 Report of Committee on Place of Next Meeting.  
 3:30 Report of Statistician.  
 4:00 Business Session.

## EVENING

7:30 Devotions, Rev. R. T. Schell, Illinois; E. P. Green, D. D., Iowa; J. S. Butler, Louisiana.

8:00 Closing Sermon, Rev. E. J. Echols, D. D., New York.  
 Alternate, Rev. J. H. Mastin, D. D., Michigan.  
 Announcements.  
 Final Adjournment.

## COMMITTEES

## ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

W. H. Steward, Kentucky; U. J. Robinson, Alabama; W. L. Varpado, Mississippi; O. C. Maxwell, Missouri; W. M. Madison, Illinois; Geo. W. Robinson, Iowa.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

W. F. Graham, Pennsylvania; R. T. Simus, Mississippi; F. W. Penick, Wisconsin; M. F. Washington, Ohio; S. A. Owen, Tennessee; S. S. Odum, Arkansas; J. H. Evans, Georgia; Felix Jones, Texas; J. F. Kersh, Indiana.

## SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. L. Campbell, Tennessee; W. F. Botts, Nebraska; C. T. Wilcher, New Jersey; J. E. Allen, Colorado; E. J. Thomas, Georgia.

## USHERS

J. P. Russell, Texas; S. H. Powe, Alabama; A. W. Nix, South Carolina; R. N. Hall, Alabama; C. W. Graham, Tennessee; George McNeal, Kansas; H. H. Lowe, Mississippi; S. A. Bostic, Georgia.  
 Other Committeemen and Ushers will be named later.

## NOTE

*Each state delegation is urged to meet as soon after arrival at Ft. Worth as possible and nominate one member for each of the following Boards and Committees, and hand in the same to the Secretary of the Convention:*  
 Vice-President, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Publishing Board, B. Y. P. U. Board, Benefit Board, Educational Board.  
 Committee on: State of the Country, Resolutions, Time and Place, Obituary, Permanent Organization.  
 By Order of the Board of Directors,

L. K. WILLIAMS, Chairman  
 R. B. HUDSON, Secretary

## Proceedings

### FIRST DAY—Wednesday

Ft. Worth, Texas, September 8, 1926.

1. The Forty-sixth Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention opened at 9:45, with President L. K. Williams, presiding.
2. A spirited devotional service was conducted by the appointed leaders. One hundred and thirty-third Psalm was read by Rev. W. M. Thomas, D. D., California. Rev. S. B. Butler, D. D., Indiana, offered the opening prayer. The chorus under the direction of Prof. Edw. S. Boatner, Musical Director, conducted song service.
3. Dr. L. K. Williams, President, made preliminary statements urging both general and personal decorum and declared the King's business required haste. He referred feelingly to the last hymn selection of the chorus, "Amazing Grace," as a fit and timely selection for Baptists who are indeed and truth children of grace.
4. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky, was requested to discuss the topic, "The Measure of God as Shown in Christ," The Convention topic being "Measuring Up;" the Bible, God's measuring rule. He complied in a pleasing manner to the request. The chorus sang "I Got Good Religion."
5. Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., Texas, was presented to preside during the series of welcome addresses. In a happy vein he made introductory remarks suitable to the occasion. The welcomes were then made as follows:  
Prof. T. H. Tabb on behalf of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church extended in choice words a cordial welcome. He related the splendid and varied activities of the Mt. Gilead Church and the untiring energies of Dr. A. L. Boone, as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen:—Mt. Gilead Church extends a hearty welcome to this vast assembly coming from the North, South, East and West—Some coming through the water, some through the flood, some through great tribulations, but all through the blood.

We fully appreciate and recognize the class of delegates assembled in this vast audience. We greet you because you come to us with a message—You come to us as representatives of our Race—You come to us full-fledged American citizens. Christian ladies and gentlemen to give us the very best in you.

We are glad to extend this welcome to you on behalf of Mt. Gilead Church. We know that you have been busily engaged in solving facts. We know that you have been busily engaged in trying to make it better for humanity, therefore we welcome you.

"What we hope to reap from you." We hope to reap encouragement from you in enabling us to do a better work in this city. We realize that this Convention stands for the principles enunciated in the Holy Writ, the principles of the Holy Nazarene, the principles that will bring man in touch with his Maker.

Mt. Gilead Church is striving to make it happy for the delegates in this city. We are trying to make your stay pleasant. We have our swimming pool to greet you to step down and take a plunge. Our fans are buzzing to cool you with fresh air. Our dining rooms and kitchens, our clean cooks are ready to prepare meals for you. If these places in the city fail to feed you, come up to our church and we will see that you are abundantly fed.

We have a hospital with a corps of trained nurses and physicians and we are able to get help to you if you become ill. We know of the great struggle of our pastor, Rev. A. D. Boone to have this Convention convene in our city as the guest of our church, but we know that at the head of this organization was Dr. L. K. Williams who once pastored the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and who supported the Convention coming to Ft. Worth. We attribute the great success of the coming of the convention in these two.

God has been good and gracious to us. He has given us the moon and stars to give light by night and the sun by day. He has given us men and women to match our mountains and to match our plains. This is the class of people we greet here and welcome at this great gathering.

Providence played a part in bringing this Convention here. If providence had not played a part in bringing this Convention here it would not have been here. I say right here—if this Convention had not come to Ft. Worth, it would not have been for the great future before them. You had to come by Fort Worth to get a wilderness of sin experience. You needed to come by Ft. Worth to be fed with manna from on high; and above all you needed to come by Ft. Worth to get a Mt. Sinai experience.

"The responsibility we assume."—If you are not properly cared for we ask that you notify us. We have everything at our service and if you are not satisfied let us know. All we have is at your disposal—Our homes, churches, school, and everything that leads to make you happy.

Mt. Gilead asks you to come again. Let this not be the last time you come to us. As you roam about this city and come in

contact with our citizens we will try to make you happy and welcome you to take part in all the bounties of this city.

The chorus rendered "When the Saints Go Marching In." Dr. H. A. Carr extended a very hearty welcome on behalf of the other denominations of Ft. Worth. It was a literary gem and gave a glowing tribute to the great Baptist Convention.

To the President, Officers and Members of the Forty-sixth Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, Greetings:

As a representative of the Methodist Churches of the City of Ft. Worth, I am happy to have the honor of extending a few words of welcome to this magnificent gathering.

The history of your church proves that you are a people of strong convictions and that you have the courage and manhood to defend those convictions on land or by sea.

We hear of no serious dissensions nor controversies within your ranks over the virgin birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On the other hand you have had the courage to stand up against the tide of this pleasure seeking age by refusing to lower the Baptist in order to catch the popular breeze.

Your declaration of principles in the World's Baptist Alliance on the leadership of Jesus Christ is a veritable masterpiece of Christian literature, and at once puts your church in the foremost ranks of the consistent followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene.

Your church today is to be congratulated for its intensive and extensive evangelism, in that every country on the face of the globe, as well as in the isles of the sea have heard the Baptist bugle call and are worshipping at the shrine of "one Lord, one faith and one baptism."

We also hail with delight the leadership of this great gathering in the person of Dr. L. K. Williams, one of the most illustrious sons ever born on Alabama soil, a man, who when a bare-foot boy fought the gallinippers from his bleeding limbs in the cotton fields of the Brazas Bottom, in Melace and Robertson Counties, yet in spite of the obscurity, in spite of opposition, in spite of prejudice, and in spite of the continual lingering of the vicious wolf at his door, this bare-foot boy rose from this obscurity to the presidency of this the largest exclusive Negro organization in the world.

The city of Ft. Worth should be congratulated upon the coming into our midst of such a distinguished band of baptized believers in Jesus Christ.

The M. E. Church, the mother of Methodism, The C. M. E. Church, the legitimate black child of white Methodism, the A. M. E. Church, the oldest daughter of American Methodism; 17 churches in all join with me in extending to you a most cordial welcome. And it is our earnest desire that friendships will be cemented here that will last throughout ages.

The A. M. E. Church especially wishes to be remembered as being the first protestant church born on the American soil. We welcome you because of the splendid organization you represent.

We welcome you because of the self-sacrifice you have exhibited in coming here to assist your brothers and sisters in putting over a program for Jesus.

We welcome you because we believe in this day of modern enterprises. God has ordained nothing greater in its organization, aim and purpose than the NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The Colored Presbyterians, The Christian, The Church of the Living God, The Church of God in Christ all bid you welcome.

A splendid welcome and Christian greeting from the Tarrant County white Baptist Association was then extended by Rev. W. W. Barnes.

Mr. Chairman, Friends, and President:

I wonder if there is any messenger here from North Carolina—that is where I come from. I wonder if there is any messenger here from Mississippi—that is where my wife came from. When I told my wife that I was coming here to speak to you she said I know you will find some Mississippians there.

I am glad to be here to say a word in behalf of the members of my own association. We represent some eighteen or twenty million white Baptists of this country. As the Moderator of that association, I come to bring you greetings from your white brethren. We would be pleased to have one of your group come to us some-time tomorrow and address us for fifteen or twenty minutes and sometime during our session we will reciprocate and somebody from us will come at your pleasure.

6. A motion to empower the president to represent or appoint a fit, suitable, and conservative fraternal delegate to bear greetings to the white Baptist Association now about to convene, was unanimously approved.

7. Rev. C. S. Booker in well chosen words and burning eloquence then delivered a rousing welcome to the Convention on behalf of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Brother President, Delegates, and Friends:

It has become my duty to say words of welcome to you. I extend these words of welcome on behalf of a people who are thankful to God for your presence and who are willing to do everything in their power to make your stay a pleasant one.

We welcome you because of the things you are doing; for the things you have done; for the things you are now doing; for the things you have been doing for the past few years. We are glad to have you come to us.

We welcome you because you are sound in the doctrine. We welcome you that you might give us encouragement, men whom

we love and men to whom we bow in humble submission, for your power with God and man.

We are thankful for Dr. L. K. Williams; we are thankful for Doctors Isaac, Townsend, for Professor Hudson. We are thankful for the noble men; for our moderator of this, the Friendship Association, and the president of the B. M. and E. Convention of Texas, Dr. A. L. Boone.

We are pleased to have you here. You are welcome to preach the gospel. You are welcome among us. God bless you, you are welcome, thrice welcome.

Rev. T. S. Boone, distinguished son of an illustrious sire, was presented to deliver the welcome on behalf of the State Convention of Texas. In words that flowed sweeter than honey from his lips he extended a welcome that thrilled the hearts and made each delegate feel peculiarly at home.

Mr. President, Master of Ceremonies, Officers, Delegates and Friends of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A.:

It affords me very keen pleasure to have this privilege at this time to stand before you to represent the great B. M. and E. Convention of the "Lone Star State."

The master of ceremonies said in presenting me that I was his brother, just a few years his junior. There are two peculiar characteristics that I have noticed with reference to women; one is they do not like to tell their weight and another is they absolutely refuse to tell their age after passing the twenty-five year mark. I see this same characteristic carried out by my old heavy headed father who makes me his brother. He is on his last lap and he is trying to come back. His days are about done.

I am glad to welcome you on behalf of the State of Texas. I am glad to welcome you on behalf of the greatest state in the Union. We welcome you because of the fact we feel that Texas has certain peculiar characteristics that no other state has. You have seen this very thoroughly demonstrated here. It was very remarkably done last evening when this wonderful Texas chorus rendered such an excellent concert. The music thrilled our hearts and captivated our souls.

We come this morning to welcome you to listen to the music of our great Texas chorus. When I want music friends I would not call on Miss Ellam. If I want real music I would not call on Mr. Clark, if I want real music I would not call on the many great artists to sing for me, but when I want real music that thrills the heart, makes you lift your head heavenward, I would go to a band of people whose faces are black like mine—those who sing in tones of silver, "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "Steal Away to Jesus," "Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John."

We welcome you this morning as people to this great Lone Star State. We do not welcome you as Negroes, but as American citizens. We welcome you as a people and not as a race problem. For there is no race problem for I do not believe in races. There are no races. Only one race, the human race. We are part and parcel of this great race. God, the Father, saw fit to,

make me out of the clay of the earth, stood me up and painted me black; saw fit to make the brown man out of the clay of the earth, stood him up and painted him brown; God, the Father, saw fit to make the red man out of the clay of the earth, stood him up and painted him red; saw fit to make the white man out of the clay of the earth; stood him up and white-washed him. There are no races. Mr. Woodrow Wilson was the chief exponent of this expression. If Mr. Wilson regarded the Negro as a race problem, if the black man is a race problem, why didn't Mr. Woodrow Wilson go get the Frenchman and bring him here and stand him guard around the White House? If the black man is a race problem, why didn't Mr. Wilson go and get the Italian and stand him guard around the White House? If the black man is a race problem, why didn't Mr. Wilson stand the white man guard around the White House? But he took your bone and my bone, your flesh and my flesh, and stood him guard around the White House while he lie down to peaceful slumber. Therefore I say the Negro is not a race problem. Hence we come to welcome you this morning because we believe you have come to bring a message of freedom and a message of hope to us.

We welcome you, thrice welcome you, on behalf of the great Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas.

"I'm Going to Build on the Shore" was sung by the chorus.

8. On behalf of the Convention Rev. D. A. Holmes, D. D., Missouri, in appropriate and classic language delivered the response to the series of welcome addresses. The chorus sang "Feed My Sheep."

9. The program as prepared by the Board of Directors, was submitted by Assistant Secretary, J. M. Nabritt. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee, was put in the place of Dr. M. W. D. Norman, who was ill. The amended program was unanimously approved. The chorus sang, "Naught Else Can Deliver Us."

10. The president requested the immediate meeting of all state delegations.

11. Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Pennsylvania, presented the claims of Africa for a Foreign Mission collection. \$150.00 was taken. Benediction.

#### Afternoon Session

12. Vice President G. Wm. Ward, Colorado, conducted opening services. Singing was led by Prof. J. H. Smiley, Kentucky. Rev. H. S. Shearer led in prayer. Prof. Edw. S. Boatner, Chorister, rendered a very pleasing selection to the delight of the Convention.

13. Letters and telegrams were called. A solo by Madam Hutchinson, Kansas, stirred the audience with spiritual enthusiasm. A song, "Who Cares," was rendered by Prof. W. M. Nix.

14. The partial report of Enrollment Committee was read and approved.

15. Vice-President-at-Large W. M. Taylor presented Rev. W. F. Botts, D. D., Nebraska, who in turn, in a deserved tribute introduced and presented President L. K. Williams, D. D., to deliver his annual address.

16. The president delivered an address unexcelled in wisdom, diction, passionate appeal, and helpful suggestions. It was an address that challenged the admiration of the scholar, that warmed the hearts of loyal Baptists, renewed activities, and warned the leaders of the dangers and pitfalls that await the swift rushing feet of the young people. It was a masterpiece from the master mind of the matchless leader of Negro Baptists. He made a great impression and sat down amidst an outburst of spontaneous applause.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brother Chairman, Brethren and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I appear before you here today thrilled with an unusual joy and pride. That statement is made definitely explicit when I remind you that Texas is the greatest empire in all the world. This is so evident and strikingly true that it has been designated and wears with pride and singular honor the nomenclature, "The Lone Star State" of the galaxy of great states comprising this our magnificent country. Its area is 265,720 square miles. Excluding Alaska and the Philippines it is close to the twelfth part of the United States. If compared with the Southern States east of the Mississippi River, it exceeds the combined areas of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida by over 12,500 square miles. Compared with France and Germany it exceeds the former by 61,633 square miles and the latter by 57,037 square miles. It is the leading agricultural state of the union, having the widest range of climatic conditions. One year it produced 4,281,824 bales of cotton, leading by a million bales, Mississippi, the state following it.

Texas abounds in rich, unmeasured, natural resources, leading the Southern States in total tangible wealth and has taken an enviable position as a manufacturing place. But the best evidence of its real value is not to be found in its banks and bonds, its fine transportation facilities, its rich fields or its rolling prairies, but in the manner of men it has helped to produce. But for Texas, the world's history and that of Negroes and Negro Baptists would be very imperfect and far less replete with color.

ful and romantic achievements. And, religiously, and to this the National Baptist Convention let it be said and made known that Luke and the rugged indomitable Barbour, the prince of New Testament preachers; F. L. Lights, the world's most successful evangelist; I. Tolliver; A. B. Griggs, the organizer; his son Sul-Jordan, a forerunner in and successful organizer of Foreign Mission agencies; the eloquent orator and preacher, the father of our Young People's work, E. W. D. Isaac; the heroic, loyal editor, J. D. Crenshaw; our painstaking auditor, E. D. Pierson and others of noble fame.

Again, I would state that I am happy to be here, and count myself fortunate in that I passed this way, having spent more than thirty-five years within the confines of this great cosmopolitan commonwealth. And I must add, tarried nearly a happy decade in this fine city and am glad to state that personally I have never had accorded me in any place a more friendly and cordial consideration. I also wish to say that while perhaps you will find here some of another type, you will surely find some of the best and truest of all of the races that you have ever met. My caution is, walk circumspectly, and act as becometh a people of noble character and high purposes, so that no unsavory comments can be truthfully made concerning us, our conduct, and our presence and short sojourn here.

We have here come from all parts of our great country, from Africa and the Isles of the Sea, representing more than three million (3,000,000) the largest aggregation of religionists of our race in all the world. It has been said that we have among Negroes about five and one-half million Christians. That of every one hundred Negroes professing any faith, seventy-five of that number are Baptists. We have assembled here having passed through a year marked by unusual, economic conditions and industrial, political, and religious disturbances. About the time of the closing of this Convention last year Islam was expressing in the War in the Riff its opposition to France and Spain and the French regime in Syria. In China there has been incessant civil war complicated by the intrigues of the Bolshevists against foreigners. Great Britain has been torn asunder by a gigantic strike, narrowly averting an economic crisis, a revolutionary war, and much bloodshed. There has been domestic uneasiness throughout Europe. And Mexico, our neighbor, has had labor disputes and a religious unrest has claimed the attention of all the world. We thank God that our nation has been saved from many of these dangers and is far on the way toward peace and international good will with all the peoples of the earth.

The League of Nations and the League of Nations may not usher in the millenium, but they will be the legal, concrete machinery that will help make practical our prayer,—“thy kingdom come.” In our country we have felt the impact of a crime movement,—and it is crime in high places. “In ten years 95,000 persons have died in the United States by pistol, knife, or poison. In Canada the ratio was 13 murders to each 100 in the United States. In one year there were ten murders in London to 376 in Chicago, 125 in the British Isles and 10,000 in the United States.

And one alarming fact is, 85 per cent of our criminals are below 21 years old. One out of every eleven persons who marries gets a divorce. Our young people appear to be increasing their disregard for parental authority and for religion, while the nation seems wedded to the gods of mammon and power. There are reasons for this reckless tendency. The public schools in this day are not stressing ethics as in former days. This is a jazz day and period, and the people are not as sober and deliberate as they should be. Inequalities exist in the making and in the execution of our laws. Too often self-constituted groups assay to abrogate or add to constituted law and its orderly operations.

It is well that we are here today for the church as represented by us has not escaped the smell and heat of the fires through which it has passed this year. We have come here to hear and make reports of our accomplishments and the needs and conditions of Zion. We are here to plan a barrage against every form of error, crime, and wrong, and seek to make in deed and truth, this our native home, “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” And now to our accomplishments for the year.

#### The National Baptist Benefit Board

To you before I have made a survey of and declarations concerning the possibilities of this Board, I see now no reasons why I should change my opinion or reverse my former pronouncements touching it. But for it to succeed, I am now convinced that it needs one new thing and that is a new, more centralized headquarters. I think an added objective will help this Board discover its potentialities and bring it a larger measure of success. Florida is offering some desirable lands where a Baptist Recreational Winter Home can be built. A fine plot of land in Mizpah, N. J., has been deeded already to the Convention upon which can be constructed a similar institution and a Home for aged Baptists as well. It seems to me if the task of directing the building of these Homes was assigned to the Benefit Board it would have an added compelling objective. I suggest that this be made the special work of this Board for the next year. The present management of this Board had transmitted to it a heritage of past due debts that have not been rapidly paid. At times these have annoyed us much and threatened future, dangerous complications. I find that it is no easy task for us as a religious corporation to vie with other insurance companies and benevolent organizations in matters of insurance. It appears that we shall not soon be able to do so and the wisest alternative seems to be this: I recommend that we advise the Benefit Board to organize and submit to this Convention a plan whereby our old and retired ministers may be adequately pensioned.

#### The Home Mission Board

The Convention and all of its allied agencies will thrive best when our Home Mission operations are made efficient. Home Mission work is primary and basic. Churches that are indifferent in this respect soon find themselves cold and powerless. Pastors who will not teach and preach Missions and be examples

in carrying them forward are the candlesticks that God promises to move. Our Home Mission work must not be allowed to lag. To this Board we must look for the inspiration to do that type of evangelistic work that our race and nation so much need. Last year I suggested that this Board should call up and direct our entire denomination in a nation-wide prayer and revival campaign. We need such for there are signs of a universal spiritual drouth. God's plantation thirsts for the heavenly dews and spiritual showers. Our churches need an awakening and must have it before the rampant lawlessness of the hour is checked, and before our general denominational work can have the support it sorely need. I am calling again the attention of the Home Mission Board to this important task and am recommending that it plan this season of prayer and soul-saving.

It was our expectation that we should have been now enjoying the fruits of the plans of co-operation adopted by this Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention. This would have placed us in a position to strengthen our missionary work within the bounds of the Northern Convention. But we were disappointed when a letter from Dr. Smith disclosed the fact that their heavy debts would force the Home Mission Society to postpone the beginning of their missionary work with us according to the co-operative plans agreed upon. The Northern Baptist Convention has given every indication that it is anxious to begin the work with us as soon as it can be freed of some of its pressing debts past due. But we cannot stop and wait for this, and must proceed at once to build up our missionary work throughout the confines of our Convention. Our cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention is one of the most helpful efforts of this Convention. It is not their money alone, but the expression of their good will, which will do much to help establish an era of peace and inter-racial cooperation versus race antagonism and strife. The Southern Baptist Convention is much in debt, but it has not shown a disposition to cut off its appropriations to our work. I believe if we should go at it in the right way they could be induced to increase their missionary appropriations to our Home Mission Board. Your Executive Board advised the Corresponding Secretary of this Board that his intense missionary zeal could best be rewarded if he would give his full time to the work of the Board. It seems that our entire brotherhood believes that the Executive Board made no mistake in making this demand, and that its execution should not be longer delayed. Permit me to say that this requirement should not be made of this Board and Secretary only, but of all. The dignity, needs, and importance of our work demand this.

#### The B. Y. P. U. Board

Next to evangelism is Religious Education and Christian development. It is essential to the well-being of each Christian convert and no less so to the usefulness of any church group. It is as much the command of Christ "to teach," as it is to preach and baptize. In so many churches we have stagnation, management, dissensions, and failure because of the blindness of the people sometimes following a no less blind leadership.

The church when properly functioning will execute Christ's program of culture and instruction. It will make adequate provisions for the training of its members and the development of a competent leadership. It is far from being true when one thinks a Baptist church without training is safer and a place more to be desired. If there be any Baptist preachers taking any such counsel I have but to advise that they will soon discover through painful, bitter experiences: and enforced and repeated resignations, the folly of such jibking. The National Baptist Convention had not gone far before it saw the importance of some distinctive Baptist agency that would train the churches in Baptist polity, doctrines, history and principles. It organized our present B. Y. P. U. Board and summoned more than a quarter of a century ago the services of its present, capable, hard working Corresponding Secretary. And none can say in truth that he has not succeeded. There has been brought to us since he was elected and largely through his trenchant pen, organizing ability, and eloquence, a renaissance in the churches in this Convention. The existence and labors of B. Y. P. U.'s in our local churches, together with other educational efforts in our churches have helped to tone up church worship, relegate an incompetent ministry, and lead the way to the expression of the Christian experience in terms of correct habits and the formation of character in harmony with the vital teachings of Christ. It is helping to make the old time monthly church business meeting, not a place of passionate, fiery, uncontrolled debates, "points of order" and much confusion, but a place where candor, coolness and accurate business methods and brotherly love are substituted. A Baptist Church without a B. Y. P. U. and the teaching functions is much like an unbridled horse or an automobile without an emergency brake, or a steering wheel.

Our B. Y. P. U. Board has accomplished more for it has set voluntarily the pace for loyalty, and deference to Conventional control and management. My suggestion to you is, support loyally and liberally the efforts of this Board. It publishes and distributes all literature required by a successful local B. Y. P. U. You would help so much your Convention and yourselves were you to purchase here your literature.

For years this Board has designated and observed the fourth Sunday in November as B. Y. P. U. Rally Day. At this time local B. Y. P. U.'s are expected to make their annual "Drives" for larger and increased memberships and to dramatize and popularize the B. Y. P. U. work. They are also expected to collect funds and send them to the B. Y. P. U. headquarters. Since it is no easy matter to maintain this special feature of our work, we urge you to continue the practice of observing this day. For the success of this Drive the suggestion is here made, that the entire month of November be set aside and be pre-empted to the B. Y. P. U. by the Convention and all of its subsidiary bodies.

#### The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

There is with this president no question about the place and the importance of this movement. It helps us to express concretely our denominational consciousness and estimate of re-

ligious education. I suggested last year, and do now repeat the suggestion that all must sympathize with and aid the Congress' official promoters in their efforts to improve as time goes by the working program of the Congress. My opinion is that they have done well, and are responsive to my suggestions calculated to improve the work of the Congress. I am thinking if the Congress will offer instruction in the following courses it will add much to its tranquility and rapidly gather more strength and more followers: Our Present Denominational Agencies, Church Government, Church Doctrines and History, Church Music, the Bible, Evangelism, The Psychology of Soul Winning, Sunday School Administration, Sunday School Pedagogy, Missions, Athletics, the Plan of Salvation, etc.

It is our conviction also that if it is to be a Church School of Methods, its program should be arranged so that information would be given in the full range of all varied church problems and subjects. To do this wisely and successfully, it occurs to me that all of our Boards should help make and execute the programs of the Congress. I also believe that the happy and successful future of the Congress depends more on its being more of an informational rather than an organizational effort. I think also that the time has come when the National Baptist Convention must give the Congress a larger and deeper care. And the Congress seeking to ever hold its true position in the economy of our denominational life will keep in mind that it bears to the National Baptist Convention the same relation that a Sunday school or B. Y. P. U. bears to the local churches wherein such may exist. This is the only orderly, legitimate way and my faith in our constituency and in the leaders of the Congress leads me to believe this is their as it is my own view.

It would be a fine and the fittest occurrence if without undue constraint the Congress could be influenced to meet at Nashville next year and there make the usual efforts to collect funds to liquidate its current expenses and at the same time complete a Special Drive to aid in discharging the debt incurred to build our new Publishing House.

To me it appears that there could be held, and if possible at some desirable watering places, several regional sessions of the Congress, and such would foster in a marked way the progress of the Congress and multiply the influence of its annual meetings. We have an offer of some tracts of land for such purposes, which the Congress together with the Board of Directors of the Convention would do well to consider carefully and accept them or some others.

#### Christian Education and the Education Board

The work of Christian Education is a rather difficult task, but as difficult as it is the Baptist denomination has made in its educational institutions consistent, progressive gains. So many states of this Convention have had pressed though worthy schools. Most of our outstanding leaders were shaped, had their early training, and received their first inspiration in these schools. This Convention has no money to contribute to these institutions, but it can and should give them its moral support. We should help

crystallize a powerful, persuasive sentiment in favor of Baptists attending Baptist schools. In this way our denomination can be more easily perpetuated and pay its obligations to a needy age. I think we could help greatly the cause of Christian Education were we to organize a permanent education conference of the presidents of our various schools.

#### The American Baptist Theological Seminary

Now I wish to call your attention to the American Baptist Theological Seminary. A survey of the history of the National Baptist Convention reveals that one of the first objectives of the Negro Baptist denomination was a National Baptist Educational Institution. After repeated efforts, and just so many failures, Providence led the way to the establishment of our present American National Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tenn. It has \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land which we together with the local white organizations of Nashville paid for in full except \$5,000. It was agreed that the Southern Baptist Convention would build and equip the building necessary to the operation of the school if the National Baptist Convention would purchase and pay for the land. We purchased the land and the Southern Baptist Convention has built a magnificent plant to house the Seminary. It is well to state here that sometime ago the plans for the operation of this school were well considered and unanimously adopted by both the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. But to revive your memory and for your further enlightenment, I am first submitting the Preamble and some portions of the Basic Law that was passed in Tennessee so that the American Baptist Theological Seminary could be incorporated and established.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee: That charters of corporations may be granted to any association of individuals, not less than five nor more than fifty in number, for the purpose of conducting and operating a university, college, or seminary, and the advancement of education in any lines, whether academic, professional, religious, theological, or otherwise, such university, college, or seminary to be affiliated with, or controlled by a convention or conventions, or an association or associations, whether voluntary and unincorporated, or incorporated under the laws of this State or any other State, and composed of members, delegates, representatives, or messengers of or from any church or religious association organized and conducted under the congregational form of church government.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That the persons named in the charter as incorporators shall be members of and constitute the first Board of Directors of said corporation, and shall hold office as directed until such time as their successors, or the successors of any of them may be chosen by the Convention or conventions, association or associations, with which said institution is affiliated or by which it is controlled. And where the institution is affiliated with, or controlled by, two or more conventions or associations, then each convention or association with which said institution is affiliated, or by which it is controlled, shall have

such representation, in number, on the Board as is expressed in the charter."

The above plain declarations, show that two distinct congregational bodies—voluntary, incorporated or unincorporated, may charter and operate a certain class of institutions in Tennessee, which institutions must acknowledge the authority of and be controlled by the bodies establishing them. The principle here involved and vindicated is that agencies and enterprises that are projected and sponsored by organizations believing in the congregational form of government, shall have an existence in civil law only as they have legal, ecclesiastical existence. It means that civil authority recognizes the principle of majority rule, and ownership and control by parent bodies rather than self-perpetuating boards or board ownership and board control.

Further, this act harmonizes church and civil law, so that civil law cannot be employed to subvert Baptist polity and the orderly practice of religious bodies adhering to a congregational form of government. And, now, going a step further, I ask your indulgence to chronicle here and stress some vital portions of the charter of the American Baptist Theological Seminary which was granted under the basic law quoted above:

#### BE IT KNOWN THAT

C. H. Parrish, R. T. Pollard, J. Goins, E. H. McDonald, A. M. Townsend, E. W. D. Isaac, Wm. Haynes, J. H. Henderson, E. M. Lawrence, Sutton E. Griggs, S. N. Vass, and L. K. Williams, chosen by the National Baptist Convention.

#### AND

John L. Hill, O. L. Hailey, Hight C. Moore, Ryland Knight, W. M. Wood, and John D. Freeman, chosen by the Southern Baptist Convention, and their successors chosen under the terms and provisions of this charter, and hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of

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controlled by the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, for the purpose of establishing and conducting a theological and missionary training seminary at Nashville in the State of Tennessee with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee.

This corporation shall have the power to establish and maintain a seminary for the purpose of the education of individuals in any line of education whether academic, that is in the arts, sciences or literature, or whether professional, religious, theological or otherwise. It shall have the power to confer degrees upon its graduates, and such honorary degrees upon others as the Board of Directors may determine.

The persons named in this charter as incorporators shall be members of and constitute the first Board of Directors of the corporation, and they shall hold office until such time as their successors or the successors of any of them shall be chosen by the

National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention with which this institution is affiliated. The National Baptist Convention shall at all times be represented upon said Board of Directors by two-thirds of the total number of the membership of said Board and the Southern Baptist Convention shall at all times be represented upon said Board of Directors by one-third of the total number of the membership of the Board. Said Convention shall have the power to prescribe the term of office of said Directors; and each Convention shall have the power to elect the successor or successors of the members of the Board of Directors chosen by it.

Anything like a fair study of this charter will make obvious the following facts:

1. The incorporation of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. The purposes—for training in Theology and for the education of persons in Missionary Work.
3. Its powers are to conduct a school, confer degrees, to own property, sue and be sued, etc.
4. The Board of Directors—the incorporators—the first Board—
  - (a) Their successors and how elected—"The successors of any of these shall be chosen by the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention"—and in the following proportions: "The National Baptist Convention shall at all times be represented upon said board by two-thirds of the total number of the membership, and the Southern Baptist Convention by one-third."

Quoting the charter further, "And said Conventions shall have the power to prescribe the term of office of said Directors—to elect their successors."

Limiting number of directors—"The Number of Directors may be increased to any number not to exceed fifty."

From the above it is plainly apparent that this charter tracks the basic law that provides for it, and that there is not an institution in this entire country that exists more in harmony with the correct Baptist idea of trusteeship, and with this Convention's intense contest for the reign and free play of Baptist principle, in all institutions it may create, than does the American Baptist Theological Seminary. And now, advancing a little further. If you would read the By-Laws of this corporation, you will find that they equate most perfectly with this basic law and the charter and bestow upon this Convention the same privilege, advantages, and rights, that said charter and basic law grant it.

I quote one Article of the same:

ARTICLE III. "The Board of Directors shall elect an Executive Committee composed of six representatives of the National Baptist Convention and three members from the Southern Baptist Convention, members of the Board."

In the light of the above no one would be safe and correct in stating that the fundamental plans for the operation of the seminary are not fair and righteous, and in keeping with the genius of the Baptist denomination. They make us the favored partners and bestow upon this Convention the most liberal ad-

vantages. But, to further convince you of the wisdom and justice of the plans, I have but to call your attention to the following:

How the property is deeded.—To a Board of Trustees for the National Baptist Convention. "That there shall be no final disposition of the same except by vote of the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention."

And in the management and operation of the seminary—the president of the seminary must be a member of the "National Baptist Convention." That the Southern Baptist Convention pay and is paying the salary of Dr. Hailey, who is giving his time in helping to aid in every way the seminary. That, exclusive of the above, the Southern Baptist Convention has agreed to contribute up to \$7,500 annually for the operating expenses of the Seminary, on the basis of One Dollar for every two collected by the National Baptist Convention for the same expenses.

Now my dear brethren,—I am abashed and humiliated when I consider the generous, open-hearted conduct of the Southern Baptist Convention in this matter while there may be just reasons why we may be criticized because our duties arising under this plan of cooperation have not been met with dispatch and proper business promptness. There may be some explanation why we have not met them, but these do not atone for or excuse our sad and costly neglect. This is no time to whine, for when we accept obligations and enter into compacts which would demand the portion and the rights of a man, we are pitifully inconsistent and cannot offer and substitute apologies, when we fail to do a man's part. The challenge and the test of our ability are in this case submitted. And loud assertions and wild ejaculations and boasted, eloquent claims of manhood are but false and inaccurate standards; but what we are, and what we are able and willing to do in a crisis to maintain our honor and discharge duties voluntarily accepted and self-imposed, are the true and abiding measures of our worth.

In the operation of the Seminary, we have not been able to carry out in full our duties, because we have not taken time to properly articulate it with, or engraft it in, the Convention's proper channels. The Convention's plan is to do its work through Boards. This method has brought us a measure of success, and if we are to succeed with the Seminary, we must closely relate it with our Education Board. In the founding of the Seminary, the Convention did it, not through its Education Board, but through a separate, distinct Commission. This same Commission with others today forms the Directorate of the Seminary, when economy, logic and the law of the Convention make it imperative that our Education Board manage the Seminary immediately. No criticism is here made against the Convention's action in using a Commission separate from the Education Board in founding the Seminary, but attention is here called to the same, to show the present effects of such a course. Last year, you voted that the gap existing between the Education Board and the Seminary be bridged by making the Seminary Directors the Education Board, and the Education Board the Directors of the Seminary. I want to urge upon the States to make such recommendations of persons for places on our Education Board, as you will be asked to make before you leave

here. To get this matter plainly before you, and to get the results desired, I am calling for a conference of all State Presidents, the present members and officers of the Education Board, and the members of the Board of Directors, the same to be had at 7:00 p. m. today under this tent. I am asking also that with the publishing of the re-organization of the Education Board and in connection with the annual report of the Seminary, that we have a Seminary Drive and underwrite its expenses for next year. That the Convention advise the Education Board to employ a competent Corresponding Secretary, who shall give his full time on the field, pushing the claims of that Board and the Seminary. That we adopt some day to be observed each year as Education Day. That the Education Board with the President of the Seminary agree upon a scholarship plan, inform our constituency concerning it and then launch a campaign for funds to aid worthy candidates for the ministry.

#### Foreign Mission Board

Christ's orders to his Church are, Go ye into all the world and make disciples. This Convention has no right to wear his name and claim Christ's protection and Lordship without striving to obey his expressed commands. While the above is true, churches and religious organizations of our race have been limited unjustly in their foreign missionary operations because of the political barriers and race prejudice that exist universally against the black races. These handicaps have restricted our Foreign Missionary efforts to Africa almost entirely, and to certain portions of it alone, without giving us anything like reasonable and well-deserved liberty. We are glad to report, however, that with time and the free play and reign of grace, new Foreign Missionary fields in Africa are being opened up to us. The International Foreign Mission Conference on Africa being held this month in Belgium promises many beneficent results. Our Corresponding Secretary, Dr. East, will attend this conference with the hope of adding his knowledge and experience in missionary work in Africa thereto, and also to make suggestions concerning the problems and the desires of those distinctive Negro organizations endeavoring to work in Africa. It should be known and received by you with great joy that even though the delegation to this Conference was restricted to 250, two were allotted our Foreign Mission Board. John Hope, the President of Morehouse College, will also attend this meeting and will be able to make important contributions to the solution of educational problems as they exist in Africa. It would be an inspiring thing and a timely act if the Convention would cable this Conference the greetings of our great denomination, and petition it to take such steps as will be required to help our Board get for its work in Africa the same freedom and latitude accorded similar foreign mission organizations in the same territory. We should bring to its notice the fact that the black people there are being possessed by an anti-Christian tendency because of some enactments of some unjust, proscriptive labor laws, growing out of the violent type of race antipathy that exists there as in all parts of the world. Let us here also pray earnestly for the success of

this Conference. In spite of our many handicaps and reverses, our Foreign Mission work is making great gains and substantial progress. This year you will find that our Board's receipts were increased several thousand dollars. We are now operating at four important points in Africa with more than fifty operators. The Board has already begun the construction of a mission house in Monrovia and a hospital. It hopes to construct this year the industrial school building at Suchu, Liberia. It is a well known fact that Christian missionary efforts on foreign fields yield through the training of children their largest and most important results. We must therefore increase and make more effective in Africa our missionary schools. The salvation of Africa rests in the saving of her children. It is also conceded that Negroes and the native missionaries are more cordially received than those of any other race. This being true we have a great duty to be performed. We have now no apologists for American slavery. We would not unhappily catalogue slavery's deterrent, debasing effects, but it appears clear that God intends for the American Negro to use his present heritage of good things to redeem Africa. Today this great continent is divided up between groups and land-loving nations. They would hold it as administrators to satiate their love of power and gain. Their commerce, rum and gunpower trades, race prejudice and hollow civilization without Christianity will have a lasting effect upon pagan peoples.

Now, in some portions of Africa, the natives prefer Mohammedanism above the brand of Christianity displayed there and offered them. There is a growing revolt against Christian powers. The opportunity and duty of American Negroes in and to Africa, I repeat, are obvious. Negroes can preach there uncontaminated by any "inferiority complex," or any yawning social chasms. They will not only feel for but feel with the sons of that benighted land. I do verily believe that if the American Negro is not true to and does not do his duty to Africa, he shall be chastened sorely until he will be willing to do so. I cannot refrain from commending those of our churches which are collecting and sending in regularly your contributions for this department. It is an economical method and adds to the permanency of the work. We should not in this way do less for Foreign Missions, but in the same way remember and do more for all of the phases of our Convention's work. If we would increase our contributions to this Board, it could rapidly increase its preaching force in Africa and establish and equip a large number of churches. This is Christ's program of Missions—"Preach," "Preach Christ and Him crucified," and organize and maintain churches to stabilize the results of successful preaching. Through the church, the individual, his entire being with the entire circle of his relations must be touched and shaped by the application of Christian principles.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention to the National Baptist Convention

This Convention has been a very faithful ally of the National Baptist Convention in all of its trials and endeavors. It was organized for this and its record vindicates well the wisdom and

fulfills the prophecy of its original promoters. In their first annual session the idea of founding a National Training School was submitted by Miss Burroughs and approved by the Convention. Through four or five years very little substantial progress was made in founding the school. After some discussion and an understanding as to what should be the organic status of the Woman's Convention, the school idea took definite shape rapidly. The records of both Conventions show that the Woman's Convention appointed one person from each State and requested the National Baptist Convention to appoint the same number and that the duty of said Committee of 80 would be to suggest plans for the founding of the school. The reports of the 1906 sessions of the Conventions reveal the following:

"The Woman's Auxiliary Convention, by authority of this Convention, has undertaken to establish a National Training School for the women of the race who desire to fit themselves for special lines of industry. A Committee composed of one man from each state has been appointed to co-operate with the Woman's Convention in planning for the establishment of such an institution. The project has thus far been principally directed by Miss N. H. Burroughs, as she has had the hearty support of other leading women in the denomination."—Dr. E. C. Morris.

The following is the action of the National Baptist Convention in that session in respect to the National Training School.

"The Convention assembled at 2:30, Dr. E. J. Carter, of Alabama, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. Carter. The report of the Special Commission on Industrial School was read by Miss Nannie Burroughs. The same was adopted.

Memphis, Tenn., September 17, 1906.

The National Training School Committee met at the call of Presidents Morris and Layten in the Committee Room at 3:30 p. m., to reconsider the recommendation of the committee that met at Louisville, Ky., February 12, 1906. The meeting was formerly opened with President Morris in the chair. Motioned and carried that recommendation of Committee that met February 12, 1906, be rescinded and places be nominated for the location of the school. Indiana was nominated by Rev. J. F. Walker; Washington, D. C., by Rev. A. Barbour and Kansas or Missouri by Rev. S. W. Bacole. Vote resulted in selection of Washington as first choice, Indiana as second place and Missouri or Kansas as third place. The conditions for location being special inducements as to future growth of school as well as donation of land. It being the expressed wish of the Committee that the place must give promise of growth and life for the school, and not stagnation after placed, because of disinterest on part of state and people in general.

The following committee was appointed to draw up acts of incorporation: Revs. F. W. Walker, L. G. Jordan, Mrs. J. M. Layten, Miss N. H. Burroughs, Mrs. S. W. Layten, A. R. Griggs and E. C. Morris.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee,

N. H. BURROUGHS.

That same year's report publishes as follows the names of the persons that made up the general committee appointed by both Conventions to supervise in the work of establishing the school:

"The Convention made no mistake in appointing the following men and women to handle the work incident to the founding of a great institution: Mesdames R. E. Pitts, and J. E. Cockrel, Ala.; Julia Mason Layton, Washington, D. C.; A. E. Randle, La.; Mary A. Bell, Tenn.; C. H. Douglass and R. L. Williams of Texas; F. J. Wheeler, Ark.; Chas. E. Norwood, Cal.; Beatrice G. Perkins, Colorado; C. H. Frazier, Fla.; G. L. Lane, Indiana; A. L. Anderson, Ill.; M. L. Bush, Indian Territory; S. F. Malone, Kansas; Mrs. Reed, Md.; L. J. Meetings, Miss.; Mrs. Minnie Grosswell, Mich.; T. W. Anderson, Missouri; Rosa Armstead, N. Y.; Nellie Gregory, N. J.; A. E. Orner, N. C.; Josephine Allen, Ohio; Janie Hood, Okla.; Alice White, Pa.; John Davis, Rhode Island; Corn Boykin, S. C.; Bernard Terrell, Virginia; Miss Hattie G. Eskridge, Georgia; Fannie Cobb, W. Va.; Itevs. J. O. A. Wilhite, Ala.; J. P. Robinson, Ark.; Walter H. Brooks, D. C.; C. H. Anderson, Cal.; J. E. Ford, Colorado; A. M. Holman, Fla.; P. J. Bryant, Ga.; Y. Terrell, Indiana; J. B. Bennett, Ill.; P. B. Niel, Indian Territory; J. E. Wood, Kentucky; E. A. Wilson, Kansas; A. Hubbs, Louisiana; Harvey Johnson, Maryland; A. M. Johnson, Mississippi; E. C. Cole, Missouri; W. D. Carter, Minnesota; M. W. Gilbert, New York; George E. Morris, New Jersey; Caesar Johnson, North Carolina; Daniel Wilson, Oklahoma; J. F. Walker, Ohio; E. W. Moore, Pennsylvania; John Davis, Rhode Island; J. W. Boykin, South Carolina; S. E. Griggs, Tennessee; A. Harbour, Texas; Thomas H. White, Va.; L. G. Jordan, Kentucky; R. H. Boyd, E. W. D. Isaac, John A. H. Wilson and Prof. W. L. Candler, Tennessee; A. M. Cooney, Mississippi; J. H. A. Cyrus, Virginia; S. W. Broate, Missouri; Robert Mitchel, Kentucky; Prof. Byrd Prillerman, West Va.; Mr. B. H. Hudson, Alabama. Distance and severe weather were nothing to them when called to meet the issue."

The charter of the Training School provided for eighty (80) to serve as Trustees, the first year, and the persons named above and appointed by both Conventions constituted the Trustees as per the Charter. Some of these have acted in that capacity from then up to now.

In this same meeting as in one of two previous sessions of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, some money was collected to aid the work of the school. In 1907 our Conventions met in Washington, D. C., and by that time the Sub-Committee appointed had decided on the locality, purchased the land, and secured a charter for the institution. Dr. Morris in his annual message at that time expressed himself thus concerning the enterprise: "The Woman's Auxiliary Convention has, as you perhaps know, begun the establishment of an Industrial Training School for women here at the Capital, and I am glad to say that it has been fortunate in securing a beautiful site of six acres of land within the corporate limits of the District at the very small cost of \$6,000. From information gained through the Corresponding Secretary, the work in that department is in a healthy condition and promises great results in the near future."

"Some opposition has developed among the brethren to the movement to establish a training school for the women of our race, but in my opinion we should encourage the enterprise."

In this same meeting Miss Burroughs reporting the accomplishments of the sub-committee or the Executive Committee appointed to do the preliminary work required for the founding of the school said: "In this as in three former sessions money by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was turned over to the Training School Committee to pay debts incurred to establish the school. The records of 1907 of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention show that when they had completed the purchase of their present site and made the first \$1,000.00 cash payment and other expenses made in the purchase, which altogether totalled \$1,352.32, that there was a balance in hand for the National Training School to the amount of \$1,580.98." Read the minutes of the same year and you will see this.

The Convention dedicated the National Training School with imposing ceremonies. The location is all that could be desired and the conditions of purchase are considered exceptionally good. The Corresponding Secretary is to be complimented in the progress thus made toward the establishment of an institution that will stand out as a lasting monument to the Baptist women of the union."

The school did not open that year, nor in the following as planned. But money by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was collected for it to the amount of \$2,951.20. In June, 1909, the Trustees of the Training School decided to open the school, October of that year. In 1910, at New Orleans what the Woman's Convention had long desired was presented by Miss Burroughs in the following words:

"The National Training School for Women and Girls owned and operated by the Woman's Auxiliary and the National Baptist Convention is a reality. The opening day, if prophetic, will bring to your efforts glorious results."

The Convention's record shows that it collected more money that year than in any previous year. It collected for the year a grand total of \$22,917.87. This will be received with great joy, when it is known that \$7,280.57 was donated by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to help open and safely operate the school. I have recited this irrefragable proof to show the patriotism of and the sacrifices and liberality of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. They are a group of heroines and deserve the generous support of this Convention in order that they may be able to rebuild where they have sustained losses on account of the recent fire.

Last September we attended a session of the Board of Trustees of the Training School and I wish to state that if the things they voted there are given their proper legal status, we need not be fearful about either the ownership or the management of the school being properly placed in the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The historical data I have summarized leaves no doubt as to who founded the school and who has supported it. There is no question as to its ecclesiastical ownership and the proceedings of the meeting of the trustees of the school, September, 1925, will properly relate the contradictory church and civil law factors as they now exist in the organization of the school. I have only words of praise for those who have managed the affairs of the school, and I recommend that we support the Woman's Auxiliary Convention in this essentially useful enterprise.

#### The Sunday School Publishing Board

The special work of this Board is to facilitate Christian education through the printed page. It is to help bring within easy access of our constituents proper Sunday-school methods and to stimulate the evangelistic spirit. To do this well it should have within its employ a competent group of workers and Sunday school experts. These should give their full time in conducting in the more populous and needy centers Itinerant Schools of Methods. They should be able to use and demonstrate the value of our own printed productions, and that of other good literature as well. Our Publishing House can and should make arrangements to operate a complete Book Department. It should organize under a competent Editor-in-Chief an Editorial Committee, whose duty would be to secure and write good manuscripts on Church Problems, Pastoral Theology, Church History, etc., and other good books covering the life and achievements of Negroes especially. It must be able to produce from the literary and mechanical view point as good and as cheap a literature as any other Publishing House. It should also be prepared to fill all orders promptly and without any delay. As the Publishing House approaches these standards, it will commend the most hearty support of some lukewarm ones among us, and verify the dream of its founders. I pause to state here that in spite of its arduous labors and many handicaps, the Publishing Board has made and is still making heroic strides to reach its rightful destiny. Apparently it has had, and deservedly so, in its efforts to do this, the undivided support of all the agencies of the Convention. For, as this enterprise is made secure and a permanent success, so will all of the operations of this Convention.

The Sunday School Publishing Board of the Southern Baptist Convention disbursed last Conventional year for the interests of that Convention \$380,344.35. If all of our leaders were loyal to our Publishing Board, they could rapidly increase the demands for its production and consequently increase its resources and its ability to aid in a tangible way the combined work of our denomination.

#### The New Home of the Publishing House

Not since the completion of the Egyptian Sphinxes and Pyramids have Negroes constructed such a building as we have at Nashville as the headquarters of our Publishing House. It was designed by Negroes, constructed by a Negro contractor, a Baptist deacon, and cost more than \$600,000. It is a thing of beauty and convenience, adequate in quarters and well adapted to our work, but it is not yet paid for. In refinancing the building it was a fine and fitting thing that Southern capital was freely advanced us to the amount of nearly \$400,000. This was a new phase of cooperation between America's two most dominant races. It suggests interracial confidence, harmony, and is the forerunner of a new day and epoch in this country.

It is not clear to me that the Publishing Board should be required to pay from its own resources this entire debt. Persons who know the struggles of the Building Committee will remember

that the Committee had no money with which to build. That the building cost much more than was originally planned, and that all of the money for the initial payment on the same was borrowed should not be forgotten. Then again keep in mind the fine up-to-date machinery which the Publishing Board has been forced to purchase on time. For some time the denomination will be called upon to make investments of voluntary contributions to this enterprise. I say investments advisedly, for if we will make the required sacrifices, meet promptly our obligations, and nurse tenderly this institution for the present, it will in the future yield surprising tangible and intangible dividends. This is not the time to console ourselves by what we have done, for all is endangered if we fail to hold out to the end. Our denomination and the whole race are on trial in this instance. Can Negroes in large numbers working in self-governing bodies do big and lasting things—must be partly decided by our conduct in this matter, and the answer we shall give. With this large plant there are no reasons why it should not enjoy a liberal portion of the printing of the entire denomination. A true philosophy and an unerring logic predict that time shall see the printing of every agency of this Convention done here, and that everyone or many of our Boards shall likewise make this fine building their headquarters. There may be now some provocations why this will not be done at once, but no legitimate reasons. I speak now according to the flesh, there are some obdurate adverse human elements that at best are eccentric that time only can convert into factors that will prove to be auxiliaries to our great unifying plan and purposes. I want to suggest that we co-operate heartily with the Publishing Board in its efforts to liquidate the debt made to build the New Home of that plant.

#### The National Baptist Voice

Without this paper the Convention and its agencies could not have made the progress it has. The VOICE has followed with care, courage, and unmixed loyalty every interest of our denomination. When there was danger it uttered a warning, and when it was time for war it sounded the tocsin and aroused and called to battle the Convention's patriots. We shall at all times need a fearless, untrammelled, democratic, wisely edited, denominational newspaper. It is my conviction that the past and present management of the paper has done well when the circumstances under which they have worked are remembered. But now a sound, business erminity and good wisdom and grace suggest more in keeping with its cost of production. The report one year on cost of publishing the VOICE and the financial returns therefrom discredit our loyalty, or our business ability; for it shows that about 66 per cent of the cost of justly publishing the VOICE was paid by the Publishing Board. My experience in this connection leads me to recommend that the VOICE be placed under the sole and direct management of the Executive Board. That it shall be conducted in the future so that its cost of production so much now out of proportion with the returns coming therefrom will be reduced. It is but right and fair that the Publishing Board should continue to

bear the expenses required to publish the VOICE, but our stewardship shall be rightly challenged if we do not reduce the wide margin existing between the cost of its publication and the returns therefrom. In this connection may I advise that it would be a prudent and grateful act to ever accord the Publishing Board due credit for the invaluable service it renders the Convention and all of its agencies when it publishes without cost to them this paper. Such acknowledgement will be the giving of praise where it is due and will increase the influence of the Publishing Board and consequently foster the correlated interests of this Convention.

#### The National Baptist Convention Laymen Movement

Once churches acted as if they believed the statement that they existed for and had to be supported by women and children only. But now there is a universal demand being made of laymen by churches, calling them to the aid of God's cause. It is pleasing to note that men are accepting the notion that the work of organized Christianity requires their faithful, noblest services.

They will be able to facilitate the church's teachings on stewardship and make possible the means required to help the church do in a successful way the work of the Kingdom. With our Baptist laymen organized, we can with better effect apply politics, business, and education the principles of Christ. We are pleased because we have been able to organize a National Baptist Convention Laymen's Movement. Let us encourage it by organizing in our churches a local unit of the same. It would be a fine and profitable investment if our pastors would bring to these annual meetings many of their useful, church-loving laymen. They would help you so much on your return home.

#### The Economy and the Efficiency Department

In keeping with the resolution adopted by you last year the Board of Directors elected a competent accountant who would give his full time to the work of standardizing the bookkeeping systems of all of the Boards and organizations, subsidiary to the National Baptist Convention. He is empowered to aid all departments in installing such business methods as will cause them to operate with a minimum waste and the greatest production. It is not to be thought that good sound business rules are incompatible with religion and religious enterprises. If we are to make steady progress in religion we must put business in religion just as we would put religion in business. So many churches and Christian enterprises are hopelessly weak and powerless because of their false business policies. The man elected by your Board to fill this important post will be heard here, and I feel confident that his report will show real gains for the year and just grounds for the continuation of this department. The Convention and its Board of Directors should give the Efficiency Expert their unqualified support. And it should be the joy of the workers in every department of the same to heed his advice and concur with him in a wise conservative program that would save us of losses and many perils.

#### Proper Race Relations

I am herewith submitting much of a paper I prepared for the Home and Foreign Mission Herald published by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention:

There are a few great questions today before the American people for solution: International Peace, Economic and Industrial Peace, Law Enforcement, and Interracial Good Will and Harmony. It is my conviction that our most important domestic problem is that familiarly called, "The Negro Problem."

We cannot see why some continue to refer to it with such phrasing. It is not a condition created alone by us. We were basking in Africa's sunshine and because of the "cupidity of commerce" were torn away from our native heath, had our ways paid here, and whatever the consequences, we are too polite to unceremoniously take our departure. We are here today to stay for better or worse, for weal or woe, until death do us part; and what God joined together, let none put asunder. But this is no problem, for a problem is something that remains undone because the would be doer doesn't know what is to be done. There exists a very vexatious condition between the white and black races of America. It is stubborn, pitiable, and a thing to be deplored. But to so many it is no problem. For we know, or should know, what ought to be done. We are timid and lack courage more than we do wisdom. We have been playing with this question. And now this is no time to argue about who is responsible for our present plight, but the time when justice-loving men will, with courage, prudence, and charity, labor zealously to rid ourselves of anything like race rancour and hate, and the things that promote interracial discord. In the first place, we have been trying too many incompetent agencies, and doing only the expedient and not the righteous thing. The question of proper race relations is a thing that should concern the Church, but we have wanted to delegate it to designing politicians and lawmakers. Had it been within their providence to correct the evils of bad race relations, such would have been settled long ago. For statutes are covered to the groaning point with laws purporting to solve this problem. But, I ask you, have these settled it? Proper race relations are correct attitudes of heads and hearts, and the primary work of the church is to produce these. It can do this effectively because it has the message, the machinery, and can furnish the only impelling motive. Its message is a revelation of the personality of God. God manifested in Christ. God in proper relationships with the world and man and all of creation. It is God as Father. The message of the Church helps man to discover himself—a personality. Christianity is the meeting of a personal man—seeking God, and a God-seeking man. It is the deeps responding to the deeps. The passionate response of personality to a personality. And this is the Church's message and task. It is Fatherhood, but Fatherhood with brotherhood. As the church has properly evaluated men, it as so adjusted its program. Our need today is to emphasize a salvation that saves man in his complete wholeness—body, mind, and soul. Religion as a life—suited for time and eternity, is the proper program. During this materialistic age the sanctity and sacredness of human life the Church must preach with increasing vigor.

and courage. Good men are bigger, better, and more to be desired than banks and bonds. The personal rights are superior to property rights, must ever be appreciated and proclaimed by the Church. The Negro church presents the Negro of today, as one of the proofs of its ability and power to do things. His is the most colorful, romantic, though real page of American history. He illustrates what God can do for a people. He is the challenge of the scoffer and sneering infidels. Who is he? The Negro of today, and heir of all the traits characteristically human, and the product of his more immediate ancestors, is an interesting and helpful study to open-hearted truth seekers. To begin with, would not it make more facile this study if we should apply to the Negro the force of that ancient maxim: "I am a man, and nothing human is foreign to me," and the following poetic lines:

"Fleecy locks and dark complexion  
Cannot forfeit Nature's claim;  
Skins may differ, but affection  
Dwells in white and black the same."

So often, in specific cases, the Negro's reaction to certain stimuli is dissimilar to that of others and such reactions are dominated specifically, "Negro traits;" but the truth is, others with environments, education, and opportunities similar to those of the Negro might give reactions far different from the ones they now give. Might we not state here that the Negro is made of dust, just the commonest, not even "gold dust?"

But his youth as a race, his antecedents, experience (or inexperience), cause him to express in a vigorous manner certain fundamental human characteristics of which he has no monopoly.

#### The Negro as a Laborer

He has the disposition to work and craves better industrial environments, equal pay and equal industrial opportunities. To help secure these, he is showing initiative and proving that he is a constant, dependable labor element. His quota now in the gainful industries of America is much larger than that of the English-speaking white man. He has the physical stamina, knows how to adjust himself, and could be made America's most responsive, profitable, industrial element, if his fitness were duly recognized and justice in the industrial world were meted out to him.

#### An Economic Factor

As never before Negroes are combining their wealth and building up in a marvelously effective manner their own marts, trades, and commerce. As a result, they are becoming more provident and skilled in manipulating successfully many great business enterprises. More and more they are financing independently their own business and making larger contributions to the support of their distinctive institutions and to the amelioration of the race's condition. In fact, the philanthropic spirit is more evident, and the conservation of the race's energy by the Negro is a characteristic that is being manifested wonderfully. One woman of the

race gave recently \$25,000 to a Y. W. C. A. Drive in St. Louis; scores of colored physicians and men of other professions gave a thousand dollars each to Howard University recently, while a smaller number gave larger sums. They are building, equipping and maintaining admirably well a large number of eleemosynary institutions.

#### A Lover of Education

The Negro has made and is yet making unusual and unmatched sacrifices to reduce his illiteracy. He has succeeded, but not without overcoming many unfair impediments. Sometimes he has been given smaller appropriations for his education than others receive, as if it were thought that he was so cunning or so intellectual that he could do with less what others do educationally on larger funds. He has accepted the compliments, determined to prove that an impartial Providence has given him an intellect that could break all fetters and was capable of limitless development. He has reduced his illiteracy to about 20 per cent. Truly, the poet records his pathetic strivings:

"He has come through the valley of great despair—  
He has borne what no white man ever can bear.  
He has come through sorrow and pain and woe,  
And the cry of his heart is to know, to know."

#### His Loyalty to America

He is an American by birth, language, custom and habits. He assimilates its lofty ideals and is anxious to see them preserved. Recently five thousand radicals were arrested, but not a single Negro was included. German propagandists during the war tried to create in Negroes, by emphasizing their unjust handicaps, an un-American, seditious spirit. As a response, Negroes furnished from their drafts a relatively larger number of soldiers and in some states a larger number absolutely. The Negro is a one-hearted, American patriot. He yet hopes for, believes he deserves and will have his loyalty matched by the government, in the justice and safety it will accord. He wouldn't if he could check the flow of the streams of justice to any man; he would not attempt to abridge any man's rights, for his, on this point, is a bitter tragic memory.

#### His Present Race Psychology

The Negro is daily advancing, but the mental attitude of many towards him is based on traditions and sentiments that are antiquated. One of the things that the Negro deplors is that such attitudes are stubborn, often presumptuous, and permit no self-investigation.

It would be foolish for the Negro to desire to be somebody else. He should want only to preserve his own personality and be his best possible self. But a cruel race philosophy connotes with the Negro's color, vice and not virtue, and all that is detestable. This same tragic "race mind" makes the Negroes' color and their past the final and everlasting measure of their worth and opportunities.

It circumscribes and limits their God-given rights, and misjudges and condemns the Negro when he tries to escape the unlawful handicaps associated with his color. The Negro is anxious to have all know that when he seeks to escape the cruel barriers his color invoke, he is not trying to get away from his race or his color, but he is striving to lay aside the weights that beset him. He wants a man's chance. His self-respect is a growing impulse; he goes nowhere uninvited, nor where he is not desired. He wants to be appraised for his character and present achievements, and not by his color. He is striving to have associated with and written upon black faces a new concept. He is anxious to have all make of him a fairer, newer, and more sympathetic appraisal. He never begins the word "Negro" with a small "n." This race consciousness is leading the Negro to improve his own environments, to purge himself of those things that would hinder his true growth. He is reducing marvellously his death rate, as is attested by the verdict of an old-line insurance company which states that the last decade witnessed a 5 per cent increase in favor of Negro risks. He believes that self-improvement is his safest way to and his surest weapon of success. He has begun the publication of his literature in which he is making out discreetly his own case. He deplors the use of textbooks in schools which make hurtful and objectionable references to him, for this is an enforced humiliation to Negro children and promotes in innocent white children an early bad mental attitude. He is striving to have the white press record more of his virtues and helpful achievements. To help attain his desires he has shown at all times a willingness to cooperate with his white friends, and while he possesses every element of his characteristic politeness, he is less equivocal and more pronouncedly truthful and frank in his dealings with them.

#### The Religious Tendency of the Race

The Negro's belief in God is one of his abiding attributes. His willingness to forgive, his unflinching optimism and open-heartedness; his cheerful spirit under all circumstances; his rich, imaginative, highly emotional nature, are a fertile religious soil. Dr. Frank Crane has said: "There are certain qualities of spirit, certain shades of passion and conscience which the Negro can portray better than any other. There is a pathos, a tenderness, an edge of sympathy, a beauty of loyalty and a genuineness of sympathy in which he excels. I think the Negro is by nature the race best suited to Christianity." These are bold, strong words, but none too bold. In matters of religion the Negro is showing signs of rapid progress. He is building better, more convenient and serviceable church houses. He has invested in such about nine per cent of his total wealth. At least 55 per cent of the race belongs to some church and 75 per cent of that number belongs to Baptist churches. Negroes are about one-tenth of the total number of Baptists in America. If white people furnished Baptists at the same rate that Negroes do, there would be more than thirty million Baptists in America. Negroes, in most things, still hold their preachers as their recognized leaders. Thus they do



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now, in spite of efforts to get them to accept a secular leadership. They are demanding and laboring for a ministry reinforced by a large additional supply of well-trained men. They do not waver one iota from their old-time belief in the Bible as a dependable rule in all religious or soul matters. They are anxiously striving to make their religion more practical, without giving up the vitally needed emotional element. Both the Negro and the white man of ante-bellum days are gone. We have not the sentiment that bound them together and helped to promote a common sympathy between them. We have instead a Pharaoh that "knows not Joseph" and a Joseph that knows not Pharaoh. Because of this and other things, it is not believed that the Negro of today in his relations to whites is as credulous as were his ancestors. Present-day Negroes are anxious to find an abiding basis for inter-racial relations and they believe that the practical application of the teachings of Jesus is that basis. Their wise ministers, their right minded spiritual leaders, preach this and seek to portray the spirit of the Christ.

My final admonition here is, let us keep our own hearts right with God and all men. Let us demonstrate that a man's religion is not his creed alone, and is never more than his character and his conduct. That men may be in their beliefs 100 per cent perfect, but wholly imperfect if they do not practice right beliefs. During this lawless era, I am advising that we respect the law of the land and the laws of God. There are some who will endorse the 18th Amendment, but forget the 13th, and the 14th and 15th Amendments. We must stand for the enforcement and not for the nullification of any of them, or the nullification of all. For our race it would be suicidal to pursue any course except to stand for the enforcement of all laws. And is it not possible that the widespread disregard of law in America is a consequence of the tendency to nullify certain laws or give them one application to one group and another application to another? It is but natural that people will lose their genius for respect of all laws where they choose between obeying and not obeying certain laws. And now, let us not count religious values by dollars and tangible possessions. And let no man persuade us that "We are, or have been, too blooming pious," for only "righteousness exalteth a people." Remember that our marvelous progress has been brought about largely through our churches and our faith in God.

"You who carry  
The lance of laughter and the sword of song,  
Let this be blazoned on your pennons:  
Whatever the color of man,  
The shadow must always be black."

Howard J. Young.

#### In Memoriam

I come now to the most painful and saddest part of his message— to think of and write the names of those who took their departure during the year, those "we have loved long since, and lost a while," should and must kindle in us all the most serious reflections.

There was Dr. D. W. Cannon, a General Officer of the Denomination, President of the Sunday-School Congress, who served for many years and helped to develop it in every possible manner; there was our brother, the Rev. E. B. Topp, who conducted the memorial services at Baltimore, he is gone. And the famous pastor, Brother W. J. Howard, of Washington, D. C.; and the Rev. V. S. Smith, President of the West Virginia State Convention; the Rev. S. M. Robinson of Cleveland, O., and the Rev. W. Robinson of the same place.

And all of us have a happy remembrance of Dr. J. R. Bennett, who loved his denomination with an undying love; and, at the last moment, just last week death summoned the Rev. R. A. Adams, President of our General Publishing Board, and from Georgia, our friend and good brother, C. H. Robinson, President of the Georgia Baptist State Sunday School Convention, up and well one day, and the next—gone; and then the following: Revs. N. E. Blanton, A. L. Billups, M. L. Fambro, A. F. Fye, Wm. Gray, A. J. Harvey, D. Hoffman, Clifford Holt, A. J. Johnson, J. A. James, E. Jones, S. R. Logan, D. A. Mosley, A. Mathis, H. M. Smith, T. H. Smith and R. L. White, all of Georgia; R. G. Mooty of Mississippi, Revs. John Jones and S. A. Tilman, of Texas; J. D. Lee, of Iowa; J. H. Alston and Z. D. Lewis, of Virginia; F. D. Skinner and M. C. Carter, of California, and a host of others whose names did not reach this office.

Let us not through clashing, selfish ambitions disintegrate and destroy what they have done, but rather let us practice the principles of self-effacement, brotherly love, and charity. May God bless us all.

We are going down the valley one by one,  
With our faces toward the setting of the sun;  
Down the valley where the mournful cypress grows,  
Where the stream of death in silence onward flows.

We are going down the valley one by one,  
When the labors of the weary day are done;  
One by one, the cares of earth forever past,  
We shall stand upon the river-bank at last.

We are going down the valley one by one,  
Human comrades you and I will there have none,  
But a tender hand will guide us lest we fall  
Christ is going down the valley with us all.

We are going down the valley, going down the valley,  
Going toward the setting of the sun;  
We are going down the valley, going down the valley,  
Going down the valley, one by one.

#### Just a Personal Word

I have followed this Convention for nearly twenty-five years, I admired our late, lamented president and followed his fortunes and leadership with a blindfolded devotion. I was close to and knew him as intimately as any. It was my highest joy to do his bidings. Under him I learned the history and problems of this organization. When we were making a legal fight to establish our rights to the old Publishing Board, I was selected as the chief witness, and was kept on the stand for two days. When

Dr. Morris took his departure, it occurred to me that if my brethren thought so, I could, because of my experience and loyalty, help very much the work of the Convention. After having been importuned by many of the leaders and after consulting God, I consented to be used by my brethren and went to St. Louis with no conjectures in my mind as to what would befall me there. I said before my election I would not in the premises do the unseemly thing. And today I can in truth state that I carried out that promise. Upon being elected I stated that I considered the office of president of the National Baptist Convention to be a trust and the highest honor within the gift of Baptists. I told you I had no wounds to nurse or any enemies to punish, or friends to reward. I promised you, God helping me, that my entire strength and energy would be used unselfishly to promote the interests of this organization. My record is made—it is an open book. I leave it with you, yea, to my God to say if I have kept the faith and run well my course.

It has cost me much to serve you these four years, for in them I have lived eight years. This has been in so many ways a strenuous year with me. So much so that I with much reluctance came to and announced the decision that I had no desire to continue longer in this capacity. I published in the last meeting of the Board of Directors at Brooklyn my intention and my brethren uttered their emphatic protests against my carrying out my decision and requested that I should be silent on that matter, and that I should reverse my decision. I went home and took up the Baptist Standard and read the following:

#### WAS THIS TEACHER IN YOUR SCHOOL?

"A Sabbath school teacher, because no conversions had occurred in her class of sixteen young men, resigned, thinking herself to blame or unfitted for the great work. Seeing the unflagging interest of her pupils, neither superintendent nor pastor would consent to it. In her anxiety she prayed more earnestly for the Holy Spirit's help. One day while thus pleading she was so strongly moved to go and see a certain one at his home that she at once yielded, and in that home parlor she so told her anxiety that when prayer was suggested the pupil knelt with her and soon yielded to Christ and was most happily converted. Thus encouraged she visited another, and another in turn, as opportunity opened, till she saw the whole sixteen won to Christ and added to the Church.

What if this teacher had persisted in her determination to give up her class? Would God have held her responsible? Will he hold you responsible if you give up? Let us not (as soul-winning Christian workers) be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," Gal. 6:9.

After reading that my own soul became the center of a hot battle which finally brought me to the following decision and gave me much relief. I consider the holding of this office a mutual trust,—you trust me and I trust you. I could not have had it without your voice and vote, and you could not have imposed it upon me without my voluntary consent. Now I have decided that your will and choice shall be mine. I shall look for God's

leadership in whatever course you may take. I was sincere when I said I had no desire to continue in office and I say now if you desire to elect anyone else and do so, I shall be perfectly satisfied. So do whatever seems best to you.

"We go this way but once, O heart of mine,  
So why not make the journey well worth while,  
Giving to those who travel on with us  
A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile?"

We go this way but once, Then let us make  
The road we travel blossomy and sweet  
With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words,  
Smoothing the path of bruised and stumbling feet."

"Lead, kindly Light! amid the encircling gloom,  
Lead thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead thou me on;  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead thou me on;  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years."

17. On behalf of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Miss Mattie Fisher, in select words, presented flowers. The Olivet group gave a cheer. The Needle Work Committee of the Woman's Convention, through Miss Ruby Brown, presented a silk quilt. The delegates, through Dr. F. W. Penick, presented a gold watch.

18. A motion of Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut, seconded by Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Illinois, Rev. L. A. Pinkston, D. D., Georgia, and others to suspend the rules and re-elect Dr. L. K. Williams president of the National Baptist Convention was unanimously carried.

19. The President's address was ordered published.

20. Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., was reelected Vice President-at-Large.

Benediction, Rev. H. H. Lowe, D. D., Mississippi.

#### Evening Session

21. Vice-President W. M. Taylor called the Convention to order. The chorister, assisted by Prof. E. W. D. Isaac, Jr., conducted a very spirited song service, using all the Convention's favorite songs. They closed with "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

22. The Recording Secretary, R. B. Hudson, submitted his nineteenth annual report and the report of the Board of Directors.

#### REPORT OF SECRETARY

Fort Worth, Texas, September 8, 1926.

To the President, Officers, and Members Assembled in Forty-sixth Annual Session, National Baptist Convention:

As Secretary of your organization, I herewith submit my nineteenth annual report, together with the actions taken by the Board of Directors at its several meetings, and the receipts and expenditures of the Convention during the Baltimore session and the interim thereof.

#### Board Meetings

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held during the closing day of the Convention at Baltimore, and the following items were passed: The salary of the corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Publishing Board and of the B. Y. P. U. Board, respectively, was fixed at \$4,000 per year. The attorney was allowed \$500.00 as a retainer's fee. Dr. W. H. Moses was re-appointed Financial Secretary at a salary of \$250.00 per month. After passing on the receipts and disbursements of the Convention the Board stood adjourned.

In the Birmingham meeting, January 13th, after the regular devotions and resolutions of sympathy to Rev. Geo. McNeal, whose wife had just passed away, to Mrs. Bennett, the wife of the late Dr. J. B. Bennett, of Pennsylvania, to Mrs. Smith, the wife of Dr. A. S. Smith, of W. Virginia, and the statement given to the papers setting forth the loss of the race group in the passing of Dr. B. F. Biley, the humanitarian, editor and pioneer in race understanding and good will, the regular work of the Board was taken up.

The committee appointed by the Board of Directors to provide suitable arrangements for Prof. E. D. Pierson, Auditor, and to agree upon salary submitted its report, which was approved. The report provides that the auditor is to install a new system of accounts for all the Boards, audit the accounts of all Boards and officers of the National Baptist Convention, and while in service all Boards, other than the Sunday School Publishing Board, will pay for the auditing as heretofore, but the money is to go to the Sunday School Publishing Board, who will pay the auditor a salary of \$3,600 per year in monthly payments. The expense of travel and domicile is to be borne by the Board visited. The same rule applies to the auditing of the books of the several auxiliaries of the National Baptist Convention. Deeds from the Rathblott Development and Realty Company for a plot of land on which to build a home for aged and infirm ministers were accepted. The proposition from Mr. W. E. Arthur, of Woodland, Mich., offering 5 1/2 ac. of land to the Convention provided the Convention build on it within a year, was accepted with the understanding that the limit of one year be extended for a longer period and the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress was instructed to work out plans for the prosecution of this offer. After hearing the reports from the several Boards which were passed upon, the routine matter of the Board of Directors, the naming of the several committees for the

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preparation of the dedicatory services, etc., the Board stood adjourned subject to call of the president.

The next meeting was held in Brooklyn, N. Y., during the session of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress. Because of illness in the family of the president and the important business of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, the session was necessarily short, only the report of the committee appointed to prepare the program, which after being corrected and approved, was the principal business transacted.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts	
From Finance Com., Dr. M. F. Washington	\$ 882.37
From Finance Com., Representation	11,393.12
From Sale of badges, reports, minutes, etc.	140.80
From Donation from N. Rathblott	100.00
From President's Vacation Fund	133.68
	\$12,649.37
Since State Convention:	
Borrow from Selma National Bank	\$ 3,000.00
President's Vacation Fund	6.00
Representation Fees	17.50
Loan, Douglass National Bank	1,850.00
J. E. Kuykendall, Layman's Movement	200.00
L. K. Williams, Loan	200.00
Collection, Birmingham Meeting	38.00
Theological Seminary	209.00
	\$5,519.00
Designated Money Received at Convention:	
Public Collections	\$ 200.00
Educational Board	34.84
Home Mission Board	247.00
B. Y. P. U. Board	406.00
S. S. Publishing Board	518.22
Foreign Mission Board	5,715.27
	\$7,121.33
Total Receipts for Year	\$25,289.70
Disbursements	
Printing Auditor's Reports	\$ 214.34
Selma National Bank, Loan	3,000.00
E. D. Pierson, Auditor	123.82
Expense President's Office	208.84
Expense of Convention and Secretary's Salary	2,654.16
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, Expense	180.63
People Bank and Trust Co., Overdraft	67.50
May's Printing Co.	200.00
L. G. Jordan, Historian	600.00
C. M. Roberson, Attorney	400.00
Peoples Bank and Trust Co.	202.98
Douglass National Bank	1,850.00
J. W. Gayden, Note	500.00
E. M. Lawrence, on account	200.00
Maryland Awning and Tent Co.	100.00

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Seminary Loans:	
Felix Jones	\$ 100.00
A. D. Williams	100.00
Mrs. R. T. Sims	50.00
Total	\$ 250.00
Judge Wm. Harrison, Speaker	150.00
American Baptist Seminary	100.00
J. D. Crenshaw, on Note	350.00
Edw. S. Boutner, Chorister and expense	127.50
Assistant Secretaries	420.00
Publicity Committee	35.00
Enrollment Committee	90.00
Finance Committee	160.00
Special Finance Committee	70.00
Ushers	100.00
R. M. Caver, refund	75.00
Designated:	
Public Collections	\$ 200.00
Educational Board	34.84
Home Mission Board	247.00
B. Y. P. U. Board	406.00
S. S. Publishing Board	518.22
Foreign Mission Board	\$5,715.27
L. K. Williams, Vacation Fund	139.08
Selma National Bank, interest	120.00
L. K. Williams, Rathblott, Donation	100.00
Protest Fee	3.12
Sunday School Publishing Board	3,750.00
Mrs. S. B. J. Watson, Transportation Com. Due Dr. Watson	50.00
Peoples' Bank and Trust Co., Interest, Lawrence Note	30.00
Peoples' Bank and Trust Co., Interest, Griggs' Note	14.00
Douglass National Bank, Interest	96.56
S. S. Publishing Board, Laymen's Movement	200.00
Theological Seminary	209.00
Federal Council of Churches	250.00
Total Disbursements	\$25,208.62
Checks Redeemed:	
G. D. Hill, Alabama	\$ 10.00
J. M. Merritt, Alabama	5.00
J. S. Drew, Arkansas	25.00
Jas. A. Williams, Massachusetts	2.50
W. H. Hill, Missouri	5.00
Wm. J. Northeross, Louisiana	10.00
Chas. M. Roberson, Louisiana	10.00
Notes Due by the Convention:	
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., E. M. Lawrence, furniture	\$ 500.00
Selma National Bank, loan	3,000.00
Douglass National Bank, loan	1,850.00
Douglass National Bank, balance on \$15,000 S. S. Publishing Board	9,500.00

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Peoples' Bank and Trust Co., S. S. Publishing Board	1,200.00
L. K. Williams, money advanced	200.00
Peoples' Bank and Trust Co., Gripps for Seminary	700.00
H. B. Hudson, Money Advanced, Badges, etc.	991.67
May's Printing Company	359.00

From the above you will note that it has been somewhat a task for the president and secretary to make papers, renew the same, keep up the interest, etc., in order to keep the work of the Convention going. With the adoption of the revised constitution, where the representation fee has been increased, we at least hope that this will relieve somewhat the embarrassment to which we have been put. The work of the Convention continues to grow, as does the work of all organizations throughout the country. A budget of ten years ago should be increased at least seventy-five per cent to meet the demands of the present day.

In a special letter sent to some of our prominent churches throughout the country, by order of the president, it has been asked that they bring up \$50.00 above the constitutional representation fee, not for the Boards but for the great work of the Convention, which if brought in will greatly relieve the present embarrassing condition. Some very important notes that have been running for the past two years are now due and the secretary has in his possession notices for settlement which must be made at the close of the Convention or interest paid and papers renewed. The churches complying with the request of the president will be termed Gold Star Churches for the Session of 1926 and a badge of Lutton will be given to said churches designating the Gold Star Churches.

Since the representation fee has been increased and we have a number of persons visiting our Convention annually who do not care to take representation, a visitor's badge has been prepared and will be sold to such visitors who desire to take one. This we trust will help to increase the finances of our Convention. All badges, buttons, etc., will be placed into the hands of the Enrollment and Finance Committees who will handle them.

## Minutes

The printing of minutes has been greatly delayed this year. We had hoped to have had them ready for distribution within four months after the adjournment of the Convention. The manuscript was prepared in November, 1925, and delivered but the job has just been completed and the minutes shipped by express to the secretary a few days before leaving for this point. The envelopes for these minutes are addressed and on our return home will be forwarded at once to the delegates. The cost of mailing will range from 10 to 22 cents, according to the zone in which the churches are situated. We are still hoping we shall be in position to get the minutes into the hands of the churches and other organizations representing in our Convention at the time ordered by your honorable body.

## Stokes Matter

I regret to state that we have been unable to get any hearing from the executors of the will of the late Dr. A. J. Stokes with reference to money that was paid to him and which he had in his possession before he passed away.

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The above is the work in part of the secretary for the year now ending and I take this opportunity to thank the president, my superior, all fellow officers, Board of Directors, and Convention in general for the assistance and hearty cooperation given me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HUDSON, Secretary.

## 23. Treasurer A. D. Williams submitted his report.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

Atlanta, Ga., August 17, 1926

Treasurer's Report for the year ending July 1, 1926. National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

## COLLECTIONS

Sept. 14, 1925 Brought forward	\$ 25 48
Sept. 14 From R. B. Hudson on L. K. Williams' vacation	133 08
Sept. 14 From Rev. Washington, Finance Committee, Checks	\$845 46
Currency	5 00
Silver	32 31
Sept. 14 From Hudson and Williams	882 37
Sept. 14 From Programs, Minutes, Auditors' Report	11,000 00
Sept. 30 From Selma Nat'l Bank by R. B. Hudson	140 8
Oct. 2 From Hudson, (President's Vacation fund)	3,000 00
Oct. 13 From C. A. Pugh, Fort Wayne, Ind	6 00
Oct. 12 From G. W. Dudley, Chicago	5 00
Oct. 12 From Douglas Bank, by loan	10 00
Oct. 12 From W. H. Stewart, per R. B. Hudson	1,850 00
Nov. 19 From Rev. Stevenson, annual dues	2 50
Jan. 13, 1926 Balance deposited from Baltimore	2 50
Jan. 15 Rev. Matthews, Alabama	384 84
Jan. 15 Theological Seminary, checks	36 50
Jan. 15 Theological Seminary, checks	5 00
Jan. 28 Rothblott	82 00
G. D. Hill, Alabama	25 00
J. M. Merritt, Alabama	10 00
J. S. Drew, Ark.	10 00
C. M. Roberts, La.	2 50
Jas. M. Roberts, Mass.	5 00
W. H. Hill, Mo.	10 00
Wm. J. Northcross, La.	50 00
New Era Association, Chicago	58 83
Unknown source	
Total	\$17,895 40

## DISBURSEMENTS

Sept. 14, To Afro-American Co. (Aud. report)	\$ 234 50
Sept. 14, To R. B. Hudson, (Selma Nat'l Bank)	3,000 00
Sept. 14, To E. D. Pierson, (Auditor's expense)	823 82
Sept. 14, To L. K. Williams, (expenses)	208 84
Sept. 14, To R. B. Hudson, (salary and expenses)	2,654 16
Sept. 14, To A. D. Williams, (office expenses)	180 63
Sept. 14, To People's Bank, Nashville, (overdraft)	67 50

## MINUTES

Sept. 14, To Mays Printing Co. (on account).....	200 00
Sept. 14, To L. G. Jordan (on account).....	600 00
Sept. 14, To G. M. Roberson, (attorney fee).....	400 00
Sept. 14, To People's Bank (L. G. Jordan note).....	202 98
Sept. 14, To J. W. Gayden, (Church Extension note).....	2,325 66
Sept. 14, To E. M. Lawrence, (Church Extension note).....	300 00
Sept. 14, To Maryland Awning Co., (curtains).....	200 00
Sept. 14, To Phelix Jones, (refunded).....	100 00
Sept. 14, To A. D. Jones, (refunded).....	100 00
Sept. 14, To Mrs. R. T. Sims, (refunded).....	100 00
Sept. 14, To R. B. Hudson, (Judge Harrison's expenses).....	50 00
Sept. 14, To Judge Harrison, (Judge Harrison's expenses).....	54 10
Sept. 14, To American Bapt. Theo. Seminary.....	95 90
Sept. 14, To J. D. Crenshaw, (on note).....	100 00
Sept. 14, To Edward S. Roster, (chorister services).....	350 00
Sept. 14, To Edward S. Roster, (piano services).....	100 00
Sept. 14, To T. O. Fuller, (Assistant Secretary, services).....	27 50
Sept. 14, To T. O. Fuller, (on publicity).....	30 00
Sept. 14, To Mrs. F. W. Penick, (on publicity).....	20 00
Sept. 14, To J. M. Nesbit, (Assistant Secretary).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To E. Arlington Wilson, (Assistant Secretary).....	30 00
Sept. 14, To E. H. McDonald, (Assistant Secretary).....	30 00
Sept. 14, To W. H. Stewart, (services, Enroll. Comm.).....	30 00
Sept. 14, To W. H. Robinson, (services, Enroll. Comm.).....	25 00
Sept. 14, To W. L. Varnado, (services, Enroll. Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To H. C. Maxwell, (services, Enroll. Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To W. M. Madison, (services, Enroll. Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To M. D. Willis, (services, Enroll. Comm.).....	10 00
Sept. 14, To W. F. Graham, (services, Finance Comm.).....	10 00
Sept. 14, To M. F. Washington, (services, Finance Comm.).....	25 00
Sept. 14, To R. T. Sims, (services, Finance Comm.).....	25 00
Sept. 14, To S. A. Owen, (services, Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To F. W. Penick, (services, Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To S. S. Odum, (services, Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To J. H. Evans, (services, Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To C. A. Wallace, (services, Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To Phelix Jones, (services, Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To J. A. Kresh, (services, Finance Comm.).....	10 00
Sept. 14, To J. L. Campbell, (services, Spl. Finance Comm.).....	10 00
Sept. 14, To D. H. Harris, (services Spl. Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To W. F. Barris, (services, Spl. Finance Comm.).....	12 50
Sept. 14, To Mrs. Houser, (services, Spl. Finance Comm.).....	7 50
Sept. 14, To Jas. A. Mitchell, (services, Spl. Finance Comm.).....	15 00
Sept. 14, To C. T. Wilcher, (services, Spl. Finance Comm.).....	10 00
Sept. 14, Mrs. H. McNeil, (for ushers).....	10 00
Sept. 14, To B. M. Caver, (refunded).....	100 00
Sept. 14, To J. W. Gayden, (Church Extension note).....	75 00
Sept. 14, To L. A. Williams, (on vacation fund).....	200 00
Sept. 14, To Selma National Bank, (interest).....	133 08
	120 00

## MINUTES

Oct. 1, To A. M. Townsend, (Publishing Board).....	3,750 00
Oct. 2, To L. K. Williams, (on vacation fund).....	6 00
Oct. 2, To Interest, (on loan).....	31 80
Oct. 5, To Protest on Windham check.....	3 12
Oct. 28, To Mrs. S. E. J. Watson, (services of Dr. S. E. J. W.).....	50 00
Oct. 28, To W. D. Hawkins, Cashier (for interest).....	10 00
Jan. 7, 1926, To W. D. Hawkins, Cashier, (for interest).....	10 00
Jan. 14, To S. E. Griggs, (for seminary).....	209 00
Jan. 14, To L. K. Williams, (for Federal Council).....	250 00
Jan. 23, To L. K. Williams, (interest on \$1,850).....	32 38
Mar. 17, To W. D. Hawkins, (on interest).....	14 00
Mar. 17, To W. D. Hawkins, (interest on Lawrence note).....	10 00
To Exchange on check.....	1 00
To Douglas National Bank, (Interest).....	32 38
Total.....	\$17,908 29
Overdraft.....	13 88

24. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were unanimously approved.

25. Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut, Rev. R. M. Caver, D. D., Arkansas, and Rev. W. H. Rozier, D. D., California, were reelected regional vice presidents. Dr. R. B. Hudson, was reelected secretary, Rev. J. M. Nabritt, D. D., Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, D. D., and Rev. E. H. McDonald, D. D., were reelected assistant secretaries. Other officers reelected were: Rev. A. D. Williams, D. D., Treasurer; Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Statistician; Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., Historian; Prof. E. D. Pierson, Auditor; Hon. Chas. M. Roberson, Attorney; and Prof. J. D. Crenshaw, Editor of the Voice.

The chorus sang, "Hallelujah" very effectively, also "Done Found My Lost Sheep."

26. Rev. A. R. McKee, Illinois, read the scripture lesson from the first chapter of Acts. Rev. W. L. Phillips, Indiana, offered a fervent prayer. "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation.

27. The address of Rev. J. H. Green, D. D., Maryland, was deferred until after the reading of the journal, Thursday morning.

28. Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., Connecticut, selected as a theme "The Church's Task and Influence in the Field of Training." The text, Micah 4:1, 2. The great preacher was full of spiritual power and filled the hearts of all.

29. Rev. R. B. Roberts, D. D., Tennessee, prayed until the Convention felt as if he was in the presence of the throne making personal intercession for its constituents.

The chorus sang, "Have You Got Good Religion?" and "See the Four and Twenty Elders on Their Knees."  
 30. Rev. S. E. Griggs, D. D., Tennessee, presented Dr. O. L. Hailey, of the Theological Seminary. Dr. Griggs made a telling psychological address upon race relationship and appealed for an offering for the Seminary. A donation of \$36.82 was made. Benediction, Rev. J. C. Jackson.

#### SECOND DAY—Morning

31. The choir of the Antioch Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., Rev. J. H. May, Pastor, under the direction of Prof. E. W. D. Isaac, rendered a number of selections prior to the devotional services.  
 32. The Convention was called to order by President Williams when the chorus sang "Just a Little While to Stay Here." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Tutt, D. D., Iowa. Rev. H. B. Bronson, D. D., Kansas, read the first Psalm for the morning lesson. The Antioch choir sweetly sang, "Come, Holy Spirit."  
 33. Rev. C. T. Hayes, D. D., Alabama, discussed, "The Measure of Christ in Christian Experience." Text, "He that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself." Dr. Hayes covered himself with glory as a result of his excellent treatment of this topic.

#### THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

"He that believeth on the son hath the witness in himself."  
 The proper consideration of the subject leads the interpreter into the realm of divine mathematics and spiritual exactitudes. For reference is made to divine standards, and units of spiritual measurements when the term "Measure of Christ" is employed. Hence, we conclude that Jesus Christ is the standard of measurement in all matters pertaining to human life and destiny. He is the ideal geometrician. He is the focal point of all arcs, circles, and lines. He is the unit of all right relations. This is true in nature, in science, in morals, in government, and in religion. Thus it is well to ask what does the Lord require of thee? What is the standard and measurement of Christ in Christian experience? The text is the answer: He that believeth on the son hath the witness in himself. Therefore:  
 1. In order to ascertain the measure of Christ in Christian experience, it is necessary to clearly define the term experience. Experience may be defined as knowledge acquired by sensation, consciousness or trial, without a teacher. It consists in the ideas of the things which we have seen and felt, and which the judgment has reflected on, to form for itself a rule or method of procedure for the future. And Christian experience is that knowledge of the nature and power of Christianity, which is acquired by trial. From the Pauline viewpoint it is both a process and the result of a

trial or a state of mind which has stood the test. Hence, in referring to his varied Christian experience he said: tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed, Romans 5:4. In this passage Paul views Christian experience as a process. He further said: "Flow that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." 2 Corinthians 8:2. In this instance he views Christian experience as the result of a trial. Thus it is our purpose to ascertain the measure of Christ in Christian experience both as it relates to Christianity as a process and the Christian life as a proof, trial, or test. If it is necessary to establish certain facts in the realm of physics, chemistry, biology, and psychology, is it not reasonable that truths of Christianity be subjected to the test, and thereby establish certain gospel facts. For the Christian religion does not consist alone in theory, neither can its influence and power be felt where only the theoretical aspect is considered. For a system believed, and a mind merely informed, can produce little good except the heart be affected, and we feel its influence. Hence, the experience referred to in the subject consist in feeling and tasting the Lord. "O taste and see that the Lord is good, Ps. 34:8. Religion without emotion is twice dead and plucked up by the root. Ritualism and formalism have no place in an ideal Christian experience. The crying need of the age is to know Christ, and power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering.

2. Again, in order to ascertain the measure of Christ in Christian experience it is necessary to discover the basis of it. It is impossible to know the measure of Christ based upon theory, secularization of false science so called. Christian experience must have a solid foundation upon which to rest, it must be built upon gospel facts, upon the church of the living God which is the pillar and ground of truth. Hence, the measure of Christ in Christian experience is faith. Faith in the Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself—faith in his virgin birth, faith in his Messianic mission, faith in the efficacy of his atonement, faith in his resurrection, faith in the effectiveness of his mediation. Without faith it is impossible to come in possession of Christian experience. Notice:

1. It is essential to believe in the virgin birth in order to be initiated into true Christian experience. We must believe in Jesus Christ as the Emmanuel, God with us, that the Holy Ghost is the author of his conception, that he was born of the Virgin Mary, made of a woman, made under the law, born not of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. There should not be a scintilla of doubt left in the mind of the believer as to divine virgin birth. For he that believeth that Jesus is the Christ is horn of God. This new experience comes as a natural consequence of a complete acceptance of this gospel fact. The modernist or liberalist can never tread upon such holy ground. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

2. It is further necessary to believe in his Messianic mission. Christ's chief mission in coming into the world was to save sinners, to condemn sin in the flesh, to do the will of his Father which is in heaven, to reclaim the lost sheep, to inaugurate a reign of peace and good will among men. This must be believed if this Christian experience is to be enjoyed. This means that before this

Christian experience can become a personal possession, one must possess a proper conception of the mission of Jesus, and be in perfect harmony with his program. It is sad to say that the age in which we live lacks a clear conception of the mission of Jesus. Their vision is narrow, their conception blurred, and their perception is corrupted. Their views are economic, materialistic, rather than aesthetic, altruistic or spiritualistic—Therefore, the standard of success today is measured by the highest pile of dollars, the most costly structures, the biggest crowds, exactitude of organization—but the kingdom of God is not meat, not drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Hence, the measure of Christ in Christian experience is not temporal success alone, not alone sacrifices and burnt offering, but obedience and purity of heart.

Another thing which one must believe concerning the Son is the efficacy of his atonement. It matters not how extensive a man's knowledge is of the theoretical side of Christianity, if he does not believe in the efficacy of his atonement, his faith is vain, and he is yet in his sin; and hence cannot taste the sweetness of God's grace. We must believe that he was delivered for our offenses, and was raised for justification, Romans 4:25. We must believe that his blood was shed for the remission of sins, that through his propitiation, all the sins of the world were expiated. For the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Another fact which must be believed and accepted as a prerequisite to Christian experience is his resurrection. There are a few cardinal facts that constitute the center and core of the gospel: the birth, sinless life, the voluntary death, the triumphant resurrection, the ascension, and the present endless life of Jesus. These facts include the all inclusive outline of the gospel. These must be preached and republished; for upon faith in his resurrection, man's salvation and justification hinges. For if thou shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

And the fact of his resurrection has been attested to by his disciples as competent eye-witnesses, by his enemies, by angels, and by himself, when he appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos and declared: I am he that was dead, and is alive forevermore, and have the keys of death and hell. This fact must be known believed and accepted, before this Christian experience become a personal possession.

And too, we must believe in his ascension. For without the ascension there would be a missing link in the scheme of redemption. His ascension was both a necessity and a fact. It is true that a cloud came down to Olivet's summit, and he was taken up into heaven, having been seen ascending by many witnesses. And the Psalmist says that heaven gave him an arousing welcome upon his arrival. The heads of the gates were lifted up, the everlasting doors swung wide to admit the King of Glory. He now ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Still another fact which must be believed and accepted is the effectiveness of his mediation. He is an attorney general doing business from the department of justice in heaven. All orders, and all o. k.'s must come from the heavenly office which is presided over by Jesus Christ as Chief Justice. Will not the Judge of all the earth do right? Will not the agents of his departments see to it that the law be enforced, every warrant served, and every

criminal brought to justice. Hence, before one can be initiated into the deep mysteries of Christian experience, he must know Jesus and employ him as his lawyer. Know him as a Redeemer, know him as a personal friend, acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.

Finally, in order to ascertain the measure of Christ in Christian experience it is necessary to locate and identify certain ear marks which are inseparable from an ideal Christian career. For he that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself. An indwelling Christ in human experiences produces and demonstrates unmistakable evidences in the conduct of the individual. He hath the witness in himself. Hence, to discover these witnesses, one must look inward and not outward. Notice some of these Christian requirements in human experience:

**An Indwelling Divinity.** An indwelling divinity is one of the unmistakable witnesses of the Christian experience. For whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God, 1 John 3:9. The planting of the "seed" or divine sperm which is a living principle of divine life produces such a radical change in the life of the believer that he may rightly be designated a new man, a man that has the witness in himself. For this divine seed which is planted in the soul is Jesus Christ, formed in the soul like a child formed in the mother's womb. Hence, this seed so influences the molecules of the soul, that the individual is gradually transformed into the very image of Christ, and hence has no desire or intention to sin. Thus he has a witness in himself which is the measure of Christ in Christian experience.

**A Clear Christian Conscience.** A conscience not seared with a hot iron, a conscience void of offense toward God and man, a responsive conscience, a conscience that talks with the Spirit, and that gets an answer that the individual is the son of God. It is a witness in himself. This clear, spotless, unseared, responsive conscience is the measure of Christ in Christian experience.

**Love for the Brotherhood.** We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. An experience that does not include love for your brother is no Christian experience. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning that we should love one another—we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death, 1 John 3:9-15. Love is the keynote of the Christian life, it is a distinguishing mark, it is the measure of Christ in Christian experience; it is a chain that binds happy souls together, it is sugar that sweetens our conversations, oil that lubricates our spiritual machinery, and perfumes that saturate our deliberations, it is the measure of Christ in Christian experience.

**Progressive Sanctification.** I refer not to crankification but sanctification, the process of developing that seed of perfection planted in the soul at regeneration until the entire man reaches the likeness of Christ. For sanctification is one of the ear marks of an ideal Christian experience. It consists in the daily putting away of the old man and his deeds, the lust of the flesh, the lust of eyes, and the pride of life. This is what the Lord requires. For

he that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure. Christ is our ideal in poetry, in music, in art, in science, in literature, in architecture, in civics, in society, and religion. His life is the standard of measurement in every department of human life and destiny. This measurement needs to be applied in every phase of human society today. For this is an age of greed, graft, corruption, and adulteration, and there can be no grander goal to which one may strive than the measure of the fullness of Christ, which is the measure of a perfect manhood. This grand ideal is the hope that dwells in the believer and works out in his life a glorious destiny.

Lastly, victory is the measure of Christ in Christian experience. The man cannot fail who has made Christ the center of his Christian life and experience. For he is a man of war and the Lord is his name. He has never lost a battle. Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonaparte, Toussaint L'Ouverture, Washington, Foche, Wellington, Charlemagne are pigmies as compared with Christ in spiritual military achievements. He goes forth conquering and to conquer. Hence, he who believes on Christ, and Christ dwells in his Christian experience, shall overcome the world. For thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who measures up to the standard of Christ, will overcome himself, overcome the world, and the devil.

"He That Believeth, Hath Everlasting Life" was sung.  
34. New pastors and those who had not attended the Convention since 1915 were introduced, also visitors, fifty-five in all. It was an interesting and inspiring moment as the great Convention sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," as the following group stood on the rostrum.

Members—New and those Returned:

Rev. W. L. Alford	.....	returned
Rev. H. S. Shearer	.....	returned
Rev. W. B. Shannon	.....	new
Rev. P. P. Reed	.....	new
Rev. C. L. Sanders	.....	new
Rev. W. E. Ragsdale	.....	new
Rev. J. W. Wiley	.....	new
Rev. D. W. Hunt	.....	Oklahoma
Rev. S. M. Lee	.....	new
Rev. W. H. Smith	.....	new
Rev. H. D. Dews	.....	Texas
Rev. S. D. Turner	.....	Indiana
Rev. J. J. Nickerson	.....	returned
Rev. B. J. Harper	.....	Arkansas
Rev. I. W. Holt	.....	Oklahoma
Rev. A. B. Demps	.....	Florida
Rev. J. S. Syons	.....	Louisiana
Rev. A. Lacy	.....	Alabama
Rev. D. W. Hunt	.....	Oklahoma
Rev. N. F. Wesson	.....	Texas
Rev. G. B. Moore	.....	Louisiana

Rev. E. W. Warren	.....	Arkansas
Rev. R. C. Carler	.....	Illinois
Rev. A. L. McGlory	.....	Oklahoma
Rev. J. W. Tomlin	.....	Oklahoma
Rev. F. K. Armstrong	.....	Oklahoma
Rev. S. L. Johnson	.....	Louisiana
Rev. Henry Blair, Jr.	.....	new
Rev. P. A. Pinkney	.....	new
Rev. Henry Williams	.....	new
Rev. E. D. Wadkins	.....	new
Rev. R. B. Burkes	.....	returned
Rev. J. L. Burrell	.....	returned
Rev. J. W. Wesley	.....	visitor
Rev. J. P. Powell	.....	new
Rev. J. M. Marshall	.....	new
Rev. J. S. Mills	.....	new
Rev. L. H. Gore	.....	new
Rev. J. R. Rutledge	.....	new
Rev. J. C. Clark	.....	new
Rev. R. L. Carson	.....	new
Rev. T. J. Anderson	.....	new
Rev. S. J. Veal	.....	returned
Rev. W. B. Flemmings	.....	new
Rev. T. S. Saunders	.....	new
Rev. J. A. Fortson	.....	new
Rev. Russell July	.....	new
Rev. W. O. Harris	.....	new
Rev. I. M. Coggs	.....	new
Rev. B. L. Elliott	.....	new
Rev. H. Parker Williams	.....	new
Rev. J. C. Canady	.....	new
Rev. F. W. Jacobs	.....	new
Rev. S. J. Laws	.....	Arkansas
Rev. A. Williams	.....	Nebraska
Rev. J. A. S. Crowder	.....	Nebraska

REV. J. L. BURRELL—Remarks

President Williams, and members of the National Baptist Convention of America:—

It is indeed a source of great pleasure that I am here today, not by persuasion of any one but I have taken my own time to reach the conclusion, and when I reached the conclusion I decided to take the stand.

I am back again. In 1915 my intentions were pure in leaving. I am returning and my intentions are pure in returning. I am here and here to remain until I take my departure to the other world.

Remarks—Rev. P. A. Pinkney  
Brother President, and members of the National Baptist Convention of America:—

When I entered into the ministry you were having your troubles, and being a young man and surrounded with a strong element on the other side, I fell in line with them. I have worked for years for this Convention. I want to state that while it is my desire to cast my lot with you I have for years

contributed, as the president knows, to the National Baptist Convention of America of which I am a part this morning. I am here for always. I have always been with Dr. Williams who is one of the greatest men in America.

**Remarks—Rev. W. B. Flemmings**  
Brother President, Officers, and Members of the National Baptist Convention of America:—

I am indeed glad to be here this morning and to let you know that I am delighted to be back home.

I am delighted to know that I find in your hearts a hearty welcome to come back home. I am here and here to stay.

**Remarks—Rev. B. I. Elliott**  
Brother President, Officers, and Members of the National Baptist Convention of America:—  
I just want to say that I am happy to be connected with this great organization.

35. Rev. M. M. Croom, of the white Baptist Convention of Texas, was next introduced and made a timely fraternal address.

Brother President, and Friends:—  
We bring you this morning the greetings of seven hundred fifty thousand white Baptists of Texas. We felicitate you today on your marvelous achievements of the past.

We have no doubt that the Baptists are God's chosen people because of their divine origin, because of their divine principles; because of their overshadowed history.

We believe when the world knows you as the world is beginning to know you, the world will thank God for you.

Today, representing the great Baptists of Texas, we bring you our love, prayers, and our congratulations. We believe in you. We know a better day is coming. God bless the National Baptist Convention of America.

The president made a happy response.

36. Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, was presented, who requested a change in the program which would give the B. Y. P. U. a place tonight to report with the Foreign Mission Board. A motion prevailed to grant the request and that the offering be given the B. Y. P. U. Board.

37. The Benefit Board submitted its annual report through Secretary W. H. Holloway, while Vice-President R. B. Roberts, Tennessee, president. The secretary made a report suggestive, optimistic, and full of information concerning this Board.

Special letter and telegrams were called by Secretary Hudson.

38. The Sunday School Publishing Board was called to submit its report. The chorus sang, "Lift Him up," and "I Am Leaning on the Lord," "When the Saints Go Marching In" was rendered as an inspirational for Secretary Town-

send of the Board. The report was illuminating and made the Convention see its possibilities and responsibilities.

39. A rally address was delivered by Rev. R. L. Brady, D. D., Michigan. It was a gem and struck a responsive chord in the delegation. He said that opportunity to make rather than hoarding wealth is the race's greatest need. The rally was conducted by states amid much enthusiasm. A partial report was made which showed \$3,485.78 had been raised for the Board.

#### APPEAL FOR THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

By Rev. R. L. Brady, D. D.

Now brothers, if I had my way in this matter I'd have everybody sit down, and then if I could increase that request, I would have everybody stop talking; and if I could have that demand, I would begin this appeal with a moment of devotion.

I think you will agree with me that this entire matter of the denominational pride deserves, not only our enthusiasm and our money, but our thanks to Almighty God that the day has arrived when we can gather in this city of Fort Worth, Texas, and listen to a report that is a credit to our heritage, and will be an eternal disgrace to our denominational pride unless we arise and deliver ourselves from the bondage of this debt.

I did not know I was to make this appeal until I arrived in Texas. I think I can do much better next year, because you will be in Detroit. I will not take an unfair advantage. The paper in Fort Worth in the morning edition has said some very nice things about this Convention. There is a long line of very sacred history that goes back through the ages and comes back to the time we now gather that makes us if we are real men feel proud that we are what we are. I imagine that some of the men passed on to eternity in the enjoyment of their immortality, are rejoicing with us today as they look down from their final resting place. I imagine that they are somewhere in that gathering of good works, and I imagine that somewhere in that gathering of the saints of God who have paved the way, standing amid the immortality, having washed their robes in the blood of Jesus, I imagine the man leading that host is a man who paved the way and who prayed that God might give advantages to this our race. My friends, there are individuals going around this country today who claim to have racial pride, who are declaring that we will never pay for the Publishing House. Did you know that? Did you know that the enemies of our own denomination are the members in our own camp? It is impossible for a man to owe be religious and be dishonest. It is impossible for a man to owe a debt and shout his way past the recognition of that debt. You can get by all you want, but you had better put your hands in your pockets and settle your debts down here, if you want God to save and bless you. What we need in our Baptist army is a little less noise and a little more facts. Townsend has come before us today and laid bare certain great facts.

I want you all to hear this. I want to whisper this. There are Negroes a plenty in this world who want to be in the achievement of things, but not in the building. I built the church which I pastor

four times, after it had been burned down four times in its history. I have members in my church who never give a dime, but every time we open the door of the church for dedicatory services they march around and say, "Look what we did." And at that time there are two spirits within me. I feel like knocking the devil out of them. I do not believe a man deserves credit who won't bear the burden. I believe the Publishing House is the biggest thing we have in the denomination. It must go to create opportunities for our boys and girls to enter religious departments and make a living for themselves. Proud we are. Proud without anything. We have a right to be proud. We have watered the soil of the nation. We have tolled in the heat of the day.

We have suffered from the hour of our rising, but the hour has arrived in the Negro history; that hour has come at last when the three million Negro Baptists in the National Baptist Convention have decided to make a path for the other twelve million Negroes in the country. Brothers, if we do not make it, it won't be made. If the Negro Baptists don't make the path for the other millions of Negroes it will not be made. We have the power, the number, what we lack is the power of co-operation. We have the power of leadership, and we need good judgment to follow. You don't need to worry, what is coming to you will come anyhow. Just wait on God and when you get ready to swing it, he will give it to you. Someone has got to take the place of those passing off the stage of action, and the man who takes their place is not the man who stands by and cries.

"I love thy church, Oh God,  
Her walls before me stand,  
Dear as the Apple of thine eye,  
Engraven on thy hand."

The church is kept by God, the church gives me power to walk in the straight path and live right; the church of the living God that found its beginning in John the Baptist; the church that handed its commission to Peter and John and the other disciples; the church that caused our mothers to pray in the corn brakes of Mississippi. You can have your Odd Fellows, your K. of P.s, and Elks, but give me the church. There is a little fire that burns in my soul. I am interested in the church. I don't believe you can defeat it. I can hear the voice of the church somehow saying, you have sunk America in your greed, you have played havoc with her sons, but we stand ready to save her.

We come to Fort Worth, Texas; out here in the South and eight thousand strong to tell the world that we believe in the divinity of Jesus; that we believe if the children are to be reared they should be taught in the Sunday school. When a Negro hates to hear me and gets up and leaves, I thank God for soothing him; when he gets up and goes out I thank God for moving him. Don't be ashamed of your own. I apologize to no man for being a Negro. The only thing I apologize about is not being quite as black as I would like to be, because the Negro is proving his worth.

We are one thousand strong here the Fort Worth papers say. Looks like to me every Negro in the world is here, and if we ever meet on good terms with the world and get right with the world, it will be in the church. Let the church preach love of God; let the church practice the teachings of Jesus Christ, and every barrier will be broken down.

I came from Canada. I was born back in Canada in a little log cabin. Some folks say that is a disgrace. Makes no difference where you came from, it is where you get after you get there. Some folks say the Baptists are not right. I am with her if she isn't right; I am with you anyway.

I did not know I was on the program. I have done my best. I love the brothers. I do not love the big and hate the little. Listen, I want to tell you this story. There was an old man once who had trouble with his deacons over in Kansas City. His wife bid him to go and pray and ask God to kill them. The old man went away out in the woods and prayed. His wife asked him had the Lord answered his prayer. He said not yet. Some boys on their way home one night heard the old man praying, and they decided to play a joke on him. The next night he went into the woods, and the boys hid in a tree. The old man said, "Oh Lord, I am having trouble with my deacons, and I will be much obliged to you if you will kill them. All at once one of the boys threw a pebble down and the old man jumped up and ran home. The wife said to him, "Has God answered your prayer?" The old man said, "Not yet, but he is getting ready to." The next night when the old man began to pray the boys began to strike him on the head. The old man jumped up and ran home. When he got home he said to his wife, "Listen here, I don't want you never no more as long as you live to ask me to pray to God to kill my deacons. God is crazy about my deacons, and if you worry him he will stone you to death."

Let us in our hearts breathe a prayer. We can very nearly this morning pay for that Publishing House if everyone in this house would either give, promise, or borrow, or pay five dollars each. We don't need the mule but we need the bride.

Rev. E. G. Thomas, D. D., Georgia, pronounced the Benediction.

#### Afternoon Session

40. The Convention reassembled with President Williams presiding. A song service was conducted by Prof. E. W. O. Isaac, Jr. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. McCoy and the chorus led in singing "Lift Him up."

41. Rev. J. H. Greene, D. D., Maryland, discussed the topic, "The Measure of Christ in Regeneration," text, Ye must be born again. It was a happy treatment of this fundamental Baptist principle.

#### ADDRESS OF REV. J. H. GREENE, D. D., MARYLAND

Mr. President, Officers, Delegates and Members of the National Baptist Convention of America, to whom Greetings:

It is indeed a great honor and privilege to be permitted to speak to this most august and conspicuous organization of National Christian ministers, delegates, and friends of the National Baptist Convention of America, one of the most wonderful and powerful representative, and ecclesiastical bodies in the world, who have come from Maine to California, from the turbulent Atlantic, and from the peaceful and blissful Pacific to enjoy the warm breeze of the Gulf, and feel the warmth from the Rio Grande, in this city of Fort Worth.

However, an occasion like this is too great and important to occupy much time in expressing personal pleasure and glorification, however great and encouraging these may be; it is therefore befitting to turn your attention to the great but complex subject assigned to me by your amiable Committee on Program for a brief discussion, to this the greatest Convention in America.

In submitting to the Program Committee and the Order of the Day, I am here to entertain your attention with a given theme. In doing so, I invite your attention to Ephesians 4:13, "Till we all come unto the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ."

#### THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN REGENERATION

Because of the complexity of the theme, I have omitted the Pauline and historical setting. Regeneration is, perhaps, the most complicated, mysterious, and intricate doctrine of salvation and working of the Supreme Being, through the Holy Spirit known to man.

Measure is the extent or magnitude of a thing in length, breadth, thickness, circumference, capacity or in any other respect. It is the unit standard of measurement, or the pitch of the voice in music. To measure anything you must begin at one point or line of demarcation and end at the other. The measure of Christ in regeneration begins with the birth of a new man, in a new creation. Regeneration, or born again, is the work of the Holy Spirit; it is the measure of Christ giving birth to a new man; literally, a new soul; every man that is in Christ is a new creature in a new creation.

1. Old things are passed away, all things become new. New ideas, new ideals, new desires, new hopes, new disposition, new aspiration and inspiration become a part of the new man. His whole being is wrapt in newness. The measure of Christ is the newness of the soul in all its avenues.

2. Growth is another measure of Christ in regeneration. Every new life has growth imbedded in its sequence of its nature, or spirithood. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Peter admonishes us, as new born babes desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby. Even as the acorn, the egg of an oak, grows and becomes the sturdy oak of the forests of Bashan, even the measure of Christ in regeneration is the measure of the growth of the individual.

3. The measure of a perfect man. David said, "Mark the perfect man and the upright in heart, for the end of that man is peace." The perfect man means the ability to do right, the self-consciousness of doing right, the love to do right, the satisfaction which comes from doing right, the happiness of the heart which rejoices in truth, mercy and justice. The removal of all doubts concerning one's salvation; one that can say, I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him. I know that my Redeemer liveth because he liveth in my soul the hope of glory. The perfect man can see all things perfect, with the perfect nothing is imperfect or impossible. The perfect man is also the measure of Christ in regeneration.

4. Man becomes more like God and more like himself, the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ in regeneration. God is good, man is relatively good also, and as man becomes more good, he becomes not only more like God, but more like himself. As he becomes regenerated, he receives a measure more godly and more manly. This may be termed the beauty or mystery of man, or the point where manhood touches the divine, the spiritual, the measure of duality; a field where evolution may go on forever and bring the soul more deeply into sympathy with all humanity. The measure of Christ in regeneration is to link all the avenues of the power of the human soul to God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and all eternity, breathing the unfolding beauty and glory of God.

5. It is a parent's desire and affection for a child's development toward goodness, toward purity, and sweetness, toward godliness.

And just as copying constantly at a master painter's work, we get at last an instinctive infallible power of recognizing his faults, even so we know whether we have obtained these regenerated measures. This measure is an ever flowing out, unhidden fullness upon society from the deeper moorings of life and character. The sun may be brilliant with fiery splendor, the atmosphere may roll in billows of glory for millions of miles, the sun as the world's sun, is nothing without the world on which it shines, and upon which it sends its beaming rays; whose essential character and glory it displays.

When the sun rises every morning, it finds the world here, with its rays it awakes the sleepy world; it quickens every faculty; it calls to the dull limpid streams, and says, be quick; it flashes electric invitation to the whole mass of sleeping power, and summons it into immediate action. It pours strength into the essential processes unlike those which had been moving in darkness, and illuminates it. It glorified, intensified, and filled the earth with a paradise of light, and Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

The psalmist said, "The Lord God is a light and a sun. He will give grace and glory." Christ in regeneration is greater than the graphic and delineating description, given in the metaphor above. It is the essential, complete, perfect, and fullness of the stature of Christ, riches in Christ, and the possibility of the believer attaining the fullest measure or spiritual relation to God through the process of regeneration. Christ is unspenakable, great, and glorious in himself, and he transfers this greatness and glorification to his own through the measure of regeneration. Christ raises in the soul, Christ governs the soul, Christ reigns over the soul, and has complete pre-eminence over the dictation and control of the soul. The insignificant becomes the significant. Man is a child of God for whom the Father's house is waiting.

There is a human affection, capable of fatherhood and brotherhood, expressing divine relation. It is the making of the man to be himself, the calling out of the depth of his being, the filling with the Holy Spirit that inner self which is truly himself, this then is the measure of Christ in regeneration.

The measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ. The complete man, the wholly consecrated man, the power to obey

God in all things, the spiritual state to be like the Son of God, to think in the term of God, for as a man thinketh so is he. One who can maintain a life long representative of the Son of God, having the character of the Son of God, the measure is the height of the Christian standing, tallness. Therefore, the measure of Christ in regeneration comprises the new birth through the Holy Spirit, the growth from spiritual childhood to a perfect spiritual man imbibing the unity, and the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ, till nothing is wanted. Till we all come unto this unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature (or age) of the fullness of the stature of Christ. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of God.

"What art thou, O regeneration? Thou that bringest back from captivity the winter day; thou that teachest all the dead things in the earth to fling themselves again; thou that doth drive the night away from the weary eyes of watchers; thou that art the universal bounty-givers; thou that dost travel endlessly carrying benefactions immeasurable, limitless beyond want and conception of want—thou art the figure that represents God; and God is as much greater in bounty and mercy and power than thou art as spirit is greater than matter.

For the sun is a spark. Around about the brow of him that reigns are suns sparkling as jewels in a crown. What, then, is that God who is accustomed to speak of himself to us as the Son of Lighteousness that arises with healing in his beams?"

"There Is Joy in That Land," was sung by the Convention.

42. Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., submitted his report as Historian, which makes the thirtieth report of different kinds submitted by him to the Convention. The report showed much time, labor, and patience had been spent in collecting, arranging, comparing, and compiling material.

43. Editor Haynes, of Austin, Texas, was presented to the body to make an address. It was a splendid address and full of wit and wisdom. President Williams responded. A humorous but serious motion prevailed that union begin by Editor Haynes making his return at once.

44. Dr. W. F. Graham made a fiscal statement showing decided progress in finance.

45. The radio connection having been completed the Convention sang, "I Shall Not Be Moved," which was composed by Chorister Boatner, and "Have You Got Good Religion?" "Leaning on the Lord" was sung by the vast throng that filled the big tent.

46. Auditor E. D. Pierson submitted his report, which was representative, comprehensive, and instructive to the delegates concerning the details of every Board and agency of the Convention.

47. A substitute motion by Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., Alabama, covering a series of motions touching this report, that a special committee of nine be appointed to study the report and its recommendations prevailed.

48. The Home Board was granted the privilege to make its report at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

49. It was moved that the Publishing Board be given the time following the report of the Home Board to underwrite the Publishing House debt. The motion passed.

50. A motion prevailed to appoint a committee to attend the inauguration of Dr. M. W. Johnson, as president of Howard University.

51. A resolution to cooperate with the Census Bureau in gathering religious statistics and for cooperation of the statistician with said census director passed unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION—Census Enumeration

Whereas, the Department of Commerce, through the Director of Census, is now preparing to collect information and statistics of the various religious denominations, and

Whereas, such vital information and statistics will not only fix the place, but also the influence of the denominations severally for a long period:

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That each and every agency of this, the National Baptist Convention, cooperate and be put at the disposal of the director.

That each state organization, each local association and each church affiliating with this Convention, through their several agencies furnish fully and freely like co-operation and assistance, that the Missionary Baptist organizations of America may get proper and full credit, commensurate with their numerical strength, to which they are entitled.

That action be taken immediately by the denomination which this, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., represents.

C. H. PARRISH,  
J. M. NABRITT.

52. A motion to adjourn until 7:30 prevailed after various Boards and committees were called.

"Oh, for a Closer Walk With God" was sung.

Benediction by Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama.

#### Evening Session.

53. Devotional music by the chorus opened the evening exercises. Rev. C. T. Stamps, D. D., Mississippi, dis-

cussed the theme, "The Measure of Christ in our Service," text, What wilt thou have me to do? Thy will be done. The speaker was fervent, earnest, and spirited, and gave a splendid exegesis of the chosen scripture text.

The chorus sang "Have You Got Good Religion?"

54. The senior Convention secretary, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, of the B. Y. P. U. Board, was presented in a matchless manner by Dr. J. C. Austin, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, by request of Rev. P. Jas. Bryant, D. D., Chairman of the B. Y. P. U. Board. It was an enthusiastic reception that met the great and beloved secretary of the young people's work. His, as usual, was an address, safe, sane, informative, inspiring, and soul-stirring. It was a masterpiece from a master mind touching the highest mountain peaks of denominational doctrine.

55. An offering to pay off the debt on a lot for the B. Y. P. U. Board, adjoining the present property was taken to the amount of \$107.90. The chorus sang "Thou Canst Deliver Us" during the taking of the offering.

The Convention joined in singing "When the Saints Go Marching In."

56. Rev. J. C. Jackson, D. D., presented Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, to submit report for his Board.

57. Dr. Abner Brown, son of Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D., Metropolitan Baptist Church, New York City, presented \$402.50. Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., presented \$100.00, all for Foreign Mission work.

58. Dr. Austin decided to preach instead of lecturing. Rev. A. J. Green, D. D., Maryland, read a part of the report of the Board before the sermon. Dr. Green presented \$100.00 from his church, the First Colored Baptist, Baltimore, to the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. J. E. East, Secretary of the Board was absent attending the African Mission Conference in Belgium, but the loyal Board members, led by the invincible chairman, pressed the message home.

Madam Able Law sang a solo, "I'm Going to Lay Down My Heavy Load."

59. Announcements were made with reference to Book-er T. Washington Night. Address by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President-elect of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

60. Dr. Austin led in singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." He chose Acts 8:26, 27, as a text, "The angel of the Lord spake unto Philip saying, Arise go toward the South." The subject chosen for the occasion fit, and was suitable for a great missionary meeting. It was a message of power that cannot be adequately described.

"Let Me Ride" was sung.

61. The announcement of the passing of Rev. J. A. Booker was made.

62. An offering was taken for African Missions to the amount of \$55.30.

Benediction, Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Illinois.

### THIRD DAY—Friday

63. President Williams called Rev. J. W. Gibson, D. D., Kentucky, to conduct the opening exercises. "Every Day, Every Hour" was led by Dr. Gibson as the opening song. Rev. H. W. Jones, D. D., Kentucky, read the scripture lesson. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung by the Convention. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Royster, Tennessee. "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" was the closing song of the devotions.

64. Assistant Secretary J. M. Nabritt read the journal of proceedings through Thursday night. The minutes as read were unanimously approved.

65. Announcements were made. The chorus rendered a happy spiritual, which was sweet and inspiring. Prof. Boatner, Chorister, and Mrs. Hayes, Louisiana, rendered an excellent duet, "Soft as the Voice of an Angel."

66. Rev. Spurgeon Davis, D. D., Alabama, delivered an address from the theme, "The measure of Christ in our Stewardship" text, "Ye are not your own for ye have been bought with a price." The speaker, in beautiful words and in tones soft and sweet, told the price of the purchase which makes us not our own.

### THE MEASURE OF CHRIST IN OUR STEWARDSHIP

#### Bought With a Price

"Know ye not that ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price," 1 Cor. 6:19-20. "Ye are bought with a price, be ye not the servants of men," 1 Cor. 9:23.

May we not notice first of all the fact of purchase. Ye are (or have been) bought. The story of redemption as actually accomplished. He tasted death for every man.

Not a vague imaginary thing, but a vital, real fact. A fact as true as the pyramids and sphinx of Egypt, that lift their heads into the midnight skies until they seem to rest upon the door steps of heaven. An irrevocable, irresistible, eternal fact that stands alone without argumentation or disputation. For the story of redemption is written on the sun, carved in the rocks, ploughed in the furrows of the earth, flashed in the dazzling lightning, spoken in the roaring notes of the thunder, and echoed in the subterranean rolling of the centuries. The infant in its mother's arms seems to understand the story of redemption, as it snugly presses its head to its mother's breast and falls asleep while she sings in notes almost divine. "Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe; sin has left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow."

How real to the spiritual eye and quickening to the soul of the believer is Gethsemane, and Calvary; the sweat on his brow; the agony on his face; the bloody temples, the parched lips; the pierced side; the torn palms, the wounded feet. Cannot one who is interested in him hear still ringing on the air; those last words from the lips of the dying Lamb of God, "It is finished."

They witnessed the making of man. They no doubt beheld the fall of man, they took note of the struggles of man; they joined in song, breaking the news to sleeping shepherds the birth of the Son of God in Bethlehem's manger. They witnessed his struggles from the manger to Gethsemane, to Calvary; saw him die; were at the grave when he got up, and at Olivet when he ascended; swung wide the pearly gates of heaven to admit him, but they are not the recipients of the great redemptive plan. For the scriptures say, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good work."

So the precious blood of the Son of God was spilled on Calvary for man—the masterpiece of God's creation. Not alone for that man or set of men who live in palatial homes, counting their wealth, with a retinue of servants to wait upon them. Not alone for that man or set of men who toil with their hands and eat the bread made from the sweat of their brows. Not alone for those so well trained in the arts and sciences that they can read the movements of the heavenly bodies without varying one millionth part of a second.

Not for those whose color stayed true to the color of the earth from which they were fashioned. Nor yet for those whose color resembles that of the Lily of the Valley. But the blood of Jesus was shed for every man.

He came to lift man, to clear the highway from earth to heaven for man. Therefore, are we not to acknowledge the measure of Christ in our stewardship in the fact of the article purchased and pledge ourselves anew to the work of kingdom building? The sacrificial death of Jesus is as true as God is true, and for this reason alone how great are the responsibilities of our stewardship.

"Ye Are Bought." Calvary's carnage has been enacted. The tragedy has been witnessed. Human eyes have beheld the disturbed elements, the torn veil, the quaking earth, the weeping women, the dead walking about in Jerusalem; the gambling sol-

diers. The fact has been indelibly written, not upon marble or stone, but upon the hearts and consciences of men. Therefore, we are to understand that the fact of our purchase is beyond successful contradiction, and one denying it is simply chasing a Jack O' Lantern phantom, a will-o-the-wisp, a fox fire, that serves only to leave him lost in the wilderness of delusion. Angels in heaven accept the fact; devils in hell acknowledge the fact, and men on earth rejoice in the fact. "That God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have eternal life." Then is not the measure of Christ in our stewardship seen in the fact of purchase.

The Article Purchased, Ye are Bought. It was the race of man that was purchased—not angels, not demons, but men. He tasted death for every man, made in the image of God, made a little lower than the angels, made for the glory of God with minds to think God's thoughts after him; souls to feel the sweet influence of heaven, eyes to see, and hearts to understand the wonderful handiwork of God, consciences to know right from wrong, and wills to determine his own actions.

We must have been of some value or the Lord would not have brought us. For may we not judge of the value in the light of what was paid for us? The angels in heaven are not the happy heirs of the great redemption plan.

The Purchase Price. "Ye are bought with a price." Not silver, nor gold, but the precious blood of Christ; a Lamb without a blemish and without spot. For the price paid for all souls, for each soul, is beyond all calculations. Men measure the price of houses and land in dollars and cents. But the purchase price required for man's redemption was the blood of Christ on the cross of Calvary. He must die. "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before the shearer, he was dumb. The world of men will never understand and fully appreciate until they wake in his likeness what heaven gave for their salvation. Then may we not appreciate the measure of Christ in our stewardship, as we see what was the purchase price?"

The Effect of the Purchase. "Ye are not your own, and ye must not be the servants of men." We are the purchased possession of God forever in serving Christ, our Lord. We are a peculiar people. That is a God owned, a God possessed people.

We become heirs of God and joint Heirs with Jesus Christ in the joy of the resurrection. Our service is his by right of purchase, and heaven is chagrined when we fail to interest ourselves vitally in things that go for Kingdom building.

O, what a marvelous Christ! Take him away and you had as well tear the pearly gates from the new Jerusalem and turn the Holy City into a wilderness. Take him away and the golden cord of love that binds earth to heaven, will break and this old world will swing back into chaotic darkness. Take him away and tens of thousands of church steeples that point into the midnight skies will crumple to dust and o'er the decaying mass of humanity will crawl the snakes and reptiles for a thousand generations. But he cannot be taken away for he has led captivity captive and given gifts unto men. Then may we not enjoy the measure of Christ in our stewardship in the fact of the effect of the purchase?

Miss Scott of Ft. Worth, rendered a pleasing solo.  
67. Rev. W. F. Lovelace, D. D., Secretary of the Home Mission Board, submitted his sixth annual report. He expressed many things that seemed to rest heavily upon his heart.

Envelopes were distributed for an offering.

68. A resolution touching the Home Mission Board was submitted by Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., Georgia, and deferred for action until Monday.

#### RESOLUTION ON HOME MISSION BOARD AND ITS WORK

Whereas, our Home Mission Board is not meeting our expectation, in that it is not aggressive and progressive as we think it should be, and,

Whereas, our Home Mission Secretary is pastoring and therefore cannot give his undivided time and talent to the work of Home Missions, and,

Whereas, our Home Mission Headquarters is undesirably and inconveniently located in an out of the way town, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That our Headquarters be located at Little Rock, Ark., or some other large city centrally located.

2. That our Home Mission Board Corresponding Secretary be required to stop pastoring and give his entire time to the work of his office.

3. That the Board is hereby asked to employ the most efficient men they can find and that an educational program be the chief feature of our mission work.

D. D. CRAWFORD, Georgia

69. Mrs. Millie Baskin, delegate from Salem Baptist Church, Chicago, in which the unincorporated convention was organized, was presented and gladly heard.

70. A committee was announced to meet Dr. M. W. Johnson, President-elect, Howard University, the speaker of the evening.

71. The memorial services for Dr. J. A. Booker and others were set for Friday afternoon.

72. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee, reported on his visit as our corresponding messenger to the white Baptist association. A motion prevailed to receive the report of Dr. Fuller and to accept the fraternal corresponding delegate from the white association.

73. Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., made introductory remarks that showed the care exercised by the officers of this Convention in putting approval upon agents seeking it. Mr. N. Rathblott, Philadelphia, was presented and permitted a

few minutes to tell the story of his land selling between Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

"There Is Joy in That Land" was rendered by the chorus.

74. Rev. S. E. Griggs, D. D., was presented to submit the report of the Educational Board. The report was a general statement of racial needs in education and a passionate appeal for a larger support for the Educational Board.

75. Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., made an appeal for the Board and an offering was taken.

76. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, member of the Executive Committee of the World's Baptist Alliance, and member of the Southern Baptist Convention, was presented to make an address touching the work of Baptists, black and white. He paid a glowing tribute to the life, character, and service of our intrepid leader, Dr. L. K. Williams. The doctor gave the rules for the taking of the world for Christ as 1. Christian brotherhood. 2. Preach the truth, the doctrines hurt sin and ignorance. 3. Evangelism or soul winning must be made the main thing. Juice her up. Cold, formal preaching will not save our world. 4. Cooperation of Baptists, none big enough to go alone.

77. Dr. Grover, Secretary of Missions of Texas, white Baptist, was presented. His address was full of excellent suggestions and helpful to all to a large degree.

78. Dr. Isaac conducted the rally for the Educational Board. \$417.61 was raised.

Benediction, Rev. Geo. McNeal, D. D., Kansas.

#### Afternoon Session

79. The Convention opened with song service by an impromptu chorus. President Williams, taking charge, called upon Rev. L. A. Weaver, D. D., Illinois, to pray. A song service was rendered, after which President Williams made remarks. The convention chorus sang, "I Shall Not Be Moved."

80. Rev. A. M. Townsend, D. D., offered a resolution, which was approved with amendment that the building belongs to the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated, offered by Dr. Crawford, of Georgia.

**RESOLUTION UNDERWRITING AND PAYING FOR NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE**

Whereas, the Morris Memorial Building, Home of the Sunday School Publishing Board, our own new Publishing House, has been completed, and has been dedicated, with glorious and inspiring ceremonies to the glory of God, our Father, the Son of the Living God, our Lord and Saviour; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light; and for the worship of God through the publication and dissemination of pure edifying, secular, and religious literature; for the support and distribution of the Bible, the Book of books; for the fostering of Christian Education, Home and Foreign Missions; and for the better development of Christian ministers, lay leaders, and workers, in our churches, Sunday schools, and other church departments; and

Whereas, this achievement stands as concrete evidence of what we can do by cooperation, and if we are given a chance; and this building stands as a colossal object of pride, not only to our denominational group but to our race group as well; and

Whereas, the most happy fact of all is, that it is ours, and that we as Baptists absolutely own, operate and control it; and

Whereas, it has been so re-financed as to put the paying of the debt within our reach; and,

Whereas, the sooner the debt is paid, the less the building will cost us, the lighter will be the burden of responsibility upon those who are in the lead, and,

Whereas, it is imperative that our Publishing Board now turn its attention more largely to the development of its work of organization, in order that it may keep up the standard, and keep pace with other religious publishers and Sunday school workers and leaders; and also, to the extension and development of its work of religious education, both generally and in cooperation with state and local organizations, and to the task of reclaiming to us the many schools that should be with us; in fact, to go up and possess the whole land; and to create an increasing demand for our products, etc., and,

Whereas, this building belongs to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and it is incumbent upon Baptist churches to pay for it, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Sunday School Publishing Board is hereby authorized, through a commission, composed of members of the General Publishing Board and such others that may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Commission, to launch at once an Underwriters' Campaign, and solicit all churches, Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, conventions, associations, women's auxiliaries, laymen and other organizations and individuals to underwrite the Publishing House debt. This is voluntarily to agree to pay so much on this debt each year for a period of seven years. The Campaign to continue until the debt is underwritten.

That the Commission through its Executive Committee have full power to direct and manage the Campaign.

That the National Baptist Convention hereby gives its hearty endorsement and urges upon loyal Baptists everywhere to answer this clarion call to underwrite and pay off NOW the debt of our Publishing House to the end aforesaid, and that the financial integ-



Secretaries of the Convention

city and status of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., might be forever fixed in the firmament of the business world.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. TOWNSEND

81. Dr. Townsend continued the report of the Publishing Board in reference to plans for underwriting the debt of the Publishing House, etc. After outlining the plans, Dr. Townsend called Rev. J. W. Bailey, D. D., Texas, to lead in prayer. Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., discussed the merits of the proposition. The plans as submitted were then unanimously approved. Pledges were taken from churches, organizations and individuals for the seven year campaign. "I must tell Jesus," was feelingly rendered by the great chorus.

"O, Yes He Cares" was sung as a consolation to the Convention by the chorus.

82. As the funeral procession of the venerable educator, publicist and former secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. J. A. Booker, of Little Rock, Arkansas, entered the tent, led by Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Kentucky, repeating suitable burial scripture selections, the pianist played the funeral march and Convention stood with bowed heads and hearts full of grief. The chorus sang, "Nearer My God to Thee."

83. Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., Georgia, supplied for Rev. P. Jas. Bryant, D. D., as master of ceremonies, and read a lengthy list of those who had fallen asleep during the year.

84. Rev. J. R. Jamerson, D. D., Arkansas, read the funeral scripture from the fourteenth chapter of Job, and Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Massachusetts, prayed for the blessings of God and for light and strength in our weakness and for increased faith in this trying hour.

Prof. Ed. S. Boatner rendered a solo, "Rest in the Lord."

85. The first eulogy was delivered by Dr. L. K. Williams, the president. It was a loving, sympathetic address that melted all to tears. Prof. J. H. Smiley sang, "Waiting for Me." Rev. W. H. Jernigan, D. D., Dist. of Columbia, President of National Baptist Congress, spoke of the fallen heroes and pleaded that their memories be kept green. Dr. W. F. Lovelace, Secretary Home Mission Board, paid a tribute of a friend to a friend, in speaking of Dr. Booker, "a great servant has fallen. He fell asleep and repose came to a weary soul which had sacrificed all for others." Prof. W. M. Lewis sang sweetly "Some Day." Rev. W. F. Gra-

ham, D. D., Pennsylvania, a classmate of Dr. Booker, told the life story of his comrade. Resolutions from the Woman's Auxiliary Convention were read, which were appropriate and touching.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ON DR. BOOKER

Our dear heavenly Father in his Divine plan has committed to each of us a definite mission and has said go labor in my vineyard. As co-laborers in this Convention all have set themselves to the great task of kingdom building knowing of a truth that he that endureth to the end shall receive a crown of life that fadeth not away.

Truly there is an end to our earthly toilers. It is fitting at this time that we pause reverentially to do honor to our dear departed Christian here, Dr. Jos. A. Booker, President of the Arkansas Baptist College and member of this Convention, who endeared himself not only to this Convention but to the world as a great educator and benefactor.

Dr. Booker was so suddenly called from labor to reward. He was at all times friendly to the Woman's Convention and an ardent supporter.

The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, bear you at this their sincerest sympathy and deplore the great loss our denomination sustains and we do extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of grievous affliction. Truly a great man has fallen asleep, that blessed sleep. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yes, henceforth, saith the spirit, they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Humbly submitted,

Obituary Committee Woman's Auxiliary Convention

MRS. S. B. BUTLER, Chairman  
 MRS. M. J. BROCKWAY  
 MRS. FLORENCE COOPER  
 MRS. E. A. PHILLIPS  
 MRS. C. R. McDOWELL  
 MRS. RUTH BENNETT  
 MRS. IDA F. BATES  
 MRS. GERTRUDE COOPER  
 MRS. AMAS  
 MRS. S. W. LAYTEN, President

Deacon John L. Webb, Arkansas, paid a tribute for the students and graduates of the college. Mr. Capp Jefferson read an original poem. Prof. H. B. Britt sang, "When I Shall See Him Face to Face." Assistant Secretary J. M. Nabritt read resolutions for the Convention and its officers.

#### IN MEMORY OF DR. J. A. BOOKER

The National Baptist Convention of America recognizes the justice of God in all his dealings with it and its constituency. It has frequently felt the chastening rod of an omnipotent, omniscient and benevolent Father and now that this chastening has taken

the form of death in removing from us one of the oldest, most active, useful, and dependable leaders, educators, preachers, and former secretary of the Home Mission Board, member of the Commissions, and world traveller.

Be it Resolved: That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Father in heaven and extend comfort to the family in bereavement and close up the ranks and keep moving until we, one by one, enter the holy city.

On behalf of the Convention,  
 L. K. WILLIAMS, President  
 H. B. HUDSON, Secretary

Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., delivered the funeral sermon of the lamented dead from Phil. 1:23, "Having a desire to depart and be with Christ which is far better."

The learned doctor paid a glowing tribute to the Christian warrior who had silently slipped off the coils of life and gone home to sleep the sleep of death. The chorus sang as the funeral recessional as the body was borne away to the train. "Abide With Me."

Announcements. Benediction.

#### Friday Afternoon

#### MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

##### DR. L. K. WILLIAMS, President National Baptist Convention

My friends, I think it is a very fitting thing that once every year we set aside a period of time when we turn our attention to our deceased brothers, for the purpose of memorializing our dead, cherishing their memory and seeking to perpetuate their memory, their virtues, and their usefulness.

It seems to me that God is teaching us an object lesson. In our National Baptist Convention in California two of our men fell. One of these a long friend of Dr. Booker. And then there was Dr. Mitchell at Nashville; and now it is Dr. Booker. I omitted to state our own Dr. Bennett. Both he and Dr. Booker were long time friends and faithful comrades.

I think God wants to teach us through these memorial services that we cannot be too formal. Sometimes when we hold our memorials they are entirely too formal. But when we have a real corpse before us at the service it puts spirit in it and gives the lesson we might not get from any other memorial services. I recall now when the U. S. wanted to have memorial services, it had the body of an unknown soldier. I think, therefore, that the life of all our great men who have passed away is typified and laid before us this evening in the form of Dr. Booker who lies before us asleep in death.

He won a place in my heart when I first came into the Convention. He encouraged every young person. He loved young life. One of the first things he did here yesterday was to steal up behind one of the brethren and say, "You don't know who has you." He was jovial. He was sympathetic with men in their errors. If they



Way back yonder in those days he and I called ourselves Moody and Sankie (Sanky). We preached to the back woods. He did the singing and I did the preaching. So we preached, sang and talked. Both of us were members of old St. Paul Church, ordained in Pine Bluff. It was Dr. E. C. Morris who told the Convention of these two boys who were going to prepare themselves for the future. He was a great man.

No man's work can surpass Dr. Booker's. He is not only loved by his own race, but the white brethren of the State of Arkansas loved him. Not long since a white man wrote a little book called "Peeping Through the Keyhole." This book not only contained a long article concerning Dr. Booker and his work, but also a picture of the sainted Booker.

He was a great power in the Home Mission Society work. He was often referred to as the "Black Yankee of the South." A man who would lay down his life for his friends. Just a few days ago he wrote me saying, "My big brother, my wife is coming to a funeral, and then to Philadelphia, see to it that she is taken care of." And we did take care of her.

I cannot talk to you, it is my friend—it is my brother—it is one who came up under hard tribulations like I did. We were pun—we worked—we labored in order to preach the gospel. Bye and bye we shall meet him again.

We will not speak any more. I am a mourner with the family. God bless you.

#### Evening Session

86. The chorus opened with "I Am Going to Sing." They then tuned in with "I'm Leaning on the Lord," followed with "Alleluia."

87. Rev. W. H. Jernigan, D. D., explained his place in the Madam Walker Work Contest. Rev. W. J. Winston, D. D., Maryland, made the appeal for contribution for Dr. Jernigan. The chorus sang as the baskets were being passed, "Sit Down Servant."

88. Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., made announcements concerning the Teachers Training and the Sunday School Rally. "Where You Going, My Sister," was sung by the chorus as the baskets returned. "Done Found My Lost Sheep" was sung by request.

89. A drama was presented by the Cradle Roll Department in three acts, by Cradle Roll Association, Officers, and Directors of the S. S. Publishing Board, under the direction of Mrs. Eva Hicks, Chairman of the Program Committee and Mrs. R. T. Sims, President, and others. The drama was interesting and very beautiful. It demonstrated the work of this department, whose chief object is to mold Christian character during the early and impressive years of the child's life.

"Have You Got Good Religion" was sung by the chorus.  
90. The Sunday School Publishing Board showed moving pictures of its enterprise. The chorus sang a number of spirituals.

91. The Morehouse College Song was sung as Dr. J. M. Nabritt, presented the speaker of the hour, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, as follows:

#### INTRODUCTION OF DR. MORDECAI JOHNSON BY DR. J. M. NABRITT

Mr. President, Members of the National Baptist Convention assembled in its Forty-sixth Annual Session in this great city, Ladies, Gentlemen, and Friends:

We come on this memorable night in our Convention, made famous by the illustrious speakers on former occasions, on a night dedicated to the service rendered by Booker T. Washington, that distinguished Baptist and educator, followed by the lamented W. A. Credit, of Dowington, another of the lamented educators; by Robert B. Moton, the successor of the lamented Washington and now the distinguished head of Tuskegee Institute, and another Baptist; Sutton E. Griggs, the illustrious preacher and orator; and William Henry Harrison, judge and lawyer, another Baptist. These have made this night in the past a great night for the inspiration and intonation of race development.

This night will be no exception, for I present a young man, Tennessean by birth, educated at Roger Williams, Morehouse College, my alma mater, Chicago University, Rochester Theological Seminary and Harvard University, and honored by Howard University, to which later he has been called as head.

His career is an inspiration to the youth of the race, a challenge for usefulness and service. He developed elements of leadership as quarter-back on the foot-ball team, and is an apostle of international goodwill in America and over seas, a race tribute whose voice has rung true and an example to the youth of the race and the young Baptist ministry, a preacher, a pastor, who like Cicero passed through grades of honor surely with no society behind him, called to head an institution of culture to direct, to lead, where others have faltered and some have failed. It is an honor to us, as well as to him, to be first race head of this great university, sympathetic and co-operative with every Negro.

I rise, Mr. President, to present the editor, the preacher, the orator, the Negro of the age, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President of Howard University.

Dr. Johnson's address dealt with the failure and danger of science in the hands of wicked men. The awful situation has come, commercial, moral, and religious. "God is calling the western civilization to look. God must be first if the civilization of the world is to stand. The race problem is no longer sectional but national. Probably the greatest

problem in the whole world is the race problem. India, China, Japan, and Africa are all questioning the attitude of civilization. America is God's field for clearing up this question. It is America's God-given opportunity. A plea for absolute freedom for this people that gratitude may chain the race to his chariot wheel. This must be voluntary, aggressive and cheerful consent of the white south. Cooperation between white and black is the price of the Country's hope of permanent prosperity." These were some of the sayings of the speaker. On no occasion, at any time, have we listened to such an address. It was as if Daniel had come to judgement. Truly God is raising up voices in the night and heralds for trust. The speaker received an ovation. The Morehouse College men sang the "Morehouse Song."

The chorus sang "Done Found My Lost Sheep."

#### FOURTH DAY—Saturday

Vice-President J. M. Nabritt, Georgia, called the Convention to order. Revs. J. D. Williams, Georgia, J. A. Adams, New Jersey, and D. J. Jackson, West Virginia, conducted devotions. Appropriate musical selections were rendered and Rev. D. J. Jackson in a fervent prayer asked Divine blessings. Vice-President Gibson, Kentucky, relieved Vice-President Nabritt. "Just Think of His Goodness to You" was sung, when Rev. A. L. James, D. D., the newly chosen president of the Virginia Baptist Convention, offered prayer. The seventh chapter of Revelations was read as the scripture lesson by Rev. J. A. Adams. Prof. W. M. Nix led the Convention in singing "There Is a Bright Crown Awaiting Me."

93. Mail and telegrams were called.

94. The journal was read and approved upon motion of Rev. J. D. Williams, Georgia.

95. A motion prevailed that ten minutes be spent in discussing the topic, "The Measure of Christ in Christian Missions." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., Georgia, opened the discussion and made a splendid argument for missions as a fundamental principle of the Christian religion. Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., Missouri, followed in an excellent treatment of the theme. Rev. E. P. Johnson, D. D., Georgia, gave his interpretation of the scripture, "And if

I be lifted up." Rev. C. L. Williams, D. D., Oklahoma, spoke very interestingly and Rev. A. T. Stewart, D. D., Texas, also entered into the discussion. Dr. Gibson spoke and closed the discussion.

96. The committee of nine on the Auditors' Report, composed of Drs. R. T. Pollard, Alabama, A. D. Williams, Georgia, Chas. M. Roberson, Louisiana, A. L. Boone, Texas, J. C. Jackson, Connecticut, W. D. Carter, California, D. H. Harris, B. J. F. Westbrook, Indiana, and W. F. Bledsoe, Texas, was appointed by the president.

97. Rev. L. W. Johnson gave a splendid description of a Bible which he was representing and explained the method of disposition.

98. Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., made a partial report as follows:

\$10,313.89, Church Representation, \$358.22, Door receipts.

"Just a Little While" was rendered by the chorus.

99. A motion passed to consider and fix the place of next meeting in this morning session.

100. An offering for the Home Mission Board, and Dr. J. Frank Norris, white, Pastor of First Baptist Church, was announced for the morning session.

101. The statistician, Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., submitted his annual report. It was very comprehensive and full of information. With some corrections for Georgia, the report passed.

102. President Williams presented Rev. W. W. Barnes, Professor of History, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Moderator Tarrant County Association, to address us as a messenger. A number of fundamental Baptist principles were discussed, impressing justification by faith. All have sinned makes it a universal need, a universal offer for salvation, a universal condition of salvation, a universal responsibility for salvation. Christian greetings were extended. This was the first time in the history of the Convention that there has been an exchange of delegates with a local association.

The chorus sang, "And I, if I Be Lifted up."

103. Dr. J. Frank Norris, Pastor First Baptist Church, white, Ft. Worth, received an ovation as he arose and delivered from Rev. 19:17 a masterly address that shook the Convention. "The note of conquering joy or the glorious victory is the thing that wins the people to labor," was

among the many things said by the wonderful speaker. This was the most powerful and inspiring message ever delivered by a white minister to our Convention.

104. Prof. W. M. Lewis sang "See the Four and Twenty Elders on Their Knees," and "Just Can't Help From Crying."

105. Rev. A. L. Boone, D. D., made announcements.

106. An offering of \$69.96 was taken for the Home Board.

107. Rev. A. M. Townsend, D. D., read a letter from St. Louis containing a donation to the Publishing Board.

108. Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Alabama, announced that the hour had arrived for decision of next place of meeting. President Williams took the gavel and it was decided to give ten minutes to each speaker. Dr. Williams gave timely advice to the Convention as to decorum.

109. Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Pennsylvania, reported on the impression made by the Convention on the citizens of Ft. Worth, especially the white citizens report that this was the most orderly Convention of its kind ever held in the city.

110. Rev. R. L. Bradby, D. D., Michigan, made a rousing speech putting in nomination Detroit for the next place of meeting. Rev. B. F. Reid, D. D., Kentucky, put in nomination the city of Louisville. Dr. W. H. Moses spoke for Detroit, and Dr. W. P. Offutt spoke for Louisville. The vote was taken and Detroit was announced as having the majority, and Detroit was unanimously selected for the 1927 session.

Benediction.

#### Afternoon Session

111. With Rev. D. V. Jemison, D. D., Vice-President, Alabama, presiding, devotional services consisting of favorite songs led by Prof. W. N. Nix and Rev. I. J. Green, was had. Rev. R. E. Hawshaw, Tennessee, offered prayer, when Prof. J. H. Smiley feelingly sang, "I am seeking for a city."

112. Assistant Secretary E. H. McDonald read the list of officers and committee-men as submitted by the several States. The same was approved with a substitute prevailing seating only state delegations and striking church extension names from list.

113. Attorney Chas. M. Roberson read his annual report to the body. The report was discussed and approved.

114. A letter from the Mayor of Ft. Worth was read and made a part of the record.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 10, 1926

Gentlemen:

I regret very much that due to a series of unavoidable circumstances, it appears that I have been derelict of my duty.

This is in reply to your letter of August 17, asking me to welcome the representatives of the Negro Baptists on the occasion of their annual session, September 8, last.

By way of explanation, a committee called upon me early in the Spring and I promised them that I would either be present in person or by representative. I immediately turned the memo over to Mr. Gillis Johnson, who was then Assistant City Attorney, and asked him to represent me on that occasion as I expected to be absent on that date. He promised that he would do so.

I left Fort Worth July 31, and our City Manager, Mr. Carr, handled all correspondence addressed to the Mayor during my absence. I find your letter of invitation in the file kept by him, but unanswered, all of which I regret very much.

Trusting that your session has been a success and that you will accept this explanation, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

H. C. MEACHAM, Mayor

115. Secretary R. B. Hudson was presented and in choice language presented Hon. Jno. L. Webb, Woodman of Union, and President of the Laymen's Movement of the National Baptist Convention to preside. President Webb made introductory remarks which held the attention of the delegation.

Prof. J. H. Smiley sang, "Leaning on Jesus."

116. Rev. Spurgeon Davis, D. D., Alabama, delivered the Laymen's Address. It was a historic, religious, cultured and inspiring talk to the laymen of the Race. The address was well received.

#### THE MEASURE OF A RACE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Mr. President, Members of the Laymen's Movement of the National Baptist Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is to me a great privilege as well as a peculiar honor to be present at this session in the great city of Fort Worth, Texas, and in this spacious auditorium, so well filled with the best blood and brain of the race and nation.

And it is even more gratifying when I take note of the fact that I, your humble servant, have been selected to address you at

Marked with peculiar success are the avenues over which we have passed to come to this milestone of our racial history, and I come before you tonight, not to map out any new course for your future endeavors, but to leave a word of encouragement for the Christian work which you have so nobly carried on.

Truly has it been said by the hoary-headed prophet of the nineteenth century as he stood upon the Mt. Hermon of meditation and thought, and looking backward along the stony pathway of history saw the unshackling of a race, and then lifting his vision from the accomplishments of the present on into the gray dawn of the future saw the ultimate triumph of that same race, "History is fact, what has been written is written and cannot be un-written." For since the first time that Almighty God in his divine providence allowed an Anglo-Saxon to bring a black man without the touch of the brawny arm of the Negro.

We have always proven ourselves worthy of American citizenship whether in a strict test of military strategy, and daring soldiery—in the fields of education in the avenues of industry, or in the courts of ecclesiastics.

It was Patrick Henry, who stirred the colonies to desperate action when he said, "Give me liberty or give me death." But it was Crispus Attucks, the Afro-American and leader of the patriot band, who fell dead under British fire March 5, 1770, as the first martyr that fell in the cause of American Revolution.

It was the famous Thomas Jefferson who drafted the Declaration of Independence in the fervor of spontaneous patriotism without reference to book or pamphlet. But it was Peter Salem, an Afro-American soldier, gallantly manning and defending the slight breastwork at the Battle of Bunker Hill, who shot dead in his tracks Major Pitcairn of the British Marines, who had just a few minutes before his death shouted, "The day is our own."

In all the struggles through which this nation has passed, when the field of battle, from Bunker Hill to the hell pits of Flanders Field, the Negro has fought and died in honor of the stars and stripes.

Has he been active in the avenues of industry? One has but to read the record of his achievements in this particular line of endeavor to prove how he stands. For before the Pilgrim Fathers set foot upon Plymouth rock, the ax of the Negro was ringing with eloquence through the forests of old Virginia.

In the fields of education and art, we have produced such men as Frederick Douglass, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Blind Tom, Henry O. Tanner and Booker T. Washington—men whose brilliant achievements in their respective lines of endeavor give them rank among the most illustrious characters of American history; for in the enchanting lyrics of Blind Tom we have been able to sweep the nations of the earth into the most sublime realms of music. In the convincing oratory of Frederick Douglass, we have been able to reach the hearts of the broad-minded men of this nation, and cause them to see the truth in the Biblical statement that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." In the writings of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, we have given to the history of American poetry its silver lining. In the wonderful paintings of the artist, Henry O. Tanner, we have swung before the eyes of the nations true American skill, while in the achievements of Booker T. Washington, we have been able

to prove to the races of the earth that the training of the hand as well as the mind is essential to civilization.

I wish that I had time to mention in detail the life and works of such men as Dr. W. E. Dubois, the well known scholar and race advocate; Major R. R. Moton, the courageous and far-sighted principal of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. L. K. Williams, one of the greatest leaders of Christian forces of the world today regardless of race or denomination; Dr. Mordecai Johnson, the recognized scholar and Christian gentleman, a Baptist preacher who is not a whit behind the chiefest apostle, and the man who enjoys the honor of being the first president of color of the famous Howard University at Washington, D. C.; and the Hon. John D. Webb the financial wizard, the man of vision, a layman of the cloth, the Supreme Custodian of the Woodmen of Union, and the esteemed president of the Laymen's Movement of the National Baptist Convention.

These are but a few of the stalwart characters of the Black Race, who have stamped their names indelibly upon the pages of American history; and but for the limitation of my time, I'd read the white print of the Negro's part in American history which the dreamy eye of the historian failed to see.

America did not come by chance, nor did the Negro enter into it for naught. I saw Almighty God one day with the boundless man of his creation spread before him, looking for a place to give Christianity an outlet and for a man to make the venture. He found the place and spoke in no uncertain tones to the man, Christopher Columbus, who by persistent effort obtained help, crossed the Atlantic and found the place that Almighty God had selected as the birth place for this nation.

Then came the blue-eyed, flaxen-haired, Anglo-Saxon, of brain and religious culture, but they of themselves were not sufficient to build the kind of nation that God needed. He must have another race to place beside him; strong in muscle, and sinew, patience and true, that they might help build the kind of nation he desired.

He looked in China, but China, the oldest civilization upon the Eastern Hemisphere would not bow to the sceptre of this new people. He looked to Japan and Japan likewise refused to become a part of this new nation. Then it was that Almighty God looked to Africa, and wrapped in her sable mantle and lulled by the tropical breezes Africa had fallen to sleep and for more than six thousand years God's hand had rocked her cradle. She was awakened from her slumber and scores of her dusky sons brought to this country. And as we looked at this intelligent gathering of Afro-American citizens tonight I am amazed—for I remember that when the Druids, the forefathers of the Anglo-Saxon, were drinking blood from the skulls of their victims, our forefathers were chewing rocks on the coast of Africa. But today the black man and white man, working side by side in this American nation for human uplift, brings to pass that oft used statement, that "Together we rise, divided we fall."

And friends, as I look into your faces at this moment, I am reminded of what noble tasks have been undertaken, and splendid results obtained by my race in the religious world. For was it not stated by one of the most technical musicians of this day and age that the only music of which Americans might boast as being of true American origin was the old heart-felt melodies born in the

soul of our forefathers and mothers, as they toiled away in the cane fields of Louisiana, the cotton fields of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia; the rice fields of South Carolina and the tobacco fields of North Carolina and Virginia.

Our magnificent church edifices lift their shining spires toward the heavens from thousands of hill tops and valleys in the rural districts of this country and still thousands of others adorn the avenues and streets of the scores of large cities of our nation. All of which stand as eloquent testimony to the religious achievements of a race, the members of which just yesterday felt the unloosing of the shackles of slavery from their wrists and ankles. As a race, in our religious program we have had the world note that ours was not a limited circumscribed vision, but one that swept the horizon of tomorrow. For our religious activities were not and are not limited to singing and praying; but the laymen of our race fired by the courageous leadership of its ministry toiled hard, obtained finance, and built schools for the religious training of the race, so that thousands of young people came out yearly from such institutions as Union Theological School at Richmond, fully trained for life's obligations and responsibilities while thousands are yet busy in these institutions in the acquisition of knowledge and the accumulation of truth.

Not only can we cite the races of the earth to our religious activities as shown in our gifts towards the planting of Christian institutions for the training of the youth, but may we not have them lift their eyes to behold the marvelous work done by the race in systematizing, energizing, and organizing its denominational work.

And in this, our great Baptist denomination, under the caption of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., with its thousands of preachers and tens of thousands of faithful laymen, has taken the lead. For the master stroke was struck in denominational organization when under the competent leadership of our honored president, Dr. L. K. Williams, the National Baptist Publishing House came into being in the great City of Nashville, Tenn., to which all denominations of all races may point with pride, and certainly all Baptists regardless in color. For that giant institution will ever stand as a silent reminder of the religious accomplishments of a race who, through struggle and prayer, came from the shadows of ignorance and superstition to the heights of Christian enlightenment.

Just to look at this magnificent building, the last word in modern architecture, born in the mind of a black man and reared by his hands, is an inspiration to the youth and an everlasting memorial to the ministry and to the sacrificing laymen of the National Baptist Convention, who have contributed and will continue to contribute to its success.

With so short a period in which to prove our value in the religious work of the nation and world, it must be admitted by our brothers in white that we have outstripped any other peoples known to history.

It seems to me that it was but yesterday that we walked in the darkness of illiteracy without the slightest hope of seeing the sunshine of a new day. But in the fullness of time, we found the day of opportunity breaking around our cabin doors.

Friends, before and since we have played our part, and we believe that the nation has a moral right to be considerate of us in our struggle for racial uplift, for nothing more or less than this do we ask, a square deal—a man's chance," regardless of race, color, or previous conditions of servitude."

Since we have proven ourselves gallant in war, thrifty in peace, noble in life, and patriotic in spirit, we ought to be granted by this great nation an opportunity to be free from cruel criticism and unwarranted oppression, to build a racial group such as God intends that we shall have.

Who would be ashamed to be an American citizen and have a part in the struggles and achievements of an American republic, even though it may require one's life as a sacrifice upon the altar of war? And in this I speak the sentiment of nearly five thousand men and boys of my race born of American principles and spirit, although often times rumor has it to the contrary. But rumor is in error and I only face rumor as did the great Wm. Jennings Bryant his antagonist at the Democratic Convention of 1898 when he said "I would be presumptuous indeed to present myself against the distinguished gentlemen to whom you have listened if this were a mere measuring of ability; but this is not a contest between persons. The humblest citizen in all the land when clad in the armor of a righteous cause is stronger than all the host of error."

Indeed, we call upon America today to stand by us in our racial life, as we press toward the sunlit heights of moral, intellectual, financial and religious training. And we feel assured that the best white people, those who believe in fair play, East, West, North, and South, are our friends. The humane, the just, the intelligent, the God-fearing, the grandest are on our side. For be it well understood that no nation can long exist that does not feel the heart-aches and lends a helping hand to the humblest of its citizens. Then, may we not ask of this great nation of ours, this nation whose flag is the emblem of freedom from injustice, this nation that God Almighty destined to be the Christian nation of the world—may we not ask their cooperation in the work we are trying to do as a race?

We have measured three feet to the yard even in the most crucial times. For at the second battle of the Marne when civilization was threatened by autocracy—the boys in black were there and the Kaiser was driven back like a beaten dog and scourged bound to the fairness of Holland to feel the torturing fires of his own conscience burn.

And we are ready now if need be to run red every stream of our fair land with the hot blood of real manhood. All we ask is a kind hand from our neighbor. And may not the time soon come that from the White House in Washington to the smallest hamlet of our nation men of all races will practice the great truth of that other Commandment that fell in silver towns upon the ear of the world, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

117. The secretary of the Laymen's Movement submitted his report of the doings of his office and the achievements of the organization.

The Financial report showed \$358.25 having been raised.  
Prof. W. N. Nix sang a solo.

118. Prof. P. M. Smith delivered an address.

119. Music was rendered by the Convention chorus as the delegates of Laymen's Movement enrolled and an offering was taken.

Prof. J. M. Horne, Tennessee, delivered an address.  
Adjournment.

#### Evening Session

120. Vice-President D. V. Jemison, of Alabama, presiding, presented Dr. C. F. Richardson, President Western University, Kansas City, Mo., who made a spicy address. Prof. C. D. Hubert spoke of his work at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., as student and teacher, in the absence of President Jno. Hope. Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Massachusetts, also spoke highly of the work at Morehouse. Rev. E. P. Johnson, D. D., Georgia, spoke for Central City College, Macon, Ga. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., President, presented Simmons University, Louisville, Ky. Dr. J. B. Watson, President, spoke encouragingly of the work at Leland College, Baker, La. Prof. Frisby spoke for Natchez College, Miss. Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., made a plea for Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. Prof. Hubert spoke for Benedict, at Columbia, and Morris, at Sumter, S. C. Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., spoke for the American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. Dean O. A. Fuller, made a special plea for Bishop, Texas, Prof. Coleman, Texas, spoke of the State Teachers' Association and educational in general. Rev. A. T. Stewart, D. D., spoke about Butler College, Tyler, Texas, when Dr. E. Arlington Wilson told of the Ft. Worth, Texas, College. President C. T. Hughes, New Mexico, represented the Mt. Olive Academy, Rev. N. J. Stokes, the Kansas Vocational School, while Dr. Wilson made a speech for Houston and Kountze Colleges.

121. The Convention took recess until 7:30.

122. The Convention reassembled with the chorus leading devotions.

123. Rev. J. F. Walker was presented by Assistant Secretary E. A. Wilson.

124. Announcements were made.

125. Rev. P. H. Hughes, D. D., offered a resolution which was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION ON EVANGELISM

Whereas the evangelization of the world is one of the great and fundamental commands of our Blessed Master, and  
Whereas, there are so many dogmas and doctrines being preached and given out to the public these days, and

Whereas, it is dangerous to appoint unscrupulous, untrained, unsound and unorthodox preachers as evangelists to fill this great time and day.

Be It Resolved: That hereafter all men applying for evangelistic credentials must:

- 1st. Have the endorsement of the church in which they hold membership.
- 2nd. Of the State Convention of which they are members.

P. H. HUGHES

126. Rev. Hughes presented the second resolution which was referred to the Publishing Board.

#### RESOLUTION OF BENNETT

Whereas, a resolution offered by the late Rev. J. R. Bennett, D. D., in September, 1924, on the Conventional floor, in the city of Philadelphia, and

Whereas, said resolution was the salvation of our Publishing House in many respects and has given us undisputable rights to exist:

Be It Resolved: That this Convention will honor the memory of this great man by hanging his photograph on the walls of the great Publishing House Building, Nashville, Tenn.

P. H. HUGHES

Music by the chorus.

127. The Scripture lesson was read from the thirty-seventh Psalm by Rev. S. A. Clark, Oklahoma. Song by the chorus, "I Am Going to Stand." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Bailey, D. D., Texas. Prof. Boatner rendered a solo, "I Heard the Voice."

128. Vice-President R. L. Bradby, Michigan, made preliminary remarks.

The chorus sang, "Send Out the Light."

129. Rev. B. J. F. Wesbrook, D. D., Indiana, took charge and served as chairman during the Evangelistic Period, and submitted his report. After some remarks he presented Rev. T. L. Ballou, D. D., Oklahoma, to preach.

130. Dr. Ballou led in singing, "I heard the Voice" and engaged in secret prayer. He selected for his theme, "The Evangelist and His Work" and spoke from 2 Tim. 4:5. The sermon was a masterly discussion of an important subject.

131. Rev. A. Wilbanks, D. D., sang the "Uncloudy Day" and offered a stirring prayer.

132. Rev. B. J. Perkins, D. D., Tennessee, extended the invitation and ten accepted, four of whom were candidates for baptism.

133. An offering of \$5.00 was taken while the chorus sang "O, Where Shall I Be" and "I'm on My Way to Glory" Benediction, Rev. T. L. Ballou, D. D., Oklahoma.

#### FIFTH DAY—Sunday

134. At 9:00 a. m., the National Baptist Sunday School Mass Meeting was held under the direction of Dr. S. N. Vass, D. D., Superintendent Religious Education, assisted by Rev. W. L. Petty, D. D., Illinois, Financial Director, S. S. Publishing Board. Rev. A. W. Nix conducted song service, which was followed by prayer by Rev. E. P. Johnson, D. D., Georgia. Mrs. Eleanor Wallace, Missionary, Kentucky Woman's Convention, read the morning scripture lesson. "Stand up for Jesus" was sung.

135. Dr. Vass explained the importance of the use of "The Teacher" by teachers. Rev. A. A. Bennett, D. D., discussed the teaching unit of the lesson verse 21-22, saying, "the fruit of religious education stirred hearts, willing minds must prompt Christian giving."

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" was sung.

136. Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., discussed the outlines of the lesson, declaring that God is in the lesson standardizing worship. Dr. Vass discussed the use of notes in the lesson. The lesson topic was discussed by Rev. W. P. Offutt, D. D. Kentucky, who declared for tithing and systematic giving. "Liberal giving or the spiritual value of liberal giving were suggested topics by Superintendent Vass. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung."

137. Rev. E. W. Perry, D. D., Oklahoma, discussed the importance of and the difficulties met in giving. Mrs. R. T. Sims discussed teaching the lesson to the primary department, saying that, "Cheerful giving should be taught children." Dr. Vass spoke of the use of projects in financing the kingdom.

138. The states assembled in groups for the offering. Many happy selections were rendered by the chorus.

139. Miss Lou Wilkins, Religious Educational Director, Southwestern Seminary (white) was presented and made an interesting talk and closed with an appeal for large consideration of Africa.

140. Mrs. C. M. Davis, Illustrator Sunday School Publishing Board Periodicals, was presented amid applause.

141. By request, "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" was sung.

142. Mrs. R. T. Sims submitted report of Cradle Roll Rally which gave a total of \$406.25 as the receipts. Announcements.

#### 11:00 A. M. Conventional Hour

The Conventional service opened by singing, "Amazing Grace," led by Rev. A. M. Townsend, D. D., Tennessee. The chorus sang, "Send Out the Light," under the direction of Chorister Boatner. Rev. S. B. Butler, D. D., Indiana, led in singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Rev. R. J. White, D. D., Alabama, read the preaching lesson from the Acts 9: 1-8, and Rev. I. S. Powell, D. D. Colorado, led in prayer. "I Shall Not Be Moved," was sung by the chorus, and Convention until the tent resounded with Baptist doctrinal declaration of perseverance of saints in song.

144. Rev. J. H. Braham, D. D., Illinois, was presented in well chosen words to introduce Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., President of our National Baptist Convention. Dr. Braham introduced in his own characteristic manner and in a happy vein presented the Baptist chieftain, leader of the denominational forces of America, to preach the Annual Conventional Sermon.

145. The scripture lesson was "For the love of Christ constraineth us," 1 Cor. 5:20. From the theme, "The Christian Ministry, the Ambassadors of God," in his own marvellous, masterful, and inimitable way, the preacher swayed the Convention as does the morning breeze the ripening grain. It was a great and thoughtful message which doeth good to the upright in heart. He spoke as follows:

#### THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Text: "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."—2 Cor. 5:20.

A close study of religion securely reveals the wisdom, love, and divinity of Christianity. Take, for instance, the institution of the Christian church, it serves first to answer all the legitimate needs and cravings of mankind. It courts and ministers to his social

nature. It is man's opportunity to satisfy the human passion for fellowship with "kindred spirits and minds." On the other hand it is the institution through which God constantly manifests himself, his presence and his interest in and love for his creatures. It is tangible evidence of the nature of a self-communicating God. The church thus easily becomes the "meeting-place" between a needy creation and a sufficient God. The church should never be considered the end of one's salvation, but it is ever the means thereto, and the institution that God has placed in the earth to help make efficient and accessible his grace and salvation. There is another institution that is as old as the church itself, and must ever exist, and that is the institution of Christian preaching and the Christian ministry. It will never die out. There is here the evidence of the same fine economy and wisdom as that found in the existence of the Christian church. Note, first, here is to be found the evidence of the efforts of a humanity-loving God to reveal himself to a needy world and to express his continued and everlasting interest in its well-being and happiness. You could hardly think of the true God except as he reveals and communicates himself. He made the greatest preparation for and created the human family, with such powers and possibilities as will convince the most critical of his love. He poured into and stamped upon mankind his own nature and image. He declared in plain terms his law and the requirements of his love and holiness. He held up as compelling motives for the enforcement thereof, the rewards that would follow obedience to his laws and the punishment that would come to those who disobeyed them. But the Edenic account shows that man had no sooner sinned than God sought and revealed himself and communicated again with him. The holy Shekinah, the cherubim with the flaming sword, was but another way that God had to express his presence in and care for the world. Here he was preaching. And then the selection of the Patriarchs to stand at the head of their families and build altars, during their itinerant life, and later the judges; then came the lawgivers, the priests, kings, and prophets—the seers, all human beings in the earth, representing God, his will, and requirements. The era of the prophets was closed for more than four hundred years, and there was a season of silence: from Malachi until it was broken by the abruptness and the battle cry of John the Baptist—just a "Voice"—taking up where the prophets had left off and assuring a needy world once more that God had not forgotten it—that God was yet preaching to it. And all of these were but transitory symbols of Christ, who is God's anointed, Immanuel—God is here, God is with us. Throughout all of the ages God was laboring to show that he desired to be on good and speaking terms with man. Christ went about telling the people, those who had seen him had seen the Father. That to hear him was to hear God. Before he took his departure he prepared and commissioned a set and commanded them to preach to every creature. First, the disciples and apostles; then pastors, teachers, evangelists—all given for the perfection of the saints and the glory of God.

The present-day God-calling minister has fine, noble antecedents and belongs to a magnificent order. He has a most pleasing background; he is joined to an army of men whose history is made illustrious by their heroic achievements. The tasks, obli-

gations and mission of our predecessors are ours today. What was required of them is required today of God's ministers. God has a love message for a sinking world, and our text declares it is to be brought by ministers, the ambassadors of God.

#### The Messenger

There are various names applied to the Christian preacher, but all mean the same. In the text we are called ambassadors, which means one sent from God. He is redeemed man, authorized and commissioned by God on behalf of Christ. He is God's mouth-piece—God's messenger-boy. He is one sent, and one sent out by God. Christ only can command men to speak for him. It is required that ambassadors be citizens of the government that commissions and sends them. They must be loyal to and know their government's needs, problems, and possess its spirit. C. C. Pinckney was a faithful ambassador to France for his country. He met his captors with gallant statement, "Millions for defence, but not one cent for tribute." It is said that when William Pitt was dying, his last words were, "My country." It is inconceivable that God would choose to represent him, any but true and tried citizens of his kingdom. He needs men who know him, and who are in sympathy with his plans and who have imbibed his spirit. The ambassadors of Christ are sent by him and must be willing at all times to cry, "What wilt thou have me to do?" and "Thy will be done." Ordination ceremonies do not make a preacher. He is made in his heart and Christ must do the work. Jeremiah and Paul said:

"Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet among the nations; Then said I, Ah, Lord God, behold I cannot speak, for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not I am a child, for thou shalt go to all that I shall send and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.—Jer. 1:4-7.

"But the Lord said, Go thy way, for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.—Acts 9:15.

"But when it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by his grace to reveal his son unto me that I might preach him among the heathen, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, neither went I up to Jerusalem to them that were Apostles before, but I went into Arabia and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and abode with him fifteen days.—Galatians 1:15-18.

If these passages assert any truth it is: Jeremiah and Paul were divinely separated and called to do the work of the gospel ministry. The ambassadors of Christ need "the vision splendid," and the awaking of their souls. Ezekiel said: "An angel came and waked me." Isaiah said: "I saw the Lord." Paul said: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." All true men of God have lived ahead of the crowds. A fine and correct idealism furnished Lincoln his zeal, zest and enduring power. Moses met God at the burning bush and endured ever afterwards, seeing the invisible. The young man at first did not see the unseen, but Elijah did and stayed on the job. In order that the preacher might have more than fluency, and the sense and power of fine analysis and

choice diction, he must have soul-fire and heart-eloquence. This vision, one said, breaks down all other ambitions. It is tragic and fatal to attempt to be Christ's ambassador without possessing his passion. Preachers must believe—"I AM hath sent me." They must be "God-intoxicated." Without this you have prostrate pupils and powerless powers. The fact that the preacher gets his commission from God and is not elected by the world or any of its agencies, is a guarantee that worldly powers cannot terminate the tenure of his office. In his office he is superior to all of these, and cannot be discredited, dismissed from, or howled out of the world. It is well to remember that Samuel crowned and uncrowned kings.

Again, the continuity of the ministry is assured because there shall always exist the reason for its creation. A needy world was the cause of its making, and the world today is as needy as ever. And, as long as sin, that foul blot, exists just so long shall there be reasons for the existence of the Christian preacher. The Christian preacher is nothing more than "God's messenger-boy." God is interested in a sin-smitten world and will not be ejected from it. His is no attitude of silence or indifference. He is concerned about man and keeps the way open between earth and heaven for him. Jacob's ladder, in a very real sense, is set up between God and man. The Psalmist wanted to know why God kept his mind on man and inquired, "Why art thou mindful of man?" Man has made and is making phenomenal progress, but he still is a sinning mortal creature and must have divine direction and aid. The equipments of the ancient priests included bells on their sleeves. He sometimes carried long in the "Holy of Holies," while he propitiated the sins of the people. The penitent, waiting outside was sure the priest was still making atonement for him, for he heard his sleeve bells ringing. We are the ringers of the gospel bells and illustrate God's attitude to man.

Let not God keep silence, for the devil would declare he did not care for and love man. I have tried to describe the office of a New Testament preacher, just a messenger, bringing from God a sweet love-letter. Oh, what an exalted station, what a dignified position; "The servant of the Spirit." Paul recognized this and said: "I magnify my office."

I want to talk now about the ambassador's work.

#### II. His Mission

You will notice that the text describes him as being an ambassador "on behalf of Christ." This means that the purpose of Christ must be his. Christ came to seek and to save the lost, and that is our work. He is to express the mind of Christ, to make no laws, but to execute those of his sovereign. He has no independent judgment or authority. It is but right that the church should be interested in and work for better housing conditions, a fairer and more equitable distribution of wealth; shorter hours, and better environments for workers, and for political and civil justice to all, but the preacher's first great task is to reconcile men to God. The text implies there is a breach between them and that they must be brought into fellowship. His is called the ministry of reconciliation. I do not understand all of sin's effects, but I do know it separates, it fomented division

between man and man, and man and God. It promotes suspicion and enmity. It vitiates faith and darkens judgments, and weakens confidence. It does only the work of an enemy. Sin separates us from God. The preacher is to sue for peace between his King and his rebellious subjects. Here the precedents of human government are set aside by God. It is the King sending an ambassador to his ungrateful rebels. It is the offended seeking the transgressor. This is the heart of the gospel. The shepherd sought and found the lost sheep. The King has power and could justly crush the rebel, but sends the flag of truce. It is forgiveness offered and not force taking vengeance. These rebels are to be elevated to places of favor, reconciled. He is the all-conquering monarch, but Oh, his tenderness! Ours is a ministry of peace. The sinner is guilty of treachery and treason, but the minister is not only to urge his reconciliation to God and the terms thereof, but to "beseech," "entreat" them; to plead, and to plead earnestly with them. That was the way of John Knox, Wesley, Whitfield. The minister can best beseech men when he can speak from personal experience about the benefits coming to those reconciled to God. This is, I repeat, the heart of our Christianity. God sending for—God pleading with a helpless, sorry, defiant rebel. It was love that designed salvation. It is amazing love that seeks to have it appropriated. Before the rebel can be reconciled, he must surrender and have his withered, torpid heart awakened to the enormity of his crime. He must change his attitude to his sovereign Lord. In the realms of religion we call this conviction of sin and this always precedes repentance and confession. God is already reconciled to the sinner. He is pleased with the sacrifice and finished work of Christ. If there were barriers in him which kept him from being reconciled to the sinner the death of Christ removed them. When Christ died the veil in the temple was rent. Paul says:

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."—Eph. 2:14.

God laid on Christ the iniquity of us all. Christ made the atonement, "at one met."

The Bible preacher's mission is to win back to God the allegiance of the erring, prodigal world. In Christ this can be done, for he was man and he was God. He carried both natures. Reconciliation affects a man's heart, for then he sees right, loves right, and acts right. Now he has peace and fellowship. Like Enoch he walks with God, and some day like Enoch, he will just walk away into the invisible state.

Paul preaching once about the results of being reconciled said, "justified through Christ, through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand." The preacher must urge the steadfastness of the believers. That they are under God's special providences, and that he will sustain them to the end. Like his office, the minister's mission is a great one. He is to guide the life of the people, kindle in them the right ambitions, revive their faith, hold up the worth of eternal verities, cleanse their passions, open up their clogged hearts and inspire them with hope. In this way the ravages of sin are repaired. The sinner is disorganized by sin, and it is your mission to reorganize him. Lazarus was dead within; he there-

fore had outward corruption. But when Christ spoke life was injected into his heart and all corruption, etc., smell of death banished. Yours is a man-building mission to organize them from within. You have the keys that will unlock the door to the treasure house that contains all good things.

I come next to the ambassadors' message.

### III. His Message

When God commissioned Jonah he said, "Go to Nineveh and preach the preaching that I bid thee." Jonah would not at first and is a perpetual reminder of the fate that awaits recalcitrant preachers. The true preacher is not one who will court the cheap favors of men. His chief assets are not tricks, sophisms and half-truths, or windy rhetoric, or verbal elegancies, or ornate compositions with which he might win a type of transitory popularity. The message of the winning preacher is the message God gives. It is the gospel, "the good spelling." The world has ever needed this. It goes to the heart of things. Robert Morris once said: "I like that preaching best which drives a man into the corner of his pew and makes him think the devil is after him." The gospel sharpened so keenly Luther's sense of sin and the terror and personality of the devil, that he would throw his ink bottle after him. Preachers need not be frightened when they incur the ill-feeling of wrong doers. There is to be a volcanic message if they would get the right results. They are to acknowledge no Lord except Christ. Bourdalou, the founder of pulpit eloquence in France, preached before Louis XIV. describing with vivid touches and scathing words a first rate sinner. Turning to his sovereign he said, "Thou art the man." After the sermon he told the King: "Sir, behold one of the most devoted of your servants. Punish him not because that in the pulpit he knows no other master than the King of kings." The gospel that wins is the gospel that is stamped with courage and love. Timid, fearful, glove-handed preachers worry God and destroy the people.

Then, again, the preacher's message should echo the vital truths of the gospel. In our text he is to shout, "Be ye reconciled to God," and through Christ. Some people now desire a few quotations from Huxley or Darwin, some scientific and historical references, a little sociology and psychology with no or a minimum portion of the gospel. They are like that crowd who commanded that the disciples might preach, if they leave out of their preaching Jesus Christ and the cross. Preach, but not in his name, some now are saying. But that is the very purpose of preaching; to exalt Christ and the cross as the only cure for the maladies of the world. The only effectual preaching is that which lifts him up. It is said that when Cicero spoke he called the attention of the people to himself and they said "How well Cicero speaks," but when Demosthenes spoke his hearers remembered his subject and cried: "Let us go against Phillip." I wonder if there are not some ministers of the school of Cicero, who through vanity and self-love, show more of themselves than they do Christ and the cross. Such may entertain the people, but never edify them. Louis XIV, when discussing different preachers whom he had heard, said: "Bourdalous's preaching astounds me Massillon's frightened me; Boussouet's makes

me believe, and Fenelon's makes me hope and love." I think what the King got from and found in the preachers' sermons named above is what should be found in any heaven born sermon. For such always properly evaluates the virtues of the cross and will move men. The devil flies and will encourage that type of preaching that soft-pedals the cross. He knows it pleases, but never pushes a man to God. Christ and his cross are the center and vital elements of the gospel. At the cross, God and the sinner may walk together in happy fellowship. In Christ it is man going up and in Christ to be the Lord and Master over sin. His cross shows his attitude toward sin and it is the only victory over it. His resurrection shows him to be the Lord of life and gives hope instead of despair. The preacher's message must make it plain that Christ can do these things because he is the Son of God. If Jesus Christ be not the Son of God, then is our preaching hollow and ineffectual.

I am going now to close and my parting words are: Ye stewards of God's grace, tell its worth; ye ministers of the mysteries of God, reveal those once-hidden things to a blind world. Ye heralds of the Cross; ye men of many battles, with heartaches and untold sufferings; ye watchmen of the walls preach this everlasting Gospel. Preach it till your own souls are set afire and your words are limpid flames; preach it, because it is God's power to blast and break up the retreats of sin. Preach till infidels everywhere will shout as Savonarola's hearers did, "Long live Christ our King." Preach it till the feeble and the afflicted will know their Refuge and only Physician. Preach the gospel till the last rebel lays down his arms and joins God's forces. You are God's prophets, and you are to tell for him, and you are to foretell sometimes for him. One prophecy is he shall subdue and conquer his every foe. He shall reign. His shall not always be the beseeching, entreating attitude, for he is coming in majesty, power, and victory. This is your inspiration, he is "more than conqueror."

147. The chorus sang, "When the Saints Go Marching in," and prayer was offered by Vice-President W. H. Rozier, D. D.

148. An offering of \$58.00 was taken for the Benefit Board.

149. The offering for the Sunday School Hour was announced, \$406.79. Prizes were presented as follows: first, Texas, having \$57.75; second, Louisiana, \$48.00; third, Alabama, \$45.86; fourth, Mississippi, \$36.87, by Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D. Georgia.

150. Announcements were made. Benediction.

### Afternoon Session

151. With Vice-President W. C. Brown, Florida, presiding, devotions were conducted by Rev. D. S. Sandefur, D. D., Tennessee, and Rev. R. T. Sims, D. D., Mississippi. The choir rendered several selections. The thirteenth

chapter of Corinthians was read and prayer was offered by Dr. Sims.

152. A resolution by Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Tennessee, was approved upon motion of Rev. S. B. Butler, D. D., Indiana.

#### RESOLUTION ON DR. S. E. GRIGGS

Whereas Doctor Sutton E. Griggs, President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville and head of our Educational Board, has been a very active worker and leader in our denominational work for many years, without rest or vacation; and

Whereas his services have been invaluable; and

Whereas we desire to perpetuate his services and activities and whereas the strain upon his strength and energies is bearing very heavily upon him at this time;

Therefore, be it resolved: that in our judgement an immediate vacation should be entered upon by him.

Resolved further, that in view of his great services for his race and denomination, this Convention should make a substantial contribution to the expenses of such a vacation at a time most opportune during this session.

Resolved further, that pastors and churches throughout the country be and are hereby requested to forward Dr. Griggs contributions for the work he represents on their return to their homes.

T. O. FULLER

153. Rev. J. C. Austin, D. D., Chairman, Foreign Mission Board, presented Dr. L. G. Jordan, Secretary Emeritus, to preside over the Mass Meeting. Dr. Austin also presented Rev. J. H. Branham, D. D., Illinois, who was given a rousing reception.

154. Rev. J. Frank Norris, D. D., was brought to the platform and received loud and long applause.

155. Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., gave check for \$500.00 to the National Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board.

#### JORDAN LETTER

To the President, Officers, and Members of the National Baptist Convention, in session at Fort Worth, Texas.

My dear Brethren:

For more than fifty years, though living on a very meagre salary, I have cherished a desire to begin a little Fund for Missions and Christian Education, which might be used for the good of my fellows and the glory of God. Coming up from slavery without the love of a mother or the protection of a father and robbed of the chance to get an education, God has been so good to me in allowing me to serve in so many ways, that I am now attempting to carry out my dream. As men measure ability, I am not able

to do this, but it is the sacrificial gift that counts. I am hereby lending you my check for five hundred dollars, (\$500.00). I wish to state that for more than twenty years, I carried three insurance policies for the benefit of our Foreign Mission work, but when in 1922, I had a complete nervous breakdown and reverses of other kinds, these policies lapsed and I was not able to renew them on account of my age. I never expected to live as long as I have, and hence had thought that this Fund would have been started years ago through the insurance I had willed to you. Out of the Pension you voted me, I have previously donated each year six hundred dollars to the Foreign Mission work, because you had me employed as Historian. This I shall continue to give while I am earning a salary, and I wish that this may be added annually to this initial five hundred dollars herewith attached.

#### How it is to be Used

Details for the perpetuation of this Fund are to be worked out with the Committee who are to have it in charge, which Committee shall consist of the following persons and their successors in office:

The President of the National Baptist Convention  
The Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board  
President of the National Training School, Washington, D. C.  
President American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.

My wife, Mrs. Susie A. Jordan.

It is my desire that the interest only be used and it is my earnest request that when my time comes to go hence, memorial services be held among the churches of our National Baptist Convention, and a collection taken at that time which shall be added to this Fund for Missions and Christian Education hereby established for the purpose of aiding worthy young men and women who are preparing for service on Foreign Fields, or for the Christian Ministry.

It is my hope that I shall be able to add to this Fund myself from time to time as the Lord prospers me.

Yours in his service,

L. G. JORDAN, Historian National Baptist Convention

Prof. J. H. Smiley, sang "Life's Railroad."

156. Dr. Austin made prefatory remarks and commended Rev. J. E. East, D. D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, for honesty and faithfulness.

157. Errors were corrected and statements made as follows: Six missionaries have been sent out during this conventional year, six have been brought home, two by request, claiming sickness. Work is being done in four African countries and in South America. Two buildings are being erected in Liberia by the Board and machinery of every practical kind is being sent to Africa. A hospital is being planned for Liberia and an industrial building for Suchu.

158. Dr. J. C. Austin made the appeal for the offering after a stirring address.

159. "A Little Talk With Jesus Makes It Right" was sung. A solo was rendered by Madam Hynes, Tennessee. The chorus sang "Certainly Lord" with the Convention joining the refrain.

160. Dr. J. Frank Norris delivered an inspiring message after preliminary remarks, during which he declared his desire for President Williams to preach at his church. He also paid a tribute to the address of Dr. Austin, whom he asked to speak at his church. He further stated that the Convention had had a tremendous spiritual effect upon every class in Ft. Worth. Dr. Frank chose what he was pleased to style the greatest chapter in the Bible, the fifteenth chapter of first Corinthians as the scripture lesson. He said, "The gospel is dynamite and every preacher is the bearer of a sack of dynamite to blow off the hinges of the gates of hell. Africa, Chicago, and Ft. Worth need dynamiting. The four places of equality are, at the cross, at the tomb, at the resurrection, and in heaven. The four motives, his death according to scriptures, his resurrection according to scriptures, our resurrection according to scriptures, his return and victory according to scriptures." It was a remarkable, scripturally sound, cyclonic message that it was impossible to forget which Dr. Norris delivered marking a new epoch in the history of the National Baptist Convention.

161. A second offering was taken conducted by Dr. Norris who made the appeal.

#### B. Y. P. U. Mass Meeting

At 6:30 p. m. a delightful song service was enjoyed under the direction of Prof. E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.

163. Rev. L. R. W. Johnson asked that the meeting organize by states and group leaders would direct the discussion of the lesson and the contest for prizes. The groups having been completed the leaders proceeded to teach the lesson, while Rev. J. H. Gayden, D. D., Miss., presided.

164. The financial report was made by states. The chorus sang, "I Know I Am a Child of the King," "Everybody Will Be Happy," and "When Jesus Comes," while the reports were being tabulated. Madam Hynes, Tennessee, sweetly sang, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." A collection

of \$48.40 was announced, with Mississippi leading, Texas second and Illinois third.

Mr. T. J. Glenn, Ft. Worth, sang as a solo, "In Shady Green Pastures, God leads His Dear Children Along."  
Adjournment.

#### Evening Session

165. The chorus sang a sweet selection to begin the evening worship. Rev. G. D. Griffin, D. D. Florida, read for the scripture devotions Galatians sixth chapter. The chorus rendered a selection. Rev. A. D. Bell, prayed the blessings of God upon the closing Sunday service. A gospel solo by Rev. M. C. Durham, Tennessee, was well received.

166. Rev. W. M. Hall, D. D., Georgia, discussed, "The Measure of Christ in Christian Education," to the edification of the Convention.

167. Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Massachusetts, the speaker for the evening, requested the chorus to sing, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Dr. Klugh chose as a subject, "Giving What You Have, or the First Apostolic Miracle," from Acts 3:1-8. He spoke under the following heads: 1. What I have; I will give, such as I have. 2. What I have, I got it from Jesus, in the name of Jesus. 3. Arise and he took him by the hand and helped him to stand. 4. He followed them into the temple." The preacher delivered an excellent sermon from a faithful exegesis of the passage selected and demonstrated the value of travel and study. The Baptist church was elevated upon the pinnacle of power. A plea for charity, a plea for religious activity, a plea for decent living and Christian giving were the high points in the message.

168. A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. A. Hawkins, D. D., Ohio. Miss Oliver, of Ft. Worth, sang a very pleasing solo.

169. Announcements were made.

Benediction Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D., Massachusetts.

#### MONDAY—Sixth Day

170. President Williams called the Convention to order at 9:45 and "My Soul Be on Thy Guard" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Simmons, Arkansas.

171. Dr. McGhee, moved the appointment of a committee to draft resolutions commending Dr. M. W. Johnson, Howard University's new president. Drs. C. D. Hubert, C. H. Parrish, E. W. D. Isaac, E. P. Johnson, and J. R. Burdott, were named as the committee.

172. A motion prevailed referring the membership of Y. M. C. A. to Board of Directors.

173. Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., read report of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. The report was approved.

174. Rev. D. D. Crawford, D. D., made remarks with reference to the Boards.

175. A brief period for expressions of feelings in reference to the 1926 meeting was had. It was the unanimous opinion of all that we had the best ever held in this session.

176. The journal was read and with minor corrections approved.

177. Rev. W. H. Jernigan, D. D., President, S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress made report of that great auxiliary body. The next session of the Congress, June, 1927, will be held in Nashville, Tenn. The Congress collected \$6,116.32, and voted to Boards \$1,204.90 and paid to the Convention \$40.00.

178. Madam Cook was permitted to read a poem. She was highly commended by several leaders and encouraged.

179. The report of the Congress as submitted by President Jernigan was accepted with thanks.

180. The Boards were announced to meet at recess.

181. Rev. J. L. Campbell, D. D., Tennessee, reported on Special Financial Drive for the S. S. Publishing Board, \$4172.68 having been raised. The approval of the report was unanimous as a partial report.

182. A motion to adopt the Home Mission Board's report was passed. The Foreign Mission Board's report was adopted and the report of the B. Y. P. U. Board was adopted.

183. Action on the Auditor's report was deferred by vote until after report of Special Committee of Nine.

184. The report of the historian was adopted.

185. Action on the report of the Benefit Board was deferred until the Special Committee makes it report.

186. A statistical discussion arose. The report of the statistician was approved.



Officers of National Baptist Convention

187. Rev. T. O. Fuller D. D., was elected press correspondent and publicity man.
188. Announcements were made.
189. Prof. J. D. Crenshaw, Editor of the National Baptist Voice, made a plea for a more liberal and substantial support of the "Voice."
190. The representative of the Baptist Standard, Texas state paper for Baptists, made an address.
191. A partial report of the Finance Committee was made: Representation fees, \$11,165.11, an increase of over \$7,200.00 at Baltimore.
192. Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., made an appeal for a trip for Rev. S. E. Griggs to Hot Springs. A collection of \$46.25 was taken.

Benediction.

#### Afternoon Session

193. Rev. W. F. Botts, Vice President of Iowa, called the Convention to order. Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Missouri, conducted song service. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. J. Capshaw, Missouri. Congregational singing was led by Dr. H. W. Jones, Kentucky. Rev. P. J. Watkins, D. D., Alabama, offered a petition to God for divine guidance. A vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Truitt, Tennessee, when Rev. B. J. Huggins, Illinois, led in several selections.
194. President L. K. Williams took charge and listened to the report of the Woman's Auxiliary as submitted by the president, Mrs. S. W. Layten. A vote of thanks was extended the women by motion of Dr. D. D. Crawford.
195. Rev. R. T. Pollard, D. D., presented Prof. W. F. Bledsoe to submit the report of the Committee of Nine. The report was read. It was amended, striking out the Benefit Board and was approved as amended, and referred to Board of Directors to execute.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDITOR'S REPORT

Your Committee appointed on the report of Professor E. D. Pierson, Auditor of the National Baptist Convention, beg to submit for your consideration and approval the following:

#### Benefit Board

First: That in the satisfactory light of the facts presented to the committee from the auditor's report, and the same being corroborated and concurred in by a statement of facts made by

the secretary of said Benefit Board, we recommend that the secretary of said Board and irregularities pertaining thereto with reference to his report as submitted to the auditor be referred to the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention.

#### Home Mission Board

After carefully considering the recommendation or statement made by the auditor with the facts connected therewith relative to the Home Mission Board, we recommend that said office of the Home Mission Board be moved to Nashville, Tenn., and hereinafter take quarters in the Morris Memorial Building, the same being our S. S. Publishing House.

#### Education Board

We approve the attitude of the auditor in reference to the report of the secretary of the Educational Board. (See Report)

#### Foreign Mission Board

We note with pleasure and commendation the splendid success of the Foreign Mission Board in spreading the message of Foreign Mission to the people of America and the world.

#### B. Y. P. U. Board

The B. Y. P. U. Board and the Sunday School Board, we highly commend these secretaries for the efficient manner and method in which they have conducted affairs of the above named departments of our National Baptist Convention activities.

#### Salary and Expenses

We further recommend that in order to encourage and to help develop thrift and the right business economy in the expenditures of the National Baptist Convention funds and to prevent conventional extravagance: We recommend that all Field Secretaries be given a salary commensurate with their ability and service including expenses, as against the present system with so much salary plus expense, as is now the practice.

In the matter between the auditor of the National Baptist Convention and the secretary of the same, with reference to several items noted as doubtful and incomplete, because of the necessary and legal items as vouchers for said expenditures, we recommend the payment of all accounts in question, save that of the fifty-nine (\$59.52) dollars and fifty-two cents, and we further recommend that when the proper and legal vouchers have been presented to the auditor, and the same considered by him as valid, the same be paid.

We further recommend for the general welfare, for the organized work in particular, and for the business confidence of the denomination the world over, that the Board of Directors will not only see to it that every Secretary and Board Department of our Convention install our new accountant system, which has been recommended, accepted by the National Convention and installed by orders of the National Convention.



Chairmen of the Boards of the Convention

**Auditor**

We further recommend that a statement blank report will be furnished each Board and its secretary for the purpose of making uniform and businesslike reports of all the financial interests of their respective departments. The same to be signed by the President and Secretary of said Board, as a means of report for the auditor's office, and for the records of our National Baptist Convention of the world.

Yours very cordially,

**Committee**

R. T. POLLARD, Chairman  
 J. C. JACKSON  
 B. J. F. WESBROOK  
 W. D. CARTER  
 A. D. WILLIAMS  
 A. L. BOONE  
 W. F. BLEDSOE, Secretary

196. The Benefit Board matter was then taken up for consideration. The motion prevailed referring the Benefit Board matters also to the Board of Directors.

197. Secretary Townsend submitted the financial report of the Who's Who Pre-convention Campaign, as \$21,563.61. Pledges of \$136,390 were taken on the Seven Years Campaign.

198. Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., made a statement.

199. A resolution commending Dr. M. W. Johnson, the president of Howard University, was read and approved.

**RESOLUTION ON DR. M. W. JOHNSON**

Our Baptist denomination has reason to be proud of the very great honor that has come to Dr. Mordecai Johnson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va., without any solicitation on his part, he received the unanimous vote of the distinguished trustees of that renown institution, Howard University.

Nothing but merit caused him to be chosen. Dr. Johnson graduated at Morehouse College, later at Chicago University. He finished the theological course at Rochester and won a Fellowship at Howard University.

He is a powerful preacher, an orator of magnetic persuasion and one of the most beloved and influential pastors in the Baptist denomination. He has already assumed the duties of his high office as President of Howard University.

We therefore, feel that this institution will mean more to us than ever. We have no doubt that the work will succeed as never before.

Sig.- 5

## MINUTES

We, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. hereby pledge to him our undivided cooperation to that end, also our prayers for the guiding influence of the Almighty.

Respectfully,

Committee.

C. D. HUBERT  
E. W. D. ISAAC  
E. P. JOHNSON  
C. H. PARRISH  
J. R. BURDETT

200. A resolution prevailed making the second Sunday in December B. Y. P. U. Rally Day in return for fourth Sunday in November, Founder's Day.

## RESOLUTION—B. Y. P. U. DAY

Whereas, the Convention has adopted the fourth Sunday in November as Founder's Day, and

Whereas by this act it has practically abolished B. Y. P. U. Rally Day.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Second Sunday in December be designated as B. Y. P. U. Rally Day.

201. The Committee on Resolutions submitted its report through Rev. P. M. Beverly. The same was approved.

202. A resolution by Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., on law enforcement was adopted.

## RESOLUTION—EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT

The constituency of the National Baptist Convention opposed to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. We call upon our people everywhere to be sober, thrifty and law-abiding and that we stand by the officials in their effort to enforce all our laws and make our country truly the home of the brave and the land of the free.

L. G. JORDAN

Benediction, Rev. Rogers, Tennessee.

## Evening Session

203. The Convention re-assembled at 7:30 with a great song service led by Prof. Boatner and chorus. For thirty minutes or more the large audience sat spellbound while the great chorus sang to the delight of all.

204. In the absence of Dr. E. J. Echols, New York, and Rev. J. H. Mastin, D. D., Michigan, Rev. H. B. Bronson,

## MINUTES

D. D., Kansas, was presented by Rev. E. Arlington Wilson as the preacher of the hour, with Rev. Moses Williams, as alternate. After the reading of the first Psalm by Rev. Williams, Prof. Boatner led the chorus in singing, "When the Saints Go Marching in." Rev. J. H. Robinson, Michigan, offered prayer.

205. Rev. Dr. Bronson preached from the first chapter of Genesis, Text, "I Am, What I Am.," subject, "God." The sermon was highly instructive and well received.

206. Rev. Moses Williams led in prayer. Rev. E. W. Perry, D. D., Vice-President, Oklahoma, took charge and presented Rev. A. W. Nix, the gospel singer, who rendered a very pleasing selection.

207. Prof. Edw. S. Boatner, Musical Director, was introduced and made a few remarks, after which an offering amounting to \$40.18 was lifted. This offering was for the services of the pianists of the Convention.

208. Miss Sarah Cook, a law student of New Jersey, was introduced and made timely remarks as to the finishing of her course of study. An offering of 17.27 was taken to assist her.

Prof. Nix again favored the Convention with a selection.

209. Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., was introduced and delivered a thrilling address.

210. The national Gospel Singer, Wm. Lewis, led the Convention in the closing song, with a hearty hand shake. Benediction Rev. P. W. Wesley, Texas.

L. K. WILLIAMS, President  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary

Ft. Worth, Texas, September 13, 1926

The Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, pursuant to call, met to transact the business of the Convention. Rev. B. T. Sims, D. D., Mississippi, led in prayer. Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., was elected chairman, Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., Vice-Chairman and R. B. Hudson, Secretary.

A motion prevailed referring with power to act to the President the matter of accepting a directorship of the National Y. M. C. A. Board. A motion to prepare a State Budget for \$1,200.00 due the World's Alliance through a committee passed. The committee was appointed as follows: A. L. Boone, Chas. M. Roberson, and O. C. Maxwell.

The Home Mission Board reported that Rev. S. S. Odom, D. D., had been re-elected chairman. Rev. W. F. Lovelace, D. D., tendered his resignation as secretary of the Board to become effective November 1, 1926. Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., was approved as Cor-

responding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Memphis was named at the next place of meeting of this Board.

The Foreign Mission Board elected Rev. J. E. East, D. D., as corresponding secretary, and the B. Y. P. U. Board re-elected Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, as Corresponding Secretary. They were approved. The salaries of all officers of Boards were voted the same as that of last year.

The special committee was asked to fix compensation for assistant secretaries, ushers and chorister's salaries were referred to this committee, as was all other matters pertaining to salaries. Rev. E. W. Perry, D. D., Oklahoma, was named on the Special Committee instead of Attorney Roberson. The latter's salary for attorney was referred to this Committee.

The supplementary report of the auditor was deferred to the evening session of the Board.

The Educational Board reported the election of Rev. S. D. Ross, D. D., Georgia, as Corresponding Secretary, at \$3,000 per year. The Board approved the election.

It was voted that the Board of Directors pay \$350.00 on the Morris Tomlinstone Proposition, with the Arkansas brethren, through Des. J. R. Jamison and S. H. McKenzie, paying the balance. The president and secretary were authorized to execute the order.

The setting aside of \$1,000.00 for office of president was referred to a special committee to assist in making the budget.

Three of the five members of the Budget Committee were designated executive committee because some members of the committee were involved.

Rev. B. L. Bradby, D. D., Michigan, was appointed instead of Rev. O. C. Maxwell, D. D., on the Special Committee.

The Finance Committee reported having received \$11,165.11, paid out \$7.30 checks \$2,625.94, cash in bank and on hand \$8,531.87. To this amount \$53.29 in cash turned over by Secretary Hudson was added, making a total receipt of \$11,218.40. The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D., Pennsylvania, was voted honorary membership to the Board of Directors. Rev. A. M. Townsend was approved as secretary of the S. S. Publishing Board at the same salary. Recess.

The Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention re-assembled at 6:00 p. m. Rev. D. S. Shauld, D. D., Arkansas, offered prayer.

The Special Committee on Salary Adjustment was called to submit its findings. The report was held up while Auditor Pierson related the condition of the Benefit Board. Secretary Holloway of this Board made a statement. A motion prevailed referring the matter to the Executive Committee and Auditor for adjustment.

The Special Committee submitted its report as follows:

We beg to submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the three of the assistant secretaries be paid as a salary \$40.00 per year, and the Rev. J. M. Nabritt be regarded as first assistant and that he receive for a salary \$50.00 per year.

2. We recommend that the ushers be paid two dollars per day for their services.

3. We recommend that the Auditor's salary be increased \$400.00 per year.

4. We recommend that the Chorister be paid three hundred dollars per year, with railroad fare to and from the Convention.

A. L. BOONE  
D. S. KLUGH  
E. W. PERRY  
Committee

Upon motion the recommendations of the Special Committee were approved. It was voted that the Attorney of the Convention was to be paid for actual service rendered instead of salary as heretofore. The chief usher was voted \$25.00 annually. The disbursements as submitted by the Committee were ordered paid.

Benediction, Rev. H. T. Borders, D. D., New Jersey.  
L. K. WILLIAMS, Chairman  
R. E. HUDSON, Secretary

## APPENDIX

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following:	
Money received from representation	\$10,674 50
Received from Door Receipts	422 61
Received from Visitors' Badges	68 00
From Secretary Hudson from sale of reports badges, etc.	53 29
Total	\$11,218 40
Paid for Taxi fares	7 30
Checks	\$2,625 94
Balance cash	8,585 16
	\$11,211 10

W. F. GRAHAM, Chairman  
M. F. WASHINGTON  
R. T. SIMS  
S. A. OWEN  
F. W. PENICK  
J. H. EVANS

## DISBURSEMENTS 1926 SESSION

Special Finance Committee	\$ 55 00
M. W. Johnson, speaker	150 00
J. H. Graham, Transportation Commission	50 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Co., note	732 00
Peoples Bank & Trust Co., on S. S. Board, note	100 00
Douglas Nat. Bank, J. D. Crenshaw, account	486 04
J. D. Crenshaw, note	3,000 00
Selma National Bank, note	500 00
Douglas National Bank, on note	1,390 49
R. B. Hudson, loan and note	359 00
Mays Printing Co., note	600 00
L. G. Jordan, on account	775 15
L. K. Williams, old acct. and office expense	50 00
R. B. Hudson, refund for raised bank note	50 00

J. W. Gayden, church extension note	200 00
Bethel Bapt. Church, church extension note	200 00
E. D. Pierson, Auditor, church extension note	263 02
Chas. M. Roberson, attorney fee and expense	544 80
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, expense	163 45
Badges	437 55
E. M. Lawrence, on account	100 00
T. O. Fuller, Publicity Commission	100 00
W. M. Taylor, expense 1925 and 1926	111 00
Convention office expense for August	534 00
R. B. Hudson, Secretary, salary	1,000 00
W. M. Madison, Enrollment Committee	15 00
W. L. Varnado, Enrollment Committee	15 00
U. J. Robinson, Enrollment Committee	15 00
G. W. Robinson, Enrollment Committee	15 00
J. S. Simmons, Enrollment Committee	15 00
Edw. H. S. Boatner, Chorister	150 00
M. F. Washington, Finance Committee	25 00
Local Expense of Convention	29 46
C. A. Wallace, Finance Committee	15 00
Geo. McNeal, usher	25 00
E. A. Wilson, assistant secretary	40 00
Convention office expense for year ending July 31, 1926	1,130 75
T. O. Fuller, Assistant Secretary	40 00
J. W. Whitfield, ushers	157 00
W. F. Graham, Finance Committee	25 00
R. T. Sims, Finance Committee	15 00
S. A. Owen, Finance Committee	15 00
S. Odum, Finance Committee	15 00
H. Johnson, Finance Committee	15 00
M. L. Glenn, Finance Committee	15 00
W. H. Stewart, Enrollment Committee	15 00
A. D. Williams, Treasurer, local expense	1 50
O. C. Maxwell, Enrollment Committee	15 00
J. M. Nabritt, Assistant Secretary	50 00
E. H. McDonald, Assistant Secretary	40 00

An over-draw of \$2,680 57 protected by bank loan. \$13,891 67

#### AN INTROSPECTIVE OF THE TRANSACTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS, BOARDS, AUXILIARIES AND OTHER NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Mr. President, Officers, and Messengers of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.:

It is my pleasurable duty, but arduous task, that I submit this special report as an introspective to my general printed report that has become too voluminous in necessary details to be delivered in the usual way.

While heretofore my report consisted mainly of the mere audit of the accounts of the various officers, boards, and other activities of the National Baptist Convention, it now embraces all the above and, besides, the installation and operation of a Cost System which

also has to do with their efficiency, economical management, and production.

By their efficiency is meant how they should proceed along their specific operations in the most economical and effective way—doing things along the best, quickest, and easiest lines to obtain the same results. In order to do this profitably, the basic operating principles must be founded upon immediate, reliable, and adequate records.

It is upon the actual records of the various activities that this epitomized report is based—dealing only with impersonal figures and facts as suggested and revealed through their submitted records.

#### THE BOARDS

**The National Benefit Board, H. W. Holloway, Secretary,** purports to operate a kind of insurance department through which its members would receive certain benefit in sickness or death, and through which the Convention would receive some financial aid to do deeds of charity.

The history of this Board is too well known to enlarge upon it here. The records of this Board have never been such as to throw any truthful light upon its operations. Death claims are reported paid without any cancelled policy to support the facts, and where receipts are shown, some are of a highly questionable character. Some are here in evidence now. Its financial statements have been mere farces; in that which it shows a cash balance of several hundred dollars, checks for a few dollars are immediately returned—reason, "Insufficient Funds"; yet, its disbursing records show no withdrawals of amounts to cause such deficits. To be more specific, the secretary reported a cash balance July, 1925, of \$361.65. A check issued on it the following August for only \$36.70 was returned protested on the ground of "Insufficient Funds," while the report the secretary submits this year shows only withdrawals of \$60.00 for last July and no withdrawals at all for the following August. Pages could be submitted on such glaring inconsistencies.

As your servant, elected to inform and advise on such matters, I here and now recommend that you take immediate steps to either reorganize this Board, or discontinue it instantly—otherwise, you will be a party to the act which is likely to cause grave and damaging lawsuits against the Convention for a thing that has always been (within my knowledge) a dangerous liability with no redeeming feature to commend it.

**The Home Mission Board** has made some gains as to its receipts and enlarging its field of operations. This Board operates one of the very important fields of our denominational activities and should be liberally supported. Both its rental and printing expense would be more helpful to the denomination if it was centralized at Nashville.

**The Educational Board** fails to have a report this year. The secretary's reason is printed on page 20 of the Auditor's report. However, I do not agree with its secretary. The auditor believes that the Convention is very much more concerned with its public

servants taking time to account for what they have already done than in their pursuit for more to the neglect of this vitally necessary part of their duty. Since I am to be more specific, on this later, further discussion is "passed up" here.

The Foreign Mission Board made a gain of \$9223.34 in its receipts this year and increased the amount sent to Africa \$2273.14. A comparison of its expenditures for the last two years reveals the following:

	1925	1926
Receipts—	\$66,080 57	\$75,303 91
Expenditures:		
Salary at Home—		
Home Office		
Home Field Workers	\$ 8,239 95	\$11,275 54
	6,748 20	9,112 28
Total	\$14,988 20	\$20,387 82
Printing Machinery, etc.	\$19,304 63	\$ 2,348 47
Printing, Salary	8,138 16	18,780 17
Printing Supplies	1,440 87	
Total	\$19,883 66	\$21,128 64
Foreign Fields:		
Salary	\$15,390 32	\$24,240 32
Supplies	9,066 43	2,495 25
Total	\$24,456 43	\$26,735 57

Note the large yearly out-lay for printing and printing material—\$19,883.66 in 1925, and \$21,128.64 in 1926—with no adequate returns to justify this enormous out-lay.

The Herald alone cost something more than \$10,449.01 with a monetary return of only \$629.18 all told. The Efficiency-Production Director is a firm believer in judicious advertisement, but must confess he cannot conceive the idea which shows that to effectively advertise and create a healthy sentiment for Foreign Mission contributions amounting to \$63,721.99, there must be spent, or cause to be spent the following:

Salary and Expense "Home Field Workers"	\$ 9,112 28
Advertisement through collection, Banks, etc.	934 17
Other Newspaper Agencies	301 00
The Herald	10,050 00
Postage	1,445 72
The Secretary's Salary and Expense	6,295 00
Total	\$ 28,138 17

To say nothing of various State Foreign Mission Secretaries and numerous Missionary organizations. My contention is not against the advertisement as such; but, is it profitable to spend the enormous amount of \$28,138.17 annually for this purpose?

I am simply stating the case, you are the judges and jurors. If the Herald must be issued, why not print it on less expensive paper, etc., thus lapping off several thousand dollars of the present unreasonable expense? More about this in another section of this report.

About the COST SYSTEM and THIS BOARD: Pursuant to the orders of the National Baptist Convention through its adopted resolution to extend the Cost System to all Boards according to their several needs, after several inconsistent postponements, by the Secretary, I succeeded in installing it in May.

He insisted, however, to postpone its actual operation until July 1,—the beginning of our new fiscal year. To be in good fellowship, I finally agreed. July came. I was there to make this year's audit and render any possible assistance needed to start off the system. You can imagine my surprise, when I found out that not a step had been taken in any way towards having the system used. On calling his attention to the matter, his plea was poverty and the missionary salaries. I secured for him, estimates from engravers of his city, which showed that all the plates needed from which he could print his own sheets, just as I drew them, could be produced (including composition) for something less than \$110.00. We went again, over the drawings, etc., but he remained obdurate. After varied suggestions on how it could be done temporarily, I departed for other points.

Upon writing him a few days ago about what progress was being made, I received the following letter which is self-explanatory:

"August 25, 1926.

Professor E. D. Pierson,  
412 Fourth Ave., N.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Professor Pierson:—

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 19. In the last paragraph of your letter you said, "find balance sheets for both the Herald and Printing Department, separately." I failed to find the two sheets referred to. There is one which appears to be incomplete. It is to be regretted that a complete statement could not have been fixed up and given our Board before you left or in any case much earlier than this late hour. It has arrived after we have gone to press and it is now too late for me to take up any items.

I wish to remind you that you promised to introduce the new system before you left the office on the books we have and some temporary entries on sheets, but you went away without making any endeavor to do that. We are doing the best we can with it under the circumstances. As to my opinion respecting your cost system, it is the same as when I talked with you last. The system itself is costing us too much. I am not able as yet to see any returns or benefits for the great out-lay funds. As our own printing requirements increase and the little bit of printing outside decreases, we may soon have to cut out job work and then there will be practically no commercial feature of our Board. I cannot see the advantage of the cost system under the present circumstances.

I thought your system was to be a new method of bookkeeping by which you could audit the books easily and quickly thus sav-

ing the large outlay of funds for auditing each year. Perhaps after your system is in full swing and we have everything for it, I may see it "fitting our work admirably well."

As soon as it is convenient I want to go over several matters with you.

Very truly yours,

JEE-EM

J. E. EAST,  
Corresponding Secretary.

Since the very first thing to do upon the establishment of a business of any kind, is provide for it immediate, reliable, and adequate records; and since as an auditor, who knows fully the condition of the Foreign Mission Board, that its present records are non-informational and ambiguous,—necessitating my having to go to every stub, receipt, and bank check in order to make the report now being delivered, I am insisting that immediate and effective steps be taken to have the installed system operated at once, or it will serve as the monkey wrench in the machinery of system operation in general.

The B. Y. P. U. Board has been inducted into the System where its actual operation began February 1, 1926. This Board has not made gains in its cash receipts during the past year, but has made substantial gains in its assets—which shows an increase of \$37,893.30 caused partly by improvement to building as well as an increase in office furniture and fixtures.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

The Sunday School Publishing Board has made substantial gains along all lines of its activities. This is a mammoth concern, entirely out of the class of ordinary size business. It has virtually sprung up full grown, without our being conscious of the fact—is it any wonder why we find it impossible to make the clothing of the youth fit this husky young man?

Comparisons are not necessarily odious, but, instead, they are mighty powerful forces to compel us to recognize and value progress. Listen at these of 1925 and 1926 respectively. The Sunday School Publishing Board receipts in these vital and profitable items are:

	1925	1926	Increase
For Commercial Printing	\$ 1,488 17	\$ 4,153 81	\$ 2,665 64
For Periodicals	137,265 05	141,250 51	3,985 45
For Voice	880 77	950 74	69 97
For Morris Memorial Picture		961 13	961 13
For Advertising	1,150 00	1,539 56	389 56
For Notes Receivable	1,317 81	2,340 85	1,023 04
For Accounts Receivable	27,811 19	34,703 88	6,892 69
For Books	22,529 67	24,467 38	1,937 71
For Enrollment		67 00	67 00
For Waste Products		273 00	273 00
Total	\$192,842 67	\$210,707 86	\$17 865 19

#### THE COST SYSTEM

##### EFFICIENCY-PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

In the process of building up a civilization or denomination, new customs, new methods of doing things, new thoughts on new methods, and new aspirations naturally come into being. Changes may come gradually and almost imperceptibly as the natural growth of a child; they may also be sudden and revolutionary as in the overthrow of kingdoms and empires for the establishment of republics in which the people rule.

In the olden days these changes were slow because learning and free thought were the possession of the few; but within the last ten century, and within our denominational rank during the last ten or fifteen years, tremendous changes have come, particularly in methods. During the period at large, the candle has given way to the lamp and the lamp to the incandescent light; the hoe and the plow to great labor-saving farm implements; the stage coach to the railroad by which we came all the way from Nashville, Tennessee to Fort Worth, Texas in twenty-two hours and forty minutes; the railroad records for speed have been discounted by the airplanes; the sailing ships by the ocean greyhound; the post by the telephone and telegraph and they, in turn, has revolutionized Mark you, each new discovery, in its turn, has revolutionized life's activities, with the tendency ever to speed up. Thus, we find ourselves today moving at break-neck speed, doing a thousand-fold more business than a century ago—and doing it easier and better—this is system and efficiency.

Thoughtful, honest and progressive people quickly adjust themselves to the new conditions and life's activities go on. Since new conditions make necessity demand new inventions, the thoughtful among us from whatever clime, have set their faces, adamant-like towards the rising sun of denominational expansion and denominational systematic Business Control.

To this end you have ordered me to install and operate the cost system, factory and managerial—in all your activities when needed. This is what has been accomplished during the first nine months of its operation at its initial point—the Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

#### WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

##### I. The Order Department

In this department alone (detailed estimates are here to substantiate each statement made) there has been brought about a saving of \$721.12 per month or per year, \$8,655.00; for under the old way of handling orders, to get information now required, under prevailing wages it would cost \$1,316.00 in wages for a month—including everybody from the Secretary's private secretary through the entire course to the mailing room excepting Sales Manager. Under the system to do the same thing, but much more rapidly and satisfactorily it costs only \$594.75 per month.

## II. The Accounting Department

In this department to get seven persons who are qualified under the most conservative salary estimate, would cost at least \$800.00 per month; however, under my continual instruction and efficient arrangements "greeners" are being used to do the work properly at a cost of \$414.25 per month—a saving of \$385.75 per month or per year, \$4,629.00.

## III. In Overtime

Throughout the activities where the system is only tentative operation at present, "overtime" has been "cut down" from per quarter in the quarter of April, May, June to \$428.80; during the quarter of July, August and September, and has finally been reduced to nothing for the "quarter" just past—October, November and December (and the completion of the periodicals ready earlier) an annual saving based on the lower figures of \$1,715.20.

## IV. Label and Billing Stationery

In this item alone based upon an estimate of \$1.75 per thousand given as the cost per 1,000 for printing labels for ourselves by our Factory Superintendent it would cost us for the 227,000 machine labels and machine heads \$384.65, while under present arrangements it costs us only \$305.50—a difference of \$179.15 per quarter or an annual saving of \$716.60.

The total net annual saving thus far enumerated \$15,715.60. The installment payments on the three machines have been purposely omitted from the estimate because they will have fully paid for themselves long before one-half of their life is spent when they will continue to be used, and at the same time, will be an asset which by the law of compensation, swings the profit pendulum well into our favor.

To this the above enumerated, \$15,715.60, we may add, after taking away \$168,751.95 of this year's receipts made up of contributions of all kinds, rents, cafeteria, building fund loans and all Banks or other loans, "Overs," transfer orders, duplications, Windham loan; as well as allowing \$7,450.93, the greatest previous Factory merchandise annual increase recorded, and \$2,606.90 for increases caused by better working conditions

Merchandise accounts straightening, unexpected coll.	187.40
Miscellaneous	496.00
Special Funds	387.58
In Bank	883.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1071.18</b>

To say nothing about amounts collected on had debts (upon request of the secretary) the better business naturally developed, the somewhat improved morale of the working force unconsciously possessed through weekly talks on efficiency and the comparative daily labor records of the time sheets; together with a look forward to wage system based on merit—what one actually does rather than when he pushes the clock. I reiterate, with all the above numerous exceptions there still remains to the credit of the system \$25,344.78; and with the peculiarly astonishing thing of \$695.46 less for general factory operation.

## WHAT IT COULD HAVE DONE

If the proper attitude, attention, interest, team work—cooperation, if you please, had been given the System in time. (Attitude of indifference; attention of delay sufficient to defeat the purpose; interest equivalent to opposition label operators); team work interest equivalent to hostility; secret meeting with foremen in which that meant open hostility and malignantly criticized as something to be temporarily tolerated, but not seriously respected).

The following additional advantage, in dollars and cents could have been realized to a greater or less degree:  
 Saving by piece work or the bonus plan for Linotype operators on the actual production of 1,331,467 ems at 12c per M. (We paid 37c, could have paid 25c and operator made more money)—12c less cost, \$1598.22. Expressed idle time paid within nine months in composing rooms alone, \$1115.01. The inefficiency of our presses (av. imp. 478,954, equals 442 imp per hour) being less than 50 per cent yield another loss of \$3776.17; to say nothing about the general speed up in every other section in consequence of the necessary activity on the part of contributory departments. Total, \$6489.40.

## MORE YET TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

Aside from the actual saving of \$25,344.78, and the present possible deducted by non-cooperation expressed above of \$6489.40; total \$32,034.18, there remains other savings in operation at Nashville that have not yet been attempted because for want of time, which could not be safely taken from other departments in the system operations. Prominent among them is the enormous expense incurred in the sending out of our quarterly letter blank, order blank and the return envelope. These alone now cost us over \$6000.00 in labor, material, and postage, without even taking into consideration the delay in sending them out and the corresponding congestion in delivery caused thereby. In communication with the Post Master at Nashville, September 4, he says, being printed as a part of the periodical it is permitted by the postal another net saving of \$5000.00. Pruning dead limbs, distributing more wisely the work in certain quarters in the managerial department, proper enforced regulations as being actually engaged in doing work every minute of work time; closer supervision of those to whom time sheets have not yet been given, making it obligatory that the editors give certified copy promptly on required delivery dates; closer delicate supervision of waste in every form with the penalty of personal loss in cases proved to be carelessness—all will affect a saving annually of more than \$6000.00; total \$43,034.18.

The system is immediate, reliable, and adequate. It is absolutely impersonal. I now challenge any secretary at whose place it is being operated to give any instance or proven case where it has entered his realm uninvited or has shown any partiality as between departments, or has not been four-square upon every proposition in its realm submitted to it for adjudication.

To get the real advantages it offers, its mandates must be made obligatory within such reasonable time as its regulations suggest (unless good and sufficient reasons, otherwise, can be shown to

the satisfaction of the Efficiency-Production Department) or its every purpose can be easily defeated by mere time limitations.

To that end I recommend:

That, in order to encourage and help to develop thrift, economy in expenditures, and to prevent Convention extravagance, I recommend that all Field men be given a salary commensurate with the job, including expense; as against so much salary plus expense as is now the practice.

That, in all cases where salaries or wages are paid, the amount to be paid shall be based on relative value of the work to be performed.

This recommendation was approved—see report of committee.

#### RELATED AND NON-REPORTING BOARD AND OFFICERS

The Educational Board's report is not in printed auditor's report. An explanatory letter from Secretary Griggs is printed instead.

No balance sheets for the Benefit Board; no supporting records available.

No report from the historiographer; no records available to the auditor.

No balance sheets from the Baptist Theological Seminary—necessary authentic records not available.

The above may appear to the uninitiated as very trivial; yet those are the very things that prevent us from ever getting our true financial standing; and make it truly said of us that we are never exact in what we present to the public. Is exactness, is truth worth anything? Yes, everything in the line. Then why not have it? All omissions and what not mentioned above could have been avoided.

#### Have Regulations and Carry Them Out

What's the use to spend money for an alarm clock whose alarms are heard but not heeded? That is just what is done by the regulations adopted from time to time by the Convention.

Regulations governing time for closing books, making and submitting reports; distribution of badges; handling and classifying Convention finance; printing and distribution of minutes; selling reports and other things on the Convention floor during the session and practically everything which has been proving an impediment to proper decorum and correct modern business methods.

Brethren why don't you support your adopted regulations?

#### VITAL STEPS TAKEN FOR THE SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION AFFAIRS, ITS BOARDS, AUXILIARIES, AND ACTIVITIES OF EVERY KIND

It is said that, "Necessity is the mother of invention," and in the present case it seems to run true to form. The enlarging of our borders, the expanding of our financial operations, the extension of our denominational activities and the full development of our denominational possibilities—all made demands upon us for systematic management. After hitting here and there for an answer to the imperative cry that would not down, upon the insistent suggestions of National Auditor E. D. Pierson, we decided to take the Cost System Remedy together with its two chief supporters, Efficiency and Production, as a cure for our present denominational ills.

In keeping with this decision the following resolution was offered and adopted at the last annual session of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., at Baltimore, September 9, 1925.

#### A RESOLUTION

Whereas, after surmounting many apparently unsurmountable obstacles and impeneable barriers, we have succeeded in erecting, equipping with modern machinery, furnishing with modern supplies a magnanimous Publishing House at a cost of over one-half million dollars, and,

Whereas, to insure permanency to this splendid achievement it must be operated along modern, economical, and efficient lines, and,

Whereas, this can be done only by a system, (cost system if you please) planned, worked out, and made to fit our special needs by those who understand them, and,

Whereas, such a system has been thought out, installed, and is now being put in operation by the Convention's auditor, E. D. Pierson, of Chicago, after many varied setbacks and postponements, and,

Whereas, we have been fully convinced that the system has the proper "teeth" in it, to cause to be done effectively the things that should be done in a Publishing Plant of this nature, and,

Whereas, such a system not only needs record keepers to faithfully and impartially keep the records of labor performed, material used, allowances made—and so on, but it needs, worst of all, some one who can properly analyze, compare, interpret, direct and apply the principles and intention of the system so that an efficient operation will be uniformly and constantly maintained and a profitable production realized, and,

Whereas, our auditor, whose equal in these matters we have not yet discovered, both in originality of thought and plans, as well as in the general, conservative, congenial yet uncompromising and firm way he goes after things, is to us the one outstanding figure fully capable intellectually, loyal, denominationally dependable, and we believe to be fair—he is the one to put in charge of this phase of the work (that is, of directing the keeping of all the records in all of the departments, clerical, financial, and labor) that if it succeeds means denominational achievement and independence; but if it fails means denominational disgrace, unworthiness of confidence, enslavement, and

Whereas, we have every reason to believe that with this system properly operated as has been outlined and demonstrated to us (and can be so outlined here if necessary) there can be saved to the denomination, yearly, from \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00, and,

Whereas, to a less degree, this same system can be made to extend to all our "Boards" of the Convention throughout the connection:

Therefore, be it resolved: That we here and now (for delays are dangerous) employ our auditor E. D. Pierson, for all of his time in order that he may be able to carry out the things outlined above.

Be it further resolved: That in his capacity of auditor and Efficiency Expert, he will be empowered to act as the direct representative of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., in all matters pertaining to or will pertain to his specific duties; and that his decision or orders in such matters will be subject to approval of the Executive Board or the National Baptist Convention in session. The auditor or director of records will report all matters pertaining to his office to the National Baptist Convention or its Executive Board who will approve or disapprove of same.

Be it further resolved: That the details as to the carrying out of this forward step together with the proper compensation for this unusual service (borne by the various Boards) will be worked out satisfactorily to the auditor in and by the Executive Board at the earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

A. D. WILLIAMS

P. JAMES BRYANT

#### THINGS OUTLINED TO BE DONE

##### I. Factory Department

##### 1. Cost System to be perfected and developed as to

- (a) Job cost estimates
- (b) Hour rate based on production
- (c) Machine time based on operation
- (d) Cross check for actual estimate of production
- (e) Analysis and synthesis of labor sheet as a basis for efficiency measurement
- (f) Cataloging of all machinery with cost of same preparatory to departmental distribution and efficiency
- (g) Analyzing and classifying departmental heads and their connections with a view to greater economy and efficiency
- (h) Arranging stock and storerooms on a substantial business basis—cutting at once general waste and spoilage
- (i) Organizing, for better returns, the Voice Department

##### II. General Accountancy Department

1. All general records to be put in actual operation immediately
2. Special records and forms to be drawn, O. K'd and printed
3. Factory ledger to be opened, accurately and regularly kept
4. All matters of Building Fund are closed out as per the old year up to and including July 31, 1925
5. Building Fund since then, up to and including September 30, 1925 has been reported and "turned in" through the regular "cash course" into the General Accounting Department where it will be combined with forwarded balances from July 30

6. The Pay Roll is posted daily with the time expressed on the "time sheets" and all computation for labor will be based thereon

7. Time Sheets are to be used by everybody doing service touching operation of production, including janitors, care-takers, elevator service, delivery service, and shipping—the form for the four latter to be supplied

8. Sales Analysis Record to be posted by-weekly, at present

9. Daily Financial Statement must be lived-up-to in letter and spirit

10. All accounts of whatever nature having anything to do with either or every department of the Sunday School Publishing Board up to and including September 30, must be certified to, preparatory of combination with the "system" uninterrupted operation from Oct. 1.

11. Every piece of machinery and equipment must be listed at the earliest possible date preparatory to departmental distribution for estimate of Factory Cost so urgently needed to be in operation

12. Full exposition and disposition of all bond issues are to be carefully estimated, tabulated and brought down consecutively to final summarization and distribution together with all notes, etc., given in connection with the FINAL Re-Financing deal and whatever else that has been done up to and including September 30

13. A bona-fide list, of all officers and employees, local and "field", to be furnished this office, same to be certified by Secretary Townsends both as to number and salary or wage to be paid.

14. A system, for the more rapid checking and distribution of the cash as well as the filling and shipping of orders, is to be perfected, including the handling and distribution of the mail.

15. Jobs are taken in through the office of the Factory Superintendent, but all such jobs are paid for, including the deposits, through the Cashier Department where all other cash payments are cleared. The Factory Superintendent upon closing a contract on a job, issues a House Combination Statement and Receipt containing the vital conditions and terms of the printing contract. The customer takes this (or it may be taken there for the customer) to the Cashier Department to be countersigned by the secretary or his appointee and there pays in "the deposit" indicated. When the job is completed, the invoice is made out by the Accounting Department and turned over to the Cashier Department where the customer also makes his final payment or its equivalent before job is delivered.

16. The initial handling of the cash and mail will be given special attention upon the installation of the Accounting Machine

17. A bona-fide Secretary-certified list, of all persons occupying space in the building together with the amount of rent they are to pay and when, is to be furnished the auditor, also known as the Efficiency-Production Director, not later than the 10th of October. This does not include space occupied by the Sunday School Publishing Board. This appears under another form.

18. All cash received for Rents, Building Fund, Contributions of all kinds—in fact all cash of whatever kind affecting the Sunday School Publishing Board must be reported through the regular channel and find its way daily to the Accounting Department.

19. Any and all persons, before being "fired" for inefficiency have the right to have their record, as revealed by the Daily Time Sheets, substantiate the charge of their dismissal before the dismissal order is final. Provided that in no case will an individual be dismissed from service for inefficiency while any other with the same per cent of inefficiency is retained unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Efficiency-Production Department that such person or persons' general attitude is detrimental to the

efficient operation of the system. So, also, there must not be any addition of employees, promiscuously made; but must have the concurrence of the Efficiency-Production Department, for it to be effective.

The above is to be rigidly followed or the development of efficiency and profitable production will be a "farce", and the fundamental principles underlying Cost Accountancy will be a dead letter—the profit made on the one hand will be thrown away on the other.

For the same reason, all purchases of material, supplies, machinery, furnishings and the like is to have the concurrence of the Efficiency-Production Department.

20. Rental prices should be uniform to customers throughout the building.

21. In fact, for the System to work smoothly, effectively, and profitably, everybody and everything that has any connection with any or every department of the Sunday School Publishing Board must work in full cooperation with system and management both in letter and spirit, or for the general good, their dismissal from the service will be imperative.

#### SYSTEM OPERATION—FUNCTIONAL CONTROL

The Efficiency-Production Director and Auditor is to direct and systematized.

1. The Time Sheets which are to be made out by the employee, himself, indicating by a dot on "time line" when started and a line drawn from beginning to finishing time when specific work ends. The said Time Sheets which form the basis for estimating efficiency values are to be specially analyzed and summarized by him.

2. The information thus revealed to form the basis of causes for which employees are to be employed, discharged and transferred. The relation is consultatory, concurrent, and essential to final action.

3. The analyzing and verifying of the Production Sheet from which the final cost of manufactured articles and their selling price are estimated and fixed.

4. In short, he is to direct, advise and help to make more effective, if possible, anything and everything that has a tendency to increase production and make for greater efficiency and to check, through system, everything tending to destroy efficiency and increase production.

5. The same holds true throughout the entire operations of the Boards; otherwise what may be saved by one unit may be wasted or destroyed by the other. Provided, however, the direction and information of the Auditor-efficiency department shall be made known to the Secretary of the Board, or his appointee, for execution within such reasonable time and manner as to get the best possible results therefrom. Prompt action on the suggestions of the Auditor-efficiency department is mandatory, unless good and sufficient reasons, satisfactory to this department why it should not be done, are given; otherwise, the whole system could be made a farce.

6. According to the system planned to reveal and reward personal merit, our complex activities, for the sake of closer observation and more economical and comparative operation, are divided into the following departments whose named operations and operators are as much a part of the system as the efficiency and production end.

#### DEPARTMENTS

##### ADMINISTRATION—Factory Division

I. The Factory Department, consisting of everything used in connection with the production of the finished product from the raw or semi-raw material has divisional names and duties as outlined below:

1. The Factory Superintendent. He has full charge of the operations of production in accordance with the plan outlined by the system, together with its attending responsibilities of so planning the work that neither machinery nor men will have idle hours during the daily production periods. To help make effective the supervision necessary, he shall be furnished, if necessary, an Assistant Superintendent whose duties shall be assigned by him with the concurrence of the Secretary and the Efficiency Department.

2. The Foremen. Each department shall have its directing Foreman whose authority over the conduct and labor of those under his charge must be fully felt and respected to the end that the operation and management of his department will be effective. He must be held personally responsible, for the use or abuse of this authority, to the Factory Superintendent, the Secretary, and Efficiency Department.

3. The Employees. They are expected to be faithful, loyal, respectful, punctual, and business-like, congenial at all times and, in return, receive the respect and courtesies the above virtues demand. In all things affecting their efficiency and attitude, they are to have the necessary recourse to the Efficiency Department for substantiation and verification of their records or comparative records before final decision which must be in accordance with records revealed facts. Provided, however, the Factory Superintendent, or his assistant or foreman may suspend temporarily, any person or persons from work for cause, if the exigency of the case warrants; he assuming personal responsibility for such suspension until the matter is finally settled by the records.

4. The Stock Clerk is solely responsible for everything of value that relates to both finished and unfinished product together with all supplies and purchases of every kind used in connection with our commercial operation. All properly drawn requisitions are to be filled by him and he is to state why incorrect when such is the case. In no case, however will he make changes in requisitions. This must be done by the originator. In short, his duty is to fill or not fill requisitions; receive all purchases of the Sunday School Publishing Board as above outlined and keep a vigilant eye on the movement, as well as others, of all material and supplies that waste, spoilage, etc., may be kept at the minimum. He, and he alone, shall have a key to the stock room (except emergency key kept in safe of Secretary). There are to be no master keys to these rooms.

II. The Selling Department. This department embraces the Order Receiving, Adjusting, Distributing, Labelling, Shipping and Delivery to common carrier divisions.

The Salesmanager. The head of this department shall have full charge of the Selling Department which consists of the Order-Receiving, Adjusting, Distributing, Labelling, Billing, Shipping, and Delivering to common carriers of merchandise, product or anything sold by the Sunday School Publishing Board. He shall be assisted in these operations by the following Divisions:

(a) The Order Handling Division, consisting of Adjusters, General Accounting Machine, Labelling and Billing Machines and their operators, together with an official Label Certifier who shall also act as Forelady of the Order Handling Department.

(b) The Mailing Division, consisting of two sections—Periodicals and Merchandise otherwise.

(c) The Delivery Equipment, consisting of motor trucks and other necessary modes of delivery.

He must give personal attention to the Sales Department, handling sales through his office, and such supervisory attention to the divisions handling things sold, so as to be able to know whether or not things are efficiently and correctly handled, and that services in these departments are economically and profitably performed.

III. The Buildings and Grounds department will be operated on the basis of Landlord (Buildings and Grounds) and Tenants. The Landlord to furnish hall lights, water, heat, elevator service, etc., to the tenant, while everything and everybody that occupies space in the building will pay a uniform rental for space occupied.

All payments made or charges for the building, as such, is charged directly to the Buildings and Grounds Accounts.

IV. The Accounting Department, has charge of all records of whatever nature pertaining to anything and everything connected with the receipts, disbursements, purchases, sales, contracts of all kinds that have any bearing on any and everything that has been, is being, and is expected to be paid for by the Sunday School Publishing Board. Qualifications for service in this department, to be valid, must be approved by the Auditor, who also furnishes the system of bookkeeping to be used; and he has full control of all its operations.

V. The Cost System, which is intended to cover all operations of the Sunday School Publishing Board throughout all its departments, will be so extended, as rapidly as it is practical to do so.

In principle, it bears the same relations to all other Convention Boards that it has to the Sunday School Publishing Board and will be as rigidly enforced by the Efficiency-Production Director and Auditor.

#### THE AUDITOR'S MANIFOLD POSITIONS

I. As Auditor—He analyzes, classifies, verifies and synthesizes as well as directs the procedure of the Record Keeping Department.

II. As Accountant—He drafts systems and the correct forms and plans necessary to their effective operations as well as the corresponding regulations to be observed in their execution.

III. As Efficiency Director—He devises the most economical yet effective way of operation throughout the entire activities, including the best combination of men and machinery.

IV. As Production Manager—He does not only scan time sheets of the various departments and groups, but he must direct, and follow up their tabulation, scrutinize their revelations, criticize their retardations, magnify their acceleration and recommend the proper compensation for superior productive efforts as well as dismissals for those who fail to come up to the ordinary requirements.

V. As Concurrent Purchasing Agent—He must direct the record keeping of both the raw material and finished product through the perpetual inventory records; as the products are stored in both the storeroom and stockroom, know the minimum amount to keep on hand and see that we place orders in a way to get the best market values and prices. This goes for all sizeable purchases.

#### VI. Special.

(a) He is to train the entire group of near bookkeepers of our various Boards.

(b) "Furnish financial system for the National Baptist Convention per se and, systematize the record keeping of their office.

(c) "Prepare and furnish authentic summarized statements for National Executive Boards, when required, throughout the year.

(d) "Compile, simplify, arrange, print and deliver, annually, a complete financial report of all the Boards and officers at the National Annual Meeting.

(e) He is to do any other thing he sees needed to be done to make our big million and a quarter machinery succeed.

VII. In the performance of all the duties stated above, the Efficiency-Production Director, and Auditor will confer with the Secretaries of the various Boards insofar as said duties apply to their respective Board.

#### SYNOPSIS OF SYSTEM OPERATION

1. Time Sheet, personally kept.
2. Requisitions, personally written.
3. Receiving Slips, personally written.
4. Stock man, personally responsible.
5. Accountancy department separate from operation.
6. All departments, Administrative and Managerial, emanate from the Secretary's office, as indicated—on—Distributive Chart from which the whole scheme of the system is developed and on which principle the entire operations of the various "Boards" are based.
7. The Efficiency Department deals with the demotion, promotion, classification, distribution, and application of everything that has to do, in any way, with Production and cost reduction.
8. By Production is meant what is produced and finished for the market, from the raw material and semi-manufactured products bought. Just how this finished product relates to the Efficiency Department throughout the entire course of its production will depend the profit or loss of the thing produced.
9. The System, as a whole, if properly operated will make failure of the business impossible.

#### REPORT OF COST SYSTEM MADE TO EXECUTIVE BOARD IN JANUARY 1926, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

#### COST SYSTEM PROGRESS

January 1, 1926

In recommending at Indianapolis last January a Factory Cost System as well as a Cost System in general to take care of our expanding denominational activities, I made the statement that it would save annually anywhere from \$10,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Of course, this was meant for all our activities as concerned all the Boards and offices.

#### At Nashville

While I have not yet had time to install efficient operations for any one of our activities except the Sunday School Publishing Board—and that only partially installed, I herewith submit for your information the progress made at the Sunday School Publishing Board thus far:

I. **The Order Department**—In this department alone (detailed estimates are here to substantiate each statement made) there has been brought about a saving of \$721.12 per month or per year for under the old way of handling orders, to get information now required, under prevailing wages it would cost \$1,316.00 in wages per month—including everybody from the Secretary's Private Secretary through the entire course to the mailing room excepting Sales Manager. Under the system to do the same thing, but much more rapidly and satisfactorily it costs only \$594.75 per month.

II. **The Accounting Department**—In this department to get seven persons who are qualified, under the most conservative salary estimate, would cost at least \$800.00 per month; however, under my continual instruction and efficient arrangements "greeners" are being used to do the work properly at a cost of \$414.25 per month—a saving of \$385.75 per month or per year.

III. **In Overtime** throughout the activities where the system is only in tentative operation at present, "overtime" has been "cut down" from \$ per quarter in the quarter of April, May and June to \$428.80, during the quarter of July, August and September, and has finally been reduced to nothing for the "quarter" just past—October, November and December (and the completion of the periodicals ready earlier) an annual saving based on the lower figures of

IV. **Label and Billing Stationery**—In this item alone based upon an estimate of \$1.75 per thousand given as the cost per 1,000 for printing labels for ourselves by our Factory Superintendent it would cost us for the 227,000 machine labels and machine heads \$484.05 while under present arrangements it costs us only \$305.50—a difference of \$179.15 per quarter or an annual saving of

The total net annual saving thus far enumerated is \$15,715.61

The installment payments on the three machines have been purposely omitted from the estimate because they will have fully paid for themselves long before one-half of their life is spent when they will continue to be used and, at the same time, will be an asset which, by the law of compensation, swings the profit pendulum well into our favor.

Now, the crust of the advantages savings, and the profits to be derived from the system is barely broken. For the profit increase from the production (except overtime) has not yet been taken under consideration. Accordingly there remains the Stenographic Department, Mailing Division, Pressroom, Composing room, Bindery, and Editorial Departments to be given special attention, and from facts already obtained through data gleaned from above departments there will be much larger gain from them than has already been estimated from the first group estimate.

Of course, the possibilities of the system are practically unlimited not only in dollars and cents we can now see, but, in the general morale of the entire working force, its educational value in encouraging and developing experts in various operations, in racial confidence of its own ability to do big things well, in commercial recognition and permanency and in the confidence of our constituency that will grow in greatly increased patronage because they know sound business practices will never fail to produce business permanency.

\$8,035.00

4,629.00

1,715.20

716.60

(This report was unanimously adopted by the Executive Board.)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AUDITOR E. D. PIERSON, ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION IN YEARS INDICATED BELOW

## 1921

1. That all Boards excepting the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Publishing Boards, will keep a well bound duplicate receipt book and the same kind of duplicate warrant book in which is to be recorded every cent of money received and paid out, respectively.
2. That the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Publishing Boards shall have printed conspicuously on their label books (which books shall be made in duplicate) the word "value" followed by the dollar sign where the amount of the order must be inserted.
3. That a quarterly trial balance be taken, that errors, if any, may be more easily detected. These trial balances to be submitted with other records to the Auditor.
4. That the financial part of the Board's report be not printed until passed upon by the Auditor.
5. That the Auditor's report follow immediately on the program of the reports of the various Boards.
6. Owing to the economical way the Secretary arranges to have the clerical work of the Convention done, saving several hundred dollars' expense every year, I recommend that his salary be raised to \$600 per year.

## 1922

1. Since time is an important element both in properly "closing" the books for any stated period as well as assembling the facts for the auditor's inspection and interpretation; and, further, because the auditor needs ample time for this most brain-taxing job, if it is to be done properly (if otherwise, it is useless), I recommend that our Convention year begin with July 1st and close with June 30th, instead of beginning with August 1st and ending with July 31st, as it now does.
2. Forewarned is forearmed. Because of this fundamental truth, I recommend that ALL bills and accounts against the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., (excepting those, the amount of which has been stipulated by the Convention), be first submitted to the auditor of the Convention for his inspection and approval before same is paid by the Convention, the auditor returning said bills or accounts with his "O. K." or stating disapproval as the case may be.
3. Because of misunderstandings that often prove disastrous to the work of the Convention through its "Boards", I recommend that, in all cases where there is a change of a "directing" official, of any of our "Boards", that the books and other records of that "Board" will be audited by the Convention auditor before the new secretary takes charge, and that the expense of this service be borne by said Board; provided, however, should the said Board fail to pay, the Convention will assume such expense and hold said Board responsible to it for same.
4. That no record keeping official of the Convention shall continue in office who persists in keeping his records according to any "pet scheme"

entirely at variance with the practical and accepted standard business forms of our country; the auditor is to install such approved methods where needed and has instructions pertaining to these matters are to be absolutely followed.

5. Since nothing is practically right that is fundamentally wrong, and since we should be fair before we are generous, I recommend that no donations be made out of the Convention's treasury until all legitimate expenses incurred in its operation have been provided for.

6. In order to avoid some very unpleasant occurrences and "unbusiness-like" practices, I recommend that the "Finance Committee" and Treasurer count and accept as available Convention finance only the actual cash, secured commercial paper, such as cashier's check, approved travelers' checks, money orders and the like, and only such personal checks for whom they themselves will become responsible.

7. That in reporting the receipts of the Convention, the "reporting party" or parties will report separately the amount received from each source—such as Enrollment, Finance Committee, Door Receipts and the like.

8. That the secretary be ordered to compile all auditor's approved recommendations for the last ten years and enclose same in the minutes, just preceding the Constitution, that all concerned may know of the Convention's adopted requirements and be enabled to govern themselves accordingly.

1925

1. The Treasurer is to have, aside from his Cash Book, a duplicate receipt book (the form of which is herewith ready for submission to the Executive Board), from which a receipt must be given for all monies received by him. The same is true of the Warrant Book or Voucher Book in duplicate, to be kept by the Secretary and from which there must be a properly drawn and signed voucher covering every expenditure.

2. That both the Secretary and Treasurer shall use the columnar form of Cash Journal, with sufficient columns to accommodate the various things to be kept distinctively separate, and that these columns be so used.

3. That the Secretary begin making out, at an early period during the session, vouchers for all specific accounts known to be due—as operating expenses, etc., that the usual embarrassments and blunders of the "rush" moments may be avoided.

4. That all persons claiming bills against the Convention make it known to the Auditor, who will take the necessary steps to verify and approve same, which he shall bring to the attention of the Convention or Board.

5. That the Finance Committee be so divided that three (3) members will see after enrollment from churches and their auxiliaries; three (3) after Conventions and Associations; three (3) after individual enrollment and pledges; and three (3) after issuance of badges on the presentation of an enrollment receipt from either of the above three groups. Of course, these various groups can work at the same table or in the same room for convenience; but each must keep his own group roll and money separate from the others; and all cash or its equivalent must be turned over to the Secretary and the Treasurer daily.

6. That the reports of all the Secretaries, along with the Auditor's will be printed and delivered in sufficient time to be assembled and placed one of each in an envelope for free distribution at the Convention upon the presentation of the enrollment badge; provided the enrollment fee be so increased as to cover fully this added expense.

7. That the Secretaries and Officers, in order to make recommendation six effective, will close their records according to the Convention orders, through the Auditor, June 30th inclusive, and have everything in connection therewith ready for the Auditor not later than July 15.

8. That a pre-Convention Executive session be held, annually, the day or evening before the opening of the Convention, and that the Auditor be required to make his technical and detailed report to this body for their safe guidance in dealing with the financial affairs of the Convention and planning intelligent adjustment and expansion during the working hours of the Convention. And that, for all important matters requiring investigation or serious consideration, a committee be appointed to nail the matter down and bring the gist of it to the Convention for final action—the personnel of such committee to be selected according to their special fitness for such service.

9. That the Secretary be required to compile the approved recommendations of the auditor in his various reports, and print them in close proximity to the Constitution in the Minutes, that all who are concerned may have due and timely notice in order to govern themselves accordingly.

10. That the Minutes be printed within four months after adjournment of the Convention, so that their early distribution will be an added means of information to the jurisdiction, through which confidence may be increased and cooperation may be accelerated.

11. In order that our system of operation may be effective and really mean something, the recommendation of 1921—"That the financial part of the reports of Secretaries of Boards be not printed until passed upon and approved by the Auditor," be rigidly enforced. The reasons are obvious, the violation of which is causing humiliating embarrassment.

Respectfully submitted,

AUDITOR.

The above represents only the general operating plans, and such of the immediate savings in handling things, as are revealed in the special cases above enumerated.

The actual progress of the system, the known advantages derived therefrom, the profit and advantages that could have been derived and were not, together with why they were not obtained; and other advantages and profits that can be derived from its operation, as soon as time will permit them to be brought into play, together with comments on special features of the system, and the general influence emanating therefrom, together with recommendation calculated to make the system still more effective in its operation and more profitable for the good of the denomination—all will be told as it should be told in the accurately prepared report of the Efficiency-Production Director prepared for and to be delivered to both the National Executive Board (if opportunistically permitted) and the National Baptist Convention for special information needed in the proper management of its various activities. This special report will not be printed, at least, until the final action of the Convention.

**AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND OTHER  
ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.,  
MADE AT ITS SESSION, SEPTEMBER 4, 1926, FT. WORTH, TEXAS**

**SECURITY AGAINST FAILURE**

**Convention Jurisdiction Take "Due and Timely Notice"**

The object of any business is profit. No kind of business deserves to live that does not produce (in some way) as much or more than it consumes—otherwise it becomes a "ward" and thus loses or forfeits its right to existence as a necessary factor.

Failure cannot come to any kind of a business that has installed and keeps in operation a real meritorious record-keeping system of its business transactions; for the management will be in a position to know daily its losses or gains and will be able to administer the proper remedy to the disease, since he knows the affected part.

Experience will count for nothing if we are not to profit by the failures and mistakes, of either ourselves or others, of past years. One does not have to be a "wise man from the East" to know that a knowledge of the thing he directs is absolutely essential to economical and profitable management. A good thing will be made bad by bad management and a bad thing can be made good by good management.

**AN INVESTMENT NOT AN EXPENSE**

Business success is achieved not so much by how much is produced as how well we handle what's produced.

The following are essential to the correct and complete handling of a meritorious business system—the thermometer of business temperature which spells (if "lived up to") business success:

1. **BOOKKEEPING**, which is the systematic recording of the financial facts in regards to a business enterprise, is the work of the **BOOKKEEPER**.
2. **AUDITING**, which is verifying the results obtained by a bookkeeper, clerk, agent or any other persons whose duty it is to record the facts of business transactions, is the work of an **AUDITOR**.
3. **Accounting**, which is the science that treats of the proper recording, classification, presentation, interpretation and record-keeping-system installation, is the work of an **ACCOUNTANT**.

In a "one-horse" personal business, it is possible, in a way, for these various duties to be performed by one person; but when we represent the general public—to stabilize the business, develop and retain public confidence—the work of accounting and auditing is usually done by persons specifically appointed or elected for this special work, and not connected with or in a position to be influenced by the direct financial management.

The work of "accounting" and "auditing" must, of necessity, deal with **FACTS**—not **FEELINGS**—hence persons performing this technical but business-vitalizing work must be in absolute independence of local management, and the better, if really interested in the development and success of the business.

**HARD WORK**

Being essentially a technical work of both mental and ocular activity, the work of accounting (especially the system-installing variety) and auditing imposes a heavy strain on both one's physical and mental energy—and all the more so where the records are kept by inexperienced and inefficient clerks, bookkeepers, etc.

Among us it often happens that a bookkeeper (?) is readily paid from \$900 to \$1800 per year to so "mix up" or confuse records as to make them practically useless for revealing the real condition of the business; while we become almost hysterical to pay an auditor \$100 to \$200 to "straighten out" the conglomerated mass (to say nothing of auditing it). Do you wonder why so few young men and women of our group prepare for this all-important business safety work? "Seeth thou a man diligent in his business—he shall stand before kings."—Proverbs.

**MR. PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MESSENGERS OF THE NATIONAL  
BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.:**

Fully cognizant of the unusual responsibility imposed, I submit for your most serious consideration my Annual Report, through which it is intended that you get a correct exposition of the work and doings of your various "Boards" and Officers as revealed by my interpretation of the available records in the different offices. I sincerely urge that you give this report, abridged for economy or in full if you want it, the careful consideration it deserves, that you may intelligently, truthfully, and profitably weigh, approve or disapprove the work of your elected servants.

**NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.**

**NATIONAL BENEFIT BOARD**

**H. W. Holloway, Secretary**

**Box 287, Helena, Arkansas**

This "Board," as usual, has never submitted a correct report; neither have the records (?) kept by this Board been informational or correct. There has never been a time since I have been Auditor (5 years) that this Board's report or records presented the facts as related to the Board's operations. The Auditor's position with reference to this matter is too well known (as shown in his five printed annual reports) to need comment here.

Unless the Convention takes matters in hand and completely reorganizes this Board, there is nothing left to do but to discontinue its operation; otherwise, we will be confronted with the grave situation of denominational disgrace, lawsuits of various kinds and a criminal waste of money that is so badly needed in other profitable channels. Below is the best that can be gotten out of the records of this Board. **NOTE:** There is nothing to show from what source the money came save the \$372.44, checked out as dues (?) from the membership roll book which begins with some January, with no year dates at all.

## MINUTES

## RECEIPTS

July	\$ 47 40	January	\$ 100 45
August	79 15	February	27 40
September	129 38	March	27 90
October	201 29	April	226 31
November	126 17	May	57 90
December	21 70	June	151 20
Total dues			\$ 372 44
Otherwise			823 81

Cash Balance, (?) June 30, 1925 \$ 1,196 25  
369 65

Grand total \$ 1,565 90

## DISBURSEMENTS

July	\$ 60 00	January	\$ 67 32
August		February	134 75
September	242 91	March	2 12
October	163 63	April	86 26
November	17 47	May	23 50
December	7 60	June	214 90

Total \$ 1,020 46  
Secretary's Cash Balance, June 30, 1926 545 44

\$ 1,565 90

## The Secretary reports

1. Number of members "on roll" (?) 222
2. Number of Outstanding Claims 19
3. Number of persons on pension list at \$5.00 per week 3

Total amount of outstanding claims \$ 738 00  
Total amount of certificates in force 103,200 00

Just how the results in (2) and (3) are derived, the records do not show. Whether or not any of the 222 members are financial is not known, since nothing showing what constitutes a financial member is offered as evidence in connection with the report.

The above are practically all mere statements of non-supported facts

## NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

## HOME MISSION BOARD

W. F. Lovelace, D. D., Secretary

Wynae, Ark.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year ending June 30, 1926

## RECEIPTS

Religious Bodies:	
Churches	\$ 495 09
Circles	12 00

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Women's Missionary Society	2 00
Sunday schools	10 34
Associations	113 50
Conventions	
Nat'l. Bap. Convention	510 00
Designated Fund	\$ 194 00
Collections	56 10
Executive Boards (Ala.)	300 00

Nat'l. B. Y. P. U. & S. S. Congress	550 10
Ministers' Inst. & Conference	43 16
Southern Bap. Convention	5 86
Secretary's salary	\$ 600 00
Missionary's salary	5,000 00

\$ 5,600 00

\$ 7,348 05

Home field workers 157 98

Individual donations

At large \$ 78 62

Sec'y W. F. Lovelace (Part Sal.) 1,170 58

\$ 1,249 20

Cash balance, June 30, 1925 589 60

Total receipts from supporting records \$ 9,344 83

Missionary salary retained from one half reported Field Collections (No supporting records) 30,568 83

Grand Total \$39,913 66

Overdrawal 12

\$39,913 78

## EXPENDITURES

## Salaries and Expense of Workers

Sec'y W. F. Lovelace, salary \$ 2,770 67

Sec'y W. F. Lovelace, travelling expense 565 02

Sec'y W. F. Lovelace, clerical help 118 25

\$ 3,453 94

## Missionaries through office

W. Martin Harris \$ 400 00

T. Timberlake 400 00

Miles Jenkins 400 00

A. J. Brown 400 00

Geo. Hampton 300 00

T. P. Hilliard 300 00

G. D. McGeuder 300 00

W. L. Jeffries 300 00

J. W. Jackson 300 00

B. J. Ashley 225 00

W. M. Collier 225 00

S. N. Reid 225 00

A. B. Murdon 225 00

W. M. Howard 225 00

## MINUTES

R. N. Davis .....	225 00	
E. B. Topp .....	100 00	
C. T. Hughes .....	40 00	
	\$ 4,590 00	
Reported expense connected herewith...	142 61	\$ 4,732 61
Total—salaries with expense .....		\$8,186 55
<b>Board Meetings Expense:</b>		
Executive Boards .....	\$ 164 39	
Oklahoma Institute .....	127 30	
		\$ 291 69
<b>Books .....</b>		60 43
<b>Donations—</b>		
S. S. Pub. Board, (per L. K. Williams)	\$ 10 00	
Theological Seminary (per L. K. Williams)	5 00	
		\$ 15 00
<b>General Expense:</b>		
Newspaper advertisement .....	\$ 13 00	
Auditor's expense and service .....	24 60	
Rev. J. F. Clark, for something .....	0 00	
Day book .....	35	
<b>Rent:—</b>		
Office .....	\$ 256 75	
Post office box .....	3 00	
		259 75
<b>Postage .....</b>		66 10
<b>Repairs:—</b>		
Typewriter .....	\$ 35 00	
Trunk and lock .....	1 50	
		36 50
<b>Express and freight charges .....</b>		27 43
<b>Telephone service .....</b>		80 00
<b>Printing .....</b>		249 23
<b>Water and light .....</b>		11 84
<b>Fuel .....</b>		4 00
<b>Stationery .....</b>		5 00
		791 26
Reported retained salaries for field collections .....		\$ 9,344 95
		30,568 83
		\$39,913 78

## BALANCE SHEET

## HOME MISSION BOARD

June 30, 1926

## ASSETS

Cash Balance, June 30, 1926		
<b>Inventory:—</b>		
3 Chairs .....	\$ 3 00	
1 Office Chair .....	3 00	
2 Tables (\$1.50 each) .....	3 00	



Secretaries of Boards of the Convention

## MINUTES

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1 Metal Safe .....	40 00
2 Bags (\$5.00 each) .....	10 00
1 Sofa .....	2 50
1 Books .....	50 00
20 Letter Files .....	7 50
Office Supplies .....	25 00
	\$ 144 00
Excess Liabilities .....	2,131 36

\$ 2,275 36

## LIABILITIES

Salaries:	
Secretary unpaid reduced balance 1920-23 .....	\$ 1,733 08
Dr. Joseph A. Booker's back salary .....	542 28
	\$ 2,275 36

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

## EDUCATIONAL BOARD

S. E. Griggs, Secretary

Georgia Street

Memphis, Tenn.

NOTE: The following letter explains why the Auditor was not able to audit the accounts of this "Board"—accounts not made up.

## LETTER

August 26, 1926

Prof. E. D. Pierson,  
Auditor of the N. B. C.,  
412 Fourth Avenue, N.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Pierson:

In keeping with your duties as auditor, you requested that the report of the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention, with proper vouchers, should be in your hands by August 10th. I write to state that the bookkeeper of the Board is ill and unable to make out the annual report.

About this time many of our conventions and associations are meeting and the needs of our Seminary are so pressing that I cannot afford to be absent from them, a thing that I would have to do if I formulated a report in the absence of the bookkeeper.

Because of these conditions, it will be about the first of September before I can have the report in your hands. This may make the report too late for your printed statement, a fact which I greatly regret, but could not prevent.

Yours sincerely,

S. E. G.: B. L. B.

(Signed) SUTTON E. GRIGGS,  
Corresponding Secretary Education Board.

## MINUTES

## NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

B. Y. P. U. Board

409 Gay St., Nashville, Tenn.

E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., Sec'y

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1926

## RECEIPTS

## Sales:

Periodicals	\$22,933 31
Books—	
Song Books	\$ 967 81
Other Books	7,004 42
Total	\$ 7,972 23
Merchandise—	
B. Y. P. U. Rec.	\$ 128 70
Banners	111 19
Sundry, classified	329 53
Sundry, unclassified	3,097 60
Caps	421 90
Badges	120 24
Total	\$ 4,209 16
Rents	435 00
Miscellaneous Earnings	60 48
Accounts Receivable	6,388 83
Consignments	954 01
Advertisement	1,507 37
Unclassified	2 66
Telephone, use of	60
Total Sales	\$44,463 65
Notes Receivable:	918 65
Total Activities	\$ 45,382 30
Contributions:	
S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress	\$ 330 30
National Baptist Convention	346 30
Other Conventions	316 00
Churches, Individuals, and Associations	1,931 03
Total Contributions	\$ 2,923 33
Total Operative	\$48,305 63
Notes Payable:	
People's Bank and Trust Co.	\$ 5,568 40
E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	415 32
Other Personal Loans	2,318 49
Total	\$ 8,302 21

## MINUTES

Transfer Orders	20 40
Overs	52 26
Duplications	
Redeposited Checks	\$ 8 33
Refund—Cash Sales	21 04
Total	39 37
Grand Total Receipts	\$56,728 87
Cash forwarded June 30, 1925	6,158 91
Total	\$62,887 78

## EXPENDITURES

## Salaries and Travelling Expense:

Sec'y Isaac—	
Overseawal 1925	\$ 209 10
Payments 1926	3,656 21
Total	\$ 3,865 31
Travelling Expense	324 79
Total	\$ 4,200 10
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.—	
Salary	\$ 1,789 07
Travelling Expense	313 63
Total	\$ 2,102 70
L. R. W. Johnson—	
Salary	\$ 1,270 09
Travelling Expense	397 37
Total	\$ 1,667 46
Editorial (V. H. and T. McD.)	30 00
Employees	1,700 38
Total	\$15,810 84
Sundry Travelling Expense:	
J. T. Brown	\$ 33 25
L. G. Jordan	50 50
P. J. Bryant	36 62
Alice Brown	42 60
Emma Soulsbury	33 20
J. H. Smiley	44 60
J. E. Campbell	17 12
C. M. Robinson	25 00
S. H. Jones	8 40
C. M. Bert	25 60
J. D. Greshaw	3 00
J. W. Gayden	95
Isaac Reddie	216 34
H. H. Boyster	3 30
P. W. Wesley	39 00
Singing Department	1 10
Total	\$ 580 58
Printing	7,381 01
Merchandise:	
Books, U. S.	\$ 958 36
Material, U. S.	320 38

## MINUTES

Merchandise unclassified	253 46	
Material N. S.	\$ 1,532 20	
Cuts	2,550 00	
	310 67	
Accounts Payable		\$ 4,392 87
Notes Payable		8,726 89
Notes Receivable		9,016 55
Secretary's Auto Notes		918 39
Donations		972 89
Mortgage Payable		861 26
		90 00
<b>General Expense:</b>		
Interest	\$ 273 72	
Insurance	145 86	
Telephones and Telegrams	300 31	
Office—		
Supplies	\$ 160 75	
Equipment	154 10	
Furniture	31 00	
	\$ 345 85	
Freight and Drayage	280 87	
Repairs	216 63	
Improvements	680 45	
Labor	112 85	
Legal Expense	40 00	
Refunds—		
General	\$ 144 49	
Bad Checks	17 24	
"Overs"	1 51	
	\$ 163 24	
Water and Ice	21 42	
Light	175 36	
Fuel	110 11	
Feed (cl-D. Eq.)	211 15	
Co-operative Missionary Work	4,692 16	
Commission	1,476 90	
Advertising	212 02	
Transfer Orders	137 18	
<b>Sundries:</b>		
Auditor for System Installation	\$ 125 00	
Subscriptions—		
Watchman Examiner	7 50	
Literary Digest	4 00	
New Republic	3 50	
	\$ 15 00	
Song Permit (H. M. Co.)	30 00	
Congress Workers	284 12	
	\$ 454 12	
		\$10,050 20
Postage—		
General	\$ 1,572 61	
Shipments	297 66	
	\$ 1,870 27	
		\$60,671 75
		2,216 03
Cash Balance June 30, 1926		\$62,887 78

## MINUTES

BALANCE SHEET  
NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD  
June 30, 1926  
ASSETS

<b>Current:</b>		
Cash Balance June 30, 1926	\$ 2,216 03	
Accounts Receivable	1,980 34	
Stock—		
Paper and Envelopes	\$ 2,636 50	
Cap Department	925 00	
Merchandise	1,615 64	
Periodicals	8,220 25	
	\$13,397 39	
Books—		
Song	\$ 5,275 00	
Doctrinal	428 30	
Standard Religious	2,564 54	
	\$ 8,267 84	
Cuts and Plates	3,226 50	
Total Current		\$29,088 10
<b>Permanent:</b>		
Office Furniture and Fixtures—		
Secretary's Office	\$ 355 50	
Assistant Secretary's Office	230 00	
Field Secretary's Office	217 00	
Mailing Department	1,053 00	
Director's Room	192 00	
Stenographic Dept.	1,147 00	
Bookkeeping Dept.	1,101 75	
	\$ 4,296 25	
Delivery Equipment	610 25	
Heating Plant	550 00	
Real Estate—		
Buildings	\$24,500 00	
Grounds	4,800 00	
	\$29,300 00	
Total Permanent		\$34,756 50
Total Assets		\$63,844 60
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,715 47	
Notes Payable	2,122 39	
	145 00	
Mortgage Payable	\$10,982 86	
Total Liabilities	52,861 74	
Assets Exceed Liabilities		\$63,844 60

## STUBBORN STATEMENT OF FACTS

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Secretary,  
National Bapt. Y. P. U. Board,  
409 Gay Street,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville, Tenn., May 1, 1925

In response to your letter calling my attention to the embarrassment you were having because of the large salary payment published last year, I take delight, in this case as I have done in other cases, to present the matter fully that all may see just how it came about.

After finding out that your salary for 1921-22 was \$3,600.00 instead of \$3,000.00 as had been in years before this, and which I believe was \$3,000.00 at the time of charging you up with payments made you; a credit of \$600.00 is due you; also being apprized of the fact that \$600.00 were allowed you by your Board for Chauffeur service, but which you allowed to be paid in the same check issued to you for salary—hence making your personal salary record contain both your salary and that of the Chauffeur. I repeat, with these throwing more light on your posted records which I correctly interpreted at first, as per balance due July 31, 1921, my published report will make your credits and debits take the following form:

## CREDITS

Balance due July 31, 1921	\$ 1,740 77
Salary for 1921-22	3,600 00
Salary for 1922-23	3,600 00
Salary for 1923-24	3,600 00
Int. on back salary for 3 years	313 32
Salary for 1924-25	3,600 00
Allowance made for Chauffeur 1924-25	600 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,654 09</b>

## DEBITS

Paid on salary 1921-22	\$ 2,803 48
Paid on salary 1922-23	3,063 67
Paid on salary 1923-24	3,600 00
Paid on salary 1924-25	5,221 94
Chauffeur allowance 1924-25	600 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,263 19</b>
This leaves an overdrawal of	209 10
In other words:	

	Due	Received
Salary for 1921-22	\$ 3,600 00	\$ 2,803 48
Salary for 1922-23	3,600 00	3,063 67
Salary for 1923-24	3,600 00	3,600 00
Salary for 1924-25	3,600 00	3,221 94
Back Salary for 1920-21	\$ 1,740 77	1,740 77
Three year Int.		

R. Sal. at six per cent	313 32	
1924-25 Chauffeur allowance	600 00	
	\$17,654 09	
Overdrawal	209 10	
	\$17,263 19	\$ 17,263 19

The overdrawal of 1925 has been made a part of your salary payment for this year as you will observe in your 1926 financial statement.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD  
Fourth Ave., N., and Cedar Street, Nashville, Tenn.

A. M. Townsend, Secretary

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1926

## RECEIPTS

## Factory Production:

Periodicals—		
Classified	\$132 352 65	
Unclassified	8,779 59	
Commission Short	118 27	
Total	\$141,250 51	
Printing, Sundry—		
Commercial	\$ 4,153 81	
Special Picture Morris		
Memorial Bld'g	961 13	
House Supplies	7,644 91	
Natl. Bapt. Voice	950 74	
Advertisement	1,539 86	
Total	\$ 15,250 15	
Waste Products—		
Gas	\$ 0 40	
Batteries (Hak)	50	
Electricity	7 95	
Waste Paper	255 55	
Total	\$ 273 00	
Grand Total Factory	\$156,723 06	

## Merchandise:

Books—		
Song Books	\$ 5,243 24	
Entertainment	328 41	
Other Books	18,895 73	
Total	\$ 24,467 38	

## MINUTES

Sundry Merchandise	5,127 72	
Accts. Receivable	34,703 88	
Notes Receivable	2,340 85	
<b>Total Merchandise</b>		\$ 66,639 83
<b>Rents:</b>		
Tenantry	4,771 75	
Auditorium	20 00	
		\$ 4,791 75
<b>Cafeteria:</b>		
Straight Sales	12,379 62	
Coupon Books	342 75	
		\$ 12,722 37
Enrollment—Teacher Training Course		67 00
<b>Total from Activities</b>		\$ 240,904 61
<b>Contributions:</b>		
<b>Building Fund—</b>		
Nat'l Bap. Convention (a)	\$ 5,000 00	
Nat'l Bap. Congress (2 years)	747 74	
Unknown Designated	48 75	
Dedication of Building (s)	7,229 14	
Children Day (s) (Jan.)	309 96	
Children Day (s) (a)	1,506 99	
Founder's Day (s) (a)	605 37	
<b>Special Campaign—</b>		
Mississippi (s) (a)	\$ 2,213 21	
Florida (s)	4,773 14	
West Va. (s)	1,034 60	
Alabama	283 20	
Ohio	200 08	
Tenn. (Ivory)	116 20	
New York	100 00	
D. C.	100 00	
Kentucky	83 04	
Georgia	43 20	
Who's Who Undesignated	182 15	
		\$ 9,128 82
Building Fund Otherwise		579 15
Building Fund Adjustments 1925, not included in above—		
General Public Contribution	\$ 9,715 65	
Loan from People's Bank & Tr. Co. (a)	3,500 00	
Windham Bros. 2nd Mortgage (a)	64,987 50	
Nat'l Life Ins. Co., Agents (a)	1,000 00	
Cash balance, June 30, 1925 (a)	358 01	
		\$ 79,561 16
<b>Total</b>		\$ 104,807 08

## MINUTES

From the "Field," by J. Francis Robinson	539 57	
<b>Total Contributions</b>		\$ 36,501 14
<b>Total Receipts Building Fund, Otherwise</b>		68,845 51
<b>Grand Total Operation</b>		\$ 346,341 26
<b>Grand total operation</b>		\$ 346,341 26
<b>Notes Payable—</b>		
Bank	\$ 38,148 03	
Building Fund	5,000 00	
		\$ 43,148 03
"Overs"	1,382 59	
Transfer Orders (by error)	8 68	
<b>Duplications:</b>		
Re-deposited Money Orders	\$ 52 59	
Re-deposited Checks	228 59	
Refunded Expense Allowances	402 76	
Refunded Postage, 34; Telegram, .60	94	
		\$ 684 88
Cash Balance, June 30, 1925	1,357 54	
		\$ 46,581 72
<b>Grand Total Receipts</b>		\$ 392,922 98

## EXPENDITURES

Accounts Payable		\$ 49,198 93
<b>Notes Payable:</b>		
<b>Banks:</b>		
People's Bank & Trust Co.		
S. S. Pub. Board	\$ 31,048 03	
Building Fund	500 00	
		\$ 31,548 03
Douglas National (B. F.)	500 00	
Solvent Savings (B. F.)	1,000 00	
Central National (B. F.)	1,000 00	
<b>Total</b>		\$ 34,048 03
Material (C. & G.)	20,400 00	
Machinery	13,150 13	
Merchandise (Bay)	6,600 00	
<b>Furnishings—</b>		
W. P. C.		
First Payment	\$ 2,000 00	
Note	2,000 00	
		\$ 4,000 00
Mdt.	1,538 44	
		\$ 5,538 44
<b>Fixtures—</b>		
N. C. B.	\$ 550 00	
B. A. M.—		
Note	\$ 200 00	
1st Payment	185 00	
		\$ 385 00

## MINUTES

<b>Boucherd—</b>		
Note	\$ 500 00	
1st Payment	1,284 30	1,784 30
<b>First Payments—</b>		
E. F. M.	\$ 105 00	
And. M.	100 00	205 00
<b>Gry. B.—</b>		
Notes	\$ 1,000 00	
1st Payment	428 00	\$ 1,428 00
I. T. R. C.		180 00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,532 30</b>
Supplies	200 00	
Delivery Equipment (Wh. C.)	1,020 00	
General Electrical Repair (Chm.)	1,000 00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$86,438 90</b>
<b>Interest Payable:</b>		
Banks	\$ 1,528 15	
Material	7 50	
Machinery	1,116 86	
Merchandise	785 55	
Furnishings	217 00	
Fixtures	23 80	
Delivery Equipment	53 56	
		<b>\$ 3,731 92</b>
<b>Notes Receivable:</b>		
C. T. Stamps	\$ 35 00	
C. P. Co.	1,200 00	\$ 1,235 00
House Printing		7,644 91
<b>Salaries and Expense:</b>		
<b>Administrative—</b>		
Secretary		
Salary	\$ 3,714 05	
Travelling Expenses	761 56	4,475 61
Other Travelling Expense		707 13
Assistant Secretary		
Salary	2,133 44	
Travelling Expenses	40 00	\$ 2,173 44
Treasurer	1,080 00	
Clerical Employees	13,080 91	
Efficiency-Production, Auditor (9)	2,750 00	
First Cost Clerk and Stenographer (6)	228 13	
<b>Selling Section—</b>		
Clerical Salary	\$ 10,702 23	
Tr. Expense	135 10	

## MINUTES

<b>Chauffeur</b>		713 11	
<b>Total</b>		\$11,550 44	\$36,105 66
<b>Editorials:</b>			
<b>Periodicals—</b>			
J. T. Brown-Salary	\$ 2,300 00		
J. T. Brown-Travelling	40 00	\$ 2,340 00	
S. N. Vass-Salary	\$ 2,400 00		
S. N. Vass-Travelling	199 30	\$ 2,599 30	
Other Editors-Salaries	2,525 00		
<b>Total</b>			\$ 7,464 30
<b>Factory—</b>			
Superintendent-Salary	\$ 2,520 00		
Composing Room	15,056 00		
Press Room	7,552 34		
Stock and Storeroom	702 17		
Bindery	12,313 31		
<b>Total</b>			\$38,143 82
<b>Cafeteria—</b>			
Salaries	\$ 3,442 74		
Laundry	92 26		
Cash Supplies	40 54		
<b>Total</b>			\$ 3,575 54
<b>St. Louis Branch—</b>			
Salary	\$ 1,838 50		
Travelling Expense	98 53	\$ 1,937 03	
Rent	626 00		
Light	23 06		
Telephone	102 13		
Fixtures	29 20		
Petty Cash	136 00		
Painting Store	60 00		
Moving	142 15		
Directory	14 50		
			\$ 3,070 07
History Department-Salary		425 00	\$68,784 39
<b>Campaign Salary and Expense:</b>			
W. H. Moses, Salary and Expense	\$ 2,442 00		
L. G. Jordan, Field	60 00		
L. G. Jordan, Expense	35 00		
			\$ 95 00
L. K. Williams, Expense			314 65
A. A. Bennett, Expense			14 64
Mr. Wynne, Office	\$ 130 00		
Mr. Wynne, Field	39 00		
			\$ 169 00
Prizes			19 25
W. B. Flemings, Salary		725 00	

## MINUTES

W. B. Flemings, Expense Office	200 00	
W. B. Flemings, Expense Field	163 23	
E. M. Lawrence—		1,088 23
Salary	\$ 4,575 00	
Travelling Expense, Office	85 00	
General Expense, Field	60 07	
		\$ 1,720 07
L. A. Weaver, Expense		190 00
J. T. Brown, Office	\$ 87 38	
J. T. Brown, Retained on Field	96 46	
Mr. Griffin, Expense		183 84
		21 00
		\$ 6,257 08

CAMPAIGN UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSE RETAINED  
FROM FIELD COLLECTIONS

	Florida	Miss.	West Va.	Total
Travelling	\$272 03	\$140 09	\$139 19	\$ 552 21
Board	48 60	23 10	21 23	92 93
Taxi	44 20	11 51	7 25	62 96
Phone	4 06	6 55	3 60	15 11
Stationery	7 55	44		7 99
Express Charges	21 35	50	12 10	33 95
Advertisements	2 00	25		2 25
Refreshments	70			70
Red Caps	50			50
Dictionary	35			35
Short	36 51	3 88	8 00	48 39
Laundry	12 69		7 70	20 39
Cleaning and Pressing	3 00	50	1 25	4 75
Hair Cuts, Etc.	1 30	70	40	2 40
Prizes	10 00	5 00		15 00
Churches	25 00	49 09	55 00	129 09
Storage	4 88			4 88
Baggage	8 56			8 56
Twine	25	25		50
Postage	3 97	2 04	3 51	9 52
Ink		10		10
Collars		1 20		1 20
Paper		30	32	62
Shines		20	10	30
Underwear		3 25		3 25
Metropolitan Church			6 00	6 00
Unknown			40	40
Total	\$508 40	\$249 85	\$266 05	\$ 1,024 30
				\$ 1,024 30

## MINUTES

## Building Dedication Expense:

Special—		
E. S. Bootner, Chorister	\$	220 00
J. H. Branham, R. R. Fare, Etc.		38 00
Suit-Rent, Building Committee		13 50
L. C. Jordan		8 85
Special Stenographer		1 14
Building Stage		17 60
Brass Band		40 00
Auditorium	\$	175 00
Spruce Street Church		20 00
		\$ 135 00

\$ 534 09

## National Baptist Voice:

J. D. Crenshaw, Salary	\$	2,395 91
Clerical Assistant, Salary		716 11
		\$ 3,112 02
Salaries, (E. M. L.)		50 00
		\$ 3,162 02
Service, Joseph Lawrence		6 00
Typewriter		96 25
Repairs		28 93
Postage		170 00
Travelling Expenses		220 90
Subscriptions		4 00
Add. Ports		10 73
Help on Voice at N. B. C.		42 25
Painting Sign		3 50
		\$ 3,744 58

## Field Secretary—

J. Francis Robinson—		
Salary	\$	1,375 00
Expenses		1,347 08
		\$ 2,722 08

## Building Fund:

## Transfer Expenditures—

Notes Payable:		
A. M. E. S. S. Union	\$	5,000 00
Hudson		3,500 00
Townsend		6,000 00
Atkinson		5,000 00
Gooch		100 00
Solvent Savings Bank		10,000 00
People's Bank & Trust Company		20,000 00
Windham Bras. (7)		1,327 00
Central National Bank		10,000 00
Douglas National Bank		5,000 00

Total		\$65,927 00
Interest Payable—		
Loans	\$	20,625 53
Bonds		200 00
		\$20,825 53

## MINUTES

Insurance Premium on Building	3,288 00	
Printing Bonds	356 90	
Premium Renewal, Construction Bonds	60 00	
Additional Building Cost—		
Architect	100 00	
Mail Chute	634 00	
Odd Jobs, Carpentry	842 35	
Electric Fixture Expense	837 88	
		\$ 2,414 23
Campaign Expense—		
Travelling—		
Secretary Townsend	226 38	
Travelling Agt., Lawrence	30 00	
Postage, Pres. Williams	100 00	
Delegates to Convention	300 00	
Board Meeting, Hudson	57 57	
Rally Expense	88 50	
Campaign Director, Moses,		
July Salary	200 00	
		\$ 1,002 45
Photos, Lay Bros.	64 25	
Telegrams	26 94	
A. A. Bennett on Baltimore Conven-		
tion trip	49 20	
Refund	2 83	
Sundry expense itemized for Birm-		
ingham Board	172 69	
		\$ 1,310 36
		\$94,190 82
Building:		
Janitors—		
Salary	3,977 13	
Supplies	4 00	
		\$ 3,981 13
Elevator Operators, Salary	1,267 41	
Night Watchman, Salary	792 50	
Phone Exchange Operator, Salary	337 51	
Fireman, Salary	620 55	
Water and Ice—		
Ice	548 60	
Water Tax	63 62	
		\$ 612 22
Improvement—		
Partitioning and Shelving	124 04	
Sign Painting	104 80	
		\$ 228 84
General adjustment, etc., Fixtures	20 00	
		\$ 3,879 03
Total Building		\$ 7,860 15
Merchandise:		
Cash Purchase, Books	4,202 41	
Cash Purchase, Music Composition	100 00	
		\$ 4,302 41
Transfer Orders		74 03

## MINUTES

General Expense:		
Legal		\$ 172 90
Auditor, 1925 Audit		302 01
Light and Power—		
Gas	619 22	
Electricity	3,219 18	
		\$ 3,838 40
Petty Cash		160 00
Telephone		693 93
Auto Truck—		
Gasoline	121 10	
License	26 75	
Garage Rent	25 00	
		\$ 172 85
General System Installation		517 03
Postage—		
Transfers Out	8,458 08	
General Letters	1,435 71	
		\$ 3,380 79
System Contracting Commission Expense		30 00
Main Office—		
Supplies	111 75	
Expense	245 95	
		\$ 357 70
Commission		140 38
Freight and Drayage		1,351 01
Donations		20 30
Board Members and Visitors—		
Expense at Cafeteria	440 30	
R. R. Fare, J. H. Branham	30 00	
R. R. Fare, J. L. Campbell	12 00	
		\$ 42 00
		\$ 402 30
Advertisement		160 66
Telegrams		131 90
Refunded—		
Purchase Customer	215 45	
Returned Checks	767 82	
Returned M. O.	42 20	
Donation on Piano	100 00	
		\$ 1,125 66
		\$19,682 24
Cash Balance, June 30, 1926		\$372,476 44
		20,446 54
Total		\$392,922 98
BALANCE SHEET		
SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD		
June 30, 1926		
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash Balance June 30		\$ 20,446 54

## MINUTES

<b>Accounts Receivable—</b>	
Home Office .....	\$ 24,592 95
St. Louis Branch .....	8,201 32
	<u>\$ 32,884 27</u>
<b>Notes Receivable—</b>	
Employees' Loan .....	\$ 1,462 50
Customers .....	872 10
Otherwise, M. M. Building .....	55,400 00
	<u>\$ 57,734 60</u>
Raw Material (P. & Env., etc.) .....	\$ 5,884 24
<b>Periodicals—</b>	
Home Office .....	\$ 7,115 51
St. Louis Branch .....	51 47
	<u>\$ 7,166 98</u>
<b>Merchandise—</b>	
<b>Books—</b>	
Nashville .....	\$ 37,967 12
St. Louis Branch .....	1,156 80
	<u>\$ 39,123 92</u>
<b>Otherwise—</b>	
Nashville .....	\$ 5,805 65
St. Louis Branch .....	294 27
	<u>\$ 6,099 92</u>
<b>Cafeteria—</b>	
Supplies .....	\$ 200 89
Furniture & Fixtures .....	4,551 31
	<u>\$ 4,752 20</u>
	<u>\$ 63,027 26</u>
<b>Postage—</b>	
Mailing, P. O. Deposit .....	\$ 33 43
Mailing, General Letters .....	63 80
	<u>\$ 97 23</u>
<b>Supplies and Equipment Office—</b>	
At Nashville .....	\$ 609 59
	<u>\$ 609 59</u>
<b>Total Current</b> .....	<u>\$174,799 49</u>
<b>Permanent:</b>	
<b>Furniture and Fixtures—</b>	
At Nashville .....	\$ 24,815 90
At St. Louis Branch .....	1,487 85
	<u>\$ 26,303 75</u>
Machinery and Equipment .....	\$ 83,954 00
Delivery Equipment .....	1,875 00
	<u>\$ 85,829 00</u>
<b>Total Permanent</b> .....	<u>\$112,132 75</u>
<b>Other Assets:</b>	
Unpaid Check (less 25 per cent) .....	\$ 496 04
<b>Total Assets</b> .....	<u>\$287,428 24</u>

MINUTES  
LIABILITIES

<b>Current:</b>	
Notes Payable—	
Machinery .....	\$ 56,950 09
Banks .....	26,000 00
	<u>\$ 82,950 09</u>
Accounts Payable .....	21,592 03
Interest, Accrued .....	8,306 87
Other Accrued Items (Credit Checks) .....	128 59
	<u>\$112,977 58</u>
Assets exceeding Liabilities .....	174,450 70
	<u>\$287,428,28</u>

## BALANCE SHEET

## MORRIS MEMORIAL BUILDING

June 30, 1925

## ASSETS

<b>Current:</b>	
Rent Payable (S. S. Pub. Bd.) .....	\$ 36,600 00
<b>Permanent:</b>	
Grounds .....	\$ 50,000 00
Building .....	877,673 26
	<u>\$927,673 26</u>
<b>Total Assets</b> .....	<u>\$964,273 26</u>

## LIABILITIES

<b>Permanent:</b>	
Notes Payable .....	\$ 52,880 95
Mortgage Payable .....	250,000 00
Bonds Payable .....	320,000 00
	<u>\$ 622,880 95</u>
Assets exceeding Liabilities .....	341,392 31
	<u>\$964,273 26</u>

## THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For Year Ending June 30, 1925

## RECEIPTS

<b>Contributions:</b>	
Religious Bodies—	
Churches .....	\$4,362 57
Conventions .....	648 95

Sunday schools	256 09	
Associations	219 41	
Circles and guilds	148 50	
Woman's missionary societies	71 25	
B. Y. P. U.'s	17 10	
Unclassified report	280 06	
		\$6,003 93
<b>Individuals—</b>		
Names recorded	\$2,512 69	
"Friends" (unknown)	181 00	
		\$2,693 69
Alumnae	65 00	
Various clubs	90 00	
Lodges	342 25	
<b>Funds—</b>		
Phelps-Stokes	\$250 00	
Inst. E. C. Youth	25 00	
		\$ 275 00
<b>Estates—</b>		
Lucinda M. Swett	\$500 00	
Walter Thomas	150 00	
		\$650 00
Woman's Aux. Conv. designated money	314 10	
Morgan College	10 00	
		\$10,443 97
<b>Building Fund (since fire)—</b>		
Sunday Schools	\$ 20 00	
Missionary societies	60 00	
Associations	71 00	
Conventions	147 00	
Churches	172 87	
Total from religious bodies	\$470 87	
Ladies Friendship Society	10 00	
Young Men's Protective League	10 00	
Clubs	50 00	
Alumnae	19 25	
Domestic Science Department	100 00	
		\$2,875 64
		\$3,535 78
<b>Legacies:</b>		
<b>Departments—</b>		
Preparatory	\$ 31 00	
Junior Normal	35 00	
Normal	69 11	
Social Service	31 20	
Domestic Science	50 54	

Business	30 85	
Music	48 00	
		\$ 285 20
Total contributions		\$14,264 93
<b>Activities in Operation:</b>		
<b>Academic—</b>		
Matriculation	\$ 475 00	
Room rent	3,844 00	
Board	8,304 21	
Tuition	2,558 46	
Regular	879 00	
Music	3,437 46	
	\$15,585 67	\$16,060 67
<b>Commercial—</b>		
Laundry	10,335 97	
Community store	5,478 76	
Telephone, use of	41	
Sewing Department	449 25	
		\$38,325 06
<b>Other Receipts:</b>		
Accrued interest on Building Fund	\$ 691 02	
Accounts receivable—W. Aux. Conv.	1,186 12	
Loan (A. H.)	500 00	
Mortgage payable	12,800 00	
Total active	\$14,377 14	
Student deposits	2,752 40	
Duplication:		
Refund from excess elec. service bill	562 78	
		\$17,692 34
Total current receipts		\$70,282 31
Cash balance, June 30, 1925		140 33
		\$70,422 63
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Operative:</b>		
<b>Administrative—</b>		
Salaries	1,175 16	
Supplies	407 18	
		\$ 1,582 34
<b>Boarding Department—</b>		
Salaries	620 30	
Supplies	3,239 03	
		\$ 3,859 33
<b>Laundry Department—</b>		
Salaries	\$ 14,556 24	
Supplies	1,688 94	
Heat and light	431 65	

## MINUTES

Telephone	93 15	
Repairs	808 31	
Printing and Stationery	3 66	
Advertisement	137 42	
Water rent	83 22	
Sundries	165 57	
		\$17,968 16
Shop (Community Store)—		
Salaries	\$ 1,118 40	
Supplies	4,713 51	
Heat and light	17 98	
Water rent	6 25	
Sundries	71 68	
		\$ 5,927 82
Sewing Department—		
Supplies		\$ 90 40
General Expense:		\$29,428 05
Salaries—		
Teachers	\$ 5,490 00	
Otherwise	3,354 20	
		\$ 8,844 20
Supplies	244 49	
Heat and light	462 40	
Telephone and telegrams	199 39	
Repairs—general	535 52	
Laundering	462 00	
Printing and stationery	31 36	
Advertisement	8 14	
Traveling expenses	915 83	
Drayage	236 45	
Taxes	215 58	
Insurance	214 98	
Interest	1,133 30	
Retainer's fee	250 00	
Auditing—E. D. Pierson	68 87	
Title O. K. for \$12,000 mortgage	63 24	
Prizes to students	82 50	
Sundries	126 39	
		\$14,034 62
Other Expenditures:		
Student withdrawals	\$ 2,102 51	
Accounts payable	6,353 53	
Notes payable	6,633 03	
Mortgage payable	7,000 00	
Improvements	3,382 67	
Furnishings and fixtures	167 57	
Implements	132 68	
Laundry equipment	25 00	
		\$25,796 99
Cash Balance 1925-1926 B. F.		\$60,259 66
		1,162 97
		\$70,422 63

## BALANCE SHEET

## THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

June 30, 1926

## ASSETS

Current:		
Cash—S. D. (\$498.67) excepted—		
Bldg. Fund (\$12,445.95)	\$ 1,303 79	
Accounts receivable—Woman's Auxiliary Convention (N. B. C.)	5,000 00	
		\$ 6,303 79
Permanent:		
Land—		
Operating—School site eight (8) acres	\$ 40,000 00	
Expansion—four (4) lots at Anacostia (gift)	400 00	
		\$40,400 00
Buildings	50,000 00	
Machinery and equipments (Sch. and L.)	14,953 73	
Furniture and fixtures		
Office	\$ 1,584 58	
Other than office	11,537 13	
		\$13,121 71
Auto trucks	1,200 00	
Musical instruments	1,880 06	
Printing plant	727 36	
Library	2,648 53	
Live stock	140 00	
Liberty bonds and W. S. S.	190 00	
		\$125,261 39
		\$131,505 18

## LIABILITIES

Current:		
Accounts payable—		
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield, salary	\$ 87 34	
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, salary	184 71	
Purchases	4,118 73	
		\$ 4,390 78
Notes payable—		
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, salary and loans	\$ 15,330 65	
Purchases	10,531 29	
		\$25,861 94
Building Fund—		
Cash	\$ 12,445 95	
W. S. S.	5 00	
		\$12,450 95
Students deposits	498 07	
		\$43,202 34

Permanent:		
Mortgage payable	-----	\$12,000 00
Excess assets	-----	\$55,202 34
		76,362 34
		\$131,565 18

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
 April 1, 1926 to August 7, 1926

1925

**RECEIPTS**

April 1, Cash Bal. as per Bank Book and "Paid" checks		\$ 623 27
Dr. Van Ness	1,520 62	
Rev. E. M. Lawrence	313 88	
Dean Amiger	177 55	
Dr. Garnett	80 00	
Dr. Hailey	484 80	
Pres. Griggs (Nat. Dept. Convention)	3,634 00	
Dr. L. K. Williams	63 46	
Cash (Source not available)	617 34	
Northern Baptist Convention	10 00	
Bank Deposits exceeding recorded receipts of Treasurer (N. B. C.)	1,419 89	
Total		\$ 8,272 14
Grand Total		\$ 8,895 41

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries:		
W. T. Amiger	2,645 00	
J. H. Garnett	1,700 00	
Wm. Haynes	332 50	
B. Tyrell	330 00	
L. R. W. Johnson	435 00	
S. E. Griggs, Pres.	970 00	
Traveling Expense:		\$7,012 50
W. T. Amiger	223 50	
J. H. Garnett	79 82	
Maintenance:		\$ 303 32
Janitor, W. A. Anderson	230 00	
Janitor, Coozie Britton	210 00	
Labor, D. W. Holmes	14 00	
Coal	270 50	
Water	44 01	
Light	216 57	
Telephone Service	84 09	
Sundry	61 00	
Hardware	20 85	

Office Supplies	2 75	
Labor	12 00	
		\$1,165 77

Miscellaneous:

Refund Bank, protest fee, returned	2 50	
Garnett check 12-31-1925	150 00	
Furniture	10 86	
Brooms and other Supplies	13 25	
Dry Goods-Supplies	13 21	
Hardware	16 00	
Interest	3 00	
Taxi	25 00	
Tent and Awning Company	63 65	
Printing (Garnett)	12 50	
Treasurer's Bond	63 20	
B. I. Nunion, Stenographic work	10 00	
"Returned" Petgrew check	30 00	
Auditing financial matters in March		\$ 663 17
		\$ 8,894 76

\$ 8,895 41

The Balance Sheet of the Seminary could not be made, since it appeared well-nigh impossible to get an accurate statement of its liabilities. The Auditor could not find a single officer who would vouch for the accuracy of a "Statement" of this kind—without which, a balance sheet would not be a Balance Sheet. A record keeper for this institution is promised for the next year. Note the President's letter under "Boards." Auditor.

**WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION**

**CASH STATEMENT**

June 30, 1926

**RECEIPTS**

Designated:		
Home Missions	242 65	
Foreign Missions	287 00	
National Training School	144 50	
Salary, Miss N. H. Burroughs	3,190 74	
General Fund	657 75	
Sale of supplies	1,101 16	
		\$5,623 80
Cash Balance June 30, 1925		\$337 61
Hayford Fund		399 73
General fund		\$737 34
		\$6,361 14

## MINUTES

## EXPENDITURES

<b>Foreign Missions:</b>				
Foreign Mission Board of N. B. C. (Designated) -	70 00			
Insurance foreign students	36 40			
Salaries		\$196 40		
Supplies		480 00		
Express and drayage		308 29		
Printing		29 36		
Postage		21 45		
Travel		78 09		
Auditing—E. D. Pierson		84 47		
Miscellaneous		35 96		
Cuts		20 91		
		19 46		
<b>Accounts Payable:</b>				
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	\$3,190 74			
National Training School	1,100 12			
Council of Women for H. M.	84 92			
Hamilton Printing Company	15 95			
		\$4,477 73		
Cash Balance June 30, 1926—			\$5,662 12	
Hayford Fund	\$337 61			
General Fund	361 41			
			\$ 699 02	
			\$6,361 14	

## BALANCE SHEET

WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST  
CONVENTION  
June 30, 1926

## ASSETS

Cash Balance—				
Hayford Fund	\$337 61			
General Fund	361 41			
		\$ 699 02		
Office furniture	96 16			
Supplies and cuts	1,146 29			
		\$1,941 47		
Debit June 30, 1926		5,434 46		
		\$7,395 93		



Field Workers

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:		
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	.....	\$2,281 22
National Training School	.....	5,000 00
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield	.....	110 20
Tinsley Mayer Company	.....	4 51

## DEFICIT

Deficit, June 30, 1926	.....	\$8,381 43
Less net income for year ending June 30, 1926	.....	2,926 97
Deficit, June 30, 1926	.....	\$5,454 46

## NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

## SECRETARY OFFICE

R. B. Hudson, Selma, Ala.

Aug. 1, 1926

## RECEIPTS

## At the Convention:

Finance Committee—		
Representation	.....	\$ 11,393 12
Special (per M. F. W.)	.....	882 37
Public Collections	.....	200 00
Sales of Min., Badges, and Reports	.....	140 80
		\$12,616 29
Designated Funds—		
Educational Board	.....	\$ 34 84
Home Mission	.....	247 00
B. Y. P. U. Board	.....	406 00
S. S. Pub. Board	.....	518 22
Foreign Mission Board	.....	5,708 17
		\$ 6,914 23
President's Vacation Collection	.....	133 08
N. Rathblott, Cash Gift (Mizpah Man)	.....	
left in hands of Pres. Williams	.....	100 00
Total	.....	\$19,763 00

## Since the Convention:

Notes Payable—		
Selma Nat'l Bank	.....	\$ 3,000 00
Douglass Nat'l Bank	.....	1,850 00
		\$ 4,850 00
Laymen Movement	.....	200 00
Vacation Fund, President Williams	.....	6 00
Representation Fee	.....	17 50
Collection, Jan. Board Meeting	.....	36 50
Loan from President Williams	.....	200 00

## MINUTES

Secretary Hudson—		
Boatner .....	\$ 50 00	
Bal. Board and Lodging (Sec'y).....	15 00	
		\$ 65 00
		\$ 3,375 00
		\$25,138 66

## EXPENDITURES

Administrative:		
Pres. L. K. Williams—		
Convention Session Expense .....	\$ 298 84	
Vacation Donation .....	139 08	
		\$ 347 92
Sec'y R. B. Hudson—		
Salary for the year .....	\$ 1,000 00	
Salary Clerical Help .....	492 50	
Janitor Service .....	30 00	
Railroad Fares .....	93 75	
Office Equipment .....	256 37	
Postage .....	3 12	
Postage—		
Current .....	\$ 301 81	
1924 Balance .....	99 78	
		\$ 401 59
Supplies .....	175 52	
Express Charges .....	26 74	
Excess .....	07	
Telegrams and Phone Service .....	34 50	
General Printing .....	140 00	
		\$ 2,654 16
Treas. A. D. Williams Expense—		
including two trips to Chicago and Nashville .....	168 93	
Auditor E. D. Pierson, Annual Expense as itemized		
in 1925 Auditor's Report plus current		
session expense .....	623 82	
Attorney Chas. M. Roberson .....	400 00	
Assistant Secretaries (4) .....	120 00	
Total Administrative .....		\$ 4,314 53
Committees:		
Finance—		
General .....	\$ 160 00	
Special .....	70 00	
Enrollment .....		\$ 230 00
		90 00
		\$ 320 00
Notes Payable:		
Banks—		
Selma Nat'l .....	\$ 3,000 00	

## MINUTES

People's Bank & Tr. Co. Bal.		
Dr. Jordan .....	\$ 202 98	
B. of P. Notes .....	67 50	
Overdraft .....		270 48
		2,325 60
Douglas National .....		\$ 5,200 00

Individuals—		
A. D. Williams Federal		
Council Loan .....	\$ 12 00	
Seminary Loan .....	100 00	
		112 00
Felix Jones, Sem. Loan .....		100 00
Mrs. R. T. Sims, Sem. Loan .....		50 00
R. M. Caver, Sem. Loan .....		75 00
J. D. Greshaw, Old Acct. ....		300 00
Gayden Note .....		100 00
		\$ 1,187 00
Interest to Banks .....		\$ 6,783 08
		383 68
Salaries Special:		
Historiographer, L. G. Jordan .....		500 00
Seminary Educational Agt.,		
E. M. Lawrence (part) .....	200 00	
		\$ 800 00
Contributions:		
Amer. Bap. Theo. Seminary—		
At the Convention .....	\$ 100 00	
Birmingham B. M. Meeting .....	209 00	
		\$ 309 00
Sunday School Pub. Board—		
Special Rally .....	\$ 3,750 00	
Laymen Movement .....	200 00	
		\$ 3,950 00
Federal Council of Churches .....		250 00
		\$ 4,200 00
		\$ 4,509 00
Designated Funds:		
Educational Board .....	\$ 34 84	
Home Mission .....	247 00	
H. Y. P. U. Board .....	408 00	
S. S. Pub. Board .....	518 22	
Foreign Mission Board .....	5,708 17	
		\$ 6,914 23
General Expense:		
Printing—		
Auditor's Annual Report .....	\$ 234 50	
Statistician's (part of		
unpaid balance) .....	200 00	
		434 50
Mrs. S. E. J. Watson, due husband on		
Transp. Committee .....		50 00

## MINUTES

Judge W. H. Harrison, Lecture	150 00	
E. S. Boatner, Chorister service and expense	177 50	
Separating curtains, used in Armory	100 00	
Ushers	100 00	
Secretary Hudson, Board and Lodging	15 00	
Publicity—		
T. O. Fuller	\$ 20 00	
Mrs. F. W. Pennick	15 00	
	\$ 35 00	
Total General Expense		\$ 1,012 00
Grand Total Expenditures		\$25,086 52
Cash balance June 30, \$84.46, July 26, 1926,		52 88
		\$25,138 60

**SECRETARY OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT**  
Sept. 1, 1925 to July 31, 1926 Inclusive

<b>Supplies:</b>		
<b>Asset—</b>		
Graphic Duplicator No 1	\$ 33 23	
1 Eyclet Machine	2 25	
General Office Supplies	\$ 35 50	
Total	286 06	\$ 321 56
<b>Labor:</b>		
Janitor Service	\$ 30 00	
Improvement (File Case)	9 35	
Secretary Annual Salary		\$ 39 35
Clerical Help—		1,600 00
Regular	\$ 385 00	
Extra	65 75	
Express Charges		\$ 450 75
Stationery		26 50
Telegrams and Telephone		47 48
		51 92
Total 1925-1926		\$1,937 48

**SECRETARY UNPAID 1924-1925 EXPENSE**

<b>Badges:</b>		
1923-1924	\$ 455 00	
1923-1924 Int. on badges	36 65	
1924-1925	483 55	
Interest on Board of Promotion Note		\$ 975 20
Local Expense, Baltimore—		12 18
Board and Lodging	\$ 15 00	
Otherwise (\$59.52)		15 00
E. S. Boatner, (Chorister) additional		50 00
		\$ 1,052 36
Total		\$ 2,989 86

## "FOR MORE LIGHT"

Local expense amount not allowed—itemless	\$ 59 52
Payment for int. on Selma Bank Note was not allowed pending "more light" as \$240 00 for this loan had already been paid which is equivalent to sixteen per cent interest. Proof as to its validity being shown, the item will be allowed.	120 00
The Auditor just can't figure out what principal sum advanced by the Secretary yielded this \$103.00 interest. Once shown, he will gladly credit the Secretary with it.	103 00
Itemized list of ushers paid the \$100.00 is necessary to guide against duplication in order to allow the amount asked	25 00
Your "entered" office expense is	1,139 16
The records furnished me show	937 48
A difference of	\$ 201 08
Other differences amount to	30 59
	\$ 232 27
	282 52
	25 00
Total	\$ 539 79

all of which will be allowed when sufficient supporting evidence is submitted.

**OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS**

of  
**THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.**  
 July 31, 1926

The Secretary's records (on slips of paper) show the following outstanding debts against the Convention:

**NOTES PAYABLE**

Name of Bank	Date	In Whose Favor	For What	Face	Payments	Unpaid Balance
1—People's Bk. & Tr. Co.	5-15-'25	E. M. Lawrence	Sem'y Fund	\$ 500 00		\$ 500 00
2—Selma Nat'l Bk.	9-30-'25	N. B. Conv.	Conv. Exp.	3,000 00		3,000 00
3—Doug. Nat'l Bk.	10-2-'25	N. B. Conv.	Conv. Exp.	1,850 00		1,850 00
4—People's Bk. & Tr. Co.	12-12-'25	S. S. Pub. Board Bd.	Refund Rally	1,250 00		1,250 00
5—People's Bk. & Tr. Co.	12-18-'25	S. E. Griggs	Seminary	700 00		700 00
				\$7,300 00		\$7,300 00

**INDIVIDUALS**

Name	Badges
R. B. Hudson	031 07
Mays Ptg. Co.	333 00
L. E. Williams	280 00
	\$1,284 07

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**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

	Original	Payments	Bal. Due
Sept., 1923—J. D. Crenshaw	\$ 950 00	\$600 00	\$ 547 71
Sept., 1925—L. G. Jordan	1,809 86	600 00	1,209 86
Sept. 14, 1925—E. M. Lawrence			226 00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,983 57</b>

**LISTED—NOT VERIFIED**

	Original	Payments	Bal. Due
Sept., 1923—E. A. Morris	\$ 15 00	\$	\$ 15 00
Sept., 1923—Seminary Note	5,000 00		5,000 00
Jan., 1924—L. K. Williams, address	5 00		5 00
Sept., 1925—S. N. Vass, salary	805 00		805 00
Sept., 1925—Seminary Loan	1,275 00	250 00	1,025 00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 6,850 00</b>

Amount of Notes Payable-Banks	\$ 7,300 00
Amount of Notes Payable-Individuals	1,550 67
Amount of Accounts Payable-Verified	1,983 57
<b>Total supported</b>	<b>\$10,834 24</b>
Amount of Accounts Payable—Not Verified	7,100 00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$17,934 24</b>

The above outstanding obligations are given just as they appeared on a sheet of paper appended to the Secretary's records. Quite a few are wanting in the information as to why the Convention owes the debt, a definite date when it was contracted, a verification of the certainty of the amount and when (in the case of the notes) they are due and at what rate of interest are they continued. For instance, the Seminary Loan does not show the date of the month, from whom the money was obtained—hence we would not know whom to pay—nor does the record even carry the month the payment was made (needed in estimating interest) nor the time for which the loan was contracted. The accounts themselves, are bundles of inconsistencies; some cases in point:

Rev. E. M. Lawrence balance, from an unpaid due account, \$426.00 on which a payment of \$200.00 had been paid, is \$226; yet, in the list of such accounts on pp 109 of the Secretary's book, it is shown as \$326.00.

Rev. S. E. Griggs is shown (pp 109) as being due \$675.00 in January of this year; yet, there is not the slightest hint as to the service performed for this credit.

**1916-1925**

The various Boards are shown as due the National Baptist Convention on printing Minutes expense as follows: (pp 97)	
Foreign Mission Board (Note \$710.00) plus	\$803 00
Sunday School Publishing Board	937 00
Home Mission Board	800 00
B. Y. P. U. Board	600 00
Benefit Board	310 00
Educational Board	500 00
Church Extension Board	250 00

Women's Auxiliary Board ----- 700 00

Total ----- \$4,700 00

It is just and proper that each "Board" should bear its proportionate part of the legitimate general expense. In this matter, as in the case of space used in the Voice, the Boards should each pay their just share in order that each activity would be given due credit for its specified operation and its worth. The Auditor is insisting that this be definitely settled at this session in order that he may know, in making up various financial statements, just how they are to be considered.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

TREASURER OFFICE

A. D. Williams, Treasurer

383 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

RECEIPTS

At the Convention, Sept. 14, 1925:

S. S. Pub. Board Rally ----- \$ 4,482 00  
Finance Committee ----- 7,990 79  
Sale of Minutes, Reports and Programs ----- 140 80  
----- \$12,613 59

Notes Payable:

Selma National Bank ----- \$ 3,000 00  
Douglas National Bank ----- 1,850 00  
----- \$ 4,850 00

President's Vacation Fund ----- 6 00  
Representation Fee-additional ----- 20 00  
N. Rathblott donation (Old Folk's Home) ----- 25 00

Birmingham Board Meeting:

National Theological Seminary ----- \$ 209 00  
National Baptist Convention Col. ----- 36 50  
----- \$ 245 50

New Era Association, check redeemed ----- 50 00  
Forwarded from June 30, 1925 ----- 25 48  
Unknown Sources ----- 72 00  
(Donation, \$100.00-O. F. H.) ----- \$17,908 29

EXPENDITURES

Administrative—  
(All itemized in Secretary Audit) ----- \$ 4,314 53  
Committees (all itemized in Secretary Audit) ----- 320 00  
Ushers ----- 100 00

Notes Payable—  
Banks ----- \$ 5,596 08  
Individuals ----- 1,187 00  
----- \$6,783 08

Interest ----- 384 88  
Salaries Special ----- 800 00  
Contributions ----- 4,309 00  
General Expense—

Statistician (Imp) Report ----- 200 00  
Mrs. S. E. J. Watson, Trans. Com. ----- 50 00  
Judge W. H. Harrison, Lecture ----- 150 00  
F. S. Boatner, Chorister ----- 127 50  
Curtain used in Armory ----- 100 00  
Publicity ----- 35 00  
----- \$ 897 00  
----- \$17,908 29

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

L. K. Williams, D. D.

3101 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois

RECEIPTS

August 15, 1925-August 15, 1926

From the Field: ----- \$ 499 85  
Churches ----- 168 85  
Associations -----  
S. S. Pub. Board, (per Mrs. E. Ashley,  
Dallas) ----- 45 00  
Sunday School and Foreign Mission  
Boards-Advertisement ----- 125 00  
Birmingham Mass Meeting ----- 150 00  
Individuals, for National Seminary ----- 1,288 50  
Illinois State Convention ----- 50 00  
U. Y. P. U. Congress ----- 60 00  
----- \$ 2,387 20

From the Convention: ----- \$ 185 00  
Sales of Addresses ----- 214 84  
President's Vacation Fund ----- \$ 399 84  
----- 25 00

From collection of "Bad Checks" (3) O. G. C. ----- \$ 2,812 04

EXPENDITURES

Transportation: ----- \$ 202 95  
R. R. Fares ----- 52 20  
Taxis ----- 53 80  
Sleepers ----- \$ 308 95  
----- 43 15

Board -----  
Rent: ----- \$ 165 00  
Office ----- 16 50  
Use of Typewriter ----- \$ 181 50

Printing—  
R. M. ----- 235 00  
F. P. ----- 301 75  
----- \$ 536 75

Clerical Work: ----- \$ 545 00  
Salary ----- 59 60  
Expense-Baltimore ----- \$ 604 60  
----- 107 24  
Postage ----- 72 59  
Subscriptions, Papers, Magazines -----

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Publicity			
Office Supplies		25	75
Communications:			25
Telephones		60	25
Telegrams		35	54
Sundry:			95
Substitutes			
Cleaning and pressing clothes	100	81	
Donations		2	60
Travelling Bag		8	40
Advertisement		62	40
Other Sundries		5	00
		250	71
Cash balance Aug. 15, 1926			\$ 2,252 25
			550 79

BALANCE SHEET  
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

June 30, 1926

ASSETS

Pres. Williams Office ('24)	\$ 384 28
Sec'y Hudson's Office ('26)	335 68
Cash balance June 30	84 46
Rentals, Morris Memorial Bld'g	36,600 00
Total current	\$ 37,404 42
Permanent:	
Grounds, at Nashville	\$ 50,000 00
Building, at Nashville	877,673 26
Total permanent	\$927,673 26
Total Assets	\$165,077 68

LIABILITIES

Current:	
Accounts Payable, (Hudson)	\$ 2,057 71
Accounts Payable, (Ver) otherwise	2,003 57
Total	\$ 4,061 28
Notes Payable—Bank	\$ 7,300 00
Notes Payable—Individuals	1,550 67
Notes Payable—Building	52,880 95
Mortgage Payable	\$ 61,731 62
Bond Payable	250 000 00
Total Liabilities	\$635,792 90
Assets exceed Liabilities	329,284 78
	\$965,077 68

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Summarization of the Assets and Liabilities, Receipts and Expenditures

	Cash Bal.	Receipts, 1926	Expenditures, 1926	Assets	Liabilities	Excess Assets	Excess Liabilities
N. B. Convention	1925 46	2,812 04	2,252 25	384 28	3179 38	559 79	
Pres. Treas.	25 48	25,054 14	335 68	733 44	1,567 90		834
Sec'y-Treas.	369 65	1,106 25	1,020 46				
N. B. Bd.							
Edu. Bd.							
N. Sem. & Sch.	140 39	70,282 31	69,259 66	131,565 18	55,202 34	76,362 84	
N. Tr. Bd.	4,258 70	77,073 92	81,628 96	81,775 70	2,275 36	69,546 70	
F. M. Bd.	589 60	39,913 66	39,913 78	144 00	2,275 36		2,131
H. M. Board	6,158 91	56,728 87	60,671 75	63,844 60	10,982 86	52 861 74	
S. S. P. U. Bd.	1,357 54	372,476 44	372,476 44	287,428 28	112,977 58	174,450 70	
Wom. Aux.	737 34	5,623 80	5,662 12	1,941 47	7,395 93		5,454
Historiographer							
N. B. C.	(1 and 2)	964,273 26	(1 and 2)	964,273 26	615,792 90	349,284 78	
	\$ 14,324 36	\$ 678,606 37	\$ 666,834 32	\$ 1,532,425 89	\$ 821,603 25	\$ 723,066 55	\$ 8,420
				Assets exceed	Liabilities		\$ 610,435 06

E. D. PIERSON, Auditor.

**FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.**

Submitted at Fort Worth Texas, September 8-13, 1926  
 J. E. East, D. D., Corresponding Secretary  
 Ewen Building, 701 South Nineteenth Street  
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. President, Officers and Delegates of the National Baptist Convention:

**Greetings:**

Again it becomes the pleasant duty of your Foreign Mission Board to give an account of its stewardship in its annual report—this time of its forty-sixth year's activity.

We thank God for his unfailing help and sustaining grace in all departments of our work during the past year. Your Board is very mindful of the great task assigned to it—that of carrying the gospel to those who have it not. Our task is a most solemn one. There has been committed to us a most sacred trust. It is our duty to carry the living bread to those who are starving, the light to those in darkness, a message of liberty and grant of eternal life to those held imprisoned and condemned to eternal death. Millions and millions who are naked and out of doors cannot dress and have shelter until our messengers reach them. Many are seriously afflicted and are suffering in bitter agony, but cannot be helped until we go with the Balm of Gilead. We must introduce the Great Physician. If we fail in our duty, millions starve, suffer and perish through our neglect. Every moment we delay means suffering and loss of life for those to whom we are to send ambassadors of reconciliation with God.

We repeat, the task of your Foreign Mission Board is a most solemn and sacred one. It is a trust imposed in his church by Jesus Christ, our Master. It is a task to which the whole New Testament addresses itself. It is the one thing that we find in the sacred history of the Acts to which the Apostles wholly give themselves. Read the Acts of the Apostles and you will not find these Baptist fathers giving themselves to house building or any other kind of charitable work save the preaching of the Word. All of them were foreign missionaries. They were faithful to the trust. It was the lamented W. W. Colley, a returned missionary from Liberia, West Africa, who forty-six years ago traveled the country over, reminding the Negro Baptists of this sacred trust and advocating their getting together for the purpose of giving the gospel to the world. He led in the organizing of this great Convention. The fathers of our Convention were moved by the spirit of the apostles in their purpose to organize. Shall we with greater intelligence and numbers for service do less? Shall we let our zeal for fine church houses, our selfish desires for fine cars and other luxuries, blind us to the purpose of our Master in leaving his church in the world? Has not the opportunity of being great heroes in carrying life and light to millions of perishing souls in

darkness any lure for us? Shall we be unfaithful to our trust and let millions perish while we withhold the Word of Life? How shall we face our Lord? This brings us to the important question, "How have we treated our trust?"

The American Negro as a group has a peculiar history. Not of his own accord was he brought to America. Having been sold into slavery by his stronger brother, he was brought to America unwilling and here in the great institution of slavery under the most rigid and cruel taskmasters he paid dearly for his lessons that today mean to him liberty and life. It is hard to think of any other course that could have been taken by which a people could so quickly have been lifted out of heathen darkness into a civilization where thousands and thousands of them are beautiful in character and appearance and efficient in many of the leading professions.

We quote from reliable statistics to show the wonderful progress our people have made in the last fifty years. Our ownership of homes has increased from 12,000 to 650,000; farms operated by us from 20,000 to 1,000,000; businesses conducted from 2,100 to 60,000; literacy increased from 10 to 80 per cent; teachers from 600 to 43,000; volunteer contributions for education from \$80,000 per year to \$2,700,000; churches from 700 to 45,000; Sunday school pupils from 50,000 to 2,250,000; church property from \$1,500,000 to \$90,000,000.

Aside from these temporal things the spiritual blessings which have come to the Negro through his being brought into America as a slave are far more valuable. We have formed the proper contact with the true God. Why all this? What was the purpose of Providence in bringing the black man to America, carrying him through the mill of slavery and freeing him and so rapidly developing him? There can be but one interpretation—that we should carry these blessings back to our brethren who still suffer in dark Africa. But what has been our attitude? Our brethren in Africa know not agriculture. One might travel thousands of miles on the west coast of Africa through most fertile and productive soil and not see ten acres properly cultivated. One would not see a horse properly harnessed, or an ox yoked. One would see beautiful ground that might be giving millions of dollars in return for rubber, cocoa, palm oil, cotton, corn, potatoes and rice. One would see this land thickly peopled by ignorant people who know not how to cultivate it. One would see them scratching with sticks and hoes in a most primitive way, growing in handfuls what they might grow in carloads if they only had a knowledge of agriculture as we have it. In ignorance they are starving for nourishing food. Still we have our plenty. Should we not send teachers to them to carry the knowledge of the plow and the treatment of the soil?

Again, as one travels thousands of miles in Africa he sees the natives nude, with no knowledge of making clothes; yet we have learned to do this. Have we sent any number of skilled dressmakers and tailors to them? They have no wagons, no plows, no blacksmithing. Have we sent any mechanics to them? Disease is sweeping away millions. The witch doctors kill far more than they heal. They have no physicians. We have developed thousands of medical doctors. Many of our group know the science of medicine and could teach it. Have we thought sympathetically

of our sisters and brothers across the sea? Have we sent them medical missionaries to heal their bodies and to train them in the science of medicine? While we have many hospitals here and have access to hospitals of other groups, what sacrifices have we made to give our unfortunate people in Africa a hospital? They live in unhealthful, unventilated, floorless, dirty huts, unfit for human habitation. The ~~best~~ of lumber is there in abundance. Bricks could be made and the most beautiful kind of homes built. We have fine architects, builders and contractors. They number into the thousands, and for ourselves thousands of most beautiful homes have been built. How many missionary builders have we sent out to teach these people how to build better homes?

Above all things, our people out yonder know not the Christ, whom to know would mean life. Without him it is impossible to rise. Millions and millions of them have no Sunday schools nor day schools. They have never heard the name of Jesus. They have no churches, therefore they cannot sing the songs of Zion and rejoice. There are no teachers among them. While we are shouting and rejoicing in our 45,000 churches, happy over our Lord, have we sent many ministers across the seas with our Christ to those benighted people, our kinsmen, so that they may have Sunday schools and churches and rejoice even as we? How have we treated our trust? Do you know that though our group in all denominations has possibly 50,000 ordained ministers in America today, they do not have ten American-born ordained preachers imparting the gospel to Africa? Do you know that we have not one hospital there nor one well equipped academy? Do you know that our group has less than forty American-born Negro missionaries on the field, ordained or unordained? And do you know that the small number that we have had on the field we have let suffer, we have failed to support them properly and give them the wherewithal to put over the Master's program? And do you know that many of our churches give no place to mission work in their program? They will not give regularly or irregularly. You cannot even get them to give ten cents per month for the spread of the gospel. Out of 25,000 Baptist churches less than 2,000 do anything for foreign missions in a tangible way. How it must grieve the heart of our Master to see these supposed followers sit idle while millions suffer and perish.

There are many officers and leaders of conventions and churches who actually take and misdirect the money that is given to carry the gospel and help to those poor, unfortunate people and use it for some other purpose, sometimes selfishly. It seems criminal not to give one bread when he is starving, but how much worse not to give yourself and then take what some one else gives from a starving soul? We can only hope to check these great evils by exposing them. We again ask the solemn question—how are we treating our trust? God be praised, there is an awakening—that small number that is trying to do their part in giving the gospel to a lost world is increasing year by year and those who are giving are increasing in their efforts.

Five years ago we had only two churches that gave over a thousand dollars for missions. Now we have five, namely, the Union Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, Rev. J. E. Kirkland, Pastor, which gives over \$2,000 per year for foreign missions; the Metropolitan Baptist Church, of New York, Dr. W. W. Brown, Pastor which

gives \$1,400 per year; the Pilgrim Baptist Church, of Chicago, Rev. I. C. Austin, Pastor, which gives \$1,200; the Central Baptist Church, of Pittsburgh, Rev. W. A. Jones, Pastor, gives \$1,000; and Ebenezer Baptist Church, of Pittsburgh, gives over \$1,000, though she has been slack in her donations, due to the fact she is without a pastor, but we are hoping that she will hold her wonderful position. Then we have six churches giving between \$600 and \$1,000; fifteen churches giving between \$300 and \$500; fifty-six are giving over a hundred dollars a year. Many churches with small membership are giving as much or more per capita than the large churches. We thank God with all our heart for the churches that have promised to be "regulars" and are giving, and we believe that many others are going to join and do their full duty in sending the gospel to those who wait for it across the sea.

#### OUR MISSION FIELDS

##### The Liberian Field

Liberia is a Negro republic in area about the size of Ohio, just a little over one hundred years old. It has a population of about two millions. Possibly all but thirty thousand of that number are still raw heathen. Not all of this thirty thousand can be called fully civilized people. Before the Civil War any number of freed slaves were sent out to Africa, who established this republic as a place where Negroes might return and have a land of their own. Since the war others have been migrating to the republic, while people of color have come in from other parts of the world. The white governments of Europe that have parceled out approximately all of Africa among themselves do not favor very much the existence of this little republic. Even many of the strong white mission boards of America have refused to do mission work within its borders. The settlers who have shaped this little republic had no great home government to protect them and to finance the opening up of the country in any way, thus progress has been very slow. Until recent years there were no roads or any means of conveyance. The plow is practically unknown in Africa. It offers the greatest opportunities in all of the continent for colored workers. We can go there and put up colleges and industrial schools, universities, or anything that we are able to do and every effort will be welcomed by the government. It is short-sighted and unwise for us to complain about what the Liberian government has not done in the way of building, manufactories, roads, and bridges. They have done well to hold the country from being swallowed up by the greedy powers that have ever harassed them and keep it as an open door for us. If there be no roads, no manufactories, little development in agriculture, it is the fault of the Negro who is still in America far more than of the Liberian people. Other parts of Africa have been practically closed to us, therefore our greater efforts in recent years have been put forth in Liberia. We have nineteen missionaries there. From now on our work there is to be operated through a Governing Council, with missionaries selected of our whole group.

We have three boarding schools in this field; one in the extreme western part at Cape Mount, the Bendoo Mission. This is our oldest Baptist mission station, for there Colley, Coles, Presley,

Bouey, Topp, Diggs and other pioneers labored. The field was left vacant until reclaimed by Rev. E. H. Bouey and his wife, who carried on an independent work there for a few years. Upon their return to America the station was again turned over to the Foreign Mission Board. The mission site is the most beautiful we have on the continent of Africa. The mission house stands on a hill overlooking a great lake that extends right to Cape Mount. Though this station is a good bit in the interior, one can leave the shores of America and go by water within a few hundred feet of the very station. Good work has been done in the station during the year. Forty-eight children have been kept in school, clothed, fed, and trained. Rev. W. T. Blake, a native of North Carolina, and his wife are in charge.

Our second boarding school at Suehn is about fifty miles from Monrovia. It is also beautifully located on a 225 acre plot, with a beautiful stream of water flowing through it. We have an additional 1,200 acres of land just less than two miles from the main station. We have at Suehn three corrugated iron buildings and once had eighty-five children enrolled, but through dissension among the workers in charge the students were scattered and the enrollment was reduced to less than twenty. Thank God for the energetic efforts of Miss Sarah Williamson, who is now in charge. Rev. E. H. Bouey writes that the work at the station is in better condition than it has been since the day of the lamented E. B. Delaney, who was founder of the station. The last reports showed thirty-four boarders enrolled. The present workers at that station are Miss Sarah Williamson, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Goll. Rev. Bouey is also giving a hand at times. Suehn is to be one of the greatest mission stations we have on all the coast of Africa in the very near future.

Our third boarding school is in the Bassa country, about thirty miles from Lower Buchanan. There we have a large building, capable of accommodating 150 students. During the past year our greatest work was carried on at this mission, for the most of the year we had ninety-eight boarders and seven workers engaged, namely: Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Sisusa, Miss P. A. Bryan, Miss Sarah Williamson, Mr. J. L. Reeves, Rev. J. H. Martin and Mr. J. E. Webb. Since a government school has been opened up near this station, it has taken away some of its pupils and we have had to take some of the teachers away to save Suehn. The work is still at a high point there and is going on very satisfactorily.

In addition to these three boarding schools, we have carried on work at Cape Palmas under the leadership of Rev. D. S. Nichols; in Monrovia, with Rev. D. R. Horton and wife in charge; also day schools conducted at Arthington and at Millsburg. We have not been able during the year to reopen the Royesville station, but hope to do so in the near future.

#### Our Building Plan for Liberia

Two buildings are being erected in Liberia by our Board: one in Monrovia on one acre of ground, a part of it to be used as a hospital, with additional rooms to be used for the home of our missionaries who may be located in Liberia and those who may come or may be called in for business purposes. The advantage of building a hospital there will be that we shall not only depend

upon doctors we may send out to staff it, but it will be near other qualified doctors, who can give any assistance to our own doctors or act should they not be on the scene.

At Suehn we are also putting up an industrial building, the foundation of which has already been laid. We hope to complete both of these buildings during the present year. We cannot over-estimate the importance of a hospital in Liberia. Many of our missionaries who come home because of ill health might be relieved and their period of service be prolonged if they had access to the hospital that we are trying to put up. Then it will mean much, not only to our workers, but to the inhabitants of Liberia of all classes. The beautiful building we hope to put up will give us standing in Monrovia. Baptists must have something in the capital, as well as the Methodists. All of our mission property is far back in the interior and people visiting the republic seldom if ever, see any of it; thus they write back or come back with the impression that the Baptists are not doing anything in Liberia. Then, too, we want a home in which our missionaries may stop when coming to Liberia to save them from the embarrassment of going around begging others to let them spend the night.

#### Bible Industrial Mission, Liberia, W. C. Africa May 1, 1925.

My dear Dr. East:

These are such wonderful days! Our school has almost one hundred students, including day school students from Fortsville and Hartford.

We are up every morning at 5:30 when the rising bell rings. At 6 o'clock the students have cleaned their dormitories and are in line for work. They are assigned to the different industrial departments such as for boys: the farm, cleaning the campus, getting wood and water, printing office, and carpentry shop; girls: laundry, kitchen, cleaning, sewing, and whatever else there is to be done. The first bell rings for breakfast at 8:30 a. m. Breakfast at 9 o'clock. The children always march into the dining hall. The first bell for school rings at 9:30 and the children march into school at the ringing of the last bell at ten o'clock. We are in session until noon, when we have five minutes' recess. School closes at 2 p. m. We always assemble into chapel for the opening of the school and again at the close of school.

We have six grades in school this year. A large class of beginners. The students have one hour for recreation. The bell rings at 3 p. m., when they report for work again. The first bell for dinner rings at 4:30 p. m., when all the students finish up their work for the day; dinner at 5 p. m., study hall at 6:30 until 8 p. m. At the close of study hall we have prayers and lights are out at 8 p. m.

On Sundays we are up at the same rising hour, because we have prayer meeting at 6 o'clock, morning service at 11 o'clock, Sunday school at 12:30 and B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Saturday is general clean-up day for both the house and students. We usually finish up, so the students can be free Saturday afternoon.

On Friday school closes at noon and the students do not have to report for work. We have our girls' clubs and literary society. Let me tell you about our girls' clubs. As you know, there is no Y. W. C. A. in all of Africa, and because I love its program and have always done something in the Y. W. C. A. since I was a little girl, it was in me to pass on that love of knowing Jesus as a personal Friend and Saviour to our girls with whom I am working here in Africa. So, unofficially I have organized our girls of the school into Girl Reserve Clubs. They love it! It is working beautifully. Miss Bryan not only approves, but she is doing wonders for the girls, and they love her. She thinks it is fine. Of course Dr. Sisusa approves.

The girls are planning a bazaar and a big concert to be held in Fortsville at the Masonic Hall in July to raise money to do some of the things which they would like, being Girl Reserves and friends of our Lord and Saviour. Miss Bryan is going to town to buy some things for the girls to continue their sewing. The women are anxious to become Y. W. C. A. women. Miss Bryan and I, with all of our girls, are praying that God will help our Y. W. C. A. at home to see the star of Jesus and follow it to Liberia, bringing their gifts of all that the Y. W. C. A. has to offer women and girls. At our concert our girls are going to have a demonstration of their physical training. Dr. Sisusa says they can beat the boys on taking a command. Of course, the boys say it isn't true.

Our literary society is fine. I wish you could have heard our boys and girls debate on "Is it Necessary to Become Educated?" Dr. Sisusa and Miss Bryan were also on the program. It was wonderful and when the latter two got on the floor in the rebuttal, the tapping of my bell was of no use. You see why we are so happy here! We are praying and working.

Mr. Reeves has a big class in printing, and I have five students taking typewriting. They have to make an average of 85 per cent before they allowed to take extra work.

The boys are planting the farm. Dr. Sisusa is making a large farm this year, and Miss Bryan and I each have our own large gardens. We are real farmers.

We are so busy in school work we don't get a chance to visit the towns and villages often. Then the rains are on, and the native people are in the farms. It would be nice to have a missionary minister living here to go around. The people come to see us. I will not worry about visiting now, but can when vacation time comes. There is so much to do, and we have to do first things first.

Miss Bryan has been ill, but she is up again. I am trying to take good care of her. I am very well. I had a little fever just one afternoon, but by morning I was up again. I am feeling fine. God is so good and he does bless us if we but trust him.

It is very fine that Rev. Mr. J. E. Kirkland's church is paying my salary. God bless them. When I cease trying to do the work God has sent me here to do I will send back the money they are sending; but it comes in very nicely, and I do appreciate it so much. Praise the Lord! I have a little surprise for the church, which I hope to get time to finish before long.

My kindest regards to our Board and Dr. Austin, also Mrs. East.

"The Jesus-Road is hard to walk  
For those who like to run about,  
For Jesus taught us each to pray,  
'Help us forgive our foes this day.'  
But in our mission house it's fine  
To see new children fall in line;  
All follow Jesus day by day,  
By walking in the Jesus way."

Trying to serve Jesus.

SARAH C. WILLIAMSON.

Bendoo Industrial Mission, West Africa, March 10, 1920

Dr. East,

Dear Sir:—

After our long and interesting journey across the ocean, we landed in Monrovia on February 25. We then visited the Suehn Station and other large tracts of land belonging to our Board, with the special aim of finding material with which to begin work on the hospital and other buildings as you instructed us. We are happy to say that upon our investigation we found that natural conditions afforded much and encouraging material for such buildings. There is much rock, sand, gravel, water and hard timber near around us.

We then proceeded to our Bendoo Station by sea in a small surf boat. The winds were against us during the entire trip and we can truthfully say that we experienced more hardships and suffering in that one trip than we have in any other experience we ever had in Africa during our entire fifteen years' stay here. We were three days and three nights on the way.

On reaching Cape Mount on Sunday morning we were greeted by our many Americo-Liberian friends, who heartily welcomed us back to our field of labor. After spending the day in Cape Mount to recuperate from our toilsome journey, we then proceeded to the large, beautiful lake at the head of which our station is located. Rev. W. T. Blake, principal of our station, learning of our arrival at Cape Mount, came down to meet us in our large mission canoe. We then proceeded to sail across the lake to the station. As we were about to land, we were greeted by our large mission family of both girls and boys, singing beautiful, heartfelt songs of welcome. The demonstration of welcome was encouraging and greatly appreciated. On further reaching the station, we were greatly surprised to note how well the many improvements made. Rev. and Mrs. Blake, with whom we left the station to care for children, experienced persons and understand well how to care for children. The efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Blake show in every way their great heart-felt interest in the work. One can easily discern the true spirit of Christ controlling their every effort. The Board has done itself great credit in accepting them as workers under our Board. There is everything to hope for in the life of our Bendoo station and that is, it cannot and will not stop growing. Its progress since the day we cleared the land in 1920 has been steady.

We have forty-seven boarding students, five laborers, two helpers and Rev. and Mrs. Blake in charge. Rev. Blake this year has attempted the largest farm we have ever had, so we hope to be able to admit fifty more of these little "diamonds in the rough," who are crying for a touch of civilization and whose futures he absolutely in our willingness and ability to develop them. We are sure we can do this with a very little additional expense. In order that we may have the best results in the training of a hundred students, we must have another consecrated Missionary Baptist teacher who will accept the job for no other purpose than to the glory of God through these people. We can use no other kind of teacher, please.

We have a wonderful work. Friends far and near are praising its influence. As you know, we have only the one frame building on our mission ground, and that is the church. All other buildings are improved native mud houses. We are praying that our friends in America will soon enable us to do away with this condition. We must have a girls' dormitory and a boys' dormitory, a teachers' building and a school building. The students are very grateful to you and our many friends in America who send them boxes of clothing. The overall cloth and other strong cloth are especially most highly appreciated by our strong, rough boys. May God ever bless and guide you that you may continue to send us the light of the gospel.

Yours as ever,

E. H. BOUEY

Bible Industrial Mission, Liberia, April 28, 1926

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. East:—

I suppose you have wondered at my long silence, but I hope after you receive this letter, you will understand why I have not written you for some time. I had to stop teaching last year (April on account of sickness and the coming of the little stranger. The heavy rains were on, which kept me from being able to take the baby out, so I did not mean to write you saying I was doing a whole lot when I wasn't doing anything on account of my circumstances.

The baby is doing fine and sends regards. She is called "mission baby."

Dr. East, I really do thank you for the victrola and other good things you have sent us. The children ask me to tender their thanks also. We are enjoying sweet music. The first evening after Dr. Sisusa brought it, we had all the children to be seated in the sitting room and then Dr. Sisusa played each record. Each child selected their favorite, and, oh! you should have been here; the house just rang with laughter and delight. After the entertainment (as we call it), Dr. Sisusa asked us all to bow our heads in prayer to God for this lovely gift and other blessings.

We are getting along fine. Everybody seems well and happy as ever. The Lord sends us enough to eat each day, and we still

have an enrollment of fifty students, well and hearty. We have moved the boys into the small building, which we now call Boys' Dormitory, and the girls live in the main building with the teachers. This was done by the faculty.

The rice and cassavas are growing beautiful; the carpenters have completed a part of the work. But don't tell me that Dr. Sisusa isn't trembling about the bill which will be handed to him in short; and somehow I feel like the Lord will not let him go to jail.

I am trying to do all I can to help Dr. Sisusa and Miss Bryan. I am awfully happy to be at my work this year, and each day I try to throw in my handful of gleanings for my Master. Do pray for me.

I am asking a favor. Please send us as soon as you can a dozen or more Baptist Hymnals. Our church needs them very much. We are planning to have a concert to raise money to buy such things as books, slates, crayons, etc., for the school.

Dr. Sisusa and the children join me in sending regards to you and friends. Remember me special to Mrs. East.

Yours for service,

M. H. SISUSA.

Baptist Industrial Mission, Liberia, May 10, 1926

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Dr. East:—

Your letter reached me O. K. on the twenty-sixth of April. I am still alive and at my Master's business. Very glad to hear from you. Received information from Monrovia that post orders had reached that postoffice and awaiting our orders what to do. I have written the postmaster general to forward same to Bassa. I think it best to send our money as before in drafts; especially we who live in Bassa. Monrovia is the only postoffice that deals with postal orders, and, therefore, makes it inconvenient for us down here.

Most grateful to you for sending my salary promptly. Carpenters are working on the building and almost finished. We are all busy when we are not sick in bed with fevers and chills. The cassavas are so fine that every passerby had to stop, look and admire. Wire is partly up, but the greatest portion of it is still on the water side. It is hard to get carriers, this being the farming season. Then it costs very much. It takes two strong men to a bundle and they charge one shilling each. The carpenters charge \$20 for the workmanship to be paid in three installments. First installment has been paid in advance. This is done by making a contract, which means that in case we fail to pay, we are to be sued.

For some reason the members of the faculty, those who were present in the meeting, deemed it necessary to move the boys from the main building to the building that I had occupied. Now the boys are to themselves and I have moved back to the main building. Mrs. Sisusa and Mr. Webb are great help to me in the work during the absence of Mrs. Bryan, who is in Monrovia since April.

We are much in need of the following tools: spades, hoes, rakes, axes, saws, hammers, and hatchets. We will be glad also if our good church could make us a donation of a small church bell. It is quite a shame for a big school like B. I. A. that we have to blow whistles to assemble our children for services.

There is plenty to be done at B. I. A., and by God's help and little encouragement financially from the host of Baptists in America, we will do our best to put the program over on this side. Pray for us and help us. My wife joins me in sending to all best regards.

Yours in service,

R. M. SISUSA.

#### THE WORK IN NIGERIA

Our second field on the continent of Africa is Nigeria. It is also a very old field. Rev. Geo. F. A. Johns went there some twenty years ago. For years Baptists have been established along the Gold Coast in Nigeria. We have sent very few missionaries that way, but help has been sent to our native Baptist brethren who are doing work in those parts. Agbebi, a Baptist minister, may well be remembered by us. There came to this country a few years ago a young boy named Samuel Martin. He was trained by the Baptists in Illinois and Kansas. Later he returned to the field independently, with the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Chicago behind him. Finding that he needed greater support, he returned to this country, came under our Board and was sent back again. He is doing an excellent work in the south-central part of Nigeria. The station is only a few years old, but we are hopeful of a very great future for it. At that station Rev. Samuel Martin, assisted by Mr. R. I. Anagoli, is in charge.

We are also giving support to two other mission stations in that part of Nigeria that was once held by the Germans, but is now under the mandatory control of England. Persons to whom this support is given are Rev. Jos. E. Burnley and Rev. Laban Muki. We hope in the coming year to give better reports of these fields. Our activities in these parts are just beginning as the field is being reopened to us. We might also send American workers to Nigeria if we had them, though it is under the control of the British.

Baptist Mission, West Africa, May 5, 1926

Dear Rev. East:

I am writing you to acknowledge the receipt of twenty-seven pounds, three shillings, with many thanks and appreciation and prayers. God's blessing upon you.

We thank our heavenly Father for your cooperation and your leadership. We pray to our heavenly Father to help and guide you that you may live long and do great work as you have been doing.

We depend upon you and we are going to do much with the guidance of our heavenly Father, knowing that you are holding the rope tightly.

Our work is progressing nicely, and we are trying now to develop the carpentry department with the hope that before long it will be able to support itself. We are now making our own furniture for the equipment of our school and we hope that our carpentry department will play a great part in the building of our church and the mission building in general.

We know that you are praying for us daily, but we must ask for your prayer to continue.

In our morning devotion we offer special prayer that God may be your guide in all things.

Now, dear Brother East, I pray thee in the name of our Heavenly Father that we must have a man or woman from America in the year 1927. "The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few." To prove the above quotation, there are about four to five different nations who want us to bring them the gospel, but owing to the shortness of the teachers, we cannot go farther. Even my salary that you are sending me, I am using for the uplifting of God's work, and I am only living by my own farm. I am doing this for I have given my life for the missionary work.

May God bless you, Brother East. Wife, children, and teachers join me with love and compliments to you.

Yours,

S. W. MARTIN.

#### South Africa

Our third field of labor on the dark continent is South Africa, which includes the Union of South Africa and Basutoland. This field has been closed to our sending missionaries out, though your Board has carried on work there since early in 1890, when Dr. R. A. Jackson began work there. Racial feeling between white and black in South Africa is more intense than in any other part of the world and there the most oppressive laws are being passed year after year that any civilized government has ever put on statute books. In their efforts to make it a white man's country they are barring all Negroes of America who might bring new ideas to the natives.

Since we started work in these parts, our number of stations has greatly multiplied, until now we have eleven different stations with a hundred out-stations, or in other words, we are preaching the gospel in one hundred and nineteen different points in South Africa. Our workers there are as follows: Revs. Fred Voekerodt, John Ntshala, J. S. Mahlangu, S. Khomo, J. Selepe, E. B. Ndizi, J. Bhodlani, Chas. Papu, Mrs. Fred Voekerodt, Mr. E. T. Hali, Miss Keene, Mr. Wm. Mbangela, Miss Legina Mampunye, Miss Linda Sonjica. In addition to these we have a large number of lay preachers. We have there one boarding school in Middledrift, South Africa, with possibly the best buildings we have in any part of Africa. Our work is greatly handicapped for the want of a good supervisor at Middledrift, but there are still a goodly number of children in school and excellent work is being carried on.

Natal, South Africa, April 19, 1926

The following is a report of the Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of the South African Native Association:

The South African Native Association met with the Qanqala Baptist Church, Harding, on Wednesday, April 7. During the

morning and afternoon we held an executive session. In the evening a welcome address was accorded our visitors, preachers, and laymen. Owing to the great distance and lack of communications (a drawback in this country), some of our preachers did not come. We tried our best to make it pleasant for every one. On a whole we had a harmonious session. Last year's officers were re-elected by acclamation. Next year we hope to meet at Kliptown, Transvaal, with Rev. J. S. Mahlangu's church.

Church reports as follows: Buchanan Mission, Middeldrift, Rev. F. Voekerodt in charge, 349 members; eleven lay preachers; twenty-six persons were baptized; three Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 121 children; three day schools, with an enrollment of 185 children and six teachers. Local collections amounted to sixteen pounds, nineteen shillings, eight pence. Received from the Foreign Mission Board, 225 pounds. At this anniversary they raised eighteen pounds, ten shillings. Their representation fee of ten shillings was paid.

East London, E. Voekerodt, pastor: fifty-seven members; seven lay preachers; five baptisms; twenty-two members received by experience and letters; four deaths. The local collections amounted to thirteen pounds, twelve shillings. Their representation fee of ten shillings was paid.

The Shiloh Baptist Church, Capetown, sent her report by Brother Voekerodt. There are forty-six members; one Sunday school, with an enrollment of forty-six pupils; five helpers. There were eight baptisms during the year. The local contributions amounted to twenty-five pounds. The representation fee of ten shillings was paid.

Xwili Baptist Church, Rev. John Ntshala, Pastor, reported eight out-stations; thirty-two helpers; twenty-nine baptisms; twenty-four deaths; one Sunday school, with an enrollment of twenty-four pupils; three teachers; two day schools, with an enrollment of 154 pupils and five teachers; church membership of 461. Local collections amounted to forty-eight pounds, thirteen shillings, six pence. There are five church buildings, four of these are government granted sites.

Middelwater, Harting, Rev. L. Tshalala, Pastor: 396 members; forty-two baptisms; four deaths; four day schools with an enrollment of eighty pupils and four teachers. Local collections amounted to sixteen pounds. They received ninety pounds, seventeen shillings, six pence from the Foreign Mission Board.

Qongala Baptist Church, Rev. Koti, Pastor, reported seven out-stations; fourteen lay preachers; 180 members; twenty persons waiting for baptism, possibly forty more from the congregationalists; one Sunday school; one day school, with one teacher. Local collections amounted to twenty-two pounds, thirteen shillings. They received 183 pounds, four shillings from the Foreign Mission Board.

Qungqwame, Lebode, West Pondoland, Rev. Josie Ntshala, Pastor, reported 834 members; eight out-stations; fourteen lay preachers; twenty-four baptisms; two Sunday schools and three teachers. Local collections were twenty-four pounds, fourteen shillings, two pence. They received thirty-five pounds, ten shillings from the Foreign Mission Board.

Sunday services and the Lord's Supper in the evening closed a very pleasant association meeting.

Yours in his name,

E. D. P. KOTI.

Swinburne, South Africa, May 5, 1926

Rev. J. E. East D. D.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. East:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your most welcome letter of March 16, enclosing the amount of \$93.75, salary for our branch workers. I am thankful to the Board and to all American brothers and sisters who sacrificed to give something for the uplift of our red people in dark Africa. Blessed are they that mourn (for Africa), for they shall be comforted.

Our work in this dark land has been blessed. Since Rev. Mahlangu has been in America, I have baptized forty souls in Orange Free State and over thirty in the Transvaal. I have just returned home from visiting our work in Orange Free State and Transvaal. It took me three months to travel from church to church.

We have four workers in the Transvaal, who are giving their whole time to the work of God. They are Jophet Selepe, Standerton; Philip Mahlangu, Benoni; Benson Gina Johannesburg; Ezekiel Selepe, Evaton. There are two workers in Orange Free State, namely: Stephen Khomo, Harrismith, and Ephraim Mokeuna, Vrede. We have Daniel Khena in Basutoland and Diek Ndaba in Zululand. They are splendid preachers. Their knowledge of the Word is very limited, but God graciously uses them and many souls have been born again through their efforts.

We opened a new church house at Standerton on the fourteenth of March. Six were baptized on that day.

As the whole work is progressing. Many have been added to the church. I visited Basutoland and preached in the chief's kraal on April 18. The chief and his wife were present. It was my first visit there. After the sermon the chief stood up and gave thanks and ordered his people to come to Jesus. He was very pleased to see me. The chief promised to give us a place where we can build our mission, as well as an institution. He said he would be pleased to give us enough space, if we were able to teach his people industrial work and agriculture. Basutoland needs a missionary from America. The question is, Who can come? In the Transvaal and Free State we are working among the Dutch people.

My dear Dr. East, I wish you and the Board success and always think of us. There are weak hands and feeble knees to be strengthened in Africa.

Yours in his service,

J. J. LEPELE.

Nyasaland, East Africa

Years ago a young native, John Chilembwe by name, was brought to this country by a Seventh Day Adventist missionary and turned over to our Board. Dr. Jordan put him in the Virginia Seminary, where he was educated. It was through him that work was opened up in Nyasaland just over twenty years ago. Miss E. B. Delaney and Rev. L. N. Cheek were the first missionaries to be sent out. Rev. Chilembwe proved to be a great power for God, a wonderful missionary, and his work wrought well after these mis-

sionaries returned home. A great church was built and the people came from great distances around to hear him. But he became incensed by what he thought to be the injustice of the white man and unwisely led a rebellion, which led to the slaughter of several Europeans. However, this was quickly put down. He and others were killed and the church and other buildings were razed to the ground. The feeling against the work that had not a white man in charge was so high that it was a number of years before it was possible to reopen the station. But through wise communications we have succeeded in getting the government to permit us to reopen the station and Dr. D. S. Malekebu and wife, who were once sent away from there, have not only been accepted, but have been permitted to again carry on the mission work—so that our station there was reopened during the present year and Dr. Malekebu and wife who were on the platform with us at the Foreign Mission Mass Meeting last year at Baltimore are now in that dark land of Africa doing a most commendable work, as their letters will show. It has been most difficult for us to communicate with the members of the church there. Letters have to be sent to Portuguese Africa and then forwarded on to them at that point. United prayer meetings and all other forms of service were forbidden by the government, but the people did not cease to pray. God heard them. Now they are rejoicing. Six hundred and twenty of these scattered sheep have already come together under Dr. Malekebu, and there are eighty-four for baptism.

Providence Industrial Mission  
Chiradzulo-Nyasaland, Africa, July 10, 1926

Rev. J. E. East, D. D.  
701 South Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
My dear Dr. East:

Your letter dated May 18, 1926, with the blank enclosed to be filled, reached us on July 8, 1926. I am now rushing to send it—although you will not get it by the eighteenth of July, as you requested. I would suggest that next time send these blanks two or three months ahead of time, owing to the distance and sometimes the delay on the way.

Our report this year will not be complete, as you well know; that since our arrival here much of our time and energy in the last five months have been spent in settling and unraveling the complicating problems which were and have been hanging over our work for the past twelve years.

Perhaps the greatest report that can be made this year to the satisfaction of our Board and our members (the people) in this country, is that the governor has approved of the reopening of our mission work in Nyasaland.

At present we are putting all of our energy at our central station. In this we have much to do, for since the last twelve years, our mission station was entirely a wilderness; trees and bushes grew up as though the place had never been a station. It is almost like pioneer work.

I do not desire to be retracing ourselves in this work; therefore, whatever we do, we want to lay a good foundation once for all. Now we are cutting down trees and grass; much of the labor is given by members. And when it comes to building, we will have to pay the workmen. By this, I wish to say that there is

nothing on the mission station in the way of a house to live in and no place to worship. At present we are holding our services under a tree which was planted on the mission by me in 1903 during the lifetime of the late Miss Delaney's work here. This has grown wonderfully to afford us a shelter from the sun during the drier; but this will not do when the rainy season comes, which is fast approaching, and therefore, we must prepare a shelter. I, therefore, ask you to please cable me \$500.00. This will help us to hasten the work. Just now we are living in a house with one of our members who lives near the mission, but we must be on the mission premises so we can hasten the work. I am going to write you soon to give you more details of our work. But I must say before I close that we have ten preaching stations, the membership of which I shall let you know later and eighty-four candidates for baptism at the main station and many more in the out stations, of which I do not have the exact figures. Other matters you will find in the report. Mrs. Malekebu and I are well and the rejoicing members of our church are joining with us in sending our regards and best wishes to you and the Board. I am

Yours in the Master's cause.

D. S. MALEKEBU, M. D.

#### British West Indies

We have not sent any missionaries direct from America to the British West Indies, Central or South America, but we have given assistance to our Baptist brethren there. Two ministers have been in the British West Indies, namely: Rev. Nellius Neus and Rev. F. J. Lunthorne; one in South America: Rev. W. C. Bowman; and Rev. D. A. Timpson, in Nicaragua. Reports from these brethren show that excellent work is being done.

#### PRESENT YEAR'S WORK

Since the last Convention six missionaries have been sent to the field: Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Malekebu, Nyasaland, East Africa; Rev. E. H. Bouey, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, Liberia, West Africa; and Rev. J. S. Mablangu sent back to South Africa. Of the six mentioned above, two returned home prematurely—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown. While this greatly affected our plans, all things considered, we feel that it was the best thing for them to have done. Six missionaries have been brought home, including Mr. and Mrs. Brown referred to, namely: Rev. J. C. Gaston and wife, who wired for their passage home on account of illness; Miss Viola Carter and Rev. D. S. Nichols, who very recently returned. When numbers of missionaries are sent to the field each year as we are doing now, you may also expect to read of similar numbers returning home, for they can stand only a few years in tropical Africa before being brought home on furlough to recuperate. Rev. Nichols has long over-stayed his contracted time. Miss Sarah Williamson was also sent from Liberia, West Africa, to Germany to a tropical hospital to be treated for black water fever. The attack was almost fatal, but she was restored to health and left Germany, heroically returning to her work without even passing America.

In the beginning of the year our mission field was confirmed with many difficulties: dissension among workers in some fields, while others were hindered by governments in other fields. The year closed, however, very beautifully and perhaps at the present time our mission work is in better shape than it has been in its history. Tangible work is being carried on in all of our African fields. Our Board is carrying on mission work in four different countries on the African continent, namely: Liberia and Nigeria, West Africa; in South Africa; and in Nyasaland, East Africa. We are also giving assistance in the British West Indies, Central and South America.

#### ALARMING INDIFFERENCE TO FOREIGN MISSION WORK

There is among far too large a majority of our pastors and churches an alarming indifference toward foreign mission work. Among the majority of our churches foreign mission work has no place, whatever. It is not prayed for, neither any contribution sent direct or indirect for the sending or maintaining of missionaries. The great commission of our Master is really no concern to such people. In their church budget there is nothing at all for foreign mission work. In fact, the question of giving the gospel to the people in the foreign field has no place anywhere in their program. It is not even a side issue. The fact that millions are dying in heathen darkness yearly who might be saved and whose lives might even be prolonged if they only had the gospel has not made any impression on the minds of these indifferent would-be Christians. The most important club in their churches is the Pastor's Aid Club. Evidently such people never had a vision of a lost world. They have never brought to their minds the picture of an unfortunate people without Christ and the many blessings he has brought to a perishing world. They are indifferent; they do not care if the heathen are lost. They don't care if they haven't any Sunday or day schools. It means little to them whether they have any Bibles or hymn books. If they are in darkness and can not find the path to heaven, these indifferent people care little about sending them the light so they can see the path. The reports of what neighboring churches are doing for foreign missions very little disturb them. It is hard to say anything that will persuade them or even shame them into doing anything for the Master. They complain bitterly when exposed and use their influence to keep the foreign mission man off the program or have him speak at an inconvenient time. We must through education and spiritual development make inroads on this group of workers.

#### THE WORLD INTEREST IN AFRICAN MISSIONS

Since the great war the evangelization and civilization of Africa are giving great concern to the civilized world. Africa is divided among six European nations who have followed in the very footsteps of pioneer missionaries of these respective nations and they have planted their national flag and annexed the territory. As the

missionaries preach Christ and point the people to heaven, next come the governments and take the countries of these unfortunate people. But whatever may be the attitude of these European inhabitants from these respective governments, throughout Africa the black man is being developed, whether he be a servant or whether he be a neighbor to the white man. He is getting new ideals from his contact and throughout Africa there are signs of a great awakening of the sons of Ham. In some places where these European governments hold sway they have most acute race problems, and solution of these problems is causing a diversified opinion as to policies to be pursued. Christianity with her powerful voice cries against the inhuman treatment of many governments. It frowns on their un-Christian acts. The great question before the Christian world now is, "How can we give Africa the gospel, our Christianity, and yet subordinate them and hold them in subjection?"

During the past year in parts of Africa many oppressive laws have been passed to keep the black man under and much unpleasant comment has been given respecting the attitude of these white governments. In recent years philanthropists and those interested in Africa have sent out commissions to study the conditions. Last November a great African Conference was held in Hartford, Conn. Practically all the mission boards in the United States and Canada doing mission work in Africa were represented. Since then a World Conference has been called to be participated in by all African denominations doing mission work in Africa and the Christian governments may also participate. All of this is due to the great problems that arise from the white man's effort to Christianize, and at the same time subjugate, the black man so as to be the latter's eternal superior and boss. We are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the Belgium meeting.

#### FINANCES

More and more our systematic giving scheme, better known as the monthly regular system, is proving to be the safest and best method of raising funds. It is far quicker than any other system of collecting means ever tried by our Board. In short, it requires monthly contributions to be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board. Our missionaries should be paid monthly. They are not angelic beings, but needy creatures such as the pastors and other Christian workers are on this side of the ocean. Our Board can best pay them monthly when they receive monthly contributions for the same and for a church to become a monthly regular simply means that they are taking a practical view of mission work, reducing it to business just as they do the paying of their pastor, chorister, organist, and other help. The majority of our churches have not viewed the Great Commission as being binding on the part of their church. They usually refrain from taking any part in the great program of giving the gospel to those who have it not. For five years we have been untiring in our efforts to get every church, Sunday school, missionary circle, B. Y. P. U., and even individuals to line up as monthly contributors to the cause of foreign missions. A few have started and been unceasing in their cooperation since the day they became monthly regulars. Some have solemnly promised

to give regularly, but have been delinquent in their giving, treating their promises lightly. Others promise, and after sending in money for one or two months, fall by the wayside. To still a very much larger number our pleas for giving the gospel to the world have fallen on deaf ears. They have acted as though they did not hear them. We publish letters from the missionaries, spend thousands of dollars in literature, trying to reach these people. We have shown them pictures of the heathen in their sad plight without Christ. We have brought some to this country who started off in life raw heathen and who were saved by the preaching of the Word through our missionaries, so that they might give their testimony. We have prayed, we have implored, but with no avail. Out of every twenty-five thousand Baptist churches, we still have less than one thousand lined up as regulars. Our total number of regulars is 1,550. In this number three and sometimes four represent the same church. Many energetic pastors have the church, Sunday school, missionary circle, and B. Y. P. U. give something each month for the spread of the gospel; thus they have four of the aggregate given above. To date we have 628 churches, 320 Sunday schools, 268 missionary circles, 102 B. Y. P. U.'s and 272 individuals who are listed as regulars, promising to give us an offering each month. We have twenty thousand still to be reached.

One of the difficulties met with by those who have promised to be regulars is the keeping of the funds raised for foreign missions in a common treasury. While voting money out for other expenditures, foreign mission money is often used, and when the time comes to send the money, there is nothing to send. Sometimes this is done through forgetting to consider the obligation to foreign missions. To meet this evil and to further systematize the monthly regular giving, your Foreign Mission Board has introduced the missionary collection banks. These banks are supplied free on application under the conditions that they be recognized as the property of the Foreign Mission Board, and that the recipients will use them to collect funds for missions only and forward the same each month. The treasurer or somebody selected is to keep the bank; the pastor, superintendent, or some other person selected to keep the key. The box is to be unlocked before the organization once each month, contents counted and forwarded to the Board. Thus far, this idea has met with success.

#### THE DRIVES

Each year we make two efforts in addition to our regular contributions to put on drives; one during the months leading up to Christmas. This is generally called a Christmas Drive. Last year it took the form of a One Million Quarter Drive. Much good may have been done and much sentiment made for Foreign Missions, but the expense incurred did not justify the results. Some seven or eight thousand dollars were spent, all told, in literature and work trying to reach every state, while just over twenty-one thousand dollars were collected. Much of this amount was the money that usually comes in from regular contributors and had to be used for the regular expense of paying missionaries and keeping the

work going. It is hard to determine the exact cost of the drive, for the regular workers gave much of their time to it. There should have been a far larger response, considering the effort put forth. Should we have had more time, we could have come much nearer reaching our goal.

Our second yearly effort is that of an Easter rally for the Sunday schools. We publish Easter programs for the Sunday school exercises and send them out gratis, and ask each school to send us an offering for Foreign Missions. A few respond. The amount raised in this drive aggregates about three thousand dollars.

We beg our people to become regular contributors and not make us spend too much of the money trying to collect. For those who have cooperated with us and made mission work a part of their program, we have no words to praise them too highly. They have enabled us to make progress from month to month during the past year. Our missionaries have been paid, buildings are going up, naked children are being clothed, Sunday schools and day schools have been put in reach of many heathen children, and the gospel is being preached where Christ has not hitherto been known.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926)

Receipts	
Real Estate Income	\$ 300 00
Job Printing	2,718 93
Composition, Press Work	1,138 88
Photos, Cuts	75 22
Winston Herald	23,483 80
Herald Sales	554 65
Herald Subscriptions	254 71
Sale of Literature	894 87
Marriage Receipts	344 87
Legacies	800 00
Loans	500 00
Interest on Deposits	5 25
Returned Checks Paid	388 19
Refund Missionary Bonds	628 00
Contributions	72,634 50
Sundries	465 15
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$105,719 12</b>
Cash Balance June 30, 1925	8,449 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114,168 42</b>
Payments	
Notes Payable	\$ 2,059 00
Interest on Notes	248 28
Accounts Payable	41,971 70

## MINUTES

Mission Work	60,656 86
Printing Plant	857 86
Interest Mortgage Payable	120 00
Taxes and Water Rents	193 60
Insurance	336 35
Books and Periodicals	41 43
S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Literature	166 26
Loans Repaid	500 00
Returned Checks	786 81
Brown and Stevens (Receivers)	4,190 51
Sundries	782 89
Total Payments	\$112,910 87
Cash Balance June 30, 1926	1,257 55
Total	\$114,168 42

## BALANCE SHEET

## Assets

Cash Balance June 30, 1926	\$ 1,257 55	\$ 1,267 55
Banks		
Petty Cash	10 00	
Accounts Receivable		1,985 05
Books and Periodicals		1,137 84
Land and Buildings		62,852 57
United States	\$20,000 00	
Foreign	42,852 57	
Accrued Insurance		267 31
Missionaries' Salaries Advance		779 12
Printing Plant		11,823 82
Furniture and Fixtures		2,938 13
Brown and Stevens (Receivers)		4,190 51
Total Assets		\$87,242 79

## Liabilities

Mortgage Payable	\$ 2,100 00
Notes Payable	658 00
Accounts Payable	4,179 16
Missionaries' Old Accounts	5,291 82
Missionaries' Salaries Due	645 70
Accrued Taxes	47 24
Accrued Salaries	56 25
Interest Mortgage Payable	40 00
Total Liabilities	\$13,018 26
Net Assets	74,224 53
	\$87,242 79



Officers of Sunday School Publishing Board

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR

(July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926)

Pennsylvania	\$15,113 11
Florida	6,617 98
Virginia	4,527 29
New York	4,037 17
District of Columbia	3,114 11
Missouri	3,046 83
Illinois	2,917 18
Mississippi	2,661 03
Texas	2,658 75
New Jersey	2,600 54
Alabama	2,239 67
Tennessee	2,194 61
Georgia	1,788 49
South Carolina	1,759 90
Maryland	1,692 27
Michigan	1,569 89
Arkansas	1,457 60
West Virginia	1,387 79
Kansas	1,131 97
Oklahoma	1,088 14
Ohio	1,065 54
Massachusetts	1,040 37
Louisiana	1,021 47
Kentucky	745 87
Connecticut	649 20
Indiana	504 11
California	383 83
North Carolina	365 24
Minnesota	203 93
Canada	250 55
Rhode Island	238 28
Iowa	213 81
Nebraska	161 71
Wisconsin	126 33
Colorado	120 20
Wyoming	52 50
Washington	23 11
British West Indies	20 00
Delaware	13 00
South Dakota	13 00
North Dakota	7 10
Utah	2 37
Agents' Report	2,339 66
Total	\$72,634 50

## STATISTICAL RETURNS

We have succeeded for the first time in getting almost complete statistics respecting our work in foreign fields and we give a sta-



**STATISTICAL RETURNS**  
Foreign Mission Board of N. B. C., Inc., for year ending June 30, 1926

STATION AND LOCATION	Missionary in Charge	Additional Workers	Additions to Church			Dismissals		Sunday Schools Enrollment	Day Schools Enrollment	Boarding Schools Enrollment	Buildings	Other Mission Houses	Other Preaching Stations	Value of Property
			Church Membership	By Baptism	Objective	By Death	Otherwise							
Buchanan, Middle-drift, South Africa	Fred Vockerodt	17	388	35	16	10	5	5	150	220	1	4	11	\$15,610
Queenstown	Ernest B. Ndazi	4	58	38	18			2	87	89			6	1,000
Qanqala, Natala	E. B. P. Koli	15	180	20				1					2	
Klipdown	J. S. Mahlangu	24	504	30	6		9	2	62				15	1,962
Gunguana, Libode	Josie Ntshala	14	234	24	15	4	2	2	70				8	732
Xwili, Transkie	John Ntshala	32	349	32	4	6	4	2	91				8	2,500
Middlewater	L. J. Tshalata	8	398	42	4	7	20	2	48				11	100
East London	Fred Vockerodt	7	57	5	22									800
Cape Town	Chas. Papu		150					1						
	Rev. Daniels	5	46	8				1	46					9,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>2362</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>11,534</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$31,810</b>
Barbadoes, British W. I.	F. I. Bunthorne													
Bluefields, Nicaragua, Central America	D. A. Timpson													
Georgetown, British Guiana, South America	W. C. Bowman												3	\$9,000
Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, South America	Nellius Neus	1	11		3									
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>142</b>	<b>3494</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>16,840</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>\$46,607</b>

**THE NEXT YEAR'S OBJECTIVES**

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First—To finish the construction hospital and maintain same for our workers in hospital as to have a place there near the station to treat any one of our ill or ailing members and others who may come for medical care, as we do not have a hospital for our laborers who frequently come from the interior of the African continent. Also to finish the building for industrial training in such a manner that the building are secure of erosion.

Second—To open up at least ten more village schools, both among the Ametru-Ametru and Abemutru of the Abemutru people. We have made a good start in this direction, but there are still our number of villages with large groups of children whom we have not been able to reach. We have been able to reach the village school, but the children are not attending. We have been able to reach the village school, but the children are not attending. We have been able to reach the village school, but the children are not attending.

Third—We are to attempt our financial plan to our station and to be put into the hands of the children, connected with the station, to their own credit or having the same to their credit. We are to attempt our financial plan to our station and to be put into the hands of the children, connected with the station, to their own credit or having the same to their credit.

Fourth—We want to buy our additional corn, locally sown and after sowing stock for our Ametru and Abemutru. We want to buy our additional corn, locally sown and after sowing stock for our Ametru and Abemutru.

Fifth—We wish to clear up and get under cultivation our large tract of additional land that was used to grow and bark, coffee and rubber trees to be planted on same. This will probably be the most expensive item.

Sixth—We want to send out one Ametru worker for medical care for themselves, there were to both in South Africa and one in South Africa, if possible, six additional outstations, all well, but if these have already been visited on by the board.

**TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD**

For the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. First World, Texas, Secaucus, 1926

The Sunday School Publishing Board begs to submit its annual report as follows:

At the meeting of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. in Baltimore, Md., September, 1925, the following were elected members of the Sunday School Publishing Board:

Name	State
Rev. R. N. Hall	Alabama
Rev. R. A. Adams	Arkansas
Rev. L. B. Brown	California
Rev. J. E. Allen	Colorado
Rev. S. T. Eldridge	Connecticut
Rev. Joseph H. Lee	District of Columbia
Rev. W. A. Taylor	District of Columbia
Rev. G. D. Griffin	Florida
Rev. C. H. Robinson	Georgia
Rev. J. H. Branham	Illinois
Rev. A. T. Allen	Indiana
Rev. J. F. Kersch	Indiana
Rev. J. W. Tull	Iowa
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Rev. S. A. Owen	Tennessee
Rev. T. O. Fuller	Tennessee
Rev. J. L. Campbell	Tennessee
Rev. J. E. Knox	Texas
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## A TRIBUTE

We beg to pause here long enough to place a wreath of forget-me-nots upon the memory of our colleagues and yoke-fellows who fell from the ranks this year—Rev. R. A. Adams, of Arkansas, and Rev. C. H. Robinson, of Georgia. Rev. Adams had served as Vice-Chairman of the Sunday School Publishing Board, ever since its organization. He was "all aflame" at all times with zeal for the Publishing Board and its interests. He was faithful and loyal to the end, and was among the first of the "Memorial 300" to pay his hundred dollars. His last appeal for the Publishing House was made before the Foreign Mission Convention of Arkansas, at Malvern, in February, of which Convention he was the president, when he, though feeble, turned over to Secretary Townsend thirty dollars for the Publishing House Fund, more than two-thirds of which he gave out of his own pocket.

Rev. Robinson, though a member of the Publishing Board for a short time, nevertheless was faithful and loyal. He was president of the Georgia State Sunday School Convention, and his address before that body just a few weeks before his death, was a master-piece. And in his climax, his exclamations of "How can we fail," emphasized his faith in the final victorious outcome of the Publishing House struggles, as well as all the struggles and combats of the Baptists and the race. They have just gone on before, but we shall be companions again if only we, too, are "faithful unto the end."

### GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF WORKING FORCES

Again we call attention to our organic relationship, for we want our constituency to become acquainted with the fact that the Sunday School Publishing Board is abreast of the times in the study of modern Sunday school ideas and methods, and that we are playing our part trying to solve the problems of Sunday school organization, equipment, etc., and that we are recognized and respected among all the leading Sunday school organizations and aggressive forces.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Quadrennial meeting of the International Sunday School Council was held in Birmingham, Alabama, April-12-19, 1926. We did not represent in this meeting because of the spirit of discrimination which the local authorities were allowed to exercise against the Negro members of the council. This same attitude was taken and sustained by representatives of other Negro denominational groups. We, however, have retained our relationship and membership in the council. Our representatives in the council are as follows:

On the Executive Committee: A. M. Townsend, J. T. Brown, S. N. Vass, W. S. Ellington, J. H. Branham.

On the International Sunday School Lesson Committee: J. T. Brown.

In the Publishers' Section: E. T. Brown, S. P. Harris, E. M. Lawrence, A. M. Townsend.

In the Editorial Division: All of our editors.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMITTEE

The following are the members of the Sunday School Lesson Committee of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.: A. M. Townsend, J. T. Brown, S. N. Vass, W. S. Ellington, C. H. Parrish, E. T. Brown, L. K. Williams, Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, and Mrs. L. U. Chambers Ellington.

The Sunday School Lesson Committee is the Curriculum Committee, and its duties and function are to study the Sunday school problems for our denomination, and it is responsible for the classification and systematization, and standardization of our Sunday school periodicals, etc.

### OUR EDITORIAL STAFF

All of our editors have worked faithfully this year and cooperated in every way for the success of this department, and well deserve this mead of praise.

Our Editorial Staff is as follows:

Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., F. R. G. S., Editorial Secretary  
 Rev. J. T. Brown, A. M., S. T. D., Editor-in-Chief  
 Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Editor the Teacher and Adult Quarterly  
 Rev. W. S. Ellington, A. B., D. D., Editor Abdemelech and Debtors Magazine

Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., Editor Intermediate (Advanced) Quarterly  
 Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Associate Editor Home Department  
 Mrs. L. V. Chambers Ellington, Editor Primary Quarterly  
 Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Editor Beginner's Quarterly and Music Editor

Mrs. B. T. Sims, Editor Cradle Roll Director  
 Mrs. C. M. Davis, Blackboard Review

Miss Frances E. Thompson, Artist

### Contributing Editors:

Rev. Joseph A. Booker, D. D., Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Rev. W. P. Offutt, D. D., Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, D. D., Dr. Pauline E. Dinkins.

### OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We take pardonable pride in the class and type of literature which we are publishing. It is up to standard, and we know it is best suited, adapted, and more inspiring to our group. Our policy is to make our literature Baptist and comprehensive, yet plain and orthodox. Some among us seem yet not to have learned that from "cover to cover" it is the production of Negro brain and brawn.

We offer no apology for bringing to light, and emphasizing the part that Negroes have played in Bible history, and the influence that such noble characters had on civilization and community life during Bible times. Others will not bring out these truths and it is left for us to do so.

We offer no apology further, for giving inspiration to Negro youth by emphasizing the practical thoughts in the lessons by using Negro pictures and illustrations. And then too, we are firmly convinced that in these most perilous times in our denominational life; in these times when denominations are astir, and new things are born every day; when winds of doctrine blow unceasingly, and new creeds and forms of religion arise; when the skeptical and the wily, and even the so thought wise are endeavoring to undermine the very foundation upon which our Christianity rests, it is absolutely incumbent upon us to provide for the adherents of our faith, an interpretation of the Bible that will not only be full and doctrinal, but simple and convincing.

This is our task, and the Sunday School Publishing Board is trying to help to perform it. We feel therefore, that we deserve the patronage of our own people. Loyal Baptists—true Baptists—are helping us to do it.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dr. S. N. Vass, has charge of our Religious Education Department. The work is being rapidly extended and great strides were made this year. Our plan is to push vigorously the organization of Teacher Training Classes. Every Sunday school should have a Teacher Training Class. Classes were graduated this year at the Convention in Baltimore, and at the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress, in Brooklyn in June. Much enthusiasm and interest centered about the graduation of these classes.

The plan further is to graduate Classes in cooperation with the State Sunday School Convention each year. The first class to be graduated at a State Sunday School Convention was graduated at the Tennessee Baptist State Sunday School Convention, at Memphis, in July of this year, with the Rev. S. H. James, of Brownsville, Tenn., in charge.

Our Teacher Training Course is recognized by the International Sunday School Council, and credits in units are given for the work done in our own Teacher Training textbook, "How to Study and Teach the Bible." The plan further is to promote this work by conducting chautauquas, institutes, and Sunday-school and Bible workers' conferences, etc.

#### THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONGRESS

It is said that the session held in Brooklyn this year, was the best in the history of the Congress. The Congress is operated under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and the B. Y. P. U. Board. Much improvement can yet be made in the work of the Congress. The leading forces plan to reorganize the Congress this year for better and more improved methods, both in operation and study. To this end we pledge ourselves to cooperate.

#### OUR OWN SONG AND HYMN BOOKS

1. "Gospel Pearls" is yet holding its own, as the best book for all purposes on the market today. It commends itself wherever used.

2. Our "Baptist Standard Hymnal" is having a rapidly increasing success. It seems to have met a large felt need in our churches. It is said by critics to be the best Hymnal ever printed. There seems now-a-days to be a tendency to get away from the fervency of spirit and song that characterized the church and altar worship of other days, and which contributes so much to the stability of our religion.

In the "Baptist Standard Hymnal" are preserved the good old soul-stirring hymns of days gone by. In it are found the old meters, familiar word hymns, that were so dear to our fore parents, as well as contributions of several numbers from our own music writers, brimful of inspiration. This Hymnal should be the pardonable pride of every Baptist, and should be in every church, choir use, just off the press. It is a new collection of slave melodies, its most effective singing, nor can the fervor and spirituality of church worship be heightened or fully realized without the use of the "Baptist Standard Hymnal."

3. "Spirituals Triumphant" is our new book of spirituals, for choir use, just off the press. It is a new collection of slave melodies, or "jubilee songs," as they are familiarly called. This book contains half a hundred of the "favorites," that had their origin in the life of an oppressed, yet hopeful people. It was arranged by Prof. Edward Boatner, Chorister of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., assisted by Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, Music Editor of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and as sung by the great National Baptist Convention Chorus. In the arrangements,

the harmony and characteristic way in which these songs were originally sung are maintained. No choir can do its most effective singing of these favorite spirituals without this book.

#### CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

Our Cradle Roll Department is in the charge of Mrs. R. T. Sims. We have just completed a new, beautiful, and attractive outfit for the Cradle Roll Department and workers. Mrs. Sims is doing efficient and satisfactory work, and is being assisted by the following Cradle Roll Directors appointed by the Sunday School Publishing Board:

Alabama—Mrs. Della Williams, Birmingham; Mrs. Susie Phillips, Birmingham; Mrs. C. M. Wells, Montgomery  
California—Miss Frankie D. Watkins, Los Angeles  
Illinois—Mrs. Eva C. Hicks, Chicago  
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Missouri—Mrs. Lillian Dixon, Kansas City; Mrs. Emma Bruce, St. Louis  
New Jersey—Miss Helen G. Burrell, Asbury Park  
North Carolina—Mrs. A. L. Ransom, Oxford; Mrs. Claudia Terry, Raleigh  
Ohio—Miss Ozella Moore, Cleveland  
Tennessee—Mrs. Pearl Sherrell, Knoxville

#### HOME DEPARTMENT

Our Home Department is in charge of Mrs. M. J. Brockway. The progress in this department this year is commendable. Mrs. Brockway is an energetic worker and she is being ably assisted by the following Home Department Superintendents, at work in their respective fields:

Arkansas—Mrs. J. J. Deloney, Texarkana; Mrs. J. M. Carrigan, Eldorado  
California—Mrs. Sadie Cole, Los Angeles; Miss Columbia Johnson, Los Angeles  
Colorado—Mrs. I. S. Powell, Denver  
Florida—Mrs. Annie Morris, Miami  
Illinois—Mrs. C. C. Cullers, Evanston  
Iowa—Mrs. M. E. Jefferson, Des Moines  
Kansas—Miss Mac W. Buckner, Topeka

Louisiana—Mrs. Sallie Williams, Shreveport; Mr. W. H. Jones, Fullerton  
 Michigan—Mrs. Birdie Wilson, Detroit  
 Minnesota—Mrs. Annie O. Jordan, St. Paul  
 Mississippi—Mrs. M. O. Thompson, Greenwood  
 Missouri—Mrs. L. Leota Custon  
 New York—Mrs. Emma Davis, New York  
 Ohio—Mrs. Mattie Grigsby, Anderson  
 Oklahoma—Mrs. M. L. Griffin, Idabel  
 Tennessee—Mrs. Cleo P. Myers, Memphis

#### FIELD DEPARTMENT

Rev. J. Francis Robinson, D. D., our Field Secretary, has been greatly handicapped this year in his work on the field, on account of continued illness. He continues loyal to the Publishing Board and is perhaps, the most enthusiastic, devoted defender and booster of the New Publishing House and its interests.

Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., has continued work on the field as the campaign director. He has been tireless in his work, and effective in his efforts.

Rev. W. B. Fleming, D. D., has done splendid work on the field, both as the "forerunner" of the Campaign Flying Squadron, and also as a regional field worker.

Rev. R. L. Wynn, D. D., has done commendable work as assistant to the campaign director.

Rev. J. W. Gardner, of Nashville, Tenn., has done some good work representing the Board in Tennessee.

Rev. L. A. Weaver, D. D., in addition to his work as center leader of Illinois, in the "Who's Who" Campaign, has done also splendid field work.

Rev. E. M. Lawrence, D. D., the financial agent for the Sunday School Publishing Board, has done excellent work both with the Campaign "Flying Squadron," and in collecting moneys for the Publishing House Fund.

Rev. Wm. G. Hynes, full of zeal, has continued to do general field work, in a very satisfactory manner.

Rev. B. L. Ivory did splendid work in Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky.

#### OTHER WORKERS ON THE FIELD

The work done by our other field and missionary workers this year is worthy of commendation. Greater credit is due them when their sacrificial labors are taken into account.

They are as follows:

Rev. A. Terrell, Mrs. Julia T. Sins, Mrs. Emma J. Hynes, Rev. S. Harris, Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, Rev. R. E. Clay, Mrs. Mary H. Flowers, Rev. Nathan Collier, Rev. E. Brown, Mrs. Louretha Ellington, Rev. William J. Hall, Miss Ada L. Berry, Rev. Wm. G. Hynes, Rev. James Singleton, Miss Mae Buckner, Mrs. Callie Brown, Mrs. Edna Vass, Miss Nellie Robertson, Miss C. L. Felder, Miss Delorah M. Johnson, Mrs. Della Williams, Mrs. Lottie Wilbanks, Rev. J. Quinn, B. Stokes, Mrs. B. W. Smith, Rev. T. J. Turner, Mrs. G. H. Hendricks, Mrs. C. M. Davis.

#### THE WORK OF THE YEAR

The activities of the Board this year have for the most part been centered in the efforts to put the finishing touches on the New Building and equip it, and in raising funds.

Appeals were made on Founder's Day, November 24, 1925, and on Children's Day, second Sunday in June, and on Dedication Day, April 25, 1926. Beautiful, large pictures of the completed new building were sent out free to all Sunday schools and churches, for we wanted one of these pictures to be in every Sunday school room and church. Although we sent out these pictures without charge, we made an appeal to the Sunday schools to send us \$1.50 and the churches \$2.00, as evidence of their appreciation of the picture, and which contribution would help to take care of the expense of the picture, and also to help us in meeting our interest and principal obligation due in July.

The response to these appeals was very generous, and yet it is noted that for the most part it is the same faithful ones that are interested, loyal, and upon whom we must depend, that respond to our appeals.

The "Who's Who" Campaign was launched in February, and we succeeded in getting all the States in line in this effort. Some of the state directors and center leaders, and a few others have done some excellent work.

Rev. W. H. Moses, Rev. E. M. Lawrence, Rev. W. B. Fleming, Rev. J. T. Brown, and Rev. R. L. Wynn, known as the "Flying Squadron" did intensive and most commendable work in Mississippi, Florida and West Virginia.

The "Who's Who" Campaign closes at this Convention and splendid returns from the work of the campaign workers are expected.

#### OUR PLANS OF WORK FOR NEXT YEAR

Although we will have to continue to raise moneys to assist in liquidating the indebtedness on the New Building, yet it is imperative that the Publishing Board now turn its attention more largely to the development of its work of organization, in order that it may keep up to the standard, and keep pace with other religious publishers, and Sunday school workers and leaders; and also, to the extension and development of its work of Religious Education, both generally and in cooperation with state and local organizations; and to the task of reclaiming to us the many schools that should be with us—in fact, to go up and possess the whole land; and to create an increasing demand for our own products, etc.

To this end our plans are as follows:

(a) To resume our Sunday-school and Bible Workers' conferences, institutes, and chautauquas.

(b) To push vigorously the work of our Religious Education Department, especially in the organization of Teacher Training Classes, and so on.

(c) To cooperate with the Sunday school convention of each state in placing a worker in the field, to work in the state in the

interest of the state work, and the Sunday School Publishing Board.

(d) To operate a Book Department, and distributing agencies, in cooperation with the State Convention in the respective states.

(e) To continue to improve our literature, and the working out of better equipment and materials for progressive use in all departments of our Sunday schools.

#### THE BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Our Auditor, Prof. E. D. Pierson, has completed the installation of a bookkeeping and cost accounting system. We have spared neither pains nor money in giving to this department all equipment requested for its operation, and have given our cooperation in every way possible. It will take some time for the system to become smoothly operative. We have but few experienced and efficient bookkeepers and accountants among us, and the workers in this department will have to be trained by us. We may be able therefore, to serve our people in a great need by training some of our boys and girls to become efficient bookkeepers and accountants.

Again, I wish to affirm that Prof. Pierson knows his business, is efficient, a systematic, conscientious, and hard worker, comes up to our ideal in taste and in being a "stickler" for accuracy, and we shall continue to cooperate with him to the end that the system may become effectively workable.

#### THE NEW BUILDING

The "Morris Memorial" Building—Home of the Sunday School Publishing Board—is now completed and fully equipped in every detail. We take pride in boasting that we have the most complete and modernly equipped printing plant in the world among Negroes.

As a matter of record the following facts are given:  
Building Committee of three, viz.: A. M. Townsend, E. M. Lawrence, M. M. Rogers, appointed at National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., held in Indianapolis, Ind., September, 1920.

"Old Commercial Hotel" property, corner Fourth Avenue and Cedar St., Nashville, Tenn., purchased June 3, 1921.

Began to tear down the old building, July 17, 1922.

Foundation of new structure began January, 1923.

The first steel was erected on December 6, 1923.

The first brick was laid on March 1, 1924.

The corner stone was laid on the eighteenth day of May, 1924.

The last stone was set by Secretary Townsend on October 4, 1924.

The refinancing deal was closed on Saturday, July 11, 1925.

The building was completed August, 1925, at a cost of \$850,000.00.

Formal Opening, the week beginning October 19, 1925, and ending October 26, 1925, with banquet to the Building Committee, builders, officers and employees of the Sunday School Publishing

Board, and in honor of the Fiftieth Birthday Anniversary of Secretary Townsend.

Dedicated, April 25, 1926.

Building Committee of nine completed the task, viz.: A. M. Townsend, E. M. Lawrence, L. K. Williams, R. B. Hudson, S. P. Harris, E. T. Brown, Wm. Haynes, E. W. D. Isaac, J. D. Crenshaw.

#### THE DEDICATION

Beginning Tuesday, April 20, 1926, and closing Sunday, April 25, 1926, the Morris Memorial—Home of the Sunday School Publishing Board was dedicated with glorious and inspiring ceremonies. They came from all sections of the country in large numbers to witness and participate in this momentous and historic event.

For record, the program carried out is here given:

#### PROGRAM

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1926, 8 O'CLOCK

Spruce Street Baptist Church, Eighth Ave., N.

Rev. R. B. Roberts, D. D., President Tennessee Baptist M. and E. Convention, presiding. Alternate, Rev. W. A. Taylor, D. D., Washington, D. C.

Praise Service—Led by Prof. Edward Boatner, of Boston, Chorister National Baptist Convention. Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Nashville, Music Editor and Director Sunday School Publishing Board, Organist.

Prayer, Rev. Joseph Keill, Pastor Zion Baptist Church, Nashville Devotional Address, Dr. J. T. Brown, Editor-in-Chief, Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville

Address—(Thirty Minutes), Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, Memphis, President American Baptist Theological Seminary

Alternate, Rev. Albert J. Greene, D. D., Maryland

Addresses (Fifteen Minutes):

Dr. T. O. Fuller, Tenn. Alternate, Dr. B. J. F. Westbrook, Ind.

Dr. D. V. Jemison, Alabama. Alternate, Dr. J. S. Brown, N. C.

Dr. Geo. W. Robinson, Iowa. Alternate, Dr. J. R. Adams, N. Y.

Dr. J. A. Martin, Secretary-Treasurer C. M. E. Publishing House

Fraternal Greetings:

Dr. W. M. Wilson, Representative Primitive Baptists

Dr. J. L. Hudgins, Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House

Presentation Visiting Ministers

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 21, 1926, 8 O'CLOCK

Spruce Street Baptist Church, Eighth Ave., N.

Editor Wm. H. Steward, "American Baptist," Kentucky, presiding.

Alternate, Mr. H. I. Monroe, President Baptist State Sunday

School Convention, Kansas

Praise Service—Led by Prof. Edward Boatner

Prayer, Rev. A. W. Porter, Pastor Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville  
 Devotional Address, Dr. W. S. Ellington, Pastor First Baptist Church, East Nashville  
 Address—(Thirty Minutes) Dr. J. C. Austin, Chicago, Chairman Foreign Mission Board, N. B. C.  
 Alternate, Dr. R. L. Bradby, Michigan  
 Addresses (Fifteen Minutes):  
 Dr. E. Arlington Wilson, Texas. Alternate, Dr. T. J. King, Va.  
 Dr. J. A. Thomas, Illinois. Alternate, Dr. J. Francis Robinson, Mass.  
 Dr. J. A. Marshall, Miss. Alternate, Dr. J. W. Boykin, S. C.  
 Fraternal Greetings:  
 Dr. Henry A. Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer National Baptist Publishing Board  
 Dr. E. B. Williams, A. M. E. Zion Publishing House  
 Dr. J. W. Barton, Agent M. E. Publishing House, South Presentation Visiting Ministers

**THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1926, 8 O'CLOCK**

Spruce Street Baptist Church, Eighth Ave., N.

Rev. J. Franklin Walker, D. D., President Ohio Baptist State Convention, presiding. Alternate, Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., La.  
 Praise Service—Led by Prof. Edward Boatner  
 Prayer, Rev. J. R. Statton, Pastor Fairfield Baptist Church, Nashville  
 Devotional Address, Dr. W. T. Aniger, Dean American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville  
 Address (Thirty Minutes), Dr. W. H. Moses, New York, Campaign Director, National Baptist Convention  
 Alternate, Dr. P. James Bryant, Georgia  
 Addresses (Fifteen Minutes):  
 Dr. Joseph A. Booker, Ark. Alternate, Dr. J. H. Hughes, N. J.  
 Dr. Jno. E. Ford, Fla. Alternate, Dr. G. D. Griffin, Fla.  
 Dr. E. W. Perry, Okla. Alternate, Dr. O. C. Maxwell, Mo.  
 Fraternal Greetings:  
 Mr. Ira T. Bryant, Secretary-Treasurer A. M. E. S. S. Union  
 Dr. James A. Allen, Christian Church Publishers  
 Presentation of Members Sunday School Publishing Board by Secretary Townsend

**FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1926, 8 O'CLOCK**

Ryman Auditorium

Part I—"Musical Extravaganza," 200 Voices; Direction Prof. Edward Boatner, Boston; assisted by Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Nashville  
 Part II—Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Mary H. Flowers, Manager Fireside Schools, Nashville  
 Address, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, President National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C., President National League of Republican Colored Women

Part III—Moving Pictures, Prof. W. G. Hynes, National Exhibitor, in charge  
 Presenting:  
 (1) National Baptist Convention, 1905, Chicago  
 (2) National Baptist Convention, 1925, Baltimore  
 (3) Activities Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville

**SATURDAY**

Sight-seeing.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1926, 2:00 P. M.**

Ryman Auditorium

Dr. A. M. Townsend, Corresponding Secretary Sunday School Publishing Board, Master of Ceremonies  
 (Visiting ministers will please take seats on the platform.)  
 Praise Service—Led by Prof. Edward Boatner, and Chorus 200 Voices  
 "Prayer"—Marchetti, Chorus  
 Invocation, Rev. P. A. Callahan, D. D., Pastor First Baptist Church, Eighth Ave., N., Nashville  
 "Build Three More Stately Mansions"—Mathews, Chorus  
 Devotional Address, Dr. S. N. Vass, Secretary Religious Education, Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville  
 Music (Spiritual), Chorus  
 Responsive Bible Reading led by Rev. J. W. Bailey, D. D., Texas  
 Leader—If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say;  
 Congregation—If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us;  
 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us;  
 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul;  
 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.  
 Leader—Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.  
 Congregation—Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.  
 Altogether—Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Ps. 124.  
 Leader—They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.  
 Congregation—As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. Ps. 125.  
 Altogether—He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Ps. 126:6.  
 (Note—This verse was the text of the first sermon preached by the Rev. R. Spiller of Norfolk, Va., in the organization of the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in 1880 whence came the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.)

Hymn—"Before Jehovah's Awful Throne" (Hymn No. 1) Congregation, led by Chorus  
 Prayer, Dr. J. R. Jamison, President Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
 "O Holy Lord"—Dett, Chorus  
 Fraternal Greetings—Representatives Other Publishers of Religious Literature  
 Presentation Visiting Ministers  
 Music (Spiritual), Chorus  
 Offertory Address, Dr. W. F. Graham, Philadelphia, Chairman Finance Committee, N. B. C.

## DEDICATORY OFFERING

Dr. R. B. Hudson, Secretary National Baptist Convention, in charge (Finance Committee—Dr. J. R. Singleton, Rev. Ambrose Bennell, Rev. Wm. Haynes, Hon. S. P. Harris, Rev. E. M. Seymour.)  
 Solo—1—"Save Me O God"—Randigger  
 Solo—2—"Some Day", Prof. Edward Boatner  
 Introduction of Speaker, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Corresponding Secretary B. Y. P. U. Board, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.  
 Dedicatory Sermon, Dr. L. K. Williams, Chicago, President National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.  
 Music, Chorus  
 Processional March to New Building in following order:  
 Capt. J. T. Shelby, Marshal of the Day  
 1—Led by the N. C. Davis Band and the Chorus, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
 2—Churches, each under banner and in line as follows: superintendent; the Sunday school; the church members and friends; the pastor, deacons, and officers  
 3—Visiting Ministers  
 4—Members Sunday School Publishing Board  
 5—Editorial Staff of S. S. Publishing Board  
 6—Building Committee in uniform dress  
 7—President Williams and officers of the National Baptist Convention in uniform dress

## CONCLUDING EXERCISE AND SERVICES AT THE BUILDING CORNER FOURTH AVE., N., AND CEDAR ST.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, Historian N. B. C., in Charge  
 Raising National Flag ("Old Glory"), with Band playing "The Star Spangled Banner" (Song No. 3), Congregation joining in the chorus  
 Raising Flag of Sunday School Publishing Board with song "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (Song No. 4), Congregation led by Band  
 Prayer, Rev. J. C. Fields, D. D., Nashville, Chairman Sunday School Publishing Board  
 Song—"Builder of Mighty Worlds" (Hymn No. 2), Congregation led by Chorus  
 Pantomime of producing a finished book from beginning to end by departments, Dr. L. G. Jordan  
 Silver Offering.

Presenting the completed and equipped Building with offering, to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., by the Building Committee—Dr. E. M. Lawrence, Chairman  
 with offering, to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., by the Building Committee—Dr. E. M. Lawrence, Chairman  
 Acceptance of the completed and equipped Building and offering, for the National Baptist Convention—Dr. L. K. Williams, President National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.

## Dedication and Consecration Service

Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy," Congregation led by Chorus  
 Master of Ceremonies—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."  
 Ministers—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and earth. Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."  
 Master of Ceremonies—"I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there forever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually."  
 Ministers—"Praise ye the Lord, praise God in His sanctuary."  
 Congregation—"Praise Him in the firmament of His power;"  
 Master of Ceremonies—"Praise Him for His mighty acts;"  
 Ministers—"Praise Him according to His excellent greatness;"  
 Congregation—"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."  
 All together—"Praise ye the Lord."  
 Master of Ceremonies—"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."  
 Ministers—"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."  
 Master of Ceremonies—"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee."  
 Congregation—"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."  
 Master of Ceremonies—"To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this House,  
 To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, our Lord and Saviour."  
 To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light.  
 Congregation—"We dedicate this House."  
 Master of Ceremonies—"For the worship of God through the publication and dissemination of pure, edifying, secular and religious literature;  
 For the support and the distribution of the Bible, the Book of books;  
 Congregation—"We dedicate this, the E. C. Morris Memorial Publishing House, to the glory of God and the service of man."  
 Ministers—"For the fostering of Christian Education, Home and Foreign Missions;  
 For the better development of Christian ministers, second rank and lay leaders and workers in our churches, Sunday schools and other church departments;"  
 Congregation—"We dedicate this House."

Master of Ceremonies—"For the building of a sane race respect; For the promotion of habits of thrift, economy, and race self-reliance;

Congregation—"We dedicate this house."

Ministers—"For the fostering of patriotism;

For aggression/against evil;

For the support of all that is good;

Congregation—"We dedicate this House."

Master of Ceremonies—"For the promotion of universal peace; For the building of a world's Christian brotherhood; Finally, for the bringing in the Kingdom of God in this earth;

Congregation—"We dedicate this House."

Master of Ceremonies—"As a tribute of gratitude and love, a free-will offering of thanksgiving and praise from those who have tasted the cup of salvation, and experienced the riches of thy grace;

Congregation—"We, the people of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire House in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen, Amen!

Dedicatory Prayer—Dr. C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Statistician National Baptist Convention

Choir and Congregation—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

#### Turning Over Building to Custodian

Turning over the completed and equipped Building and offering to the Sunday School Publishing Board, as Custodian—President L. K. Williams

Response of Acceptance, Dr. A. M. Townsend, Corresponding Secretary Sunday School Publishing Board

Song—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Benediction

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Prof. Boatner and the Chorus of 200 voices will give a radio concert Sunday night, April 25, at the First Baptist Church, Dr. W. F. Powell, Pastor. "Tune in" on station WCBQ—242 Meters—at 8:30 o'clock, and enjoy this closing feature of the Dedicatory Services.

Telephone or wire congratulations on the radio program to Dr. A. M. Townsend, Secretary, Nashville Tennessee.

#### PLAN TO UNDERWRITE AND PAY THE DEBT

This building stands as a colossal object of pride, not only to our denominational group but to our race group as well. The most happy thought of all, however, is, that it is OURS, and that we as Baptists absolutely own, operate, and control it. It belongs to every Baptist. Although completed, it must be paid for, and we, as Baptists, must pay for it. The sooner we pay for it, the less it will cost us, and the quicker we will be relieved of the burden,

and the sooner will we be enabled to turn our attention to other phases of kingdom work.

We are convinced that the spasmodic methods we have been following to raise moneys to pay off the debt are too uncertain and unsatisfactory, and not sufficient, to early pay the debt. After all, the responsibility of paying for our New Publishing House rests upon our churches. We have worked out a plan for the debt to be underwritten and paid. We are now pleading with you to lend your hearty cooperation and help to work the plan, which if followed, we know, will assure us more certainty in raising the funds and relieve the great burden on those in the lead, and save them also from much anxiety and worry.

#### THE PLAN MEMORIAL UNDERWRITERS' CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

1. A general Board of Promotion composed of the executive officers of the National Baptist Convention, the executive officers of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Board of Directors of the Sunday School Publishing Board, and the presidents of state conventions.

2. (a) An Underwriters' Commission, composed of the members of the General Sunday School Publishing Board, and such others as may be appointed.

(b) A Woman's auxiliary composed of the Presidents of State Woman's Auxiliary Conventions, and such others as may be appointed.

(c) A Publicity Bureau.

3. (a) The officers of the Commission to be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(b) The officers of the Woman's Auxiliary to be President, Vice-President, seven Regional Vice-Presidents, and Secretary.

4. (a) The executive officers of the Convention, and the executive officers of the Woman's Auxiliary Publishing Board, and the officers of the Underwriters' Commission, and the officers of the auxiliary commission, to constitute the Executive Committee, to direct this Campaign, and the work of the Commission.

(b) Seven members of the executive committee to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### THE UNDERWRITERS' COMMISSION

This Commission is to be known as the "Publishing House Underwriters' Commission."

Its duties (1) To put on a whirlwind campaign to solicit all churches, Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, conventions, associations, women's auxiliaries, laymen and other organizations and individuals, to underwrite the Publishing House debt. That is, voluntarily to agree to pay so much on this debt each year until the debt is paid.

(2) When the debt will have been underwritten, this Commission through its individual members is to use its influence in its State in every way possible, in the interest of the Publish-

ing House, to keep in touch with the Underwriters in its State and to suggest and devise ways and means to help the Underwriters to raise the amount they have underwritten; and to cooperate with the Executive Committee of the Commission to collect the moneys pledged.

#### THE UNDERWRITING PLAN

(a) The Underwriters to be known as the "Memorial Publishing House Underwriters."

(b) The Underwriters to be divided into seven classes:  
 Class AA-1, those that underwrite \$1,000.00 a year.  
 Class A-1, those that underwrite \$500.00 a year.  
 Class A, those that underwrite \$300.00 a year.  
 Class B, those that underwrite \$200.00 a year.  
 Class C, those that underwrite \$100.00 a year.  
 Class D, those that underwrite \$50.00 a year.  
 Class E, those that underwrite less than \$50.00 a year.

(c) The period to be covered is seven (7) years.  
 (d) Churches, Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, associations, conventions, women auxiliaries, laymen, and other organizations and individuals, to be solicited to join whatever class, or underwrite whatever amount they desire to pay each year for seven years.

(e) The church, Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., association, convention, woman's auxiliary, laymen organization, etc., will take action by vote on the amount it will underwrite, which action will be attested by a statement signed by the pastor, superintendent, moderator, or president, and the clerk or secretary which statement will be sent to the secretary of the Underwriter's Commission, who will make record of and file same.

(f) Amount underwritten for each year by the churches, B. Y. P. U.'s, and other local organizations, and individuals to be paid in two payments as follows: One-half or more on E. C. Morris Memorial Day, May 6th, and balance on Founder's Day, November 24th. Sunday schools will pay amount they underwrite on Children's Day. Conventions, and associations, and other organizations that meet annually will pay amount underwritten at their annual meetings.

(g) A local committee of three or five in each church, appointed by the pastor or church, to be known as the "Publishing House Committee," whose duty will be to raise the amount underwritten by the church, the same to be sent in on the dates fixed.

#### AWARDS

##### To Churches, Sunday Schools, Etc.

To the church, Sunday school and other local organizations, belonging to either one of the classes, that pay the amount underwritten each year, the Sunday School Publishing Board will issue its Credit Check for ten per cent of the amount underwritten and paid for the year, which check will be received as cash with any order placed with the Sunday School Publishing Board for any literature or supplies published or manufactured by the Board.

#### AWARDS TO ASSOCIATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

As an award to the association or convention that pays the amount underwritten each year, the Sunday School Publishing Board, will print for them their minutes as follows:

Class AA-1 Print minutes without cost.  
 Class A-1 Print minutes—donate half the cost.  
 Class A Print minutes—donate one-third the cost.  
 Class B Print minutes—donate one-fourth the cost.  
 Class C Print minutes—donate one-fifth the cost.  
 Class D Print minutes—donate one-tenth the cost.

#### STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

First Mortgage: \$250,000. Payable: \$5,000 annually plus interest at 5 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually. Annual payments to begin July 2, 1926. Interest notes payable January 2 and July 2, each year.

Option: To pay more than \$5,000 on any interest paying date without bonus if desired.

Option: To extend this payment at the end of ten years, without bonus, "provided that all payments of interest and principal are promptly made and that the property is kept in good repair and otherwise maintained in good condition, and that it does not depreciate in value, or the security for the loan is not in any way impaired."

Second Mortgage: Bond issue, \$320,000. Payable: \$25,000 annually plus interest at 7 per cent payable semi-annually. Annual payments to begin January 2, 1928.

Interest notes payable January 8th and July 8th each year.

Notes:

One note—\$15,000, payable January 8, 1926.

One note—\$25,000, payable January 8, 1927.

Interest payable January 8th and July 8th each year.

One Demand Note—\$3,000.00.

One Demand Note—\$9,880.95.

#### MAKING HISTORY

The "Memorial 300" goes down in history as those through whose faith the money was given to pay for the ground on which the New Building stands. A tablet will be placed in the building to their honor and memory.

The faithful employees of the Publishing House go down in the record, as those who gave out of their "sweat" means the money with which the "Old Commercial Hotel" building was razed, and the ground cleared for the New Building. To the loyal Sunday schools goes the credit for the money with which the foundation for the New Building was laid; and to both the loyal employees and the loyal Sunday schools goes the credit of furnishing the New Building. A tablet to their memory respectively will also be placed in this building. There are many who did not get their names on the "Memorial 300" tablet. The opportunity for that

has passed. A final chance is now offered for everybody to get into the closing epoch of the record. Those who now underwrite the Publishing House debt, and pay the amount underwritten, will be known as the "Memorial Publishing House Underwriters" and a tablet will be placed in the New Building as a tribute to their honor and memory, which will close the history of the building of the New Publishing House. Your name, the name of your church, or organization should be there.

#### THE MEMORIAL SLAB TO OUR PIONEER MINISTERS

To Dr. L. G. Jordan, our Historian, is due the credit for the suggestion that we should memorialize our pioneer ministers, our pathfinders, or "trail blazers" by placing in our new building a bronze tablet with their names inscribed thereon. Dr. Jordan has taken the lead in the effort to interest the churches that will, thus to honor and revere their pioneer ministers. This tablet in honor of these pioneers among us, will be put in the New Building as planned. We have been waiting so that all churches that desire, may take advantage of this opportunity to revere the memory of their sainted leaders, or for the pastors thus to honor their predecessors who so well laid the foundation upon which they are building. We should have at least one hundred (100) names on this tablet. The following are the names already sent in to go on this Memorial Slab:

Pioneer Minister, Church and Location	By Pastor
Rev. W. T. Dixon, Concord, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Rev. J. B. Adams
Rev. A. McEwen, Franklin St., Mobile, Ala.	Rev. U. J. Robinson
Rev. Daniel A. Gaddie, Green St., Louisville, Ky.	Rev. H. W. Jones
Rev. W. N. Norton, Messiah, Bridgeport, Conn.	Rev. Walter Gay
Rev. Jones Watkins, Enon, Baltimore, Md.	Rev. Arthur J. Payne
Rev. F. L. Lights, Antioch, Houston, Texas	Rev. E. L. Harrison
Rev. R. C. Fox, Carron St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. C. T. Murray
Rev. William P. Gibbons, Mt. Carmel, Washington, D. C.	Rev. W. H. Jernagin
Rev. Louis Rice, Zion African, Malden, W. Va.	Rev. J. T. Tyree
Rev. H. C. Owen, Memphis, Tenn.	Rev. S. A. Owen (Son)
Rev. Jas. H. Holmes, First African, Richmond, Va.	
Rev. H. H. Harris, Compton Hill, St. Louis, Mo.	Rev. W. C. Cartwright
Rev. Martin Winfield, First Baptist, Brownsville, Tenn.	Rev. S. H. James
Rev. G. B. Howard, Central, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. W. A. Jones
Rev. Daniel Stratton, St. Paul, St. Albans, W. Va.	Rev. J. T. Reid
Rev. George Lisle, First African, Savannah, Ga.	Rev. E. G. Thomas
Rev. A. R. Robinson, Shiloh, Phila., Pa.	Rev. W. H. R. Powell
Rev. Horatio Carter, Ebenezer, Boston Mass.	Rev. C. A. Ward
Rev. W. T. Silver, First Baptist, Frankfort, Ky.	Rev. Wm. H. Ballew
Rev. D. Webster Davis, Second, Richmond, Va.	Rev. E. C. Smith
Rev. A. Binga, Jr., First Baptist, Richmond, Va.	Rev. W. L. Ransom
Rev. Wm. H. Tillman, Wheat St., Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. P. J. Bryant

Rev. E. J. Bland, Mt. Horeb, Greenville, Miss. .... Rev. T. B. Miles  
 Rev. E. Williams, Virginia St., Hopkinsville, Ky. ....  
 Rev. Levi Trimble, First Baptist, Winchester, Tenn. ....  
 Rev. J. C. Center, Antioch, Lithonia, Ga. .... Rev. A. D. Williams

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For full statement of the financial transactions of the Sunday School Publishing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, see the Auditor's report.

#### SOME OBSERVATIONS

The records show our financial transactions last year to be \$281,182.20; this year \$392,922.98, an advance of \$103,740.78. At the close of business this year, our assets, (building not included) exceeds our liabilities \$174,450.70. Our assets in the building exceed our liabilities \$341,392.31; making total assets over liabilities including building, \$515,843.04.

And now, appreciative of your cooperation and support this year, and most of all appreciative of the loyalty and confidence imposed in us who are in the lead, we beg to remain

Sincerely yours,  
 Sunday School Publishing Board  
 A. M. TOWNSEND, Secretary

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BOARD

To the officers and members of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.:

Dear Brethren: The close of another fiscal year makes it necessary for us, as your trusted servants to submit you an official statement of the work done by us during that period. This work has some reminiscent features which in our opinion should never be overlooked or lightly esteemed.

In 1889 your Board was sent forth to organize the young people of our denomination into study classes, mission bands, and working groups, in order that there might be systematic increase of their intelligence and the constant multiplication of their working power. We entered upon this difficult task with the prayers and confidence of a great religious constituency; with THIRTEEN DOLLARS and THIRTY CENTS in coin of the realm; with faith in God and confidence in ourselves, determined to complete the task in a manner commensurate with our opportunity and environment. There was a lack of faith in the project, a gross misconception of the nature and scope of the work, and divided sentiment with regard to the utility of the movement. Much time and patience were required to banish the prejudice against the work and constrain pastors and older members of the churches to tolerate the movement. Happily most of those unpleasant and

discouraging features were removed in rapid succession, and the department given a chance to demonstrate its worth and vindicate its claims to tolerance and support.

This organization shows marked efficiency by the manner in which it discovers and trains leaders. It evidences the significant fact that success in religious work does not depend upon superior plans, but superior leaders. The B. Y. P. U. Society is necessarily the TRAINING AGENCY of the church. A business establishment rarely trains the men that it selects for its offices, although many seek by courses of salesmanship and other methods to add to their efficiency. But in a young people's society the training must be given by the society. A common rule is "To learn to do a thing just do it," but that is true only in a limited way. This is not the advice given to lawyers and doctors and teachers. To learn to speak in meeting, probably the best training is to just keep testifying. But to do personal work, to conduct Bible classes, to promote study courses, to systematize missionary endeavor, to unify religious workers, to correlate religious activities, to render helpful social service, back of all such doing must be expert instruction—systematic, scientific training.

The church must train its workers. This is not prerogative it is duty—the cool, calculating, insistent, uncompromising demand of the present age. The organized church must share in the growing life of the world. A growing life is one that is full of new ideas, new experiences, new emotions, a new outlook over life—that works in new ways and that is full of seething and tumultuous energy, enthusiasm, and hope. If we look out over the colleges, business enterprises, periodicals, agriculture, manufacturing and shipping of the world, we find everywhere one story—growth, impetus, courage, resources, vigorous and bounding life. In like manner the church forces must be guided and wielded well or witness a decrease of interest and proportionate membership, a waning prestige, a general air of discouragement, and a tale of baffled efforts and of disappointed hopes. The church is meant to be the spiritual leader of the world. It is meant to possess vigor, decision, insight, hope, and intellectual power. Before it can occupy this exalted station its leaders and teachers must be trained for service.

The church is a body ministrant; it has received the accolade of spiritual service. It stands among the world's forces, as one of vigor, not of gain. It holds within its scope both a teaching and training power. It is the school of the soul, the illuminator of the understanding, the turning of the affections and will to God in Christ and to righteousness.

#### Spiritual Development

Our work is specific. We assumed a definite task and have always labored in the direction of completing that task. Our first aim is to "secure the increased spirituality" of the Baptist young people. In this particular phase of our work we are called upon to combat many erroneous opinions with regard to the office and work of the Holy Spirit and the place and scope of emotion in the religious life. We still find it difficult to combine the intellectual and the spiritual in religious life. We swing in rapid succession

from one extreme to the other—the learned are non-spiritual, the spiritual are non-learned. This is true to such an extent that where culture abounds enthusiasm waxes cold; and where spiritual manifestations are shown forth culture stands abashed, seeking hasty returns from the scene. This is due to the fact that the doctrine of the Holy Spirit has not been regarded as one of the most important of all Christian doctrines, and dealing with the most intimate and mystic experience of the soul. We cannot pursue this study very far before we are forced to consider the place of the emotional in our religious life and to differentiate between the true and the false in religious enthusiasm. This is a subject that goes off into mystery on every side; for the action of the nervous system is involved in this and the whole question of contagious emotion which not the best physiologists understand. But without going into physiological questions, there are certain things very plain which ought to be known by all intelligent Christians.

There is a religious excitation or excitement which may not have any moral quality or influence whatever. A person may be real sincere, may be lifted up and carried along with a rush of sacred enthusiasm; may cry earnestly for mercy or sing loudly of a salvation, while there is no real change in his moral status. This excitement may be only the accompaniment, not the change. Such a person should be taught that the only thing of real value in such a shake up is the exercise of conscience, and enlightenment of that conscience by a more diligent study of the office and work of the Spirit.

To the really spiritual life the canon holds whatsoever we do, whether we eat or drink, sit in the deacon's court or chant the songs of David, collect the free will offerings of the people or ascend to heaven's gate in prayer, share the delight of the social circle or engage in the battle for municipal improvements—whatever we do, we do all to the glory of God. We are raised from the depth of trespass and sin and made to sit together with Christ in the heavenlies and from that elevation we see and judge all things, wealth and poverty, fame and duty, social position and service, work and recreation; and thereby we find their true measure and assign them their right place. Our development processes must be regular, orderly, systematic. A deep spiritual life is not to be gained and sustained by a consecrated negligence, by a prolonged hiatus of cool indifference, succeeded by a brief, feverish spasm of devotion. We cannot violate all the rules of health for a year, and then fully atone for our neglect by a fortnight at the sea. And we cannot condense and concentrate our spiritual activities into an infrequent mission or convention; they must be evenly and consistently distributed throughout the whole year. If the spiritual life is to be deepened, we must continuously make more room for God. If we would have a larger life we must enlarge our channels by loftier thinking, by deeper dredging, by sacrificial suffering. In order to secure the increased spirituality of Baptist young people, your Board offers assistance along all the lines of spiritual development—and congratulates itself that there are signs of progress in all directions.

## Singing a Spiritual Asset

We have found that one of the most effective and helpful agencies in the development of the spiritual life is the right kind of songs and the singing of them with the spirit and with the understanding. We feel that by our painstaking selection and circulation of devotional songs we have practically revolutionized the singing in our Baptist churches and auxiliary organizations. The value of inspirational singing is so apparent that we deem it unnecessary to bid for cooperation in that particular line of work.

We have only to consider the soothing influence of music as provided by Divine Providence, in order to give it the attention that it deserves. Music is one of the manifold indications of God in the adaptation of man to his surroundings so as to derive enjoyment from them. The world is full of music. In trouble and agitation especially it soothes and cheers. It brings a tone out of the higher world into the spirit of the hearer. Its direct influence is exerted upon the nervous system, which is intimately connected with all mental activity. As the condition of the brain and nerves is affected by it, so also it affects the state of the mind. Pythagoras quieted the perturbations of the mind with the harp. Elisha, when chafed and disturbed in spirit, called for a minstrel and was prepared by the soothing strains of his harp for prophetic inspiration. Divine Providence ordered the visit of David to Saul over whom mercy still lingered. He was not only freed from the immediate pressure of fear and despondency, but also restored to a mental condition which was favorable to repentance and return to God. Music is a means of grace, and when rightly used conveys much spiritual benefit to men. All melody and all harmony, all music upon earth is beautiful in as far as it is a pattern and type of the everlasting harmony which is in heaven. History records many events in which music has been productive of extraordinary effects. Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

The music was more than a mere palliative. It brought back for the time the sense of a true order, a secret, inward harmony and assurance that is near every man, and that he may enter into it. Philip of Spain, was restored from profoundest melancholy by the magical voice of Farinelli. Psalmody is the calm of the soul, the repose of the spirit, the arbiter of peace. It silences the wave and conciliates the whirlwind of our passions. It is an engender of friendship, a healer of dissension, a reconciler of enemies. It repels the demons, lures the ministry of angels, shields us from nightly terrors, and refreshes us in daily toil. We have yet to learn that a good, lively song service sets the pace for every religious service. Inspirational singing is one of the most valuable assets that any church or its auxiliaries may possess. We congratulate ourselves that we have contributed in a most substantial manner to the increase of enthusiastic, soul-stirring congregational singing.

We have developed an intense love for the kind of songs that reach the heart and elevate the soul. We have popularized the praise meeting and the song-service so that the leaders among our young people thirst for a knowledge of the methods and processes by which we get such magnificent and pleasing results. In this connection it should be remembered that we must nec-

essarily keep thousands of dollars tied up in plates, permits, and manuscripts of original compositions; and still depend in a large measure upon older, more experienced and more wealthy publishers—business rivals to aid us in the making of song-books for our people.

We have been greatly hindered in our song book publications by reason of the fact that we have not controlled the plates from which those books are made. They are owned and controlled by publishers who would not permit us to use them unless they did the printing. Whenever our stock of song books has become exhausted, we have invariably had unusually long lapses of time before we could get another edition from the press. These delays have given our patrons a measure of discontent which, under existing circumstances we could not allay. In order to relieve the situation we are issuing a new song book known as, "Inspirational Melodies." We are buying the original compositions and permit franchises, which gives us absolute control of the plates and enables us to publish the book ourselves. It will be necessary for us to give this new book the right-of-way, and to make it the substitute for other song book publications which have given us so much annoyance and caused us such great loss. During this transition period we trust that our patrons will be sympathetic and cooperative in the largest possible measure.

## Stimulation for Service

Primarily the B. Y. P. U. Society is intended to harness and systematize the activities of the church membership and to make the operation of the church an easier and more simple task. Accordingly its labors are divided in such a manner that small working aggregations known as "Groups" have laid upon them the responsibility of organization and operation. The duties of these respective Groups are defined in our "Hand-book."

**Membership**—To have charge of the distribution of invitation cards; to bring in new members; to introduce them; to encourage attendance upon all meetings, and to interest all young people of the church and congregation in the work of the union.

**Devotional**—To arrange in connection with the pastor and president, for all prayer meetings; provide topics, singing books, leaders and organist and seek in every way to promote the interest of the meetings.

**Instruction**—To arrange for Bible study, lectures on religious topics, courses of general denominational and missionary reading and instruction; to develop and promote all that belongs to this feature of the work, and have charge of the library.

**Social**—To call upon and welcome strangers, to provide for societies, to extend acquaintance among the members and to increase the interest of all meetings of the union.

**Tracts and Publications**—To provide for the circulation of the Scriptures, tracts, and other current denominational and missionary literature.

**Missions**—To divide the territory of 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.

**Temperance**—To distribute literature on the subject, arrange for meetings in its interest, and everything possible to promote temperance principles and sentiment in the members of the organization and in the community.

**Executive**—To consist of the pastor and officers to meet once a month, also at the call of pastor or president, to consider all matters of business and make recommendations to the union and to report to the church annually the progress of the work of the young people.

It is our sincere desire that all the leaders, captains, etc., should follow suggestions and recommendations contained in our "GUIDE."

In this connection this significant fact should be emphasized. The foregoing upon service is measured by our incoming to fellowship with God and fellowmen. Nowhere is the relation between preparation and service more impressively stated than by Jesus' own life. How disproportionately long seem those thirty years of silent preparation to the brief years of his public ministry. Yet in what contrast with any three years of any life or with all the years of the longest and greatest of lives stand those three years of his toil! The fact that he was three years in doing all that he did is not without its connection with the other fact that he was all of thirty years in becoming what he was and in preparing to do what he did.

The place in the plan of Christ's life given to the training of the twelve is almost emphatic testimony to the divine sense of the necessity of preparation for service. More than by anything else his life plan is to be discerned in the requirements of and provision for the training of the disciples. This was the purpose that lay nearest to his heart. Every act and word, miracle and discourse, took its bearing from and had its bearing upon the development of their characters. The study of our Lord's life as the school for the training of his disciples reveals new plan and purpose in his whole earthly career. His disciples soon shared his purpose not to be ministered unto but to minister; they soon saw that greatness is measured by service, and service by sacrifice. The disciples were truly good men; but to be good is not enough. We must be better than good, if we would do good. We must know how to do good; we must be efficient. It has been said truly that the "goodness fallacy" is fatal to both religious and social work. No education should be considered "liberal" which does not fit for public service of some kind. No public school fills its function that does not fit for citizenship. No religious character or culture should satisfy any church or church member that does not inspire and equip for serving others.

We have many pleasing evidences of the success of our work in this particular respect. Our young people's societies, in many cases, take most active part in all church work and denominational activities. They contribute to missions and education; they unite in special efforts to sustain their pastors; they share in the evangelistic work of the church; they contribute to church building and repair projects; they supplement funds for the education of worthy students who are not able to pay their way through school. A more concise and convincing illustration of the helpful manner in which they serve is given by these approximations

to the amount which B. Y. P. U. Societies have contributed to the various phases of denominational work since this department was organized.

#### Systematic Bible Study

We still recognize the great need of SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY if we expect our young people to cling devoutly to the OLD BOOK and the OLD FAITH. Edification in Scripture knowledge is still one of the essential features of religious education which the church cannot afford to overlook. However much one may be disposed to discard what is sometimes called "book religion" the fact remains that God of the Word is the only God whose strong, right arm bringeth the secure salvation. Our constant aim has been to increase the thirst for Bible knowledge and to meet the demands made by such increase. Our daily Bible Readers' Course has been preserved and carried forward in both quarterlies. Our Bible Conference work occupies a unique place in Bible study plans. In these Conferences we reach the teachers and leaders in large numbers, render them valuable service in their efforts to study the Bible in a more profitable manner and teach it more effectively. Our Bible Conferences are necessarily conducted on a large scale; and are, therefore, such an item of expense that in some cases, pastors hesitate to invite us to hold such conferences in their midst. In this connection it should be stated that the risk of creating a debt is far more apparent than real. The money necessary for the payment of such expenses is raised by our own methods. Cooperation of the pastors and churches is all we seek. We pledge ourselves to do whatever else is necessary for the success of our conferences. We find ourselves seriously hindered in our Bible work because of our inability to furnish people and organizations with Bibles who are not able to purchase them. Many requests of that character come to us; which for want of a fund for Bible distribution, we are not able to heed. We are trying to raise a fund of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, the interest of which may be used for the purchase of Bibles for free distribution. We solicit, most eagerly, hearty cooperation in this necessary movement.

In our efforts to promote Bible study we find a growing tendency on the part of the cultured youth to regard the Bible as a mysterious, dry, uninteresting book upon which intelligent and scientific minds cannot be concentrated. To this we reply that science and art are but reflections of the Divine mind and purpose as they are disclosed in the Holy Writ. Unless historians deceive and mislead us, Grecian architects studied the Bible in order that they might impart grandeur, grace or symmetry to the edifices which they intended to portray "the excellency of beauty." Wood, in his work entitled, "The Origin of Building and the Plagiarism of the Heathen Detected," has placed the whole subject in such a light that it can no longer be ignored by any admirer of the arts; nor has the subject rested with him. That accomplished and learned architect Wilson, has proved by careful comparison, that the finest specimens of architecture which adorned the Acropolis was copied from the temple on Mount Zion.

In the Classics, every writer who has made himself at all familiar with the Greek or Roman poets can give page after page to show how they have borrowed many of their choice beauties from the poetry of David, Isaiah, and other inspired prophets. Sentiments and expressions found in Homer, bear such a resemblance to those of Scripture, that Sir Walter Raleigh considers it as beyond dispute that the poet must have been familiar with the books of the Old Testament, and have borrowed from them many passages word for word. The close resemblance between the poetry of Virgil and that of Isaiah has been the subject of universal remark among the admirers of classical literature.

In Ethics, the chief Greek and Roman moralists, from Plato down, show an indebtedness to the inspired penmen of the Bible, so obvious and so generally acknowledged, that it seems scarce worth while to do more than allude to it. Indeed, to whatever department of science and art we may turn our attention, we are sure to meet with some new argument to justify the sentiment now becoming very general, that the "Hebrews drank of the fountain, the Greeks from the stream and the Romans from the pool."

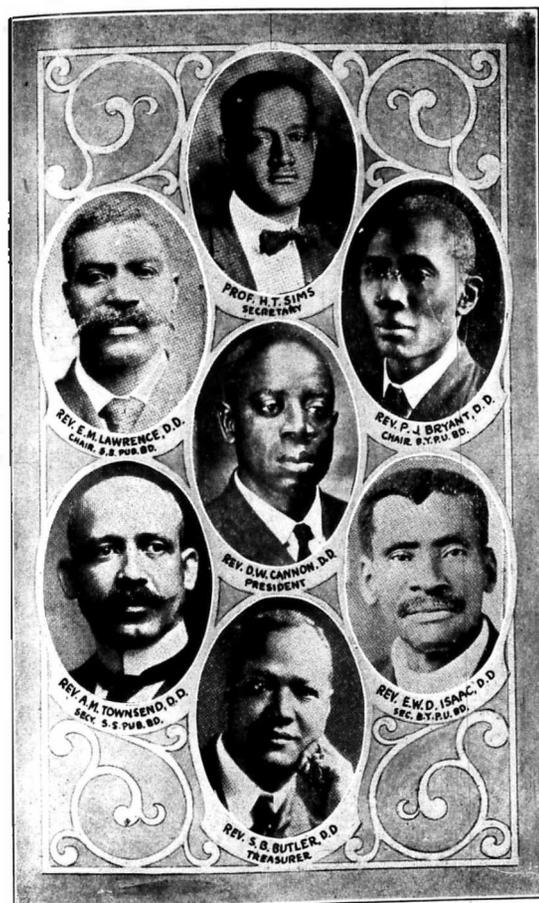
#### Moulding Doctrinal Sentiment

Your Board is ever mindful of its obligation to instruct the young people in Baptist doctrines and history. As the years go by the need of such instruction is more evident. With the tidal wave of doubt, skepticism, and infidelity sweeping the country, this phase of our work should receive a larger measure of co-operation than heretofore.

There is the growing disposition to sit complacently complimenting ourselves and resting securely in the thought that the race has produced few atheists or infidels; and that, therefore, we are not in danger of vigorous assaults on the religion which we profess or the cardinal doctrines which we advocate. Such complacency is not justifiable in the light of daily developments. The tendency to criticize the Bible and to minimize denominational doctrines is evidently on the increase. This era of criticism has passed the academic stage and taken organic shape. An organization has been formed in the state of New York, known as the "AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM," the avowed purpose of which is to abolish all religious belief and to destroy the church. Application was made to the New York Supreme Court for a charter for such an incorporation. The petition sets forth the main purpose of the organization as follows:

"In prosecuting its work which shall be purely destructive the society shall hold public meetings and erect radio stations for the delivery and broadcasting of lectures, debates, and discussions of the subjects of science and religion; publish and distribute scientific and anti-religious literature, and conduct a general propaganda against the church and the clergy.

"Specializing as it does in mental reconstruction, the society shall contribute to the building of a better civilization by operating as a wrecking company, leaving to others the designing and establishing of the new order. Especially shall it endeavor to free American scientists and statesmen from the necessity of patronizing religion."



Officers of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress

Justice Richard H. Mitchell refused the association's application for a charter, but what group of intelligent, observant religionists will reach the conclusion that its activities came to an end?

While atheists are thus contending against the whole scheme of religion, orthodox adherents in all the Protestant churches are denying the deity of God, the virgin birth of Christ, the Bible story of creation, the Genesis account of the origin of the human family. These agitators are so vigorous, so persistent, so aggressive, so defiant that their thunders of oratory are being heard around the world. These questions have disturbed the peace and serenity of every Protestant religious assembly that has come together for any purpose during the last five years.

Lest we miscalculate with reference to the spread of atheism, skepticism, and their kindred diseases among us, your Board calls attention to some significant facts:

This Convention has been advised that there is grave necessity for the Bible being edited and requested to appoint a committee for that purpose. It has been suggested that a new declaration of distinctive Baptist principles is one of the imperative demands upon this Convention.

A prominent official of one of the Convention boards has stated publicly that the Young People's Congress should not emphasize neither attempt to systematize Bible study. Curious spectacle! Baptist leaders criticizing efforts to teach the Word of God more effectively—a group of Baptist leaders contending that the study of Baptist history is archaic, and without interest to leaders and teachers of Baptist young people; another group insisting that lectures on Baptist Doctrines belong to the theological seminaries and should, therefore, have no place in the educational program of a young people's society. All such contentions are straws which indicate the path of the winds as far as the preservation and security of our denominational tenets are concerned. With the increase of such sentiment among us our boasted denominational solidarity will soon become the history of the past.

These people overlook the fact that doctrine is instruction, information and confirmation in the truths of the gospel; that doctrine is the manner of teaching with the matter of teaching. The effect of the teaching which Christ did is potentially illustrated by the manner in which he interested his hearers in the great doctrines which he proclaimed. Matt. 7:28.

Your Board believes that the great, deep fundamental truths of the Bible and the distinctive principles of our great denomination should be repeated and emphasized in all the educational and training processes which we operate. Once more we suggest that our young people should be taught that the people called Baptists stand unequivocally and uncompromisingly for the following principles:

Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of man.  
Spiritual regeneration is essential to salvation and only possible through a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church membership is composed of baptized believers in Christ. The New Testament church was made up of such baptized believers. That is the mould of every organization that owns his name. Obedience to the authority of Christ comes inevitably after acceptance of Christ.

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The privilege of direct approach of man to God without any earthly mediator. Our Great High Priest is Jesus Christ and we hold all believers as priests entering into the most Holy Place. God's grace flows freely and directly to any who have faith and obey his will. God has not limited the gift of his love to any particular group. No person or church has a monopoly of any grace. It is the birthright of every believer to come boldly to the throne of Grace.

The Supreme Kingship of Christ in all matters of religion. We have no rules, regulations, or creeds. We find it impossible to substitute anything, however convenient or easy it may be, for what our Sovereign Lord has said.

The absolute independence and separation of church and state. From the very earliest time down to this present hour, Baptists have paid for this principle by suffering, imprisonment, and by their life's blood. This very ideal has made them pioneers in all moral, religious and civil reformations.

Liberty for all, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic alike. Not mere toleration, but liberty. The right of every soul to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. We have reason to be proud of the fact that ours is the only denomination with a history old enough—which has never persecuted others for a difference in religious convictions. We ask nothing for ourselves that we do not concede to others. We ask nothing for our-

The Bible, the Word of God, without additions, subtractions, alterations or amendments. The New Testament is our only source of authority. We have no other—we need no other. What we find in the Book we heartily accept. If it comes to us from outside of that authority, we please ourselves what we do with it. God's Word is our law of life. It rules us. We do not rule it.

These principles are well worth advocating and proclaiming. Our mission as Baptists will not be done until they are accepted and practiced by all who love our Lord in sincerity and truth. They have actuated all great religious reforms.

#### Missionary Endeavor

Another very important phase of our work is to enlist the young people in missionary activities through our various denominational agencies. In order to do this effectively we realize that we must increase their intelligence on the subject of Christian missions and cultivate their zeal for missionary work. To meet this requirement we have formulated a Mission Study Course, which we urge the leaders in this work to adopt and pursue in accordance with the plans outlined by our Educational Committee. We recommend the best books, tracts, and leaflets available for a helpful study of this subject. We lay emphasis on the church as a missionary organization, whose duty primarily is to aid in the preaching of the gospel throughout the world. The ultimate standard by which to measure the efforts of the church for the Christianization of the world is the untrammelled cosmopolitanism of the mind of Christ. For him there were no race prejudices, no party lines, no sectarian limits, no favored nation. There was nothing between his love and the world. His heart beat for the world—and, on Calvary broke for the world. His knowledge of himself in world relations was the essence of simplicity. "I am

the light of the world." "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The Lord Jesus Christ, in his incarnate ministry, was the divine Man without a country. "Foxes have holes," he said, "and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." It is true that he came of the house and lineage of David; that in childhood and youth he abode with his parents and was subject unto them; that from the cross he looked upon his mother, acknowledged the filial bond, arranged for her protection. In this he honored the ties of country, blood-relationship, personal love. But in his knowledge of himself as Son of man and Son of God. He rose above kindred and country to embrace the world. "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" He asks; and answers, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven the same is my brother and sister and mother."

To measure up to the cosmopolitanism of the mind of Christ, to take his simple view of duty to the world, is the challenge that faced the church from the beginning. Shortly before the ascension, Jesus drew aside the apostolic group, then the nucleus of the church to give it parting counsel. Perceiving that some plan of action was about to be announced, they thought of one of the most difficult and delicate things that could be done, a thing that would involve a political revolution: "Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" What grave gentleness of rebuke—what revelation of a simpler and larger plan, in his reply: "It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth." What contrast between their thought and his: theirs the thought of a swing around Palestine, a local clash in a corner of the Roman Empire; his, the thought of sending his messengers of peace, in the power of the Spirit, unto the uttermost part of the earth to Christianize the world!

Even after Pentecost, with its anointing for world-wide service, other misconceptions within the church partly nullified for her the cosmopolitanism of Jesus Christ. Chief of these perhaps, was provincialism. Peter, called to Christianize some Gentiles, falters under an impression that outside of Israel can be no moral basis on which to work. To his thinking the Gentile world was the outer darkness; corrupt, abominable, unrelieved by any spiritual gleam. But in Cornelius he finds a heathen by name, who is a disciple and a saint in fact; and Peter's confession is as manly in its frankness as it is interesting in its suggestion of many a modern surprise over a similar discovery: "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to him."

In contrast with this early provincialism in the Christian group, how superb is the cosmopolitanism of St. Paul in his ultimatum to the Jews, spoken in the synagogue at Antioch: "It was necessary that the Word of God should first be spoken to you, Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us saying: I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

The call to missionary endeavor is loud and urgent. Millions are awaiting the gospel message. The gospel has been carried into every corner of the world, but there are still millions whom Christianity has not yet reached. Africa has 42,000,000 Mohammedans. Out of 3,600,000 inhabitants of Madagascar there are 3,000,000 heathen. Siam, "the Land of the Free," has 87,000 Buddhist priests and 13,000 Buddhist temples. Quite a number of the 340,000 Indians in the United States of America are still adherents of the faith of their forefathers. Of the population of India 217,000,000 are Hindus, 63,000,000 are Mohammedans, 11,000,000 are Buddhists, 10,000,000 are Animists, and less than 5,000,000 are Christians. China has more than 300,000,000 adherents of heathen religions. There are in Japan 118,000 Shinto temples and shrines, and more than 70,000 Buddhist temples. Out of Japan's total population of 77,000,000 people, 72,000,000 are adherents of these two religions.

Whoever reads these figures find in them the imperative call to duty. They hear the distressing cry "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Every effort on the part of the churches to heed the call should be supplemented by the activities of the Young People's Society. It is shameful commentary on our religious endeavors that so few of the young Christians feel called upon to heed the call as missionaries. There should go forth occasionally from the young people's organizations those who have the missionary impulse and the missionary fervor; who recognize the call to the mission fields and stand anxiously awaiting the opportunity to heed it.

For the purpose of disseminating wholesome instructions with regard to missions we suggest as heretofore that the following textbooks be used: "Divine Right of Missions" (Mabie); "The Vanguard of a Race" (Hammond); "Lives of Great Missionaries" (Serrell); "Missionary Stories for Little Folks" (Applegate). We recommend also the systematic use of tracts. We further suggest that more money be invested in missionary libraries, missionary maps, and missionary charts. We share the opinion that a most helpful service could be rendered by the giving of missionary plays and pageants and missionary entertainment for Juniors. Such dramatizations are exceedingly helpful in the gathering of information concerning missionary work. In this essential phase of our work, we invite the hearty cooperation of all who have interest in the development of our young people.

#### Our Lesson Topics

We have made substantial improvement in the work done on our young people's quarterlies. The Senior Quarterly is edited by Rev. W. R. W. Johnson, who is not only competent, but adapted and devoted to that particular kind of work. His comments, lesson hints and editorial suggestions are both appropriate and timely. They make the study of the lesson easy and delightful, and in that way make the quarterly a most valuable addition to our denominational literature. We are pleased to note that this quarterly is increasing in circulation and inviting the most favorable comment from those among us who are most capable of passing judgment in matters of that kind.

Once more it should be stated that we do not carry the Uniform Weekly Lesson Topic. Our apology for selecting our own sub-

jects is that we make the Lesson Topics correspond to the objects set forth in our OBJECT CHART. Once each month we have a lesson on doctrines, devotions, Biblical knowledge and missionary enterprise. Wherever, therefore, our Lesson Topics are used, we are dealing constructively with those fundamental Bible doctrines that contribute to the growth and advancement of the pupil in all the things set forth primarily as objects of the young people's movement. Your Board regards this systematic method of study as the most helpful and advantageous manner of studying the Word.

#### Christian Culture Courses

Recognizing the fact that there should be systematic effort to increase intelligence we have inaugurated a Study Course known as the "CHRISTIAN CULTURE COURSE," which we commend heartily to the officers and leaders of young people's societies. For this course we recommend the use of the following textbooks:

##### First Term

Heart of the Old Testament (Sompey)  
What Baptists Believe (Wallace)  
History of the Baptists (Vedder)

##### Second Term

Studies in the New Testament (Robertson)  
Social Teaching of Jesus (Matthews)  
Lives of Great Missionaries (Serrell)

##### Third Term

Baptist Church Manual (Pendleton)  
How to Teach the Bible (Hovey)  
Parliamentary Guide (Mell)

Eighteen months are required to finish this course. Examinations are conducted from our headquarters and graduation certificates are issued by our Educational Committee.

#### Field Service

Our field work has been superintended by Mr. E. W. D. Isaac, Jr., who has done that work in a most successful and satisfactory manner. He is the nearest approach to the late Wm. L. Craft that we have been able to secure. He has the proper measure of interest in the work; he pursues it with a remarkable degree of diligence; he studies closely every phase of it; and by that beautiful spirit of cooperation which he manifests, commends himself and the work to the confidence, admiration, and support of all with whom he comes in contact. In addition to the splendid service rendered in this capacity he has been required to respond to numberless calls to organize and direct choruses for conventions, chautauques, Bible conferences, and other religious organizations. His work in this particular respect has been very helpful to the

churches and their singing groups. This statement is evidenced by the fact that we have three or four times as many calls for his services as it would be possible for him to meet if we kept him going every day in the year. A sense of duty impels us to state that this young man is one of the most agreeable, most harmonious, most aggressive, most profitable servants that has ever been connected with this work.

Rev. I. C. Reddie has represented us in the East, where our work needs supervision and direction. He has been compelled to do some evangelistic work in order to supplement the salary paid him; he has, nevertheless superintended our work in a most commendable and successful manner. We have not been able to secure the services of a suitable man permanently; for that reason we have been content with such field work as the state organizers in that section could do.

#### Our Cooperative Work

Our method of doing work in the states has not been altered. We make only joint appointments upon the recommendations of the State B. Y. P. U. Boards. The joint representatives are not always satisfactory to us, but because of our anxiety to cooperate we usually give preference to the nominees or appointees of the State Boards. These appointees are expected to organize new societies and create larger demands for the literature, merchandise, etc., of this Board, but some of them content themselves with soliciting orders from customers already on our books in order that the commission might be credited to their accounts. We undertake to hold state boards responsible for the shortcomings, deficits, etc., of their appointees, but in most cases their guarantees prove to be ineffective.

#### Branch Houses or Depositories

There is a persistent demand for branch-houses in the various states on the theory that our business would increase in a wonderful ratio in every state that we give such recognition. The hard facts of experience have taught us that the branch is invariably a liability. We have never had a smooth, clean, satisfactory settlement from such an house. On the contrary we have been forced to charge their deficits to loss, and take comfort in the thought that the deficit was no larger. One state is as much entitled to a branch-house as another. It can be readily observed that when we attempt to operate such houses in all the states the closing of our national headquarters become the inevitable. Such a fate is undesirable!

#### General Policy

This Board assumes a policy of friendly interest and cooperation with all secretaries and Boards and other agencies of this Convention. Its Corresponding Secretary takes a large measure of sympathetic interest in every department of the Convention work and renders valuable assistance when such assistance can be rendered on a satisfactory basis. To illustrate, He has given a great portion of time to the Building Committee of the Publish-

ing House, attending all its meetings, participating in all its legislation, signing officially and individually all its notes and contributing THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS of his own means to the Building Fund. His loyalty to this Publishing Board is evidenced by the further significant fact that notwithstanding the Publishing House has been re-financed by a large and wealthy corporation his name is still attached officially and individually to several thousand dollars worth of notes issued by the Publishing Board. It is also remarkable that all the agents and representatives of the B. Y. P. U. Board represent the Sunday School Board and push its claims and its publications as occasions require. Our Secretary has shown himself friendly to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards by advocating their claims and taking the lead in soliciting contributions for their work whenever opportunities were presented. The Educational Board has been given the largest measure of sympathetic interest and helpful cooperation. This Board has been loaned the business credit of the B. Y. P. U. Board at times when its interests, especially the work of the American Baptist Theological Seminary would have sustained embarrassment and loss and its condition would have reflected seriously against the business ability of the denomination. This Board stands sponsor in the Nashville banks for more than TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS worth of notes issued for the direct benefit of the Seminary and the corporations which hold that paper are calling on this Board for settlement. In order that the Seminary might have adequate teaching force the Editorial Secretary of this Board is permitted to spend much of his time teaching in that institution. By reason of such cooperation on our part the Seminary Board saves One Hundred Dollars per month in teachers' salaries. Furthermore when it was discovered that the Seminary Board was unable to employ a teacher of Vocal Music, our Corresponding Secretary asked permission to take charge of that department without cost to the Seminary Board and to count his services in that connection as a contribution from the B. Y. P. U. Board. Our Board adopted this recommendation, and its Secretary rendered this much needed service concerning which the Board of Directors of the Seminary has the following to say:

#### Appreciation

"Because there were not sufficient funds available to engage a teacher of sacred music, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, of Nashville, Tennessee, volunteered to do this work without cost to the Seminary. He is, therefore, due the thanks of the denomination for this valuable service."

We regard such cooperation on our part as convincing evidence of our interest in all phases of the work of this Convention, and strikingly illustrative of our doctrine of "EACH FOR ALL AND ALL FOR EACH." We stand uncompromisingly for unity, harmony, coordination of interests and cooperation when these conditions are not obtained by the compromise or surrender of the principles underlying the reform which we have been trying to work for more than a quarter of a century. We still adhere firmly to those principles. If any agency of the Convention considers us unfriendly or inimical because of such adherence we deem ourselves incompetent to revise their opinions on that subject.

### The Church Preserving Agency

The Young People's Society is a substantial aid in the church in all the departments of endeavor. It is a veritable church stimulant. A further apology for the existence and maintenance of this phase of our work lies in the fact that in many of our churches, however we may like to disown the fact, there is a stupid, poky service, a decrease of interest and proportionate membership, a waning prestige, a general air of discouragement a tale of baffled efforts and disappointed hopes.

The church as an institution means too much to the world to be drug along in this manner. The church is meant to be the supreme spiritual leader in every community. It should, therefore, possess vigor, decision, insight, hope and intellectual power. Our churches must rouse to a sense of their noble duties and exalted powers. The average church is sorely in need of a more business-like organization and way of work. It needs a more military spirit and discipline; a more adequate equipment for its work, a more systematic method of raising funds for the extension of its activities.

Every church needs a better system for discovery of talent, latent gifts, and powers and the proper placing of workers. In our churches there should be a constant shifting of men and women according to temperament, ability, and general influence and power. In the church we must have a quick and decisive recognition of a man's ability and he must be set where that talent can work easily and effectively.

In every church, large or small, there are both men and women who are talented in a special way; who could bring gifts of training and experience to bear upon the problems and opportunities of the church. It is clear to our minds that the church affords the best outlet for moral activity. It has become a serious question with thoughtful, resolute people, where shall we put our moral powers? In what work shall they centre? From what point shall they diverge? The church stands ready to engage to the full the moral powers of man. The church alone can rightly distribute the spiritual vitality of the world. It rouses the moral emotions and affections, and gives scope for contrition, adoration, and thanksgiving,—the Transfiguration of the heart.

Moreover the church holds sway over the fortunes of the home. In it we find the ideal conception of marriage and the really united and happy home. The church makes for domestic happiness, because it goes straight to the roots of life and plants happiness where happiness alone can grow. More and more the church is lifting the standards of a noble, proud, pure and rejoicing married life. Its ideal of human love is sacred, because founded on the deeper love of the soul in God. The church is drawing hosts of young people under the shelter of its teaching, and is placing before men and women ideals which cannot fail to make their mark upon the social standard of the times. The church stands for purity, for patience, for tenderness for the love of little children, for united education and endeavor, for mutual hopes and dreams for large public service.

The church is the militant force of time and the ascendant force of the future. Rightly conducted by well trained and thoroughly consecrated leaders it will absorb the vigor of the

world. To stand apart from the church is to be out of step with the march of nations. The processional of progress today is the processional of the historic influence of the church. What force has there been in times gone by, which has lived and so greatly grown for nineteen hundred years? Nations have risen, and nations have decayed. States and Pericles, Socrates and Sophocles, Philip and Alexander, the Caesars and the Georges, and the Louises have passed away. Their politics have passed from our following; their empires are no more. But through these centuries of change the church has risen—stronger, more powerful year by year; stretching its arms out to the uttermost parts of the earth; leaping tribute on the islands of the sea; enlisting all ages and conditions, and looking out over coming generations—not as a waning, but as a growing and ever-increasing power.

Occasionally we hear of a magnificent convocation known as the "Parliament of Religions." Not so! Impossible! We may have a parliament of boasts and pomps, of good precepts and queries, of misuses and half-truths, of superstitions and infinite idolatries, of no doubt; but there is one religion and there is but one God—the head of the church, the ruler in Israel, the King in Zion, the holy, mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Hamath, and of Arpad just, loving, and eternal God. The gods of Sepharvaim rule and reign no longer; have departed; the gods of Buddha and Zoroaster have hung their heads in shame; the gods of Isis and Osiris have grown dim with the years; Jove the gods of the heaven; the pipe of Pan is dumb; Confucius is pale as the waves in midnight; Mohammed has bitten the dust. Dark-Idgrasil waves in the skirts of the gods of the past—gloom receives them. Erebus holds outstretched arms. But the Lord God, Jehovah, the Ancient of Days, encanopied in space and glory, leads onward to the end of years, his people in a mighty train—his church—to a rule and kingdom which shall know no end.

### Our Property Holdings

We hold in trust for this Convention a splendid piece of property at 409 Gay St., which is free of incumbrances, neatly furnished and well kept. This property has a concurrent insurance of an amount sufficient to repair whatever damages or losses may occur by reason of fire or tornado. This building furnishes sufficient space for the operative work of this Board and a few spare offices for rent.

In addition to the building and its contents, it owns a vacant lot just to the East of the present building, which affords room for such enlargement and extension as the increase of the business may demand. The location of this property causes its value to increase annually, and makes it the most desirable location for the purpose for which it is being used. Our work is well organized and property systematized; in view of that we are operating it on an efficient basis and enjoying a large degree of comfort and contentment, because of the success that attends our labors.

With the constant increase of responsibilities and expenses, which make it essential that contributions shall be made to its work

with the same regularity with which they were made during the early stages. Endeavoring as we are to make this Board one of the most helpful assets of the denomination, we solicit the hearty cooperation of all who love the denomination, and have interest in the young-people's movement which it fosters.

#### Cooperative Process

As a result of our cooperative work through our state organizers, missionaries and agents of the Board, we have accomplished the following during the past fiscal year:

Number of miles travelled by railroad	110,240
Number of miles travelled otherwise	2,650
Number of days labored	3,220
Number of Senior Unions organized	223
Number of Junior Unions organized	98
Number of lectures concerning B. Y. P. U. work	832
Number of City Unions organized	18
Number of District Unions organized	16
Number of tracts and leaflets distributed	101,140
Number of sermons preached	212
Number of B. Y. P. U. Encampments visited	42

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30, 1926

#### RECEIPTS

<b>Sales:</b>	
Periodicals	\$ 22,933 31
<b>Books—</b>	
Song Books	\$ 967 81
Other Books	7,004 42
Total	\$ 7,972 23
<b>Merchandise—</b>	
B. Y. P. U. Rec.	\$ 128 70
Banners	111 19
Sundry, Classified	329 53
Sundry, Unclassified	3,097 60
Caps	421 90
Badges	120 24
Total	\$ 4,209 15
<b>Rents</b>	\$ 435 00
Miscellaneous Earnings	60 48
Accounts Receivable	6,388 83
Consignments	954 01
Advertisements	1,507 37
Unclassified	2 66
Telephone, use of	60
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$44,463 65</b>

Notes Receivable	\$ 918 65
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>\$45,382 30</b>

<b>Contributions:</b>	
S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress	\$ 330 30
Nat'l Baptist Convention	346 00
Other Conventions	316 40
Churches, Individuals, and Asso.	1,931 03
Total Contributions	\$ 2,923 33
<b>Total Operative</b>	<b>\$48 305 63</b>

<b>Notes Payable:</b>	
People's Bank and Trust Co.	\$ 5,568 40
E. W. D. Isaac, Sr.	415 32
Other Personal Loans	2,318 49
	\$ 8,302 21
Transfer Orders	29 40
Overs	22 26
<b>Duplications—</b>	
Redeposited Checks	\$ 8 33
Refund-Cash Sales	31 04
	\$ 39 37
<b>Grand Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$6,728 47</b>
Cash forward June 30, 1925	6,158 21

\$62,887 78

#### EXPENDITURES

<b>Salaries and Travelling Expense:</b>	
Sec'y Isaac—Salary	\$ 209 10
Overdrawal 1925	3,656 21
Payment 1926	
	\$3,865 31
<b>Travelling Expense</b>	<b>\$ 334 79</b>
	\$ 4,200 10
<b>E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.—</b>	
Salary	\$ 1,789 07
Travelling Expense	313 63
	\$ 2,102 70
<b>L. R. W. Johnson—</b>	
Salary	\$ 1,270 09
Travelling Expense	397 37
	\$ 1,667 46
Editorial (V. H. and T. McD)	50 00
Employees	7,790 58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,810 84</b>

## MINUTES

<b>Sundry Travelling Expense:</b>	
J. T. Brown	33 25
L. G. Jordan	50 50
P. J. Bryant	36 62
Alice Brown	42 60
Emma Saulsbury	33 20
J. H. Smiley	44 60
L. E. Campbell	17 12
C. M. Roberson	25 00
S. H. Jones	8 40
C. M. Berl	25 60
J. D. Crenshaw	3 00
J. W. Gayden	95
Isaac Reddie	216 34
C. H. Royster	3 30
P. W. Wesley	39 00
Selling Department	1 10
Printing	\$ 580 58
	7,384 01
<b>Merchandise:</b>	
Books, O. S.	\$ 950 36
Material O. S.	33 11
Merchandise unclassified	253 40
Material, N. S.	\$ 1,532 20
Cuts	2,550 00
	310 67
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,392 87
Notes Payable	8,726 89
Notes Receivable	9,016 55
Secretary's Auto Notes	918 39
Donations	972 89
Mortgage Payable	861 26
	90 00
<b>General Expense:</b>	
Interest	\$ 273 72
Insurance	145 86
Telephones and Telegrams	300 31
Office—	
Supplies	\$ 160 75
Equipment	154 10
Furniture	31 00
Freight and Drayage	\$ 345 85
Repairs	280 87
Improvements	216 63
Labor	680 45
Legal Expense	112 85
	40 00
Refunds—	
General	\$ 144 49
Bad Checks	17 24
"Overs"	1 51
	\$ 163 24

## MINUTES

Water and Ice	21 42
Light	175 36
Fuel	110 11
Feed cl-D. Eq)	211 15
Cooperative Missionary Work	1,981 03
Commission	4,692 16
Advertising	212 02
Transfer Orders	137 18
<b>Sundry:</b>	
Auditor for System Installation	\$125 00
Subscriptions—	
Literary Digest	4 00
Watchman Examiner	7 50
New Republic	3 50
	\$ 15 00
Song Permit (H. M. Co.)	30 00
Congress Workers	284 12
	\$ 454 12
Postage:	
General	\$ 1,572 61
Shipments	297 66
	\$ 1,870 27
Cash Balance June, 1926	\$60,671 75
	2,216 03
	\$62,887 78

Respectfully submitted,

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

## TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF BENEFIT BOARD, 1926

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## RECEIPTS

Balance from June, 1925	369 66
July, Collection, 1925	47 40
August, Collection, 1925	79 15
September, Collection, 1925	129 38
October, Collection, 1925	201 29
November, Collection, 1925	126 17
December, Collection, 1925	21 70
January, Collection, 1926	100 45
February, Collection, 1926	27 40
March, Collection, 1926	27 90
April, Collection, 1926	226 31
May, Collection, 1926	57 90
June, Collection, 1926	151 20
Total	\$ 1,565 90

## MINUTES

## EXPENDITURES

July, Disbursement, 1925	-----	\$ 60 00
August, Disbursement, 1925	-----	
September, Disbursement, 1925	-----	242 91
October, Disbursement, 1925	-----	163 63
November, Disbursement, 1925	-----	17 47
December, Disbursement, 1925	-----	7 60
January, Disbursement, 1926	-----	67 32
February, Disbursement, 1926	-----	134 75
March, Disbursement, 1926	-----	2 12
April, Disbursement, 1926	-----	86 26
May, Disbursement, 1926	-----	23 50
June, Disbursement, 1926	-----	214 90
Total	-----	\$ 1,020 90
By total receipts, including balance brought forward	-----	7,565 90
Total disbursements	-----	1,020 46
June 30, 1926, balance on hand	-----	\$ 545 44
Number of members on roll June 30	-----	222
Amount of certificates in force	-----	\$ 103,200 00
Number of out-standing claims	-----	19
Number of persons on pension list at \$5 per quarter	-----	3
Balance due Secretary as shown by last report	-----	\$ 754 50

## INVENTORY OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES

- 1 Roll top desk
- 1 Library table
- 2 Desk chairs
- 4 Office chairs
- 1 Underwood Typewriter
- 1 Steamer trunk in good condition
- 2 Old steamer trunks
- Office stationery, such as Letter-heads and envelopes
- Application Blanks, Membership certificates

This is a correct report of the business of the Benefit Board as shown by the records to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. W. HOLLOWAY  
Corresponding Secretary

I feel that I make no mistake when I say that I have made better progress with the work of this Board since the last session of the Convention than any period since I was elected to have charge of the work. I have confined my activities to building up the membership strictly.

I feel that if we are ever to make the Benefit Board the success that should be made with it, and I don't doubt that we will, that it must be done by increasing the membership. Hence, we have devoted all the time that we have put in, in trying to interest the members of Baptist churches in taking out certificates with us, and keeping up their dues. I agree with all those who hold that the operating expense of our work is too great for the income.

but I wish to call attention again to the fact, that we could do ten times the business that we are doing on the same operating expense. There must be a minimum operating expense in every line of business, and that will have to be paid whether one dollar or one thousand dollars is taken in, but the limit for the expense will come on the income. We have so organized our office department that our office expense is cut to the minimum. We do not keep a number of paid helpers, but when we find it necessary to have some one to help us catch up with our work, we employ them at so much an hour, and when the work that we have in hand has been accomplished we have no further need for them in the department.

## THE BAPTIST HOME

We have not made any further headway with the Baptist Home, for we reason, we feel that we will not be able to operate a home for charity until we get a stronger background in our work than we have. We do not feel that the denomination could be sufficiently aroused to cause them to add to their contribution to the denomination's work at this time to justify the beginning of the home, so instead of trying to collect funds for the home in the past year, we have devoted all of our time to increasing the membership, and I am sure that we have been successful when we consider them any difficulties that we have had to encounter.

## PENSION DEPARTMENT

One of the many things for which the Benefit Board was established was to give aid to members of our denomination when in need of assistance. Most of the institutions among our folks require the member to pay his dues regularly as long as he lives, no matter how long that may be, and he only receives a small amount for sick dues if actually sick. We have the best of all institutions along this line. We do not promise to pay our membership certificate holder sick dues in the ordinary way, but here is what we do promise.

If after the member shall have been in good and regular standing with the department for twelve months or more and becomes permanently and totally disabled on account of sickness, accident, or old age, the Board will pay him or her \$7.00 per week as long as he or she lives in that disabled condition thereafter.

If our members pay their dues regularly and promptly for twenty-five years and do not become sick or disabled and receive benefits from the department, then, and in last event we will make them quarterly payments from the amount that they have paid in with accumulations in one lump sum of not more than Five Hundred Dollars, or it will pay them in quarterly installments from then on to the end of their lives. The Board reserves the right to select those to whom it will make the quarterly payments and those to whom it will make the lump payment of Five Hundred. In the event that the member dies before reaching the retirement period, and before becoming disabled, then and in that case, the Board will pay to his surviving dependent relatives the amount that would be due the said member in the case of disability or pension or endowment.

This class of certificates should appeal to the younger members of the denomination, and it entirely sets aside the idea that the Board is trying to find all the old broken down members of the denomination to help them. This statement has done more harm to the Board than anything else, or as much as anything else at least. We do not promise to give something for nothing. We do promise to develop a high class department of the denomination, and make it a success with the aid of the denomination.

#### OUR EMERGENCY CHARITY DEPARTMENT

Aside from the department above referred to, we have established what is known as an Emergency Charity Department. From this department we propose to give aid to members of the denomination who do not hold certificates with us, and who would not be accepted as members on account of their age or physical condition.

All such persons must be members of a Baptist church that has contributed to this department of our work, and whenever an application for aid is made to us, it must be endorsed by the pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member and by the moderator of the district association and the state convention in which the church has membership, to which the application belongs. If it is seen by the application that he is entitled to the aid applied for, it will be granted.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND AGE LIMIT

Our membership is confined strictly to members of Baptist churches affiliated with the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., incorporated, and must be in good and regular standing with their churches or certificates cannot be issued to them. This rule must be strictly enforced in keeping with the laws of the states governing our case. The limit of ages for ministers of the gospel, who are active and able to perform all of their duties as such is not set.

All others must come under the rule. Ages between which persons may become members are sixteen and sixty for all persons except the ministers of the gospel as before referred to.

#### THE OUTLOOK

As we view the situation, the outlook is fine; we see no reason why we should not enroll at least two thousand members in this conventional year. We have advanced to the point now where we feel that our department is getting on foot and will be able to take care of itself from every angle. We feel that it is not exaggeration when we say that by the time our next Convention meets that we will be in the most flourishing condition of any of the departments of our Convention.

#### OUR NEEDS

Our needs have been stated in the preceding paragraphs. That is, a large paying membership. That is, a large paying mem-

bership. That is all we need. If we can get that, and we doubt not but that we can, our problem will be solved.

#### FINALLY

We hereby and now extend our sincere thanks to the Baptist pastors and presidents of conventions and moderators of district associations for the hearty support that was given us during the past year. We wish to thank the officers of the National Convention also for their hearty support in our work, and we ask that the same kind of support that you have given us in the year past be given us in the coming year, and we feel you will have real cause for rejoicing at our next annual report.

Faithfully yours,

H. W. HOLLOWAY,  
Corresponding Secretary

*Executive Committee and Board Members*—Dr. D. S. Shadd, Arkansas; Dr. J. S. Drew, Arkansas; Dr. W. B. Brownlee, Arkansas; Dr. S. H. McKinzie, Arkansas; Dr. R. M. Caver, Arkansas; Mr. C. H. Jackson, Arkansas; Dr. Z. M. M. Winder, Mississippi; Dr. J. W. White, Louisiana; Dr. J. H. Abernathy, Indiana; Dr. U. S. Keeling, Texas; Dr. W. H. Bailou, Kentucky.

#### THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT MADE TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS, 1926

In other decades Baptists were better indoctrinated than they are today. The environment in which they lived, sometimes inimical to them, was conducive to the mastery of their principles. Of later years, a tendency to depreciate doctrinal discussion is easily discernible, and young converts particularly are not rooted and grounded in the faith—McDaniel. ("The People Called Baptists.")

To the Negro Baptist Pioneer Preachers of Louisiana, many of whom having preached the gospel in log cabins with dirt floors, thereby laying the foundation upon which our brick and stone church houses of today stand, is this volume with our abiding gratitude dedicated.—History of Louisiana Negro Baptists and Negro Baptists Beginnings in America, by Wm. Hicks.

Back in 1896 I was pastor of one of the best churches in Philadelphia, (Union Baptist Church), and was happily situated. Our Foreign Mission work was organized in its present form in September of that year and Dr. L. M. Luke had been chosen Secretary of the Board, but died in December. At the death of Dr. Luke, I felt an overwhelming conviction that the Lord wanted me to help Africa. This feeling I confided to Dr. W. F. Graham, a friend of my youth, who was pastoring in Virginia and had come up to run a meeting for me. I said, "Brother Graham, just as I have stood by and helped my brethren in various ways, all over this country, I believe they will listen and heed my appeals in behalf of Africa."

I shall never forget how he heard my story and then, placing his big arm around me, counselled me in the following words: "You must remember, Brother Jordan, when many were so kind

in looking you up, they wanted a collection; now when you call some will shun you, for they will know that you will want a collection, too." This plain statement taught me to have courage in many a discouraging situation during the years of my work in that field. However, despite my twenty-five years' of experience acquired by travelling in many lands and from corner to corner of the United States, I entered upon my present work as Historian of the National Baptist Convention just as hopefully. I knew that definite attempts to collect and compile historical data had been made by Dr. R. L. Perry, of New York, and Dr. A. R. Griggs, of Texas; that they had had the support and cooperation of hundreds of our Baptists throughout the country. The records show that a Historical Society had been formed within the ranks of the Foreign Mission Convention, before the merging of the three Conventions gave birth to our present organization, and this Historical department held regular annual meetings. Dr. Griggs, its leading spirit, advertised among the brethren for data which was sent to him from every quarter in their enthusiasm for saving mementoes and letters of the dark period which lay nearer to them than to us, and which for that reason they appraised more highly and appreciated more keenly than most of us now realize. Dr. Perry was equally successful in his search for history in the making in New England and vicinity. I, therefore, looked forward with great anticipations to availing myself of the hundreds of pamphlets, manuscripts, etc., which had been sent in for the purpose. From the illustrious sons of both of these great leaders of yesterday, I secured promises that I might have these records, and estimated that I would be able to produce a creditable book within less time than a year. However, I am compelled to state most regretfully that although I have visited New York twice for Dr. Perry's collection and have been constantly in touch with those who have Dr. Griggs' collection, thus far I have not secured either, but I am still hopeful. In spite of the fact that trips to the various sources of information are expensive and arduous, I have traveled and gathered together authentic data in such quantity that I come to you today with the manuscript nearly finished for what it, in my judgment, is a helpful and inspiring account of the achievements of Negro Baptists.

I want to stress the importance to our work of replying to inquiries sent to the brethren concerning the vital facts and the statistics which will reveal so much that we must know—and can ascertain now—while we still have in our midst persons who can give us first-hand information. With this thought in mind I sent out the following questionnaire three different times to the leaders in our various States, but I am sorry to say that all told I only received forty replies. I wish to express my thanks to these brethren in behalf of your Historical Department, for their aid and cooperation and I urge you for the sake of posterity, our great denomination, and for the good such information will do to your work, to follow their example.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A NEGRO BAPTIST HISTORY

1. Has any one at any time to your knowledge, written a History of Negro Baptists of the State of \_\_\_\_\_?  
Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

Who? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_ When? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you secure for me a copy, by gift or loan, to the Historical Department of the National Baptist Convention? \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Please give date of organizing of your State Convention and place. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
Who was the first President? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. How many Baptist Associations in your state? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) As far as possible, give date of organization of each. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Which is the oldest? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
When organized? Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Give names of three of the oldest churches in the state and date of their organization. Ans. First Negro Baptist Church established Oct. 20, 1843.  
4. Give names of five of the earliest Baptist preachers in your state and any incidents about them of historic value to Baptists of today and tomorrow. Ans. Edmund Kelly was first Negro Baptist preacher, ordained.  
5. Any other written or traditional information about Negro Baptists of your state in slavery days, give it please \_\_\_\_\_  
Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

#### STATISTICS FOR 1926

Number of churches, 783; number of S. S., 700; ordained preachers, 500; Baptist Schools and Colleges, 4; total membership, 190,000. (Sample received from Tennessee.)

Now, dear brother, I want this for our National Baptist Convention. Please fill as best you can and send to me.

Yours in His service,

L. G. JORDAN

Historian, National Baptist Convention, 726 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Kentucky.

#### REMARKS

My inquiries have brought to light some very interesting discoveries concerning early Negro Baptists. The Rev. J. W. Gibson, Pastor of Main St. Baptist Church,

Lexington, Ky., contributes this item: "The deed of Main St. Baptist Church drawn in the early 50's, was prepared by Abraham Lincoln, and the fact is proudly remembered by the congregation of this historic edifice even to this day."

Daniel Meriwether, formerly of Clarksville, Tenn., now serving as a deacon in a Chicago Baptist Church, tells the gruesome story of one Henry King, a Baptist preacher of the Fifth Ward Baptist Church, Clarksville, who, in the dark days of slavery met the death of a martyr to the cause of freedom. It was about the year 1856 when some Negroes of the city were charged with plotting an uprising against their masters and Henry King was accused of being their leader. He was tried for this offense, convicted, paid the penalty, was beheaded and his head placed on a pole in the public square as a warning to other Negroes who might feel restless in their bondage.

## PLEASE REPORT

Nothing I can say here in regard to our lack of written records will convey to each of you more clearly the dangers to which Negro Baptists are exposing themselves and the whole Baptist family, than the following appeal from Dr. E. P. Alldredge of the Research Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a statement from Dr. C. A. Walker of the American Baptist Year-Book:

## SENT TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL OUR STATE CONVENTIONS

Dear Brother President:

I wonder if you know that the Negro Baptist leaders of the United States are going to make or break the Baptist cause in this nation for the next ten years—maybe for all time—by the way they respond or do not respond to the call of the Bureau of the Census for a full list of all Negro Baptist churches and pastors or clerks.

Here is the desperate situation which we face—all Baptists together: Our white Baptist conventions and associations are all responding. In fact we are going to have the fullest and finest report of our forces ever presented. The Hardshells, the Freewills and all the small irregular bodies have also sent in their list of associations, churches, and pastors. But our great host of colored Baptists, numbering, as I believe, 3,500,000 souls, are doing almost nothing to help the Bureau of the Census get a correct list of their churches and pastors or clerks by associations throughout the nation. Up to July 1, the Director of Census of Religious Bodies told me that out of more than 1,000 Negro Baptist associations in the United States, he could get only the names of 538, and that less than 150 out of these had furnished him with lists of their churches and pastors. You understand that he can send out his "schedules" (statistical blanks) only where he has the names of the churches and the pastors or clerks addresses. So you see how desperate is our situation unless you and the other leaders of our great host of colored Baptists take this great matter in hand and do it at once.

Consider the marvelous opportunity that is yours and ours now:

1. You can save our Baptist cause from the greatest set-back we have had in fifty years—by waking up the moderators of your associations and getting them to send in a full and complete list of all their churches, together with the names of the pastors or clerks in each case.
2. You can help us to show this nation the greatest progress made by any religious body in the past ten years—and the government will send out all the facts of our growth to the uttermost parts of the earth.
3. Men and women of wealth want to help Negro Baptist work and Negro Baptist institutions; but they want to know if yours is a live cause or a dead or dying cause. Why don't you stir your people up to send in the full and complete list of all churches, all schools, hospitals, etc., fostered by Negro Baptists and show this nation who you are and what you are—and make it easy to get big gifts for some of your needy causes?

4. Baptists have the greatest numbers, are making the greatest progress and have the holiest cause in this nation. Why not let the whole nation and the world know it and thus help on our cause for all time to come?

5. As I understand the situation, the United States Government is not going to employ special agents to go over the South and the Nation and talk with a few leaders and set down their estimate or guesses as to the Negro Baptist forces. White and Colored alike we must send in the list of churches with pastors or clerks—or we must go before the nation and report a loss to Negro Baptists and a loss to the whole Baptist cause. Delay is, therefore, foolish and it may be fatal to all the causes fostered by Negro Baptists.

As one of like precious faith with you, I beg you, for your own sakes, for the sake of our great Baptist cause all over the world and for Christ's sake, come to our rescue in this matter. Stir up your moderators. Have them send a list of every colored Baptist church (whether live and active or half dead and dormant, whether affiliated with the association or not) to Dr. W. H. JERNAGIN, 1341 Third St., N. W., Washington, D. C., or direct to Dr. T. F. Murphy, Director of Census of Religious Bodies, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C.

## SECRETARY SURVEY, STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

"The Negro Baptists whose figures at best can only be approximated, are nevertheless a mighty host. Could correct figures be given, it would be found that the Negroes are greatly in excess of the numbers herewith given. It is an extremely difficult procedure to get Negro returns which are at all accurate."—Dr. C. A. Walker, Editor American Baptist Year Book, in Watchman-Examiner.

In view of this critical state of affairs we are doubly grateful for the interest displayed by the forty brethren aforementioned, for their response to our questionnaire and to Drs. Rundle, of Kentucky, and A. J. Tyler, of Washington, D. C., Deacon and Mrs. Houston, of Tennessee, all of whom gave to your Historical Department useful books. In consequence of this aid, we hope to put in the hand of the printers within the next ninety days the copy for the "OUTLINES OF A NEGRO BAPTIST HISTORY"—with the contemplated contents, as follows:

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set down at 3,110,850, including the constituency of 66,322 affiliated with the various State Conventions of the Northern Baptist Convention.	
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The greatest needs of this phase of our denominational work upon which much of our future church life depends, briefly stated are: First: A competent, conscientious secretary, one who loves the work, for every Baptist Association; Second: Money for compiling and printing the minutes of these bodies, every year.

#### WHERE ARE THE RECORDS?

There has been or will be held this year an annual session of all the 764 Negro Baptist Associations, and nearly every one of the 89 State Conventions; every B. Y. P. U. and every Sunday School Convention; State and District and every Woman's Convention.

By this method nearly all of our churches, or some organization in each of them are reached during every twelve months. It goes without saying that each of these organizations has a president and a secretary. All of them collect statistics of some sort or other. Every one of these organizations have missionaries or an organizer, and these are known to the Superintendent of Missions in each State. Now, where are the records? **WE HAVE THE ORGANIZATIONS—BUT THEY ARE NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.** We have all the necessary machinery and there is not the slightest reason given the required impetus why our state missionaries, all of whom are men of good common-sense, should set this machinery in motion and secure for our Historical work an abundance of fairly accurate data in a short time—sixty days at the utmost.

#### A CASE IN POINT

To illustrate the feasibility of this plan, I cite the following facts: about Illinois, and the same principle holds good in every state:

Illinois has a Convention of churches and Dr. Wallace is Superintendent of Missions and must know every pastor in Illinois. There are associations in the state and every church, from the great Olive to the smallest "store-front" church is enrolled in some one or other of these Associations. There is a State Sunday School Convention, with Rev. W. L. Petty heading it. There is the B. Y. P. U. Convention with Rev. Dr. Madison as president. Dr. J. J. Olive is president of the State Convention. The Woman's Auxiliary is an indispensable adjunct to each of these associations and conventions. So we see very plainly all can be reached. Even if there are churches, Sunday schools, and unions not enrolled, the leaders and organizers know where they are located. This state of affairs being true of every State, it therefore follows that there is no good reason why we may not have better statistics, complete and orderly records of the work that is being done, with names of organizations and those who lead them.

It is possible and eminently practical for our secretary of Home Missions, through the Superintendent of Missions in each state, to secure the figures of our numerical standing and thus bring additional credit to ourselves as well as to the great denomination which we are so proud to represent.

#### OUR FAITHFUL PATHFINDERS

The finishing of our Publishing House is perhaps the greatest achievement ever accomplished by members of the race, since Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865. We can never do anything which will better demonstrate our pride than the placing of the memorial tablet in the spacious halls of that splendid memorial building—the New Publishing House at Nashville. At your St. Louis session you adopted resolutions empowering your Sunday School Publication Board to put on Founders' Day program to be observed in all our churches and out of the proceeds secure a suitable memorial tablet, bearing the names of all delegates of record who organized the Foreign Mission Convention of America, Nov. 24, 1860, at Montgomery, Ala.

From the poppy-covered fields of France to the smallest county-seat in our beloved land, you will find monuments of soldiers, civilians, and others who have done good deeds for the people, erected by the grateful for the guidance of posterity—shall we do less?

In accordance with these resolutions, with the consent of the president of our National Baptist Convention and the secretary of our Publishing Board, the historical department made an effort to interest one or more of our leaders in each state to put on a bronze tablet a few of our most outstanding pastors who served us and passed on, which will immortalize the names of our departed denominational leaders. For a merely nominal cost (twenty-five dollars), our present pastors had the privilege of memorializing predecessors, who, having wrought worthily and well, passed to their reward. The response has not been altogether what we had a right to expect, but we pray that we who live may not prove selfish, indifferent sons, lest we reap what we sow and there be none to record appreciation of our own lives and labors when we have passed on.

#### A VISIT WITH THE FATHERS

The following are just a few of those whose feet trod down the briars and made easy thoroughfares for our feet:

Leonard A. Grimes, Massachusetts, a great anti-slavery agitator and president of the first Negro Baptist Convention organized in 1840. Rufus L. Perry, New York, born in Tennessee, editor, author, and a leading preacher of his day. Marion Dunbar, Mississippi, born in Georgia, spent a whole life pastoring at Jackson in slavery days and after freedom came. Nelson G. Merry, Tennessee, who managed to attend all the meetings of Negro Baptists held in the North before and during the war. He was a great preacher. George Dupee, one of the finest Greek scholars and outstanding preachers of his day. Jesse F. Bolden, teacher and member of Mississippi legislature; George W. Williams, Ohio, publisher, author of a two-volume History of Negro Race. James

Poindexter, Ohio, great preacher and conservative leader. Randall Pollard, Mississippi, who rallied and kept alive a mixed church in Mississippi, whose white members had deserted it.

These gospel warriors have long since gone to be with God, but their works do follow them. We have entered into their labors and must be faithful to the teachings of our denomination, loyal to the commands of our Lord if we would prove worthy sons of so noble fathers.

Out of 150 pastors appealed to the following have paid to immortalize their predecessors:

Name	City	Church	Present Pastor
A. N. McEwen,	Mobile, Ala.,	Franklin St.,	U. G. Robinson.
W. N. Mottin,	Bridgeport, Conn.,	Messiah,	Walter Gay.
Wm. P. Gibbons,	Washington, D. C.,	Mt. Carmel,	W. H. Jernagin.
J. W. Carr,	Savannah, Ga.,	First African,	E. G. Thomas.
C. C. Bates,	Louisville, Ky.,	Lampton St.,	J. M. Williams.
D. A. Gaddis,	Louisville, Ky.,	Green St.,	H. W. Jones.
J. W. Hawkins,	Lexington, Ky.,	First, Robert	Mitchell.
E. P. Marrs,	Louisville, Ky.,	Beargrass,	G. A. Winstead.
Jones Watkins,	Baltimore, Md.,	Enon,	A. J. Payne.
H. H. Harris,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Compton Hill,	W. C. Cartwright.
R. C. Fox,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Carron St.,	G. T. Murry.
G. B. Howard,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Central,	W. A. Jones.
A. P. Dunbar,	Columbia, S. C.,	Second Calvary,	H. M. Moore.
J. J. Durham,	Columbia, S. C.,	Second Calvary,	H. M. Moore.
F. L. Lights,	Houston, Texas,	Anitoch,	E. L. Harrison.
W. H. Owens,	Memphis, Tenn.,	Tabernacle,	S. E. Griggs.
James H. Holmes,	Richmond, Va.,	First,	W. T. Johnson.
Evel J. Bullock,	Charleston, W. Va.,	First,	M. W. Johnson.
R. W. Rice,	Malden, W. Va.,	Zion African,	J. S. Tyree.
D. Stratton,	St. Albans, W. Va.,	St. Paul,	F. J. Reid.

We especially appeal to the young and powerful preachers of our Zion who are more and more being called to fill our Baptist pulpits in all the states, that they take cognizance of this matter: That they pay this well-deserved tribute to the illustrious dead who have made possible the present day greatness of Negro Baptists.

Again I ask that the National Baptist Convention urge the S. S. Board to put on a Founder's Day Program this year that shall be nation-wide, with the direct purpose of ensuring the perpetuation of the names of all who were present at the organization of the Foreign Mission Convention of America, the direct parent of this body. In this manner we will gain tremendous momentum, for no Sunday school student will be so small or so poor as not to have some part in this great work of placing under God, responsible for the present status of our group throughout the world.

#### SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance due on last year's salary	\$1,200 00
Salary for this year	1,800 00
	\$3,000 00

Received from Publishing Board	300 00
Collected on field	1,319 67
Total Collections	\$1,619 67
Current year balance to be paid	1,380 33
Plus Total Expense of Historian, 1925-26	556 26
Total due Historian—Current Year	\$1,936 59

#### PATRICK HENRY IN DEFENSE OF THE BAPTISTS

In 1775, that most momentous period in the history of the world, a battle for religious as well as civil liberty was fought in the colonies. Many Baptists found refuge from the persecutions that beset them in the territory west of the Mississippi.

Among those who suffered from oppression for the sake of the principles of religious freedom, as taught by the Bible and contended for by the Baptists, were Lewis Craig, of Virginia, who had been thrown in jail in Fredericksburg, Va. History tells us that in company with Joseph Craig and Aaron Bledsoe, he had been indicted "for preaching the Gospel of the Son of God in the colony of Virginia." The clerk was just reading the charge in a slow, emphatic manner, when Patrick Henry, the famous patriot of the colony, dressed plainly and simply, entered the court room, after walking sixty miles; he took his seat with the other lawyers within the bar. He listened to the remarks of the prosecuting attorney, after the clerk had finished and then, rising, reached out his hand and taking the paper, addressed the court in defense of the prisoners.

"May it please your worship: I think I heard read by the prosecutor as I entered this house, the paper I now hold in my hand. If I have rightly understood, the king's attorney of this Colony of Virginia has the intention of punishing by imprisonment, three inoffensive persons before the bar of this court, for a crime of great magnitude—as disturbers of the peace. Did I hear it distinctly, or was it a mistake of my own? Did I hear an expression as if a crime, that these men, whom your worships are about to try for a misdemeanor, are charged with what? And in low, solemn tone, he repeated—'Preaching the Gospel of the Son of God.'

All were breathless, as slowly waving the paper three times around his head, and with hands and eyes uplifted he exclaimed: "Great God!" Court and audience were now wrought up to a pitch of intense excitement, as he continued:

"From the period when our fathers left the land of their nativity for settlement in these American wilds, FOR LIBERTY—civil and religious liberty, for liberty of conscience—to worship their Creator according to their conceptions of heaven's will, from that moment despotism was crushed, her fetters of darkness broken and Heaven decreed that man should be free, free to worship God. Were it not for this, in vain have been the efforts and sacrifices of the colonists, their sufferings and bloodshed to subjugate this new world, if we, their offspring, must still be oppressed. Permit me to inquire once more, for what are these men about to be

tried? This paper says "For preaching the Gospel of the Son of God."

In tones of thunder, exclaiming, "WHAT LAW HAVE THEY VIOLATED?" for the third time he lifted his eyes to heaven and waved the paper around his head. By this time the scene had become so painful, the prosecuting attorney so alarmed, that all hearts were lightened as the judge in tremulous tone gave the order, "Sheriff, Discharge those men."

—"The Origin of the Baptists."

#### REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

September 1, 1926.

To the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention:

I beg leave to submit this report as statistician. As stated in the previous report we often question the real value of collecting data. Sometimes we feel that the time and energy we spend in assembling facts might be spent more profitably. A few minutes of reflecting, however, dissipates these doubts and more than ever we realize the absolute necessity of the accurate analysis of denominational facts. Such study reveals our strong points and our weaknesses, and inspires us to greater efforts, and provides proper groundwork for substantial progress along denominational lines.

The value of the report for 1925 may be seen from the contents to wit:

Summary of denominational statistics, which is made up of associations, churches, ordained ministers, baptism, total membership, school, enrollment, meeting houses, parsonages, total value of church property, current expense, benevolences.

Religious denominations in the United States, Baptists in the world, how the states rank, cities of sessions of the National Baptist Convention, official directory of National Baptist Convention, State organizations, messengers, report to the Baptist World Alliance, Stockholm, Sweden.

Growth of population in the United States, Negroes in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, Roman Catholics and Negroes. The work of Presbyterians for colored people, Congregational work for colored people, denominational schools in the South.

Approximate expenditure for Negro work in the South.

What Southern Baptists are doing for Negroes.

Recent Negro migration.

American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Special financial exhibit.

Ordained colored ministers in the United States.

It will thus be seen that this statistical report for the year of 1924 is full of valuable information which is in easy reach of every one owning a copy of that report.

There has been considerable discussion as to the number of Colored Baptists in the United States. We might say no one knows

accurately. Baptists at any rate are hard to count. They are scattered all over the world, singular and in groups. Some very small, two or three gathered together in his name, and then in groups of ten thousands and millions.

It would seem the United States government is best prepared to give accurate statistics, since it has public gatherings in every county.

	Negro Baptists	Total Membership
Census	1916	2,938,579
H. K. Carroll, National Convention	1924	3,065,398
American Baptist Year Book	1925-26	3,044,528
E. O. Watkins, Federal Council of Churches		3,253,733

These figures as you note differ. We do not attempt to harmonize them.

The National Baptist Convention, unincorporated, claims that some of the churches and associations that go to make up those numbers do not belong to the National Baptist Convention, making our figures inaccurate.

Since there is no source where we can get the membership of the unincorporated Convention, as it does not appear in the American Baptist Year Book, Federal Council of Churches, or the United States Census, we are at liberty to claim that there is affiliating with our National Baptist Convention at this time, upwards of three and a half million Baptists.

#### How the States Rank

Negro Baptists in the United States by States, Also Per Capita Wealth and Ratio of Membership to Baptisms in Each State.

	Membership	Per Capita Wealth	Rank	No. Members Per Baptism	Rank
1. Mississippi	187,622	\$ 3.90	25	—	—
2. Georgia	150,000	23.84	9	25 to 1	1
3. Alabama	285,073	8.78	18	60 to 1	14
4. Virginia	257,951	14.21	14	104 to 1	18
5. South Carolina	230,000	5.36	22	116 to 1	20
6. Texas	215,000	8.59	17	23 to 1	11
7. North Carolina	200,000	7.21	21	—	—
8. Tennessee	190,000	5.92	23	—	—
9. Louisiana	175,583	13.53	13	89 to 1	21
10. Arkansas	96,406	3.43	16	—	—
11. Kentucky	90,000	10.82	15	38 to 1	12
12. Florida	82,000	7.64	20	39 to 1	13
13. Oklahoma	72,850	2.97	24	104 to 1	19
14. Pennsylvania	50,000	26.25	11	61 to 1	15
15. Illinois	40,752	24.37	8	28 to 1	8
16. Ohio	38,123	29.89	6	29 to 1	10
17. District of Columbia	35,000	25.71	7	21 to 1	3
18. Missouri	35,000	30.44	4	28 to 1	9
19. Kansas	25,000	8.80	19	83 to 1	17

20. New York	24,598	65.33	1	22 to 1	5
21. New Jersey	22,180	48.20	2	22 to 1	4
22. Indiana	21,360	23.42	10	20 to 1	2
23. West Virginia	20,800	28.70	3	65 to 1	16
24. Maryland	17,000	29.41	6	23 to 1	6
25. California	10,000	17.43	21	12 to 1	1
Averages	124,653	\$ 12.20	13-14	58 to 1	14

In this table the states are arranged in order according to membership. Per capita wealth was found by dividing the total value of church property by the total membership of each state. The rank of the state is given next, the state with the largest per capita wealth being ranked first, and so on. The column marked "No. of members per baptisms" means that the indicated ratio is between membership and baptisms "28 to 1" signifies that approximately thirty-eight members were necessary to bring into the church one convert. This may be taken as a rough index of a state's soul-saving effectiveness. That state is most effective which requires the least number of members per convert. The ranking given in the states in this table is no more accurate than the original figures when this table was drawn. The source for this table is the American Baptist Year Book.

#### BAPTISTS AND ALL OTHER SPECIFIED NEGRO DENOMINATIONS

	Churches	Ministers	Members	Sunday Schools	S. S. Members
National Baptist Conv.	21,112	10,423	3,174,375	26,059	1,305,082
Free Will Baptists	170	294	13,362	50	4,168
Primitive Baptists	336	604	15,144	88	1,697
Lutherans	46	33	2,267	51	2,511
Methodists: Total	12,598	12,819	1,368,374	11,737	676,623
A. M. E.	6,900	6,550	551,766	6,250	278,313
A. M. E. Z.	2,716	3,982	412,328	2,644	203,147
C. M. E.	3,516	2,647	386,316	2,543	186,770
C. M. P.	26	33	1,967	24	1,016
U. A. M. E.	267	205	10,912	246	2,653
A. U. M. P.	58	260	2,750	49	3,083
R. Z. U. A.	58	79	10,090	68	1,900
A. A. M. E.	28	35	1,310	6	236
R. M. U. E.	29	52	2,126	18	669
Presbyterians	136	430	13,477	139	8,399
Grand Total	35,390	34,598	4,528,643	32,204	2,000,506

#### Year Book of the Churches

A survey made by E. P. Alldredge, for the Southern Baptist Handbook, brought to light some interesting facts about Negro Baptists in the larger cities.

The following table gives the total Negro population, the estimated number of Negro Baptists and the proportion of Negro Baptist to the total Negro population for the sixteen cities named.

#### HOW THE NEGRO BAPTISTS STAND IN THE CITIES

Cities	Negro Population 1924	Negro Baptists 1923 Est.	Proportion Negro Baptists to Negro Population
1. Fort Worth	15,896	14,867	1 to 1.5
2. Houston	33,543	18,595	1 to 1.8
3. Richmond	54,641	21,480	1 to 2.5
4. Dallas	24,023	12,850	1 to 1.9
5. San Antonio	14,341	7,331	1 to 1.9
6. Louisville	49,687	20,810	1 to 2.0
7. Nashville	35,633	16,162	1 to 2.2
8. Kansas City	39,719	12,321	1 to 2.3
9. Atlanta	42,763	25,189	1 to 2.4
10. New Orleans	308,330	29,080	1 to 2.5
11. Birmingham	70,230	26,645	1 to 2.6
12. Washington	109,966	36,544	1 to 3.0
13. Baltimore	108,322	36,311	1 to 3.0
14. Memphis	61,161	19,147	1 to 3.2
15. St. Louis	69,854	16,890	1 to 4.1
16. Norfolk	43,392	10,212	1 to 4.2

Negro Baptists make up about thirty-five per cent of all the Baptists in the world and forty per cent of the Baptists in the United States. In this country one out of every four persons of color is of Baptist faith, and two-thirds of all Negroes who are affiliated with any religious denomination whatever are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention.

The National Baptist Convention membership, as given by the American Baptist Year Book, is 3,116,325. Have you ever stopped to think what a powerful influence three million people can exert if brought together under one banner marching toward the same goal? It would be no exaggeration to assert that between five and six million people are in the sphere of Negro Baptist influence. This is an awful responsibility, a wonderful opportunity; few of us realize how great the responsibility or how magnificent the opportunity. Are we doing all we can do? Are we doing as much as our membership warrants? These are questions we must face as Negro Baptists. We must wake up and work.

#### NEGROES IN THE BIG CITIES

Only the cities of 100,000 and over are considered, and the 1920 census returns are used.

Cities	Negroes	Whites	Indian Chinese Japanese etc.	Total Population
Washington	109,966	326,860	745	437,571
Baltimore	108,322	626,130	274	734,826
New Orleans	100,930	285,316	272	387,219

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4. Birmingham	16,230	108,550	26	178,896
5. St. Louis	69,524	763,415	128	772,897
6. Atlanta	62,796	137,783	35	240,616
7. Memphis	61,181	101,313	88	162,351
8. Richmond	54,041	117,574	52	171,602
9. Norfolk	48,332	72,226	139	115,777
10. Louisville	40,987	154,783	35	234,801
11. Nashville	35,632	82,762	6	118,243
12. Houston	33,950	104,268	48	138,218
13. Kansas City	30,719	293,577	174	324,110
14. Dallas	24,023	124,688	67	158,716
15. Ft. Worth	15,896	90,456	120	106,182
16. San Antonio	14,341	148,799	239	163,179
Totals	676,371	3,526,119	2,936	4,402,466

Cities	Negro Population 1929	Negro Baptists 1929 Est.	Proportion Negro Baptist to Negro Population
Totals	676,344	330,279	1 to 2.6 38.4

In the sixteen cities named 38.4 per cent of the total Negro population is of Baptist faith.

Another table shows that the Negro Baptists outnumber the white Baptists in all the cities named except five: Atlanta, Kansas City, Dallas, Ft. Worth and San Antonio. Taking all these cities together there are 336,279 Negro Baptists and only 209,870 white Baptists.

## NEGRO BAPTISTS LEAD WHITE BAPTISTS IN THE BIG CITIES

Cities	Negro Baptists, 1929	White Baptists, 1929
New Orleans	29,080	3,165
Washington	36,544	13,995
Baltimore	35,311	8,989
Richmond	27,440	22,724
Birmingham	26,845	14,521
Atlanta*	25,180	20,120
Louisville	20,610	17,180
Memphis	19,147	9,133
Houston	18,509	10,207
St. Louis	18,800	10,120
Nashville	16,182	9,069
Kansas City*	15,921	13,021
Dallas*	15,820	15,021
Ft. Worth*	10,867	14,907
Norfolk	10,212	9,718
San Antonio*	7,281	8,000
Totals	336,279	209,870

More and more we are brought face to face with the insufficiency of available denominational statistics. The collection of statistics requires time, energy, money, and the cooperation of all parties concerned.

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Herewith is a partial list of Negro Baptist authors and their books. Can you add to it?

## NEGRO BAPTIST AUTHORS AND THEIR BOOKS

- George H. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio  
History of the American Negro
- Wm. J. Simmons, Louisville, Ky.  
Men of Mark
- Carter G. Woodson, Washington, D. C.  
(a) The Negro in Our History  
(b) A Century of Negro Migration  
(c) The Education of the Negro Prior to 1861  
(d) The History of the Negro Church
- Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Institute  
(a) The Story of My Life  
(b) Up From Slavery  
(c) The Story of the Negro, 2 Vols.
- Sutton E. Griggs, Memphis, Tenn.  
(a) Imperium in Imperio  
(b) The Hindered Hand  
(c) Wisdom's Call
- E. M. Brawley, Charleston, S. C.  
The Negro Baptist Pulpit
- A. W. Pegues, Raleigh, N. C.  
Our Ministers and Our Schools
- W. H. Moses  
The Life of Our Lord
- S. N. Vass  
How to Study and Teach the Bible; and numerous pamphlets
- E. W. D. Isaac, Nashville, Tenn.  
(a) B. Y. P. U. Manual  
(b) Sunday Morning Reflection
- L. G. Jordan, Nashville, Tenn.  
Up the Ladder in Missions
- E. C. Morris  
Reflections from the Public Service of the Author
- Rufus L. Perry, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
The Cushite
- Harvey Johnson, Baltimore, Md.  
The Races from a New Point of View
- C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Ky.  
Golden Jubilee of Kentucky Baptists
- J. A. Whitted, Philadelphia, Pa.  
History of the Negro Baptists of North Carolina
- T. O. Fuller, Memphis, Tenn.  
Twenty Years in Public Life
- L. A. Scruggs, Raleigh, N. C.  
Women of Distinction
- N. H. Pius  
An Outline of Baptist History
- Benjamin G. Brawley, Raleigh, N. C.  
(a) Negro in Literature and Art  
(b) A Short History of the Negro

21. E. K. Love, Savannah, Ga.  
History of First African Baptist Church of Savannah.
22. W. H. Quick, Rockingham, N. C.  
Negro Stars in All Ages of the World
23. J. A. Mitchell, Nashville, Tenn.  
Normal Manual of Modern Sunday School Methods
24. Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Musical Director, Nashville, Tenn.  
Baptist Standard Hymnal
25. W. Bishop Johnson, Washington, D. C.  
The Scourge of a Race
26. Mrs. Harvey, Houson, Baltimore, Maryland  
Clarence and Corlinc
27. C. O. Booth, Selma, Ala.  
(a) Plain Theology for Plain People  
(b) Systematic Theology
28. A. J. Stokes, Montgomery, Ala.  
Select Sermons
29. S. W. Bacote, Kansas City, Mo.  
Who's Who Among Colored Baptists
30. D. Webster Davis, Richmond, Va.  
Book of Psalms
31. C. F. Walker, Augusta, Ga.  
Trip to the Holy Land
32. Silas X. Floyd, Augusta, Ga.  
Life of C. T. Walker
33. P. H. Thompson, Kosciusko, Miss.  
History of Negro Baptists of Mississippi

What additional information have you concerning the part played by Baptists in Negro education to supplement this interesting summary of Negro education for 1926 as given by the Crisis.

#### 8,600 Negroes in College Last Year

According to an article in the August "Crisis" more than 8,600 Negro students were enrolled last year in American colleges and universities, over 7,000 of this number being Negro colleges and 1,600 in white institutions. The former conferred degrees on more than 1,000 students, 33 of whom received the degree of Master of Arts, 519 that of Bachelor of Arts, and 173 that of Bachelor of Science. There were 100 graduates in medicine, 72 in dentistry, 33 in pharmacy, 37 in law, and 47 in theology. In addition, the big northern universities conferred degrees on about 300 Negro students. Several received the degree of Ph. D., and a number were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. The number graduating last year was about three times as great as that of five years ago. Among the M. A. graduates at Harvard was Countee Cullen, the young Negro poet, who won the Witter-Blyner poetry prize in a national competition open to all college students.

We should know the part played by Baptists in the professions and in business. Prominent Baptist laymen should be honored as Baptists and their names should be familiar to our young people as great Baptists.

For another year, I am asking a more liberal reply to our correspondence in the way of statistics. So far our attempts to col-

lect material by correspondence have met with little success. Blanks, therefore, have been provided which are now available at the statistician's table.

We hope that the members from the various states will find time during the meeting to fill the blanks with the required information and return same to the statistician.

We are interested in the Negro Baptist business men and professional men and in what they are trying to do in their various communities. Please write this information together with anything else you may think important on the back of the blank.

Among the students who received degrees at the last commencement of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were five young colored men. Two of these were from Massachusetts, and three from the South, one each from Roger Williams University, Virginia Union University and Morehouse College, all Baptist schools. The student from Roger Williams University, James Evans, and the one from Virginia Union University, Victor Smith, already have received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This year the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon them. They have been offered positions on the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The student from Morehouse College, Edward Hope, is a son of the president, John Hope, L.L. D. He received his Bachelor's degree, and won a scholarship for next year. At that time he expects to receive his Master's degree. This summer, on recommendation of a professor in his department of civil engineering, Mr. Hope is in charge of a party going to Newfoundland to make a survey.

We are doing ourselves a great injustice in not being able to give to our people and to the world, a more accurate account of our stewardship. It is generally known that most every other denomination, and especially our Methodist brethren are better prepared to give a more accurate account of themselves than Baptists as a whole. So that it is extremely embarrassing for us to make comparisons, and so we thought on consultation with the president of the Convention, to have a statistical table at the Convention, to employ a clerk, and to have these blanks filled out by the delegation of several states represented here. We also suggest that for the gathering of the statistics from the several states of the Convention, that the state statisticians be hereafter recognized as assistant statisticians of the National Baptist Convention and that the National Baptist Convention will be responsible for paying them for their services when the facts gathered or the statistics reach the national statisticians, and are O. K'd in his office.

It may be better, perhaps, that we consider the plan of district statisticians, dividing the country into six (6) districts. I am quite sure that such an organization could be planned and with some success carried out within the next year; or another plan might be to appoint a special committee from this Convention to present to the Executive Board, during the year, a workable plan by which we can get the desired information from the Baptists of the country. I await your orders.

Sig.—11

## REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Shreveport, La., Sept. 6, 1926  
To the President, Officers and Members, of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America, Greetings:

It again becomes my most pleasant duty to submit to what I consider the greatest organization of the world a report concerning its legal affairs, that have been intrusted to me during the past year as their attorney.

I assure you that I have endeavored to render the very best service that I was capable of rendering in the handling of your affairs, with an eye singular at all times, that the interest of this Convention would be firmly protected in a legal way.

Before going further, I think it but proper, that I should thank you, my brethren, for having conferred this honor upon me, in electing me from time to time to look after your legal affairs, and I assure you that I consider your action in this regard as being one of the greatest honors that could be conferred upon a layman, to represent in a legal way this the greatest organization among Negroes in the world.

Matters Referred to Me—National Training School for Women and Girls

The first matter claimed my attention since the last Convention, was that of the National Training School for Women and Girls. This matter as you know, has been one that has given our Convention trouble for some time, with regards to our relation to this institution, and the visitatorial powers that the Convention may have over this institution. There have been various and sundry suggestions from year to year concerning this institution, and I have made recommendations relative to our rights and interest in, and to this institution. Our President, Dr. Williams, has used every effort at his command in my opinion, that would light the relation of these two bodies, at the close of our Convention at Baltimore. We all went to Washington, and attended the meeting of the National Training School for Women and Girls, with a view of reaching proper solution in this whole matter; at this meeting every effort was put forth to the end that matters would be adjusted, notwithstanding the fact that Miss Burroughs was in the meeting and refused to serve on the committee that was appointed to draft the necessary articles of agreement, between the National Training School for Women and Girls and the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention; however a committee was appointed consisting of Dr. L. G. Jordan, Mrs. I. F. Bates, Mrs. Annie D. Winstead, Mrs. Edna Strickland, Dr. Walter H. Brooks, Mrs. S. W. Layton, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, Dr. Jas. Bryant, Prof. R. B. Hudson, and Lawyer Rush, representing the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention and I, representing the National Baptist Convention, were associated with said committee, and the Convention submitted the following report, marked number one of this report, and the same was approved by said meeting.

In keeping with this action, I prepared what I consider a draft of amendment marked No. two, that when properly signed and executed, would have remedied the entire situation. I forwarded a copy of this draft to Prof. Hudson, Secretary of our Convention, with instruction to him, that the same be sent out to both the members of the National Baptist Convention, and the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, and

the members of the National Training School, for women and girls, with the view that, a meeting be called and that these amendments be properly signed and executed by all parties concerned. This was done in keeping with instructions received by me, as will be seen by letters filed herein, and marked, three, four, five and six, also my correspondence with President Williams on this matter, as will be seen by correspondence marked numbers seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven, filed herein.

In Dr. Williams' letter, dated August 7, he advised that I go to Washington and associate myself with some other attorney, with the view of remedying this situation. He also forwarded me the minutes of the Training School. I read very carefully over them, but in view of the fact that our meeting of last September, if carried into effect, is in my opinion all that is necessary to be done in this whole matter, saving possibly the transfer of the property of the National Training School, for Women and girls, in keeping with the amendments approved in our September meeting, hence I did not make the trip to Washington. I wish to state further, that the instrument sent me by Dr. Williams marked "Proposed Body," by Prof. Hudson, is the same as was prepared by myself and forwarded to Prof. Hudson, all of which will be seen by my original draft filed in this report, marked Nos. 1 and 2. Therefore, the Training School matter has not been cleared up as yet, and I will recommend that this Convention appoint the necessary committee, clothe them with full and complete power, to take the necessary steps, legal and otherwise, that will put this training school under the direct control and supervision of the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, or to have the Women's Convention withdraw their relation and affiliation thereto. The other correspondence between my office and the office of Dr. Williams, was of a general nature, as will be seen by said correspondence, marked, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, of this report.

Foreign Board Charter

The matter of completing the records on the amendments of the Foreign Mission Board for Charter went over from last year. The Amendment has all been properly made at Louisville, changing it's domicile from Philadelphia, certified to by the clerk of court, at Louisville, and left in the office at Philadelphia for recordation with cashier's check, for fifty nine dollars (\$59.00), for his fee, with instructions to him to file, record, and certify to same, and forward the certified copy to me, that I may clear same at Harrisburg, has all been done. These papers were held at Philadelphia for sometime, but I received a letter from the office dated August 31, advising that they wanted further amplification, before they could proceed further. This notice came to me too late to secure this for the time of this meeting, but I have forwarded to the clerk's office at Louisville, Ky., the necessary fee for the additional amplification, in keeping with the acts of congress, all of which will be seen by a copy of my letter marked No. 17, of this report. I am going from this meeting to Philadelphia, for the purpose of completing this transaction, all of which, I regret that it has not been done, but it was not due to any fault of mine, but the holding of these papers at Philadelphia.

Secretary Foreign Mission Board

I received some little correspondence from Dr. East, regarding the Charter of this Board, as will be seen from said cor-

response, marked Nos. 18, 19, 20, and 21, since the disposition of this matter has been stated in the previous paragraph of this report, I make no further reference thereto.

#### Theological Seminary

I received a letter from Dr. Griggs, asking for donation for the Theological Seminary, to which letter I replied under the date of February 24, and sent him five dollars (\$5.00) which he acknowledged under the date of March 5. My correspondence to this department is covered by letters marked Nos. 22, 23, and 24.

#### Benefit Board

I have only had one letter from this department, and it was of a personal nature, and therefore does not appear in this report.

#### Sunday School Publishing Board

There have been no matter referred to me from this Board, saving the collection of a certain pledge made to the Board by the Avenue Baptist Church and the State Campaign, upon this pledge I collected thirty dollars (\$30.00) of the amount, and forwarded same to the Sunday School Publishing Board, and received a receipt for the same, dated May 6, as will be seen by copy of my letter of Dr. Townsend, dated May the 6, marked No. 25 of this report.

#### B. Y. P. U. Board

The only matter referred to me by this Board, was the collection of certain funds, of a book being sold by an agent of this Board, at the Congress. This agent did not return the money for the book being sold and the matter was referred to me. I took the matter up with the party, and as I understand the account has been settled.

At the meeting of the Board, held in Birmingham, the deeds of the property for the Convention were turned over to me for record in the County Clerk's office in New Jersey, same has been duly filed in the County Clerk's office, at Mays Landing, N. J., as will be seen by receipt marked No. 26.

#### Sunday School Congress

I attended the Sunday School Congress, held in Brooklyn during the month of June. I have charge of the Superintendent's Department of the Congress, and I have done everything that I could to develop this Department, and to help the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress. You will note that my department reports the largest amount of money to the Congress each year, since I had charge of it.

#### Board Meeting

I have attended all of the Executive Board meetings of the Convention, and rendered whatever help I could to foster the work. Thus ends my labor during the past year.

I have endeavored to give detail account of all matters handled during the past year. Again thanking you, one and all, for the honor being your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. ROBERSON, Attorney.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We are pleased to report that the two boards, the Holding Board and the Board of Directors, have satisfactorily conducted the

work committed to them. There has been no difficulty, so far discovered, that prevented them from working in complete harmony.

#### Improvements and Repairs

Your Commission has made certain improvements and repairs upon the campus, which included repairs on three buildings on the premises. We have rented these buildings to Colored people for residences. The total amount spent in making these improvements, \$1,565.41.

#### The Seminary

The Seminary is in its second year and the school is being conducted in a very satisfactory manner. There have been enrolled 28 students. Three of these are candidates for graduation. One student, John Jennings, sickened and died.

That you may have some idea of the amount of work being done by our teachers, we recite the following facts: W. T. Amiger teaches twenty-one hours a week; J. H. Garnett teaches twenty-one hours a week; B. Terrell teaches twenty-two hours a week; L. R. W. Johnson, half-time professor, teaches ten hours a week; E. W. D. Isaac, teacher of sacred music, teaches two hours a week. This totals seventy-six hours of work each week.

#### Appreciation

Because there were not sufficient funds available to engage a teacher of sacred music, Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, of Nashville, Tennessee, volunteered to do this work without cost to the seminary. He is, therefore, due the thanks of the denomination for this valuable service.

#### Budget of the Seminary

The budget for the school was fixed at \$22,500.00 a year. In order to assist in maintaining the seminary, the white commission entered into the following agreement: They agreed to pay on the running expenses one dollar for every two dollars provided by the National Baptist Convention, paying this monthly until the contribution should amount to \$7,500.00 a year.

The white commission also bears all the expenses of secretary, O. L. Hailey, and contributes to the running expenses all these funds he secures from the denomination, both white and colored.

During the year Secretary Hailey has traveled 17,700 miles, attended fifteen general conventions and assemblies, visited fifty-five churches, delivered one hundred and thirty sermons and addresses. He has raised in cash \$1,290.00 and secured unpaid pledges for \$800.00 or more. In considering this amount, it should be remembered that he does not take collections from Southern Baptist churches nor solicit contributions from individual members. The whites rely alone on the unified budget.

#### Our President

The selection of Dr. Sutton E. Griggs as president was in accordance with the wishes of all the representatives of the two conventions, but owing to certain business engagements which Dr. Griggs had at Memphis, Tennessee, he could not at once give himself to the work of the seminary. He has been actively engaged for full time since March 1, 1926.

He and his brethren of the National Baptist Convention felt that, in order to meet the plan of the Southern Baptist Convention in assuming the full support and expenses of our secretary, O. L. Hailey, he should draw all his support and expenses from the Education Board of the National Baptist Convention, of which he was and still

is the Corresponding Secretary. Thus would the National Baptist Convention meet and balance the contribution of the Southern Baptist Convention in supporting the seminary.

The white commission has paid promptly their quota to meet the contribution of the National Baptist Convention, but because Dr. Griggs, the president, was delayed in taking up his work, they have not quite reached their objective up to date, but it is hoped that we shall be able to close the session with all bills paid.

#### The Investments So Far

Up to the present, Nashville has put into the purchase of the land \$19,832.51. The colored themselves have paid \$8,060.00. The white citizens of Nashville have paid \$11,772.51. Then the Southern Baptist Commission has invested in the permanent improvements of the seminary \$104,376.87. We estimate that the property as it now stands is easily worth \$140,000.00.

#### Larger Contributions

Dr. Hailey reports a little thoughtful consideration, we believe, will suggest to the Convention that we ought to make a larger contribution to the help of our Negro brethren than we are making at present. It will be important to bring to your attention the amount of money that is being contributed to the Negro work by other denominations. The Methodist Episcopal Church is spending annually \$1,250,000, the Presbyterians, U. S. A., are spending \$894,000.00, the Congregationalists are spending \$600,000.00, the Catholics are spending \$250,000.00, while Southern Baptists in all their contributions do not reach \$50,000.00 a year. It is due to be said that, by our personal contact and cooperative service, we are doing a great deal for the Negro which no other denomination is equalling, but the opportunity is so great and the needs are so many that it seems very desirable that we should give a larger contribution to our Negro work.

It ought to be remembered that it costs a good deal more to conduct a school than it does to erect and furnish buildings.

If some way may be found, we ought to provide help for worthy students who wish to attend the seminary and are not able to meet the little expenses incident thereto.

Your commission will endeavor to use wisely whatever money the Convention shall put in its hands.

#### Financial Exhibit

Our treasurer, I. J. Van Ness, will present our financial exhibit which we wish to be considered as a part of our report.

This report was approved by the Commission from the Southern Baptist Convention on April 26, 1926.

WM. GUPTON, Chairman,  
B. R. KENNEDY, Recording Secretary,  
O. L. HAILEY, General Secretary.

123. Treasurer I. J. Van Ness, Tennessee, presented the financial statement of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, as follows:

Financial statement, Commission on Negro Theological Seminary, May 1, 1925, to April 30, 1926, I. J. Van Ness, Treasurer.

#### Receipts

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1925	\$ 363.34
Balance in Office, May 1, 1925	25.00
Alabama	\$ 255.51

Arkansas	212.97
Florida	429.32
Georgia	769.22
Kentucky	1,127.31
Louisiana	255.23
Maryland	212.85
Mississippi	506.11
Missouri	243.81
New Mexico	32.34
North Carolina	767.64
Oklahoma	158.72
South Carolina	1,097.62
Tennessee	734.15
Texas	1,245.10
Virginia	2,015.48
District of Columbia	129.70
Interest Income	394.11
Property Income	378.00
Education Board	35.48
Dr. Hailey's Collections	1,356.60
Notes Receivable	715.70

\$13,455.31

#### Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 4,302.45
General Expense	230.39
Traveling Expense	612.11
Insurance	11,050.00
Seminary Expense Fund	5,091.81
Seminary Property	1,505.41
Notes Receivable	300.00

12,402.67

Balance in Bank, April 30, 1926 \$ 1,052.64

#### Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 1,052.64
Notes Receivable	8,682.41
Unexpired Insurance	700.25
	10,515.30

REV. B. J. F. WESBROOK, Chairman and Director of  
Evangelistic Department

This report does not pretend to represent the entire amount of work done by the Negro Baptists of the United States for the fiscal year beginning September, 1925, and ending September, 1926, but it does give an idea of our plan to operate this phase of our Convention work. You will notice that a list of names from seventeen different states is given in this report. They are styled as Secretaries of Evangelism. They were obtained upon the recommendation of the presidents of the State Conventions of which they were members. It was hoped and so stated in our publication during the year that these secretaries would distribute the reporting blanks (which were mailed to them) among the churches of their State, the same to be filled out and mailed to 520 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Ind., B. J. F. Wesbrook, Chairman.

Evangelistic Department,  
Rev. B. J. F. Westbrook, Chairman  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
520 W. Michigan St.

## LIST OF STATE SECRETARIES

TEXAS—Rev. T. W. Dailey, 303 South Rockwall Ave., Terrell.  
LOUISIANA—Rev. W. L. Kilcrease, Homer.  
OKLAHOMA—Rev. R. A. Whitaker, 417 North Elgin Ave., Tulsa.  
NEW JERSEY—Rev. H. T. Borders, 11 Milton Street, Newark.  
COLORADO—Rev. I. S. Powell, 1210 Twenty-sixth St., Denver.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Rev. D. Y. Campbell, 621 Third St., S. W., Washington, D. C.  
ARKANSAS—Rev. Isaiah Anderson, 810 Schifler St., Little Rock.  
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ILLINOIS—Rev. J. W. Carter, 228 Walnut Street, Chicago.  
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TENNESSEE—Rev. J. M. Royston, 1320 E. McLemore Ave., Memphis.  
VIRGINIA—Rev. J. A. Brown, 240 W. Queen St., Hampton.  
KENTUCKY—Rev. B. F. Reid, 2710 Lytle Street, Louisville.  
MISSISSIPPI—Rev. W. E. Bradford, Mound Bayou.  
MISSOURI—Rev. J. Goins, Springfield.  
UTAH—Rev. Walter John Brannon, 838 Pacific Avenue, Salt Lake City.

## EVANGELISTS BY APPOINTMENT

By Rev. W. F. Lovelace, D. D.  
Rev. L. H. Hatfield, 748 Williams Ave., Memphis, Tenn.  
Rev. George D. Troutman, 3834 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Rev. C. M. Lockhart, Mootmere, Long Island, N. Y.  
Rev. E. Williamson, 1230 Mortison Street, Louisville, Ky.  
Rev. Paul Perkins, 3756 East Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Rev. W. M. Goins, Brinkley, Arkansas.  
Rev. Ernest Estees, Drakestown, Ky.  
By Rev. B. J. F. Westbrook, B. Th., D. D.  
Rev. J. B. Brandon, Chestnut and Gerard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Rev. W. F. Scott, 515 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Rev. James E. Allen, 3824 Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Rev. William Chapman, 797 Fifteenth Street, St. Louis, Mo.  
Rev. E. D. Lawson, 44 Old Wheat Street, Atlanta, Ga.  
Rev. J. M. Merritt, R. 1, Box 6, Crichton, Alabama.  
Rev. J. W. Ashford, 1911 Park Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.  
Rev. I. S. Powell, 1216 Twenty-sixth Street, Denver, Colorado.  
Rev. John Brannon, 838 Pacific Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Rev. F. Percy Young, 755 Elmira St., Mobile, Ala.  
Rev. Frank Darden, 6417 St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Rev. G. W. Hibler, 989 East 41st Street.  
Rev. H. T. Borders, 11 Milton St., Newark, N. J.  
Rev. J. Goins, 817 Washington Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.  
Rev. J. C. Ramey, 2310 South Clark Street, Marion, Indiana.  
Rev. C. P. Harrison, 4924 Washington Park St., Chicago, Ill.  
Rev. B. F. Loden, 1909 E. 13th St., Kansas City, Mo.  
Rev. I. D. Evans, 1 Goodpay St., Mobile, Alabama.

Rev. B. V. Govan, Yazoo City, Mississippi.  
Rev. J. H. Smith, 414 Oakwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Rev. W. M. Madison, 3823 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Rev. N. E. Clarke, 1204 Frederick St., Houston, Texas.  
Rev. George Neely, 2710 Federal St., Chicago, Illinois.  
Rev. A. Winston Hutchins, 2733 Mullett St., Detroit, Michigan.  
Rev. W. L. Kilcrease, Homer, Louisiana.

## EVANGELISTIC REPORT FOR STATE OF KENTUCKY, 1925-26

B. F. Reid, A. B., B. Th., K. T., State Secretary, 2710 Lytle  
Louisville, Ky.

Church	Location	Pastor	Revivals	Additions
Good Hope,	Louisville,	Rev. Branch	1	13
First, Eminence,	Rev. P. A. Carter	0	32	
Centennial, Christianburg,	Rev. W. H. Dudley	0	0	
Fairfield, Fairfield,	Rev. J. D. Daniel	1	20	
Second, New Liberty,	Rev. W. H. Hall	1	12	
Burnell Ave., Louisville,	Rev. J. Baker	1	14	
Little Flock, Louisville,	Rev. J. Fisher	1	21	
Zion, Louisville,	Rev. W. H. Craighead	1	60	
First, Jeffersontown,	Rev. B. L. Reynolds	1	12	
Lyndon, Goode Creek,	Rev. B. L. Goodwin	1	9	
Joshua Tabernacle, Louisville,	Rev. C. J. Dailey	1	19	
Emanuel, Louisville,	J. H. Purdue	1	32	
Central, Louisville,	Rev. R. Merriweather	1	27	
Brownsboro, Brownsboro,	Rev. L. R. Hyatt	1	11	
Bethel, Anchorage,	Rev. L. A. Offutt	1	2	
First, Frankfort	Rev. W. H. Ballew	1	54	
Second, Bagdad,	Rev. W. H. Dudley	1	7	
Mt. Zion, Earlinton,	Rev. J. Stevenson	1	36	
Highland Park, Louisville,	Rev. R. Porter	1	26	
Main St., Lexington,	Rev. J. W. Gibson	1	59	
Centennial, Louisville,	Rev. T. J. Lewis	1	49	
Marrs Mem., Louisville,	Rev. C. J. Cunningham	1	20	
Ebenezer, Louisville,	Rev. P. C. Cayce	1	91	
New Hope, Ashland,	Rev. W. M. Pannell	1	31	
Second, Taylorsville,	M. L. Ganes	1	14	
St. Paul, Louisville,	Rev. H. H. McClain	1	39	
Fourth Street, Owensboro,	Rev. E. H. Smith	1	64	
Lappton, Louisville,	Rev. J. M. Williams	1	58	
West Chestnut, Louisville,	Rev. W. M. Johnson	1	43	
New Vine, Ford,	Rev. J. W. Jackson	1	3	
Second, Athens,	Rev. J. W. Jackson	1	3	
Providence 22, Harrods Creek,	Rev. J. W. Jackson	1	7	
Ever Green, Lawrenceburg,	Rev. W. R. Richardson	1	4	
Beargrass, Louisville,	Rev. G. H. Winstead	1	26	
Guiding Star, Louisville,	Rev. E. W. Jones	1	25	
Centennial, Harrodsburg,	Rev. F. W. Gorge	1	11	
First, Atoka,	Rev. S. W. George	0	0	
Shiloh, Louisville,	Rev. C. H. Turner	1	18	
First, Anchorage,	Rev. W. B. Hopkins	1	8	
Harrods Creek, Harrod Creeks,	Rev. Virgil Taylor	1	5	

Lancaster, Lancaster, Rev. G. R. Reed	1	9
Pleasant View, Louisville, Rev. H. A. Scott	1	28
Second, Bloomfield, Rev. R. H. Faulkner	1	15
Little Benson, Frankfort, Rev. R. H. Faulkner	1	2
Virginia St., Hopkinsville, Rev. M. M. D. Purdue	1	56
Israel, Louisville, Rev. R. G. Walker	1	9
Green St., Louisville, Rev. H. W. Jones	1	33
Second, Owensboro, Rev. F. W. Fletcher	1	14
First, Richmond, Rev. J. W. Broadus	1	44
First, Elk Creek, Rev. L. H. Coleman	1	21
Second, Capbellsburg, Rev. G. N. Butler	1	8
St. Luke, Long Run, Rev. J. M. Kimbel	1	8
Gethsemane, Louisville, Rev. R. H. Hughes	1	26
Zion, Waddy, Rev. J. H. Lloyd	1	10
Friendship, Louisville, Rev. W. H. Hayes	1	10
Virginia Ave., Louisville, Rev. A. H. Shumake	1	17
State Street, Bowling Green, Rev. W. P. Offutt	1	50
Park Ridge, Sparta, Rev. L. R. Hyatt	1	10
Second, Warsaw, Rev. J. M. Caldwell	1	1
First, Pee-wee Valley, Rev. J. M. Caldwell	1	1
Mt. Lebanon, Louisville, Rev. V. W. McLawler	1	57
Portland, Louisville, Rev. B. F. Reid	1	35
Bethel, Drakesboro, Rev. Ernest Estell	1	21
First, LaGrange, Rev. A. L. Pearson	1	34
Lanier, Louisville, Rev. M. B. Lanier	0	1
First, Simpsonville, Rev. W. M. Taylor	1	30
Mt. Nebo, Louisville, Rev. G. S. Yates	1	2
Calvary, Louisville, Rev. C. H. Parrish	1	44
First, Nicholasville, Rev. S. E. Hoard	1	56
Broadway, Winchester, Rev. R. M. Jones	1	22
First, Bardstown, Rev. Claude Taylor	0	2
Totals	67	1,674

## The Number added to the church:

(a) by Baptism	1,496
(b) by Experience of Grace	60
(c) by Letter	62
(d) by Restoration	56

Total 1,674

## The number of persons baptized into the church from other faiths—200.

The amount of money raised for Evangelist	\$ 2,000
The amount given for Home Missions	500
The amount given to the poor	1,000
The amount left with the church	1,000

Total \$4,500

N. B.—Bear in mind that this is only an approximate report.  
B. F. REID, State Secretary.

## EVANGELISTIC REPORT FOR CONVENTIONAL YEAR, SEPTEMBER, 1926, TO SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Number of Persons Taken Into the Church					Money Raised During Revival			
Letter	Restoration	Grace	Total	Evangelist	Home Missions	Church	Total	
96	2	29	16	Texas, 153	\$ 290 00	\$ 00	\$ 259 40	\$ 549 40
11	4	11	10	Arkansas, 36	112 00	00	00	112 00
5	2	00	3	Missouri, 10	20 00	00	00	20 00
54	63	14	25	Illinois, 156	177 50	10 00	1500 01	1677 50
00	13	53	53	Louisiana, 169	438 65	00	66 60	1100 25
23	5	25	6	Florida, 59	90 00	00	00	90 00
26	10	14	20	Mississippi, 122	515 00	94 00	00	609 00
43	15	3	00	Georgia, 61	48 00	00	278 55	326 55
124	25	104	23	Indiana, 278	45 00	00	180 00	230 00
30	60	250	66	N. Jersey, 346	467 50	3 00	3560 00	4020 00
106	62	56	60	*Kentucky, 1674	2000 00	500 00	1000 00	4500 00
575	1	11	1	† Africa, 663				

\*Amount to pear from Kentucky, \$1,000.  
† Report from the Dark Continent.  
‡ Otherwise.

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC DEPT. OF NATL. BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Grace	Total Tenn.	Evangelist	Home Miss.	Church	Total
79	5	23	35	142	\$ 55.00	\$26.00	\$1499.82	\$1580.82
249	19	108	172	Texas 548	2306.38	14.92	5133.36	7454.66

STATE SECRETARIES AND EVANGELISTS FROM WHOM WE HAVE HAD REPORTS

STATE SECRETARIES  
 Rev. J. M. Royston, 1320 E. McLemore Ave., Memphis, Tennessee  
 Rev. T. W. Dailey, 303 S. Rockwall Ave, Terrell, Texas  
 Rev. B. F. Reid, 2710 Lytle St., Louisville, Kentucky  
 Rev. Isaiah Anderson, 310 Schiller St., Little Rock, Ark.

EVANGELISTS

Rev. B. V. Govan  
 Rev. L. H. Hatfield  
 Rev. Freeman Berklack  
 Rev. W. L. Campbell  
 Rev. Wm. L. Kilcrease  
 Rev. Geo. D. Troutman  
 Rev. E. D. Lawson  
 Rev. J. E. Rogers

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Brother President, Officers, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

I am happy today because God has spared me to come before you to make the thirty-first annual report of the Home Mission Board and my sixth report as your Corresponding Secretary. God has wonderfully blessed me during these six years with an experience which is worth more to me than money. I must thank my brethren, one and all for the excellent way that they have personally stood by me. I must thank my Board that they have put nothing in my way to impede my progress nor to mar my happiness.

Six years ago this week when your humble servant took charge of this work he found that the churches and public at large did not fully understand the work of the Home Mission Board. Many of the Home Mission members did not comprehend it; therefore no one gave much consideration to it.

It was not a matter of being hostile to the work, but just had not given it much thought. All the pastors, churches, and conventions evidently gave your secretary the greatest respect whenever he came around, and they made it pleasant for him personally. Hence these conditions gave us a chance to do what we saw would have to be done before success would come.

Now, what was to be done? Why sentiment was to be made and knowledge had to be imparted. For three or four years we had to cover the country from Dan to Beersheba, so to speak, making sentiment and imparting knowledge. Sometimes we were on horseback and even on mule back, and at other times we were on horseback and even on mule back, and where none of these conveniences were found, we used our feet, going and going. What for? Making sentiment and agitating and explaining and even persuading.

Each year we found sentiment growing and we were therefore able to add on a little work here and a little work there until we now have actual work spread from one side of the country to the other as an outgrowth of sentiment.

Sentiment is now ripe and the harvest is white. We have the laborers, but we need the money to employ them. Many thought that it was their only duty to keep up the current expenses of their churches; while others felt that when they had done association work in their district, such as paying its officers and committees they had done all the Home Mission work necessary. Some have felt that they had finished their course in Home Mission work when they had raised money for their educational work in their state conventions.

We are proud to report that sentiment is fast turning from these ideas now and is joining hands to do more for Home Missions.

BASIS OF OPERATION

When Jesus came to the earth he came with the avowed purpose of establishing a base for evangelical operation and kingdom building, and that base is Home Missions. There is not a phase of Christian work but that is an offspring of Home Missions. He

came just as a Home Missionary, for he said, "I came unto my own, but they received me not," John 1:11. It is also said that when he started his work he started among his own people. The words are these, "He went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom," Matt. 4:23. Our Savior was the embodiment of missions. The simplest and most appropriate definition for mission that I have ever heard was this, "A passion for lost souls."

#### HOME MISSIONS ESTABLISHED

The supreme effort of our Savior while on earth was to establish the idea of Home Missions, and so he did. Why did he do this? He did it because he wanted to do Foreign Mission work, and hence he must have a supply base. Home Missions is this base, and Home Missions is the basis of all Christian endeavors, therefore it should be supported.

When the demoniac had the legion of devils cast out he requested to go with Jesus, but our Lord refused and said, "Go home to thy friends and tell them."

Brethren, you must do Home Mission work or all else will fail. Many of our churches and pastors have ceased to do mission work on account of their church debts. Many of our associations and state conventions have ceased to do mission work because of their educational institutions, and therefore they are failing both in their church debts and school debts each year. Why? Because they have forgotten missions.

In prescribing the course of work for his disciples after he should be gone, he said, "Begin at Jerusalem." At another time when he was sending out his disciples on a missionary tour he said, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, or the cities of Samaria, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, that is, to home folks," Matt. 10:5, 6.

If you would notice there was a very little work done by Christ or his disciples while he was on earth outside of what he did in Jewry, his home country. When Jesus was on earth his time was used in making and training disciples in the home land for greater service in the foreign fields. His ultimate object was to reach the world, but he couldn't train all the world at once, and it was physically impossible for him to reach the world by himself, therefore he had to have help.

He started out with two, and they helped him to get others until he had gotten twelve, and then seventy, and at last more than five hundred, and that in the homeland. All of these were helping to make and train disciples. Now that's just exactly what he wishes his churches to do today.

Our chief duty as Christians is to make disciples and train them, making ready for the world-wide campaign like Jesus. I fear we have forgotten his example of making things right at home, but in our zeal have thrown practically all of our strength away from home and to side issues and have almost entirely ignored the work of the homeland. As I have just said, every Christian should help make more disciples for Jesus' sake. Every preacher should do less theorizing and preach more gospel for Jesus' sake.

We should not cater to the classes, but preach to the masses for Jesus' sake. We should take a stand for Baptist principles as we know them. In so doing it may at times separate us from our bed and bread and from our money and friends, but keep on preaching and praying. Let's prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the very Christ that was to come, the I Am, the Knowing One. Let's spurn the popularity that will cause us to deny the principles of truth.

Every Christian is a trustee holding God's word in trust for the world, but it seems as though the church and the preachers are monopolizing the very things that God has intended to be distributed to the balance of the world.

God's first idea was a world-wide mission. The one great idea that permeates the Old Testament is a world-wide mission. The Bible is God's missionary charter, teaching his will and plan from ages to ages. God's missionary ideas are clearly revealed in the New Testament.

In his wisdom and mercy he designed to reach the world. He began by instructing one and two at the time. In Gen. 3:15-22:18, he selects one, but shows there that his message is a world-wide message. In Micah his message takes in the world as is also set forth in Zechariah and Malachi.

God's plan is to save the world, but in his plan he also includes that the first thing to do was to make a base for supplies. All armies have a base for supplies upon which they may draw.

The Christian family is God's army and the home field is God's supply base for recruits, for money, and Bibles and all kind of Christian literature. God's missionary ideas were first given to the Jews and in turn the Jews gave them to the world as our Lord's first Home Missionaries.

Jesus Christ came to earth as a traveling Home Missionary, using Palestine, his home, as a base for operation. As I have just shown you before, from Matt. 4:23, that it was said there that Jesus Christ "Went about all Galilee teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom." The Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well became a Home Missionary.

Brother, what are you? Are you any kind of a missionary at all, either in mind or body? You don't have to always go yourself to do mission work. A missionary is one sent. So every dollar you send is a missionary and every cent you send is your own missionary. Will you for Jesus' sake make a start today? Give us two hundred dollars at once.

Our Summary is as follows:

Number of co-operative missionaries.....	16
Number of field workers.....	5
Days of service.....	6,320
Sermons and addresses.....	4,031
Homes visited.....	3,916
Religious services in homes.....	3,250
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TO THE

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HELD WITH THE

**Mt. Gilead Baptist Church**

**REV. A. L. BOONE, Pastor**

**Fort Worth, Texas**

**September 8-13, 1926**

## Constitution

### 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 serve the earnest systematic cooperation 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-at-large, a Vice President from each state, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Legal Advisor, Parliamentarian, Organizer of Young People's Societies, 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 Corresponding Secretary of the Woman'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

State Conventions, \$50.00; District Associations, \$25.00; Local Missionary Societies, \$10.00; Children's Bands, \$2.00; Officers' Enrollment, \$5.00; Members' Enrollment, \$1.00.

## 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 meeting of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needful, or 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 and Territories in cooperation with the State Boards, State Conventions and State Missionaries.

Article 2. The Vice Presidents shall be considered an Advisory Board of the Executive Committee, who are entitled, when present, to vote at its sessions.

Article 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 organizations, three months before the annual meeting, a blank for the report of such organization; and from these reports the Corresponding Secretary shall collect the annual reports. She shall conduct the correspondence of the Executive Committee, and shall be authorized to organize societies and transact all necessary business connected therewith.

Article 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the annual meeting, compile and distribute the minutes and see that the minutes are sent to all members whether life or annual.

Article 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies 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.

Article 6. The Executive Committee of twelve members shall be nominated by a committee appointed for that purpose, and shall



MISS N. H. BURROUGHS  
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MRS. S. W. LAYTEN  
President

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 on 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 the precinct.

Article 7. The officers, with the exception of the Vice Presidents, shall be elected by ballot on Thursday afternoon 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.

Article 8. Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, and 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.

Article 9. The Executive Committee is directed to form and maintain the closest possible connection with the Board of the National Baptist Convention and with the State organizations.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 12. All members shall remain during the session unless permission to leave is granted by the President.

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Mrs. Ella M. Gibson, Superintendent	District of Columbia
Mrs. M. Little, Superintendent	California
Mrs. S. B. Covington, Superintendent	Mississippi
Miss Columbia Johnson, President	California
Miss Emma Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary	California
Miss Gladys Howell, Treasurer	Texas
Annual Award, State Director Reporting Largest Amount, Mrs. Sarah Fisher-Brown, Ga.	

## PROGRAM

Arranged by the Executive Board and President Layten

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, September 8, 1926

WEDNESDAY MORNING, September 8, 1926

10:00—JOINT SESSION—Auditorium

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, September 8, 1926

2:00—Devotional Services, led by the Florida delegation.  
Music—Mrs. Willie F. McKinney, Georgia, at piano, Mrs. J. D. Bushell, New York, Director

2:30—Welcome Addresses  
Representing the local Women's Missionary Society, Miss Lillian Jones  
Representing the Y. W. A., Miss Ruth O. Nunn  
Representing the City, Mrs. S. H. Fowler  
Representing the Baptists of the City, Mrs. L. J. Grant  
Representing the Methodists of the City, Mrs. E. J. V. Guinn  
Solo—Miss Kathlene Oliver  
Response—Georgia Representative  
Solo—Miss Margueret Pinabaecher  
Offering  
Announcements  
Adjournment

WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 8, 1926

8:00—Service of song, conducted by Mrs. J. D. Bushell  
Devotional Services, led by the Oklahoma delegation  
Annual Sermon—Rev. W. H. R. Powell, Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Music  
Offering  
Announcements  
Adjournment

SECOND DAY—Thursday, September 9, 1926

THURSDAY MORNING, September 9, 1926

9:30—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Penn.  
Theme: DEFINITE PRAYER  
10:00—Bible Hour, conducted by Prof. C. D. Huber, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia  
10:45—Report of the Enrollment Committee  
11:30—Vice President Edna Strickland, presiding  
Annual Address of the President—Mrs. S. Willie Layten, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Music  
Offering  
Announcements  
Adjournment

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, September 9, 1926

2:00—Service of Song, conducted by Mrs. J. D. Bushell  
2:30—Devotional Services, led by the Louisiana delegation  
3:00—Report of the Corresponding Secretary—Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Washington, D. C.  
4:00—Report of the Treasurer—Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Louisville, Kentucky  
Music  
Offering  
Announcements  
Adjournment

THURSDAY EVENING, September 9, 1926

8:00—Service of Song, conducted by Mrs. J. D. Bushell  
8:30—Prayer Period for the 1927 Convention Objectives  
Sentence Prayers  
9:00—Sermon—Rev. B. J. F. Westbrook, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Music  
Offering  
Announcements  
Adjournment

THIRD DAY—Friday, September 10, 1926

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

Program for morning and afternoon to be arranged by Mrs. L. L. Craig, National Director, Mrs. Geneva C. Young, Director Western Division, and Miss Ella Versa, Director Eastern Division

FRIDAY EVENING, September 10, 1926

8:00—Musical  
9:00—Foreign Mission Period  
Missionary Pageant, conducted by Mrs. S. W. Layten  
Reports, by states, from the Foreign Mission Drive, conducted by Mrs. Jessie C. Mapp, Illinois  
Music  
Offering  
Announcements  
Adjournment

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, September 11, 1926

SATURDAY MORNING, September 11, 1926

9:30—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. E. T. Martin, Illinois  
Theme: CONSECRATION  
10:00—Bible Hour, conducted by Prof. C. D. Huber, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia  
10:45—Child Welfare Program, conducted by representatives from Colorado  
11:45—Address—By the Field Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Whitfield

12:30—Reports of all committees  
 Music  
 Offering  
 Announcements  
 Adjournment

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, September 11, 1926

Sightseeing and Socials

FIFTH DAY—Sunday, September 12, 1926

SUNDAY MORNING, September 12, 1926

9:30—Union Sunday School—Auditorium  
 11:00—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. Mary H. Flowers, Business manager, Fireside School, Nashville, Tennessee  
 Theme: SERVICE  
 Sermon—Rev. B. L. Marchant, Wichita, Kansas  
 Music  
 Offering  
 Announcements  
 Adjournment

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, September 12, 1926

Foreign Mission Mass Meeting—Auditorium

SUNDAY EVENING, September 12, 1926

8:00—Service of Song, conducted by Mrs. J. D. Bushell  
 8:15—Devotional Services, led by Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tenn.  
 8:30—Sermon—Rev. Vernon Johns, Pastor Court Street Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia  
 Music  
 Offering  
 Announcements  
 Adjournment

## Proceedings

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 8, 1926

The Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Inc., convened in its Twenty-sixth Annual Session in the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Rev. A. L. Boone, Pastor, Fort Worth, Texas, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1926.

The Convention opened with a Devotional Service, led by Mesdames Viola Hill, Owens, R. L. James, and Josephine E. Hunt, all of Florida delegation.

Song—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

A fervent prayer was offered by Sister V. Hill.

Song—"Draw Me Nearer"

Scripture Reading, Acts 2:1-11; Phil. 2:1-7, by A. J. Brown.

Song—"Come Holy Spirit"—Led by Sister Patsy Hill.

The subject was discussed by Mrs. Wilkins in a very impressive manner.

"Holy Spirit as a Guide," was discussed by Mrs. C. R. McDowell. She read 1 Tim. 4:1, and said that we should always ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in all our undertakings.

"Our Need of the Holy Spirit" was discussed by Sister V. M. Broughton. She spoke in her usual able manner; saying without Jesus we could do nothing; quoted Acts 1:8, and said we needed power to sing, speak, or pray and to deport ourselves as becometh Christians and only as we had the "Holy Spirit" could we serve God, as he commanded; for God is a Spirit and seeketh such as will worship him in Spirit and in truth.

Song—"Come Holy Spirit"—by Mrs. C. R. McDowell

Sentence Prayers—by twenty-five sisters, for the Holy Spirit's presence

## Song—"Higher Ground"

The following sisters testified—F. Givens, Ky.; Simmons, Fla.; A. E. Slater, Pollard, Ala.; T. E. Knight; Mattie Rigell; B. L. James; J. E. Grant, Fla.; Peters, Indiana.

## Song—"Guide Me, Oh, Thou Great Jehovah"

Quartette—"Lord I've Done What you Told Me to Do"

Sister Hill advised that our motto for this meeting be "What Would Jesus Do?"

Remarks by Sister Patsy Hill, a missionary from Florida. She sang "He's a Battle Ax." This song was a new spiritual enjoyed by all.

President S. Willie Layten, formally opened the Convention with appropriate remarks and prayed for God's blessings upon the deliberations. The following sisters expressed their joy to be present in our twenty-sixth anniversary: Mesdames Givens, Ky.; Turner, Wilkins, Harris, Pope, Tisbaines, E. A. Phillips, A. D. Petty, M. C. Bachelor, A. J. Bryant, Michigan.

## Song—"My Father Looks Up to Thee"

Welcome Address, "On Behalf of Mt. Gilcad." In very choice language, Miss Lillian Jones bade us welcome because of what we represented. She was really proud of our Woman's Convention. She spoke of the glories of Mt. Gilcad at present and also of the past, when President L. K. Williams, D. D., once pastored it. Praises and high commendations were given the godly women conducting the Convention and best wishes extended for success of present session.

Miss Ruth O. Nunn, representing the Y. W. C. A., bade us welcome. She emphasized service, suggesting as a motto, "Do all the service you can to all the people you can; in every place you can; in all the ways you can." She welcomed us because of the work we had done, because of what we were doing, and for what we were planning to do. All nature bade us welcome.

Representing the city, Mrs. E. H. Fowler extended a welcome. She gave us a brief history of the city, which assured us of the progressive spirit of our people in Fort Worth. She was glad to have us for the messages we brought. The world needs a message; because we have a message, Fort Worth made us welcome.

Representing the Baptists of the city, Mrs. L. G. Grant bade us welcome in gracious words of love and information—a very hearty welcome.

Representing the Methodists of the city, Mrs. E. J. V. Guinn said that their homes were opened to us and that they stood ready to extend us all the hospitality of which they were capable. Very choice were the words used to bring us this welcome.

Solo by Miss Kathlene Oliver was sweetly rendered.

Response to Welcome Addresses. Mrs. M. S. Grant, Ga. being absent Mrs. H. Harris, Ga., responded to the welcome addresses. The words of welcome were highly commended and graciously received. She plead that this session be a joyous occasion. Georgia was especially proud of the National Baptist Convention, because it was organized in Georgia. The annual gathering of this Convention was a glorious reunion of the Baptist hosts of the union, to plan and labor for the victory of Christ's kingdom. We all were happy and thankful to be present and to be given such hearty welcomes as had been extended by each of the ladies who had spoken.

A motion prevailed to extend a vote of thanks to the ladies who made the welcome addresses.

Mrs. McPherson, Texas, bade us welcome on behalf of Woman's State Convention of Texas. She commended her noble state President, Mrs. Edna Strickland. She spoke of the different climates of Texas, showing that we needed both fans and coats in Texas. There was plenty of good water; there were large trees and blooming flowers—yes, all man's needs are amply supplied in Texas. She called attention to their schools and colleges and in beautiful poetical strains concluded her happy welcome.

Mrs. F. Givens, Ky., asked that Mrs. M. V. Parrish respond to this matchless address. A very lovely and timely response was made assuring us that we have such wise women who are able to make spontaneous addresses without a moment's notice.

A motion prevailed to send a night letter to Secretary Burroughs expressing our sympathy for her and have her know that we missed her and were praying for her recovery.

Notices were given out relative to committee work. Meeting adjourned by repeating "Mizpeh."

## WEDNESDAY—Evening Session

Song Service—Mrs. Ophelia Petty and Pianist McKenney.

Songs: "Love Lifted Me," "Throw Out the Life Line," "Just a Little While to Stay Here," "The Lord Has Need of Workers," "Count on Me," "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go. Anywhere."

Devotions—Scripture Reading, 1 Cor. 3:1-17, by Rev. T. J. Goodall, Pa.

Prayer—Rev. J. T. Smith

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
President Layten presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. W. H. R. Powell, Pa. She expressed her joy in the privilege she had been given to introduce to us the pastors of her church in Philadelphia; she began with her sainted father and on and on, until she came to Dr. Powell, whom she most kindly introduced.

## DR. POWELL'S SERMON

Introductory—I am interested in all women and feel honored to be invited to preach the Annual Sermon of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. He commended our president for her Christian activities in her home city and spoke of the congenial fellowship of the brotherhood of Philadelphia.

Subject: "The Superlative Finality of Jesus and His Religion"—Text 1 Cor. 3:11. Comparison with other religions. Human nature naturally religious. Seen in their statues and images, in their thoughts, expressed in their histories and their sciences and in the varied systems of heathen religion. The religion of Jesus shines brighter from comparison with other systems of religion. The religion of Jesus came from God. The Bible is the unqualified Word of God. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16.

Through nineteen centuries of tests, Jesus' religion is superlative, high over all—and at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess him as Lord of all. Woman has been exalted through the religion of Jesus: hence, the present recognition, the place and power of woman in the world today.

The religion of Jesus, the only power that will adjust the difficulties that have the world forces striving and fighting with each other. Jesus' religion, the only remedy for sin. All others have failed. Jesus alone, can forgive sin and set the prisoners free. His crucifixion was touchingly portrayed: emphasizing the shedding of his precious blood, as essential for our salvation.

A gracious, profound gospel sermon.

Solo "Stand By Me"—Pettiford.

Offering taken—Amount \$14.10.

Music, "There's Wonderful Power in the Blood."

Several states called their delegations to meet at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Benediction, by Rev. J. T. Smith, Pa.

## THURSDAY—Morning Session

Devotional Services, led by Mrs. Ruth Bennett, Pa. Theme, Definite Prayer.

Mrs. Edna Strickland, Vice-President, presiding.

The delegates were properly seated.

The following statements for definite prayer were given to individuals:

1. I will pray for the pastor of this church.
  2. I will pray for this church.
  3. I will pray for this community.
  4. I will pray for the City of Fort Worth.
  5. I will pray for the State of Texas.
  6. I will pray for the National Baptist Convention.
  7. I will pray for the Woman's Auxiliary.
  8. I will pray for the work of Foreign Missions.
  9. I will pray for the work of Home Missions.
  10. I will pray for the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work.
  11. I will pray for the National S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Congress.
  12. I will pray for conversion of sinners.
  13. I will pray for President Layten.
  14. I will pray for Secretary Burroughs.
  15. I will pray for the other officers.
  16. I will pray for the Young Women's Department.
  17. I will pray for the world.
- Song, "More About Jesus."

Dr. Johnson was presented by Mrs. Sarah Fisher Brown, who made suitable remarks and introduced Prof. C. D. Hubert, Dean of Morehouse College, who would conduct the Bible Hour Exercise.

Song, "Love Lifted Me," Mrs. O. Petty, effectively rendered.

President Layten asked State Directors to bring names for the several committees.

Committees on Enrollment and Finance were named.

The Bible Hour conducted by Prof. C. D. Hubert. Subject—The Missionary Message of the Old and New Testaments. A student is said to have asked is there any room in this world for God? Answer—Is there any room for justice, for love, for peace; is there any room for sacredness of human life or for brotherhood? The young man said, "Yes." If that is God, then he is the only one to think of. Gen. 4:8; Ps. 8:4 (God's quest for man).

Five words to emphasize: 1. Grace. More than God's unmerited favor; Grace is anxiety to bless, to save, to bring back the lost; loving eagerness to bless. Illustrations the Shepherd seeking the lost sheep, the woman seeking the lost coin. Evidences of God's passion for man. The Cherubim and flaming sword at the gates of Eden, Gen. 3:24. God gave Cain a second chance, Gen. 4:15. Noah's Ark to save man, Gen. 7:18: Another sign the Bow and Cloud, Gen. 9:14-16. The Book of Jonah, God's plan to save a heathen nation. Grace thinks not of what the world owes it but of what it owes the world. Will God save the African, who hears not his word? That was one of Jonah's troubles regarding Nineveh. The real question—What will God do with us, if we fail to carry the message of salvation? The people of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah; we have a greater light and repent not. So where shall we stand, when God calls us to account for this condition? Science used rightly, a blessing, not a curse. The great passion of God, as seen in the points given, is the missionary message of the Old Testament. God's Grace is manifest in us, in proportion as we administer to the poor and needy, as well as the high and noble.

Solo, "Just Talk It Over With the Lord," was sweetly rendered by Mrs. M. J. Parker of Dermott, Ark.

Vice-President Strickland made announcements.

A partial report was made by Enrollment Committee.

Upon motion, the report was adopted. Committee continued.

The assembly arose and cheered to the echo when Dr. L. K. Williams came in, escorted by one of our ushers. He was fittingly presented by President S. W. Layten.

Dr. Williams expressed his joy and delight to be privileged to come to our meeting. Glad that we had come to Texas and were meeting in the church that he once pastored. He urged us to do all we could to rebuild our school building recently lost by fire, to give liberally here, then continue to give according to whatever plan might be arranged to pay for the building. He complimented our work, urged us to love one another and pray for the recovery of our officers. Spoke of the greatness of the present session. They had added sixty new churches; raised more money for current expenses, than ever and had more delegates. He spoke of an unincorporated church in Chicago that had been sold out and that Olivet, Chicago, bought it in and turned it over to its former owners. All this was done through the influence of our great national chieftain. Of course that church, the Salem Baptist Church, Chicago, represented in our National Convention.

Beautiful response was made by President Layten.

Remarks by Treasurer Parrish and Mrs. H. E. Harris, Ga.

Dr. A. L. Boone, President of Texas State Convention, was also presented. He extended kindly greetings and bade us be happy and enjoy all the conveniences that had been provided for us, during our stay in Texas.

The Rally came on.

Roll call of Officers, State Directors, and Executive Board members.

Total amount collected on Salary Rally, \$1,242.14.

(Names of donors failed to be handed in)

Song, "When Baptists All Learn How to Tithe."

A musical selection, Mrs. Ophelia Petty, "He'll Fix It All," was pathetically rendered.

Vice-President Strickland presented Mrs. S. W. Layten to make 'her annual address. As usual the address was replete with helpful information and wise suggestions. Read it and get the whole address as given in print.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF MRS. S. W. LAYTEN, PRESIDENT OF  
THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE  
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U. S. A.

Dear Co-workers:

This year, 1926, in the city of Philadelphia, the curtain rises on the greatest pageant in the history of the world—the Sesqui-Centennial anniversary of the 150 years of American independence. This celebration has called forth great demonstrations of patriotism from the American people, but in another kind of spirit from that of the patriotism of 1914. In 1926 America invites the world to come over and see the results of things done in 150 years as a result of democracy. The celebration of the 150 years of American independence in 1926 is not merely an American but an international occasion; the vital principles which gave the Declaration its universal meaning in 1776, have a world wide application in our own time to the common anxious problems of democracy. Those people who have struggled for freedom in other countries have cited the Declaration to justify their own appeal for the redress of political grievances, such as it describes. It has thus become more than the bold outspokenness of our original thirteen colonies, announcing the birth of the nation in 1776. It is the voice of millions who the world around, have demanded equity and freedom ever since.

On July fourth, when President Coolidge visited the Sesqui-Centennial signaling the great anniversary which the Exposition was organized to commemorate, among the many fine things said by our president on that occasion—referring to the spiritual significance of the Declaration of Independence are these words:

"We live in an age of science and of abounding accumulation of material things." These did not create our Declaration. Our Declaration created them. The things of the spirit come first. Unless we cling to that, all our material prosperity, overwhelming though it may appear, will turn to a barren scepter in our grasp.

"If we are to maintain the great heritage which has been bequeathed to us, we must be like minded as the fathers who created it. We must not sink into a pagan materialism. We must cultivate the reverence which they had for the things that are holy. We must follow the spiritual and moral leadership which they sowed. We must keep replenished, that they may glow with a more compelling flame, the altar fires before which they worshipped."

"Celebrating as was done with great significance July fourth and celebrating as will be done throughout the entire jubilation, as America proudly passes in review the great progress and growth of a century and a half, and appraises her achievements and material benefits, it is altogether fitting that she should hold a candid and straightforward reckoning with herself and then temper her rejoicing with serious reflection.

"The signers pledged life, fortune, and honor to support the doctrines that all men are created equal and are alike endowed with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If they who drafted the Declaration came back to us today and asked an accounting for our stewardship under the freedom they so painfully established and defined, could we say that we have kept the faith with them and been true to the trust which we received at their hands?"

"Have we done our utmost to secure to every citizen the full value of his heritage, bequeathed at such a cost? Our country 150 years ago was emancipated from the autocracy of a foreign sovereign, who was denounced in explicit terms for a long catalogue of oppressive acts. Do we today resist with equal determination and vigor the misuse and malfeasance imposed by selfish politicians who are our modern tyrants?"

"Could we deny that there has been an alarming increase in crime and the growth of a callous disrespect for law that no man who cares for his country can regard with a quiet mind?"

"In the thoughtful retrospect and prospect that this day invites, it must be clear that our liberty, once declared, is still to be defended."

Mr. Coolidge further said: "It is not the enactment but the observance of laws that creates the character of a nation. The real heart of the American government depends upon the hearts of the people, and it is from that source that the nation must look for genuine reform. Ours is a government of the people. It represents their will." This is an honest statement and confession that America cannot evade. A task is before it that demands in 1926 the same concentration of energies and powers that it asked of men 150 years ago. Perhaps some who hear me, others who may read this address are thinking or may ask, "Why should we colored people enter into the spirit of this American celebration, while our citizen rights are abridged, while in some sections we are disfranchised, are Jim Crowed, and circumscribed?" Why? I would answer, because this is our own, our native land. We were born on American soil. In no other country of the world today is there the same opportunity for our mass development as here. America is the smelting cauldron into which the priceless jewels of many nationalities and races are being melted to run into moulds of God's purposes. Our forefathers helped lay the foundation of this great empire. They dredged the rivers, felled the forests, drained the swamps, built the bridges, planted the farms, erected the houses. Their bodies are fertilizing American soil. I thank God for American birth, with the faith and hope that He will lead the races of mankind, work out a nation and government that He shall approve.

In America the great plans of God for the people of the earth seem to be ripening. Racial enmity, like some judgments are rotting. Into America many of the blessings of democracy and Christianity have come. If white Americans, white Christians of America do not dispense in a spirit of equity and brotherhood, these privileges and the blessings in their grasp, God will rend the kingdom from America and give it to others. Let us and our house serve God, be patriotic and love America because it is our own, our native land. And we scorn to give aught other reasons why. Give it our best and most loyal service as citizens.

We have reviewed our nation's historic record with pride, we have lauded its great achievements, attempted a description of its marvelous development, reluctantly admitted its mad rush after wealth and material things, thereby citing its indifference to living up to the ideals of those who drafted the Declaration of Independence. In a spirit of justice we have uncovered its callous disregard for law and life. In fact, we have taken an accurate and careful inventory of the U. S. A. 150 years old. May we now

turn the searchlight upon ourselves and our own record in this Convention?

We are a quarter of a century old. Have we done our best as state, district and local organizations, as officers and individual members of the Woman's Convention? Have we kept the objects and purposes of this Convention ever before us as a sacred trust committed to our care by those noble and far-seeing Christian men and women who organized the National Baptist Convention and drafted its constitution? Again I ask, are we living up to the ideals of those pioneers? Are we sustaining the policy and supporting the claims of our Convention—or are we contented with selfish purposes and parcel-wise reaffirmations of the articles of Christian endeavor encoined in our Constitution. The founders of the National Baptist Convention encoined in their constitution (read in your minute books) that any missionary Baptist church or organization, any person in good standing in a regular missionary Baptist church, who desired to promote the growth and propagation of religion, etc., by engaging in missionary work and fostering the cause of education, thus extending the Kingdom of God, upon so assuming this responsibility and subscribing to the policy and requirements of the National Baptist Convention, could become a constituent. It later on permits the formation of its Boards and Woman's Auxiliary from among those who have subscribed to its policy. The Woman's Convention in its constitution, based upon the same general constitution says:

Are we doing this as we should? I know we must answer, we have not done our best. Many state organizations far excel us financially. A nation is made strong by the bond of its states and a national organization such is ours becomes useful and strong a power for God and an instrument of influence only as its state bodies assume the policy and support of the program it outlines. Your National Baptist Convention will be just as strong as you make it. While there has been a marked improvement in financial efforts the past two years, (last year we raised \$6,252.15) there must be an increase to meet our obligations. Vice President, Mrs. Edna Strickland, deserves our hearty thanks for the earnest way in which she has labored to increase our contributions. We hope she may not tire in well-doing, but will lead us out of debt. Others of our workers who have put on special efforts to help us are Mrs. Viola Hill, who in her successful Baby Contest of last year raised for the Convention \$1600.20 and of special mention also is Mrs. Eula Westbrook, raising in the model Sunday School \$147.82, larger than any previous collection from that source. May these good women keep up this spirit of helpfulness in this part of the Master's work.

If you want a great National Convention you must stand by its policies and support its work of education and missions. We must inspire our young women by example to enlist in Christian service. In fact, we must become real live, "living epistles" in Church and home life and in community interests. I think, too, women, we should become more insistent upon better decorum in the house of the Lord and higher standards of service in our churches. We Baptists are losing out here. While we have called attention to our country's failure to live up to its great privileges, do not forget God has said that the nation that feareth Him and liveth uprightly shall prosper. God helps those who help themselves. Let us through upright living get our own house in order,

become righteously indifferent to the many oppressions that attempt to retard our progress and discourage our aims. God can unloose Pharaoh's chariot wheels and disconcert the enemies of his people today as completely as he did in the days of Moses. March ahead in righteousness and look on the pillar of cloud. Righteousness exalteth a people.

It is encouraging to see the fine type of women increasing yearly, who come as representatives from states. We pray for a spirit of deep devotion to the causes which bind us together as workers for Jesus, and may we see more clearly each step of the way that his grace is sufficient for all things in our racial and organization development.

#### Decorum—Attendance

I hope in this meeting we shall demonstrate self-control and perfect decorum. It will be a fine souvenir from the Ft. Worth meeting to carry home with you. Christian women should never have to be called to order. Order should be an outstanding characteristic with us. Let us manifest appreciation for the reports and programs submitted to us. It looks well to have pencil and notebooks with you, in order that we may be able to make note and record things which impress us as new or instructive. Besides, by making notes you have accurate information to report to the church or society that sent you to represent them. Then, too, we cannot remember every good and helpful thing we hear. A pencil and notebook will remember for you.

#### Committee Work

Cushing says, "It is usual in all deliberative assemblies to take up preliminary and also intermediate measures, and to prepare matters to be considered and acted upon in the sessions or assembly, by means of committee composed of members specially selected for consideration of the particular subject or the particular occasion." These committees are called select, standing, etc. The advantages of proceeding through committees are manifold. It enables an assembly or convention such as ours to do many things, which from its numbers it would otherwise be unable to do, to accomplish a much greater quantity of work by dividing it among the members than could possibly be accomplished if the whole body were obliged to devote itself to each particular subject; and to act in the preliminary and preparatory steps with a greater degree of freedom than is compatible with the manner and proceeding, usually observed by a full assembly. It would consume too much time and we would never be able to cover our program. Committees are appointed to consider a particular subject, either at large or under special instructions. You who are named and given placement are so selected because your state says you are interested in certain phases of Christian service, such as home and foreign missions, child welfare, temperance, etc., and that you are capable and desire an opportunity to do more work. Your job is to obtain information in reference to the committee subject to which you are appointed. You are to do this by study, by personal inquiry and personal experience or work and keep record of the work.

Appointment on committees does give opportunity for state representatives' names to appear in print with the working forces of the Convention, but such appointments are by no means intended to be complimentary publicity nor a nominal chance to appease some ambitious woman who desires to be made prominent, a special or distinguished privilege to work and work earnestly for but does not intend to work. No, a committee appointment means your Convention.

#### Annual June Board Meeting Expand

We are very much encouraged by the larger attendance at the last Annual Board Meeting in June. We hope this indicates that states are awakening to a realization of their relation to the Woman's Convention.

Our hearts were saddened by the unexpected scene which awaited us, the ruin and wreck of the building which was used as the Training School. We thank God no one was injured and no lives were lost. Although hearts were heavy and the anxiety was great, we believe however that out of this misfortune something of great benefit and blessing will come to the school.

In order that a national or representative opinion in management and control of our organization may obtain its work is put into the hands of an Executive Committee composed of representatives from each state, said Executive Board members being nominated by the respective states. Few of these Board members attend Board Meetings. Some states have never been represented at the June meetings. How can you expect to have a voice in management and direction of the Convention matters if you do not send your representatives to these meetings? If a Board member cannot come, then such member should notify us and name a proxy to represent you. You could at least send a communication. States lose opportunity on programs, etc., simply because no one is there to express your wishes.

Please read with care and take notice: All delegates who are sent to this meeting representing organizations are expected to be on time at meetings. Persons taking part on programs, inform yourselves as to the time you are scheduled, be prepared to deliver your message in the time allotted you and when your time is up stop, even if you are not through, else you rob the next speaker and you bore your audience. It is neither good form nor necessary to preface your subject of reports with a history of the country or an essay which is foreign to your subject. Be direct, get into the subject matter assigned you. Give your information in as natural and original language as possible. Put your thoughts in your subject. Borrowed phrases always betray the borrower. We women come here for help, for instruction and inspiration, not to hear long and tiresome introductions. Give us food for thought. Give us methods and instruction that we may take back home and work out through the year among our people. Let us be helpful, practical, and as original as possible.

War reaction on economic life and industry in our country and other conditions which have made it impossible for us to work consistently by the prescribed rule of our constitution has made it absolutely necessary during the past years to make some changes or amendments to the Constitution. While these changes have been ratified by the Convention, some of our constituents seem

yet uninformed--viz., changes made in representation fees, ratified at Nashville, Tenn. I give those changes here again for your information. State organizations representing in the National Convention, \$50; District organizations, \$20; Local, \$10 and Annual members, \$2.00.

At the June Board meeting a committee was appointed to go carefully over such changes that had been ratified and other changes that might be deemed advisable and present the same here. At the proper time and place they will come before you for consideration and information.

#### Training School

Subject to the action of the Board of Trustees of the Training School at the regular annual meeting held in June, 1923, an adjourned session of said Trustee Board meeting was held September 15, 1925, in Washington, (Lincoln Heights) D. C. at the Training School. In the September meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

"Your Committee appointed to submit a plan of agreement for the future operation of the Trustees of said school, beg to submit the following:

FIRST: That the Charter be so amended to read, Together with such other persons as may be hereinafter associated with us as Trustees, all of whom shall be of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention or nominated by them.

SECOND: That the National Training School shall amend their Charter so as to conform with the above.

THIRD: That the amendment is to become effective after its passage.

FOURTH: That the by-laws of the school shall be so amended as to conform with the Charter and Code Law.

FIFTH: We further recommend that the following be made: That we here and now approve the following by-laws that the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention shall recommend to the National Training School for Women and Girls, the Trustees to be elected from time to time, and that the Trustees elected shall consist only of nominees so recommended.

That any and all by-laws previously adopted that stand in conflict with the one here and now adopted be here and now amended or amended so as to conform thereto and that this by-law be given its proper place and number among the other by-laws that stand adopted by us, and that the same be duly recorded."

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. JORDAN, Chairman  
ANNA D. WINSTEAD  
WALTER H. BROOKS  
E. W. D. ISAAC  
MRS. J. F. BATES  
EDNA STRICKLAND  
S. W. LAYTON  
P. JAMES BRYANT  
R. B. HUDSON, Secretary  
Committee.

Following the September meeting, the next regular annual meeting of the Trustee Board of the Training School was held June 3, 1926. The legality of the proceedings of the September meeting was established by the legal opinion of Hon. Hilton Jackson, (Attorney for Training School Committee) and also by the previous ruling of the Chairman of the Training School Committee, Mrs. Mary V. Parrish.

The following recommendations were submitted by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President of the Training School and were approved by the Trustee Meeting:

"A board of twenty-three (23) trustees—fourteen (14) nominated by Baptist State Conventions, recommended by a Committee of three of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. (namely, President Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, Chairman of Board of Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls and the President of the National Training School) and elected by the trustees; five (5) white men and women; four (4) influential colored Baptist laymen nominated by the Committee of Three of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. (namely, President, Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, Chairman of Board of Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls and the President of the National Training School for Women and Girls).

I favor making the qualifications of all trustees as follows:

1. That they be persons interested in and who know educational needs and problems.

OR—That they be persons who can bring to the school friends or funds.

2. That they be willing to attend the annual (June) meeting of the Board at the institution unless prevented by some good reason.

I favor making By-law Nine, without change of wording, a part of the body of the Charter, or making it an addendum thereto that cannot be changed or altered by the Trustees or anybody else."

By-law Nine reads:

"In case circumstances ever shall arise, which, in the judgment of the Board, render it expedient to discontinue the institution and to dispose of the property, provided the sale has been ratified by two-thirds vote of the Woman's Auxiliary and the National Baptist Convention in joint session at annual meetings of the Conventions, three months' notice having been published in at least ten different state denominational papers for ten consecutive weeks preceding the annual meeting. The proceeds of such sale to be used as ordered by the two Conventions in the same joint session in which the consent of sale is given. Any endowment funds in the hands of the Trustees may be transferred to the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary in trust, to used only for the purposes of education as intended by the donors, and all such endowment funds are to be received by the Board of Trustees with the reserved right of contingent transfer aforesaid."

This shifting of a By-law to make it impossible for us to use the funds of which we are, after all, only trustees, certainly should be in keeping with our highest desire and unselfish purpose.

The following is the recommendation:

1. Reduction of the Board of Trustees to 23.

2. Legal enactment that will prevent change of By-law Nine by Trustees or anybody else.

3. Nomination of 14 trustees by Baptist state conventions and grouping of states into 14 districts.

The above reports are exact copies of minutes from the Secretary of the Trustee Board of the Training School. If the recommendations from the September meeting express the will of this Convention that the Woman's Convention shall manage and control the Training School, then you should at this meeting confirm it by your vote.

Again, if the recommendations coming from the last June meeting of the Trustee Board are considered by you as a safe, secure and a permanent way of carrying out the resolutions of the September meeting, your decision should confirm it by your vote. If you do not think it provides for the provisions of the September resolution, it is then your privilege to express what way or method you deem safe, secure, and permanent. You have in this meeting your legal adviser, Mrs. Gertrude Bush, who at the proper time can meet with the committee you appointed at Nashville in 1924, (to meet with a similar Committee appointed by the N. B. C.) to adjust this matter. I appeal to you to act upon this matter here and if possible let us leave Fort Worth with a definite understanding and agreement upon our future course toward the Training School situation, which has been unsettled and a real handicap to the progress of this Convention work.—This matter is discussed and decided everywhere but here you handle it like grapes amid nettles or thorns, which few will attempt to gather for fear of the prick or sting. Whatever your decision is, the same will be submitted to the N. B. C. for approval. I pray God we may agree upon some definite and harmonious plan, and take up the Training School work in a way worthy of Christian Baptist women.

#### Foreign Missions

Slowly, but surely, Africa is passing through a period of revolution and reconstruction. There are fundamental causes. One is the changed attitude of governments (who have taken over African territory) toward the native population. So there comes up on the African continent again the accursed race prejudice. The Missionary Review says, "The Native Christian population is increasing, not only in numbers, but percentage. These Africans are becoming more elevated, refined, and educated and cannot be treated as heathen and outcasts." There are yet large areas of heathen darkness, untouched by Christian work. Mohammedanism is increasing and pushing its baneful influence among the natives. The situation is most serious. Many, many thousands are yet waiting for the message of salvation to lift them up. They are crying to the Woman's Convention to send them the uplifting power of God's love, through Bibles, teachers of all kinds, missionaries, physicians, and nurses to teach them how to build healthful villages, Christian schools and homes; how to make farms, how to care for their bodies as well as their souls. Already many are eagerly looking forward to the day when our pledge to give them the hospital shall be fulfilled. Did you read in the Herald some months ago the great hope this promised hospital has given Miss Williamson? This hospital will mean far more than the temporary relief and cure that will be given the sick in its clinics. It will mean the

telling of the story of God's love in manifold ways. Believing pain, caring for the sick, is an expression of that great Missionary, who seeks to share blessings with others, whether spiritual or material. Jesus came to earth with his great spiritual mission to lift all men up, but he fed the hungry, healed the sick. The hospital in Liberia will be the means later on of more beautiful localities, more sanitary homes, the training on African soil of physicians and women as nurses to care for the sick and to establish and make ideal Christian homes.

Dr. East tells us that work on the hospital is now in actual preparation. Ground has been selected and as a beginning the missionary home and hospital may be combined. During the wet season logs were sawed, concrete blocks made, and that toward the end of the dry season, perhaps in October, the work of relief may be started. He plans to have a ward ready with 12 to 13 beds, besides rooms for a dispensary, a doctor and probably two nurses. That is, this may be started if we can raise \$5,000 to complete the building and equip it. Woman's Convention, what shall the answer be—the hospital to give relief, souls lifted from heathenism to endeavor to be guides and inspiration for you. But we desire you to go forth with a conscience that there is work for you, that you are doing right by having this organization, with the belief that our Omnipotence is by your side. It is not pride nor self-reliance, but that proper sense of capability. We want you to cherish and say, "I feel I am something and can do something. I need not be a cipher, for God has not made me one. I have a mind and heart, a will and a tongue, and with these I can do something for God and my fellow creatures."

God: or the \$5,000 kept in our own possession. Floated upon the wings of every breeze and borne on the bosom of every wave that touches our shore, from Africa's regions of sin and sorrow comes the petition to the Christian women of this Convention for the blessings of Christianity.

"You sent the money across the sea  
That bought a Bible for young Dom Bee  
And young Dom Bee, when he'd read therein  
Proceeded to turn his back on sin.  
Then he rested neither night nor day  
'Til his brother walked in the narrow way;  
And his brother worked 'til he had won  
Away from their gods, his wife and son.  
The woman told of her new-found joy,  
And Christ was preached by the happy boy.  
Some of the folks who heard them speak  
Decided the one true God to seek.  
It wasn't long until half of the town  
Had left its idols of wood and stone.  
And the work's not ended yet, my friend,  
You started something that ne'er shall end.  
When you sent the money across the sea  
That bought the Bible for young Dom Bee."

—Dom Bee, Transcribed from the Exchange.

#### Our Young Women

Deeply ponder that character for life is usually formed in youth. It is the golden season of life and to none more truly and eminently so than young colored women. Lay the basis of all your excellence in true religion—religion of the heart—religion of penitence, faith in Christ—love to God, a holy and heavenly mind. No character can be well constructed, beautiful and complete without this. Even in our humble sphere and efforts to do good, a spirit of believing prayer, which indeed is the spirit in which everything should be done, will bring the God of Angels to your help, the Lord of Hosts to your aid. Yours is opportunity for your race, your God, yourselves.

Opportunity is a golden word—study it. It is more precious than rubies and should never be lost by neglect. There are three things, which if lost, can never be recovered—time, the soul, and opportunity; and it is important that you ponder this. We believe in you, we love you, we shall help you, we shall as older women.

#### Closing

Most conditions of human life are prospective and have not only some proximate object and duties connected with them, but also some ultimate ones to which the others look onward, and she who would lead persons to the right discharge of the whole range of their obligations must set before them the future as well as the present, especially when the preparation for the remote must not only be made in the present, but must be considered to a considerable extent the object and design of the present. Surely it must be appropriate then, to those of us who are already arrived at adult age to have the whole view of our future laid before us occasionally in general outline.

Our Convention work, nor the race problem, nor the many things that give us concern will never be properly adjusted until the people of this world give their heart to the will of God. Improvements in social conditions may help—our recommendations' committees may report. Education will help; vast commercial problems have their value; inter-racial committees may confer; political readjustments may do some good; law may check the bandit; but none of these influences nor all combined will give reconstruction and peace to the human race until men open their hearts to the operation of the Holy Spirit. I am saying this because I feel that as an organization of Christian women we may help the whole situation if we get down to the real business of prayer to God. Lord, teach us how to pray! The efficacy of prayer we have never really tried. Let us begin here and now and try to reach God's throne for power and help. He has promised to hear those who call upon his name. When I see things as they are I realize that we have never fully understood the meaning of "Ask and ye shall receive."

Retrospection is very pleasant to a few of us who can look back on twenty-five years of association and work in the name of the Woman's Convention. We have seen great changes effected in our time—a world war, a complete revolution of the old order of things, the liberation of women, our moral viewpoint almost changed. We have seen the infants in our arms grow into manhood and womanhood, have seen wooded lands and villages grow into great towns. We have seen populous towns decay and go down, whole farm sections deserted and much more than time

permits me to relate. We have learned to know and love each other and how to work together, and we too have seen many of our co-workers fall by our sides, while we have been spared on until now.

In this meeting we miss them, some who were with us last year are gone forever. Among those whose presence, sweet personality and Christian bearing is missed is that of Miss Ada F. Morgan. Her memory and Christian Science will ever be cherished by this Convention. We shall not all live through another quarter century, therefore let us grow closer together, nearer to God; be careful to do our work daily, giving the very best service so that our remaining days may be days approved by our Saviour and Master, Jesus Christ.

Solos by Prof. Britt, "For My Sins Are All Nailed to the Cross," "How Much He Was Willing to Bear." These were sung as only Prof. Britt can sing.

A motion prevailed to adopt President Layten's address.

A motion prevailed to suspend rule and reelect President S. W. Layten as president for the ensuing year.

A representative from the District of Columbia made a loving presentation speech and gave President Layten a love token of fragrant flowers.

President Layten responded very sweetly.

Another presentation speech by Mrs. Maxwell of Illinois, who gave the president a lovely silk quilt on behalf of the New Era Association. The response was most hearty and appreciative.

Musical Selection by Mesdames John Amos and Ada Hardeman, Texas, "I Want to Know That He'll Welcome Me There." Enthusiastic applause followed.

A motion prevailed to defer the missionary program from Friday to Saturday evening.

Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY—Afternoon Session

Convention called to order 4:45 p. m., with Mrs. C. R. McDowell presiding.

Song, "I'm a Child of a King"

Prayer, Mrs. Robinson, California.

Song

Minutes of previous session were read. Upon motion, the same were adopted.

Song, "You May Look for Me, for I'll Be There," "Glory to His Name," "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," "Line Up."

By request of Miss Burroughs, Miss L. E. Campbell, of Memphis, Tenn., was presented to read Miss Burroughs' Annual Report. She read it very carefully and forcefully and appreciatively.

Upon motion, the report was adopted and the recommendations turned over to the Committee on Recommendations.

Remarks by Mrs. Hattie Harris, Georgia. She said that we could do as much as any other race; we should all endeavor to do more for the work; we should look well to our young people.

Remarks by President Layten.

Mrs. Cook, N. J., stated that a vote of thanks be extended Miss Campbell for reading the report.

#### 26TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention:  
Comrades and Christian Workers:

For the third time we meet in the Lone Star State. We greet women who were with the Convention, "in the beginning," and we are also happily associated with others who have joined the army in these later years. The warmth and cordiality of your welcome, and the greatness of your number in this session, are the best assurances of your abiding and increasing interest in the work of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. We shall be inspired, strengthened, and enlightened during these days of meeting together, as we face our common task and decide on our future objectives.

In numbers, in obligations, in opportunity, this is the greatest organization of Negro Christian women in the world. It is up to us to set a high standard of Christian service and to bring the people up to that standard. We are here on a sacred and important mission. We have come from all sections of the country, at such a tremendous expense. We should, therefore, spend these six days in a serious study of the need of the home and foreign fields, for the purpose of accepting the great challenges of these fields, and meeting the needs of them as becometh soldiers of the cross.

To accomplish the greatest good, we must be one in **SPirit**. We must sincerely desire the presence and the guidance of the Master in our purposes and plans for all of our work.

Let us get a glimpse of the field:

#### The Field

We have our fourteen thousand local **WOMAN'S** societies in our churches. We supply thousands of them with literature, but the women are not getting enough of the informative kind of literature.

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for the enlargement of their vision and the enlightenment of their minds. Then, too, the women in the local societies do not have enough contact. They should attend more meetings that are educational in their nature. They should go to learn. We are going through a certain form, attending conventions, and going to "speaking," but we either talk too much, listen too little, or get happy too soon to get any real benefit.

The majority of the women who attend conventions and "big meetings," are entirely too restless to sit still and listen long enough to learn. We are told in 1 Thessalonians 4:11, "Study to be quiet and to do your own business." It is high time we were obeying that command.

Do you know that we have never had one hundred societies represented in this Convention at a sitting? Until the women in the local churches are brought into vital touch with this work, they will never catch the national vision.

Three million Baptists should have larger group representation from the local churches. Not one-half of the Women's State Conventions are actively aided with us. We must face the challenge and go after the local and state organizations. When we get them here, we must show them, by precept and example, "how to carry on" their work. It is our duty to set a high standard and show the women how to come up to it.

#### Junior Organization

At the Baltimore Convention, we launched the Young People's Department, with Mrs. Lethia L. Craig as the National Director, Miss Ella Versa as the Eastern Director, and Mrs. Geneva C. Young in charge of the Western Territory. Organizing the young people is the longest step we have ever taken. It is our bounden duty to leave no stone unturned in their development. They are the Woman's Convention of the future. They are its greatest inspiration of the present, and its only hope for the future.

The slogan should be, "A Girls' Circle in every church." The young people are the most important people of the world, because they have a future. This Convention must not be lax, indifferent, nor lukewarm in this plan to enlist, organize, vitalize and utilize the thousands of young girls in our Baptist churches. If we do not use them, we will lose them.

Their officers are:  
 President, Miss Columbia Johnson, California;  
 Corresponding Secretary, Miss Eunie Hamilton, Georgia;  
 Treasurer, Miss Gladys Howell, Texas.  
 They will give an account of their activities during the past year, and present their program for the future.

#### Mrs. E. E. Whitfield

Mrs. E. E. Whitfield has visited all of the great centers into which large numbers of our people have gone from the South. Here are some conditions which should be worked at in an organized way, to improve them:

1. Get laboring men to take off their dirty overalls, soiled shirts, and muddy shoes, and wash their faces and hands, and put on clean clothes to go home from work. Our men get out of the ditch, or crawl out from the dirtiest work, and, without

even washing their hands, get aboard the street cars and plank themselves down besides women in the cleanest dresses. We are woefully lacking in personal pride.

Nobody objects to sitting besides a laboring man, but all decent people have an aversion to sitting besides dirty, ragged, sweaty men whose only reason for flopping down beside them is that they are dirty, and don't care, although they could clean up but haven't pride enough to do it. They are not too tired, and they are not too poor to change—they are just too plain slovenly and lazy to do it—that's all.

Suppose the women begin a "Change-your-work-clothes" campaign. Use as your slogan: "Wash up and change up." Go before churches, lodges, and conventions, and urge our men to clean up before entering public carriers. Those who help the race to develop more personal pride, will be among its great benefactors.

We are not asking the men to dress up; we are asking them to clean up. Old clothes, clean, and patched if necessary, when worn by a laboring man, are a badge of industry and dignity. Nobody respects rags and dirt.

2. Improve home conditions. Mrs. Whitfield reports that the Negro home life in the great centers is so far below the standard, morally and physically, that it gives us great concern. Now let us face the facts as they are. The Negro home is suffering from the "outs." Too many Negro mothers "work out"; an too many triding Negroes "hang out." The Negro does too much "hanging out" for the moral and physical good of his home. We have a National Association of Exterior Decorators—Negroes who hang out. They are our greatest liability. They grease up our fronts, wear out our grass, break down our fences, and run down our neighborhoods; they use their homes as broadcasting stations and their mouths as loud speakers. They keep the ambitious ones of the race from getting where we are going.

Unfortunately we cannot see through glass. Negro communities are infested with window watchmen. They are that class that throw up the windows and poke their heads, out in order to see—nothing. Go to any thickly settled community if you want to see "the headline." Have you seen it in Harlem and other centers? Look up at the windows—it's there.

We are fighting segregation, but we cannot make very much progress until we put our exterior decorators to work cleaning up instead of greasing up; hanging up instead of hanging out; building up instead of breaking down. Some of the time that we spend in abusing white people for not allowing us to live in first-class neighborhoods, should be devoted to the very practical duty of teaching interior decoration to our exterior decorators. They do more to keep us out of desirable neighborhoods than anybody else.

Mrs. Whitfield visited seventeen states. She plead for the womanhood of the race, talked to the weak and wayward, studied the problems in the great centers, and it is our duty to follow up her work with a constructive program. It is useless to know conditions unless we are going to strive earnestly to improve them.

She reports \$4,083.52.

### Building up the Local Missionary Society

The women are continually asking—"How can we stimulate or create interest in our local work?" There are many ways and all of them will not work in any one place and some of them will not get quick results in any place.

Some time ago a questionnaire was sent out with the hope of arousing greater interest in church social welfare and community stores. One of the questions about the promotion of the growth of the church was, "What can we do to get a large attendance?" A wise layman answered: "Let the preacher catch fire from his own message and the whole town will come out to see him burn." Enlightened zeal is what we all need. Less of "Nobody knows the trouble I see"—and more of "I am going through," will help stimulate interest.

Use the National Topic Cards. They are the best on the market; in fact all of our supplies are the best. Use them.

Women—Give well planned pageants. Take the time to work them out and work them up. Have talent right. Give song festivals. Give a How-to-make-a-home contest. Present the home from every angle, and award prizes for the most practical five-minute addresses.

Have a yard contest. Call it the Missionary Woman's Yard. Give a prize for the prettiest and best kept yard.

Give a best book and best story contest. Give ample time for preparation.

These practical things will stimulate interest and at the same time your society will be a help to the entire community.

The presidents of state conventions affiliated with this organization, should be called into conference. There is not enough real co-operation and resultful interest in our national program, and this convention is not doing enough to strengthen and develop leadership in the states.

There should be a call of all state and national officers. We would face together our national and state problems and programs—we would decide how each can help the other.

When and where could such a conference be called?

The need is apparent and real to the women of vision and unselfish interest.

#### The Budget

We need \$155,000.00 this year to be used as follows:	
Foreign Missions	\$ 5,000 00
Education of foreign students	3,000 00
National Training School:	
New Building	100,000 00
Administration	20,000 00
Upkeep and repairs	2,000 00
Convention expenses	2,000 00
Convention administration	1,000 00
Field Survey	1,500 00
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	\$155,000 00

Every cent of this will be raised, if we have a mind to work—and work together.

The state apportionments are as follows:

Group One, \$10,000 each—New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, District of Columbia.

Group Two, \$5,000 each—Texas, Georgia, Kansas, West Virginia, Massachusetts.

Group Three, \$3,000 each—Florida, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, Connecticut.

Group Four, \$2,000 each—Maryland, Alabama, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Minnesota.

Group Five, \$1,000 each—Louisiana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Washington, Wyoming, Vermont, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Colorado, Maine, North and South Carolina, New Hampshire, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Connecticut, Mississippi.

Group Six, \$18,000—Volunteer Worker.

These groupings are based on a study of financial records of five years, and upon possibilities according to our numbers and economic conditions in the states. Some of the states can and will do more; others might not be able to meet their apportionment. We believe all will try to pass their goals.

The drive is on! Leadership to get results is the supreme need. The call is here made for one hundred volunteer workers who will pledge to report \$200 each in cash in twelve months. These women would be called THE NATIONAL REAPERS. They will reap where we cannot or might not, among white and colored friends, from organizations and individuals.

Have three million Christians enough interest and influence to raise \$155,000.00 in twelve months?—That's the question.

We can—and we will.

#### Group or Union Study Classes

The Study Book issued annually by the Council of Women for Home Missions and Interchurch World Movement of North America, and used by thousands of forward looking Christian women is the most valuable contribution that has ever been made to the cause of Missions.

People cannot be enlisted in the great Missionary enterprise unless they know the fields and the needs. The Study Book is the What, Why, and How of Modern Missions. There can be no real progress nor vital interest in our efforts to send the Gospel to other lands or to put over a home mission program unless we take the time to study the conditions and needs and find out what we can do to meet them. At present we are running on unenlightened sentiment. We cannot go far nor can we do very much without bright and sufficient light by which to travel. Perhaps you cannot get very many women in your own church interested in a study class.

Why not try to form a union study class? Call a conference of all of the women, from all of the churches, who are interested in knowing the truth about the greatest enterprise in the world, and organize a group or union study class to meet at some central place—in a home or church—once a week and spend one hour and a half studying the Study Book. You have no idea what it will mean to the whole city or community. The women will get information, inspiration, interest, and genuine fellowship. Come, women, let us study and reason together.

The Study Books for 1926-27 are: for the Foreign Field, "The Muslim Women;" for the Home Field, "Our Temple Hills;" for the

young people of the home field, "Better Americans," Book One, Book Two, or Book Three. "Two Young Arabs" is the title of the Junior Foreign Study Book.

It will not be an easy task to interest our women in any of the foreign study course books. We must be interested in both of the home study books.

We are Americans and we must be actively interested in all of America's problems. We might consider ourselves one of those problems. Well, let's study ourselves and we can then do more toward solving our own problems.

The American white man is as much a problem as is the American Negro. Each race must study itself and also study the other. We must go to the Home Mission Study Books with open minds, and without sentimental sensitiveness and inferior or superior complexes. Let's face the facts, know the truth, and work courageously to right wrongs, correct evils, and administer justice. These are the great objectives of Study Books.

#### The Training School

The June meeting of the Trustee Board of the Training School brought the largest attendance in the history of the school.

Just a week before the meeting, the main building of the school was burned. Since that time we have passed through the greatest trial of our lives and the way is yet dark and the load is very, very heavy. No language can describe our feelings.

With the main building completely out of commission, it seems that the heart of the school has been taken out.

Thank God that you have not had to live for three months without shelter amid real storms. It has been difficult to go ahead with the work because the people are scattered abroad on their vacations. But God is not dead and we are continually before him begging for strength, courage, and faith to carry out his plan for this work. It is now evident that when we open the drive in the early fall that our friends will help us to put over our program of rebuilding and expansion.

We need \$100,000 for the new building. We hope that every officer and member of this Convention will co-operate in raising it.

You will be interested in the following important recommendations that were passed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June:

#### Important Changes

##### 1. Change of Name and Why—

The name of this institution will be changed from "The National Training School for Women and Girls" to "The National Seminary and Trade School for Girls," because after our school was chartered, the District of Columbia changed the name of one of its penal institutions from "The Reform School for Girls" to "The National Training School for Girls."

The similarity in name of the reform school to that of our institution causes confusion in the mind of the public and embarrassment and injury to us. Our institution accepts girls of character and ambition only.

##### 2. Curriculum Raised—

The Trustees made another important and far-reaching change. The school will function through two departments, to be known as the Seminary and the Trade School, with a Dean for each.

The courses of the Seminary will include two years of High School Preparatory work, four years of High School, two years of Normal and two years of Junior College.

We regard the establishment of the Trade School as one of the most important steps ever taken in Negro Education.

There is not a Trade School for colored girls in the world.

##### 3. Trustee Board to be Mixed—

The Trustee Board will be composed of white and colored members.

That By-Law No. 9 of the charter be lifted into the body of the charter. It reads as follows:

"In case circumstances ever shall arise which, in the judgment of the Board, render it expedient to discontinue the institution and to dispose of the property, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to sell the property, provided the sale has been ratified by two-thirds vote of the Woman's Auxiliary and the National Baptist Convention in joint session at annual meetings of at least sessions, three months' notice having been published in at least ten different state denominational papers for ten consecutive weeks preceding the annual meeting. The proceeds of such sale to be used as ordered by the two conventions in the same joint session in which the consent of sale is given. Any endowment funds in hands of the trustees may be transferred to the EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Woman's Auxiliary in trust, to be used only for the purpose of education as intended by the donors, and all such endowment funds are to be received by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES with the reserved right of contingent transfer aforesaid."

The trustees are determined to make the institution one of the best in America. If you have read the recent editorials and news articles about the school and its value to the race you are constrained to believe that it offers to the entire denomination and to the race the greatest opportunity and challenge for the training of our girls. Outstanding Americans are beginning to see what the school can do for the womanhood of the race.

The raising of the curriculum will enable us to do Junior College work. The expansion into a Trade School meets the greatest educational need of the girls of the race. Our hearts and minds are set on meeting this need as becometh women who are concerned about the future of our homes and about our economical advancement.

There are ten reasons why we should have at least one trade school. (Get a copy of these reasons.) There are many more reasons why we should enlarge our institution and prepare to train an army of women for service. It will, of course, take time to get the whole program working smoothly, but with a faculty of women and men who have hearts and hands as well as heads to invest in the work, the trustees and the president will be able to give all of their attention to raising funds and directing the building operations.

We are asking you to give or pledge to raise \$100 each, individually or through your church, within the next sixty days. The drive opens October first.

MINUTE  
COURSES

The Seminary

High School Preparatory—7th and 8th Grades  
High School—4 years  
Normal School—3 years  
Junior College—2 years

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Examination in English, History, and Mathematics  
Report from school last attended (if possible)

Trade School

Full Business Course  
Home Making  
Secretarial Course  
Housekeeper's Course in Cooking  
Domestic Science and Arts  
Home Nursing and Public Health  
Laundering  
Interior Decorating  
Household Management  
Beauty Culture  
Waiting—Public and Private  
Public Speaking  
Music  
Plain Sewing  
Dressmaking  
Tailoring  
Designing  
Millinery  
Power Machine Operation  
Social Service  
Physical Education  
Salvaging—(teaching uses to which cast off things may be put. All shop work)  
Management—For matrons and directors of school dining rooms and dormitories.  
Printing—including Linotype Operation and Proof Reading  
Horticulture  
Gardening

A Training School Girl Making Good in Africa

Miss Clarice Gooding, who is at the Lott Carey Mission at Careysburg, West Africa, wrote to Mrs. Whitfield, a very interesting letter. We pass it on. Read it in your Missionary Society. It will do the women good to learn how it pays to train our girls and send them out.

Miss Gooding says:

On last Sunday I was in Monrovia to see Mrs. Hubbard on board the steamer en route to America. I shall miss her greatly during her stay there. I have spent my three years already, but am spending three more in your stead, since you wanted to come and could not come.

Teaching the natives to be thrifty is a great thing. Some people are of the opinion that to teach them how to read and write is about all that is necessary. Could you hear this morning across the briny Atlantic, you would not only hear the songs of Jehovah, but you would hear two new horn kids calling their mother, and before another day dawn am expecting to hear some more voices. All of these voices are the result of the five dollars I invested in one little kid a few years of age. Little did you dream that your five dollars was still at work. Only a few months ago I could sell one and buy a bag of rice for my boys.

God is still blessing my efforts. I do not know the result of my coming here, but am sure the seeds I have sown shall pass onward when I am forgotten. With this great hope I am encouraged to do my little bit.

About two months ago I staged a play in Careysburg, and was asked to repeat it in Monrovia. This I did, realizing over one hundred and seventeen dollars for the young people in Careysburg. The expenses for transporting the actors took quite a bit of that amount, nevertheless we had a neat little sum left. With the right kind of amusement, the ballroom problem no doubt will be solved. We cannot condemn the ballroom unless we can offer something better in its place.

I came across a fine play entitled, "Sewing for the Heathen." If properly staged, it will have a lasting effect on the people.

No talent need go unused on the Mission field. The opportunities are many. Whosoever has a talent can find a channel for its use, or else can create one.

Thank God for the lessons I have learned in perseverance at the Training School. But for those lessons, I would not have stuck in the job as I have, but "stick-to-it-iveness" is the secret of one's success on the foreign field. So many are ready to quit at the first gun of persecutions, without realizing they are Soldiers of the Cross.

Pray for me. Be sure to see Mrs. Hubbard. She was so kind to let me have the old stove she used to use before Doctor brought her a new one. Therefore, you need not bother about sending me one.

Again I must thank you for all you have done for me, knowing your labor is not in vain.

Yours in Christ,  
CLARICE I. GOODING

The Work of the Year

The Training School is, and always has been, despite financial handicaps, a progressive institution. We live up to our ideals in the character-training and development of our girls. This year, 12 received diplomas and 22 received certificates. Seventeen took the course in Bible Training.

When the fire left us without a place to carry on the real work of the school, the students and teachers turned their annual legacies into the Building Fund, and several pledged to raise or give money for the new building. It was during this crisis that we saw the real Training School spirit.

Twenty-four states were represented in the enrollment. We have four foreign girls for whom we are responsible. The organizations are doing very little to help us take care of them. Will one

Hundred friends or local societies take it upon themselves to meet the Foreign Student apportionment in the budget?

#### Needs

We need bed spreads, comfortable sheets, pillow cases, tea towels. Please have a Linen Shower.

The Clubs of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., of which Rev. Walter H. Brooks is pastor, gave a Linen Shower in June, and we have also received from these clubs \$33.50 in cash, to buy more linen.

Our linen was destroyed in the fire, and we beg you to help us meet this urgent need.

#### Name a Room

We will have 50 dormitories in the new building. They will be beautiful, and you will want to name one for an organization, church, or friend.

Make a contribution of \$300.00 and name a dormitory.

Make a gift of \$500.00 and name one of the twelve classrooms.

Make a contribution of \$1,000.00 and take one of the five hand-some panels in the chapel.

The scroll that will be put into the doors of the chapel will contain the names of all who give at least \$100.00.

May we have just an hour of prayer for the work of the Training School during this session of the Convention?

#### The President of the Convention Sets an Example of Helpfulness

Dr. L. K. Williams wrote us, soon after the fire:

I very much regret to learn of the loss by fire which the school has recently sustained. I shall be very glad to do whatever I can to aid you, both personally and officially, in any way I can. I shall be glad to use my influence to help repair the loss. You have only to command me.

In a very recent letter, he said:

I shall make a personal contribution to aid in the building up of the burned structure, and a little later, will have our church make a contribution for that purpose likewise.

What will you do? What will your church do?

#### National Programs

The following national interests should be supported unwaveringly and enthusiastically by the women of this Convention.

1. Inter-racial understanding and good will.
2. The fight against residential segregation, lynching and other injustices.
3. The political rights of the race. This must be a government of the people and for the people.
4. The support of the Urban League. Better workers, more work, and better working conditions, is their national program.
5. The awakening of race consciousness and the stimulation of race pride through the study of race history. This movement gained great impetus this year. We hope the movement will take on the spirit and proportions of a Renaissance under the capable and courageous leadership of Carter G. Woodson; the Negro will not

only see and know himself but he will be seen and known by a prejudiced and blinded world.

#### Representation Fees Sent in

GEORGIA —	
Georgia State Convention	\$100.00
Designated: F. M., \$15.00; H. M., \$5.00; E. F. S., \$10.00; N. T. S., \$66.00; General Expenses, \$10.00.	
Delegates: S. J. Flaker, A. D. Gadson, S. F. Brown, Hattie Harris, L. L. Washington, L. L. Craig, W. F. McKinney, J. C. Woodruff, Malilo Grant, Mary N. Jones, A. D. Williams, Bessie Foster, Hattie Forrest, Gora Williams, Beulah Johnson, D. D. Crawford, Hattie Berry, W. M. Nabrit, W. M. Fletcher.	
Ebenezer Baptist Missionary Society	\$10.00
Designated: F. M., \$5.00; N. T. S., \$4.00; General Expenses	1.00
Delegate: J. C. Williams	
Woman's Auxiliary to the General Bapt. State Convention	\$50.00
Woman's Missionary and Educational Convention of Fulton County	\$50.00
Designated: N. T. S., \$25.00; General Expenses, \$25.00.	
Delegates: Mrs. Crawford, L. L. Craig, W. F. McKinney, H. F. Harris, Jessie Robinson.	
Mt. Vernon Baptist Missionary Circle	\$5.00
Designated: N. T. S., \$5.00.	
ILLINOIS —	
Undesignated:	
Delegates: L. B. Eddings, W. L. Petty, H. Gregory, L. Goza, H. J. Wells, A. L. Bryant, E. M. Scott, Mattie Bledsoe, I. B. Maxwell, S. J. Hutchins, Eva T. Dean.	
NEW JERSEY —	\$20.00
Woman's Home Missionary Society	
Designated: F. M., \$5.00; H. M., \$2.00; E. F. S., \$2.00; N. T. S., \$10.00; General Expenses, \$10.00.	
PENNSYLVANIA —	\$7.50
Shiloh Baptist Missionary Circle	
Designated: N. T. S., \$2.50; General Expenses, \$5.00.	
Little Heapers Missionary Band	\$2.50
Designated: General Expenses.	
TENNESSEE —	\$20.00
First Baptist Missionary Society	
Designated: E. F. S., \$10.00; N. T. S., \$5.00; General Expenses, \$5.00.	

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary,

Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 30, 1926

##### Income

From States (Designated)—

Home Missions \$ 242 65

Foreign Missions	287 00	
National Training School	144 50	
Salary, Miss Burroughs	3,190 74	
General Fund	657 75	
Sale of supplies	1,101 16	
		\$5,623 80

## Expense

Foreign Missions—		
F. M. Board of N. B. C. (Designated), \$70 00		
Insurance foreign students	36 00	
	\$ 106 00	
Salaries	1,380 00	
Supplies	417 44	
Express and Drayage	21 36	
Printing	44 20	
Postage	78 09	
Travel	84 47	
Auditing—E. D. Pierson	35 96	
Sundries	20 91	
	\$2,696 83	
NET INCOME for year ending June 30, 1926	2,926 97	
		\$5,625 80

## BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1926

## Resources

Cash Balance—		
Hayford Fund	\$337 61	
General Fund	361 41	
	\$ 699 02	
Office furniture	96 16	
Supplies and Cnts	1,146 29	
	\$1,941 47	
DEFICIT June 30, 1926	5,454 46	
		\$7,395 93

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable—		
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	\$2,281 22	
National Training School	5,000 00	
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield	110 20	
Tinsley Mayer Company	51	
	\$7,395 93	

## Deficit

Deficit, June 30, 1926	\$8,381 43	
Less net income for year ending June 30, 1926	2,926 97	
DEFICIT, June 30, 1926	\$5,454 46	

## THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President  
Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

## Income and Expense Statement June 30, 1926

## Income

OPERATION—		
Departmental:		
Board and tuition	\$16,069 67	
Laundry	16,335 97	
Shop	5,478 76	
Sewing Department	449 25	
		\$38,324 65
Other Income:		
Contributions from States	\$10,843 97	
Miscellaneous income	848 39	
		\$11,692 36
TOTAL INCOME		\$50,017 01

## Expense

Administrative:		
Salaries	\$2,975 16	
Supplies	407 18	
		\$ 3,382 34
Departmental—		
Boarding:		
Salaries	\$ 620 30	
Supplies	4,120 46	
		\$ 4,740 76
Laundry:		
Salaries	\$14,556 24	
Supplies	2,342 65	
Heat and light	1,656 18	
Telephone	93 15	
Repairs	932 33	
Printing and stationery	145 91	
Advertisement	137 42	
Water rent	83 22	
Sundries	165 57	
		\$20,082 67
Shop:		
Salaries	\$ 1,168 40	
Supplies	4,713 51	
Heat and light	47 98	
Printing and stationery	3 25	
Water rent	25	
Sundries	71 68	
		\$ 5,961 07
Sewing:		
Supplies	\$ 177 15	
		\$ 177 15
General:		
Salaries	\$8,844 20	
Supplies	244 49	

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Heat and light	
Telephone and telegrams	2,418 10
Repairs	199 30
Laundrying	898 28
Printing and stationery	462 00
Advertisement	414 35
Travel	104 18
Drayage	915 83
Taxes	236 45
Insurance	215 58
Interest	214 98
Retainers fee	1,133 30
E. D. Pierson—Auditor	250 00
Title Insurance Company	68 87
Prizes to students	63 24
Sundries	82 50
	130 29
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$16,896 03</b>
Deficit June 30, 1926	\$51,240 02
	\$1,223 01

## Balance Sheet June 30, 1926

## Resources

<b>Current—</b>	
Cash—Building Fund	\$12,445 95
Accounts Receivable:	
Woman's Convention	\$5,000 00
Liberty Bonds and WSS	190 00
	\$ 5,190 00
<b>Fixed—</b>	<b>\$ 17,635 95</b>
Land, buildings, and improvements	\$110,896 18
Furnishings and fixtures	14,729 07
Library	2,706 34
Live stock, vehicles, and implements	3,331 63
Musical instruments	1,914 74
Office Furniture	2,174 53
Printing plant	765 64
School and laundry equipment	15,330 84
	\$151,849 57
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$169,485 52</b>

## Liabilities

<b>Current—</b>	
Cash:	
Overdrawn	\$11,282 48
Due Building Fund and W. S. S.	12,450 95
On deposit for students	498 67
	\$24,232 10

## MINUTE

<b>Accounts Payable:</b>	
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	\$ 184 71
Mrs. E. E. Whitfield	87 34
Mrs. Archibald Hopkins	500 00
Firms	3,618 73
	\$ 4,390 78
<b>Notes Payable:</b>	
Miss Nannie H. Burroughs	\$15,330 65
Firms	10,531 29
	\$25,861 94
<b>Fixed—</b>	
Mortgage	\$12,000 00
	\$12,000 00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 66,484 82</b>
<b>NET WORTH, June 30, 1926</b>	<b>103,000 70</b>
	\$169,485 52

## Reconciliation of Net Worth June 30, 1926

Net Worth, June 30, 1925	\$104,223 71
Less: Deficit	1,223 01
Net Worth, June 30, 1926	\$103,000 70

TRAINING SCHOOL  
Income by States

Arkansas	\$ 11 00
California	3 50
Colorado	3 50
Connecticut	442 70
District of Columbia	1,419 22
Florida	5 50
Georgia	119 16
Idaho	91 00
Illinois	308 95
Indiana	16 25
Iowa	3 50
Kansas	52 50
Kentucky	358 60
Louisiana	5 00
Maine	10 00
Maryland	376 31
Massachusetts	328 30
Michigan	562 84
Minnesota	16 00
Mississippi	1 00
Missouri	3 75
Montana	131 00
New Hampshire	5 00
New Jersey	1,274 36
New York	3,250 04
North Dakota	10 00
Ohio	59 50

MINUTE

Oklahoma	50
Oregon	50 00
Pennsylvania	524 55
Rhode Island	136 58
South Dakota	10 00
Tennessee	3 00
Texas	101 25
Utah	32 37
Virginia	282 67
Washington	127 70
West Virginia	269 95
Wyoming	13 05
Foreign	80 00
Unknown	2 50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,843 97</b>

Our Program 1926-27

1. Organize the National Reapers for the Budget Campaign.
2. Raise our \$155,000.00 budget.
3. Organize union study classes.
4. Hold a state and national officers' conference.
5. Support our foreign students.
6. Raise our apportionment for the hospital in Africa.
7. Have linen showers for the National Seminary and Trade School for Girls.
8. Get laboring men to clean up and change up.
9. Conduct an intensive campaign for cleaner homes with higher home ideals.
10. Make the National Seminary and Trade School for Girls a powerful factor in the life of America.

Co-workers, let us make the incoming year the most glorious in the history of our Convention.

We have paraphrased that delightful song, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," with the hope that each woman will accept this adaptation as her challenge, and use it as our National Campaign Slogan:—

May we sing—

Work for this Convention, where you are.  
 Work for this Convention, where you are.  
 Some one needs your service; some one needs your prayer;  
 Work for this Convention, where you are."

If we sing and work, we will come rejoicing, bringing in our sheaves.

Respectfully submitted,  
 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MISS EMMA B. HALL, Chairman  
 MISS NANNIE D. BURROUGHS, Corresponding Secretary, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah Fisher Brown, seconded by Mrs. B. C. Carter, made motion to suspend the rules and reelect Miss N. H. Burroughs, Cor. Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried.

MINUTE

A motion prevailed that we have a Rally for National Training School, Sunday morning, Sept. 12.  
 Meeting adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY—Evening Session

The Convention opened with song service. Mrs. McKinney, of Georgia, at the piano. Mrs. O. Petty, Ill., directing music. By special request "Love Lifted Me" was rendered.

Mrs. I. F. Bates, presided, assisted by Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. R. McDowell. The Chorus sang "Just a Little While to Stay Here" very effectively. At the conclusion of the song service, Mrs. Bates invited the following pastors to the rostrum: Rev. Westbrook, Ind., Rev. Johnson, Ind. Scripture Lesson read by Dr. Johnson, Luke 21:1-20.

Solo, by Miss Elizabeth Holden, Ind., "Raise Me Jesus," was well rendered.

Prayer by Rev. Johnson, Ky.

Mrs. Bates expressed the pleasure of having so many ministers on the rostrum, as there were ten in number. She then introduced Rev. B. J. Westbrook of Ind., as the speaker of the evening. Rev. Westbrook's text was Mark 14:8; subject; "The Master's Observations and Estimation of the Service of a Woman." He said, "She hath done what she could." Many fine illustrations were given to show that all service is done directly under the eyes of God.

The sermon was a spiritual treat.

Rev. Lewis, the gospel singer, favored us with a solo, "I'll Get Home Some Day." Many were moved to tears.

The Finance Committee raised the offering. Amount, \$20.60.

Sermons sold for Rev. Westbrook, \$7.28.

Visitors presented, made welcome by Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Second Vice-President. Rev. T. H. Westbrook spoke of the Old Folks Home. Rev. Lewis again sang.

Collection taken for Mr. Thomas Ringo, a blind man. Amount, \$14.22. Benediction, Rev. H. T. Borden.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

Young People's Day

Sept. 10, 1926

The meeting opened by singing "I'm Living on the Mountain," Mrs. L. L. Craig, National Director, presiding, Miss Williams had charge of the Song Service. Song, "Just a

Little While to Stay Here." Devotional Service, Bible quotations. Song, "When Jesus Comes."

Miss Jessie D. Holman came forward and presided, asked us not to expect too much from the young people, for they were only candidates for womanhood. Song, "Just a Little While." State motto and salute were given by the girls, led by Miss Jessie Holman. Welcome Address, on Behalf of Mt. Gilead, by Miss Nunn. She said it was a great pleasure to welcome us all to this city. Just as a gardener weeds his garden, women should weed their gardens of all evil, and try to be sympathetic and kind.

Welcome address by Miss Celia Ford, of St. John. She wanted the girls of the Y. W. A., to feel that St. John welcomed them. They are the women of tomorrow and they desire to let the women know that they are preparing to take their places. Welcome, on behalf of Texas, by Miss C. L. Holman. She said that they wanted all to have the best then they wondered if the best was good enough for them. The responsibilities would soon rest upon their shoulders and they hoped to be ready to meet them. These welcomes were well rendered in a pleasing manner and accepted by all. Instrumental Solo, by Miss Texas Hill.

Response to welcome by Miss Ruby Brown, Chicago. She was glad to accept the welcomes given. It was a pleasure to come to Texas and catch the inspiration of this great meeting that she might do more for Christianity.

Mrs. L. L. Craig called the list of officers:

Miss Columbia Johnson, Cal., President

Miss Beatrice James, Miss., Vice-President

Miss Leola Grimsley, N. J., Recording Secretary

Miss Laodicea Brown, Ind., Assistant Recording Secretary

Miss Eunice Hamilton, Ga., Corresponding Secretary

Miss Harriet P. Chandler, Assistant Corresponding Secretary

Miss J. O. Woods, D. C., Pianist (Not Present)

Miss Ophelia Gibbs, Ala., Assistant Pianist

Miss Jennie Petway, Musical Director

They were all presented by Mrs. Craig. Miss Johnson, the president, made remarks and asked all to enroll. Miss Robinson conducted a model missionary meeting. She asked the young people to be quiet and not let the evil spirit overcome them. Mrs. Craig said their object was to show how a junior missionary society should be conducted.

Song, "There is Sunshine." Ps. 100 read by Miss A. Gibbs, Ala. Prayer, by Miss James. Song, "Count on Me." Committees were appointed in groups. "Overcoming Temptations" was discussed. Collection taken from groups.

Mrs. Lue Wilkins (white) Ft. Worth, Texas, was introduced. She extended greetings and her joy to be present. She likened the girls to a bouquet of flowers. Some of us are glad to be any kind of flower, even a poppy, a sunflower or any kind of flower. She urged the girls to have Dr. L. G. Jordan come and address them. She wondered what motto the girls would take then expressed the hope that our girls would show the white girls what they can do in kingdom building. A fervent prayer for Africa was offered by Mrs. Wilkins. Song, "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go." Mrs. Craig appointed the several committees.

Total collection from the young people was \$34.46. Miss Brown, Ill., raised the largest amount and was awarded the banner. It was presented by Rev. W. F. Jacobs in a very impressive manner.

Miss Robinson, Georgia, reported the deaths of three active missionary girls of the Wheat St. Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Solo, Miss Ceola Borders, Newark, N. J. "The Unclouded Day." During the song, a processional of flowers was laid on the pulpit in memory of the deceased.

Miss Anderson, Ala., reported her state was alive.

Miss Covington, Miss., reported that her state raised \$400.00 this year and plan to raise \$600.00 the next.

Miss Mattie Long, Ind., reported both a district and a state organization.

Miss Jessie Holman, Texas, reported 25 districts and 25 Y. W. A. organizations. Raised \$1600, with her help, this year.

Mrs. Hattie Harris, Georgia, said that their young people were alive and represented in all our organized work.

Mrs. C. Robinson, Cal., said that their young people were active, she brought her vice-president to this meeting. They were trying to do their very best.

Miss Ruth James, Mich., said, they were only one month old and had represented here with \$25.00.

Mrs. Rigell, Fla., reported raised \$450.00 and sent to National \$54.50.

Mrs. Watson reported for Mrs. Scott, Ill., and said that she was a believer in Child Training. Young People hate to make mistakes, they want to excel. Their young people

rendered a program in their state convention; they were awake and striving to do their part in Illinois.

Mrs. Estelle Diggs reported for Mo., as Mrs. Holmes, the director, was absent. She reported their young people were interested. Sister R. H. Arthur said that her district was alive.

Miss Bertha Borders, N. J., said that they brought several delegates to the Convention, that their interest had increased—in one month they raised \$100.00.

Mrs. I. S. Powell, Colorado, reported that they had represented four years and hoped to continue.

Miss Mabel Little, Okla., sees a great future for the young people.

Miss Jordan, Minn., reported they had not organized their young people, but will have something to report next year.

Tennessee has a real live organization among the young people in the State and in several districts. They furnish excellent programs at our stated annual meetings. Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac has organized a young people's city union in Nashville. Motto, "Serving Others." They carry cheer to the sick.

Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Ill., spoke of her Rummage Campaign and thanked all who shared with her in making it a success.

Mrs. Cook, N. J., read a beautiful poem, dedicated to Texas and the National Convention.

President Layten presented Mrs. B. Corinne Carter, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Training School. She in turn, introduced Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, who read the report of the committee, by Attorney Mrs. Gertrude Rush.

Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Mo., asked a question touching the report. Mrs. Rush made a legal statement.

Dr. Jackson of New England Convention was introduced. He stated that there had been confusion from what had been done, but he felt that it was settled agreeably.

Attorney Roberson made remarks. He agreed with the decision of Lawyer Rush. (SEE DECISION)

Dr. E. W. D. Isaac suggested that we place the Training School for Women and Girls under the National Baptist Convention.

President Layten spoke concerning the work of the committee.

Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Chairman of the Trustee Board, said that efforts had been made to rescind the action of the September meeting, 1925, but without success.

Questions were asked by Sisters Watson and Jones.

Sister I. F. Bates, Kans., moved that the report of the September 1925 meeting be adopted.

Mrs. R. L. Bennett moved that Attorney Rush adopt amendments to the Charter.

Dr. Isaac stated that he had just received word that Dr. Sutor E. Griggs had been stricken.

President Layten asked Sister F. P. Cooper, Tennessee, to offer prayer in his behalf.

Sister Edna Strickland stated that Dr. Griggs was not paralyzed, but quite ill.

Sister C. R. McDowell, Mo., moved that we suspend business at the hour of Dr. Booker's funeral and offer prayer for the bereaved. Carried. The following committee was appointed to attend the funeral: Sisters S. W. Butler, E. A. Phillips, R. L. Bennett, Brockway, Amos.

Sister A. J. Abington moved that the rules be suspended and the remaining officers be reelected, including Mrs. V. W. Broughton, who was absent at the time, on account of serious illness of her daughter. The motion was duly seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Pollard, Texas, presented Mrs. Edna Strickland a beautiful hat from Texas friends. Appropriate words of thanks were expressed by Mrs. Strickland.

Mrs. Emma Gaines, in behalf of Kansas, presented President Layten a pair of beautiful pillow cases.

Meeting adjourned by repeating "Mizpeh."

MRS. S. W. LAYTEN President

MRS. MARY E. GOINS, Acting Secretary

#### FRIDAY—Afternoon Session

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOUR

The meeting was opened with a Processional, indeed a lovely group of young people in march.

Mrs. L. L. Craig introduced Miss Beatrice James of Florida, who presided. Song, "Lift Him Up." 23rd Psalm repeated in concert. Prayer by Miss Beatrice James. Song, "Just a Little While to Stay Here." Remarks by Miss James, then she read a beautiful poem dedicated to Miss Nannie H. Burroughs. Solo, by Miss Katie Bell, "Someone Is Dying."

Mrs. Covington, Miss., presented Miss Lelia Pope who won the trip to the National Convention by raising the most money in a contest. Miss Pope gave an interesting reading. Reading by little Lola Mitchel, Okla., which was well rendered. Song by little Junior Young, Okla. Mrs. Anderson presented Miss Alfreda Gibbs, Ala., who rendered a very impressive instrumental Solo. Mrs. Hattie Harris, Ga., introduced Miss Rosa Lee Staton, Ga., who read a paper; subject, "Counting the Cost." The paper was well prepared and delivered. Mrs. Jordan, Minn., introduced her own daughter, whom she desired to follow in her footsteps as a Christian worker. Miss D. Jordan rendered an instrumental solo. Miss McCullon, Texas, was introduced; she sang very sweetly, "What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Soul?" Mrs. Rigell presented Florida's representative in the person of Miss Beatrice James, the presiding officer; Miss James sweetly sang, "Didn't It Rain?" and "My Task." New Hope Baptist Church, N. J., rendered a trio, "Red Trill," by Misses Cleo Borders, Lelia Borders, and Lillie Grimsby. Mrs. Lucy Hill, Calif., presented Miss Minnie Dent, who very impressively sang, "Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There." A representative of Ky., spoke of the work being done among the young people in her state.

Miss James, Vice-President, made remarks. She hoped all had been pleased with their program. They had tried to do their best. She then introduced Miss Columbia Johnson, their President, who delivered an able address. She said that the organization of the young people in Baltimore, last year, was a blessing in disguise. Why should we fail? We will not fail, for God helps those who try. We pray that young people will come to the National Convention and get inspiration and aspiration to do their whole duty in advancing our Lord's kingdom. Four objects of endeavor were emphasized: 1. To complete the National Training School. 2. To pay for Publishing House. 3. To complete the Hospital in Africa. 4. To help their parents live longer. She complimented Mrs. Craig and said that she was the woman for the position given her as National Director. She spoke of the other directors, of Miss N. H. Burroughs and Sister Whitfield. When you decorate the walls of your homes, leave a place for Miss Burroughs' picture. After visiting from the Pacific to the Atlantic, she had ten organizations to report.

They may have many things to leave off, but they are coming here to report.

This address was wonderful for a girl of such tender years, may she live long to see her vision fulfilled!

Miss Emmaline Hamilton Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga., made her report. She took for her subject "Pushing to the Front." She gave twenty-five points that led to success: make opportunities and use all that are given. Spoke of three classes, "the Wills," "the Can'ts," "the Won'ts." Time wasters are found everywhere. It is not work, but worry that kills. Christ, our great example, went about doing good. The young people should have good manners, self-respect; we were asked not to chase the young people, but watch them. They wanted \$5,000.00 at this meeting. Yells were given at the close of this excellent address.

Miss Alfreda Gibbs reported for Alabama.

Mrs. L. L. Craig was presented a beautiful pillow by the Red Circle Girls. She accepted it in a very pleasant manner. She reported \$34.50 collected by her.

President Layten spoke encouraging words to the young girls.

Prizes were given, judging from three viewpoints. First prize was given to a Mississippi organization. Second prize was given to a Texas organization, for financial results.

Honorable mention was made of New Jersey for bringing the largest number of young girls.

A motion prevailed that the entire corps of officers be reelected, except the pianist Miss Woods, who was absent; and elect Miss Alfreda Gibbs, Ala., as pianist and Miss Borders, N. J., assistant pianist. Closing Song, "The Lord Can Depend on Me." Total collected, \$330.98.

The meeting closed to convene again Saturday morning. The Friday evening session was suspended that the Woman's Auxiliary might attend the General National Convention to hear Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University.

#### SATURDAY—Morning Session

Song Service conducted by Mrs. L. W. Petty. Songs, "There Is Power in the Blood," "I Have Heaven Here," "It Shall Never Pass Away."

President Layten called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and upon motion, the same were adopted. Chairman of Committees were named. Report of Committee on Resolutions was read.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Jordan were presented by President Layten most pleasantly. Dr. Jordan made remarks concerning his wife going to Africa; when he asked her to marry him, she said yes, so for the present they both were in America to do service for the Master here and for Africa. Mrs. Jordan was pleased to be present and to be related to us, so closely, even through her marriage to our pioneer helper and friend, Dr. L. G. Jordan. Song, "Everybody Will Be Happy."

Mrs. S. F. Brown presented Prof. C. D. Hubert, of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. He called our attention to the words, Grace and Character. One is Jesus, the other is Judas. Jesus announced "That He was about His Father's Business." At the Baptism, God said "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." When the devil tempted Jesus, Jesus said "Get behind me Satan." Who made good, the man with the cross or the man with the bag? He urged us not to worry with life's problems; told a beautiful story about a little boy. If you follow the man with the cross, all will be well. If you follow the man with the bag, all is gone. He said we need help to get in the world and help to get out. If you follow the cross, you'll live on and on. Song, "Wonderful Words of Life."

Vice-President Strickland introduced Mrs. L. K. Williams. She said that Texas was her native state, but Ill. was now her home by adoption. She loved all the states for she wanted all the friends she could have; any Christian woman is beautiful; Christ is revealing himself through Christian women; she was glad that she was a woman, a Negro woman, a Christian woman, that Christ could use.

President Layten introduced Mrs. Corinne Carter, Calif., Parliamentarian, to make her report. Mrs. Carter referred to a motto as a helpful guide to any work, namely, "Order is heaven's first law." She called attention to the mistakes we make in our meetings; and suggested that we take fifteen minutes for a drill in parliamentary usages. President Layten asked Mrs. Carter to send her an article on that subject for the "Voice" in November.

Mrs. Layten called for a duet by Mrs. John Amos and Mrs. Ada Hardeman. They sang very effectively, "I Want

to Know." All our hearts were made glad. Receiving an encore, they sang "Were You There."

Mrs. A. C. Williams, Chairman of Finance Committee made a report of all moneys received to date. She reported total to date \$3,919.16 in a clear voice, so that all could hear and understand. Upon motion, this partial report was adopted and committee continued.

President Layten requested the sisters of several States to pay in through their State Directors all moneys that they had for the Convention.

Mrs. W. V. Parrish, Treasurer, made her annual report, showing: Money contributed by states:

Total	\$10,843 97
Nat'l Tr. School	38,324 65

Total Income	\$49,168 62
Total Expense	51 240 02
Deficit	2,071 40

Total Value of Property, etc.	\$169 485 52
Overdrawn	24,232 10
Total liabilities	65,000 00

Receipts	\$3,335 76
Total	\$4,642 65
Amount due Miss Burroughs	\$2,281 22
Money received at Baltimore, 1925	\$6,256 15
Expense	1,354 21
Salary to Miss Burroughs	3,190 74

Total paid Miss Burroughs by the Convention	\$4,082 42
Total paid out during during the year	\$6,012 98

The report was highly appreciated and upon motion the same was adopted after some discussion as to the money raised by states.

President Layten stated that a committee had been appointed that would report at this meeting, giving a satisfactory system for the reports of money paid this Convention, by states each year.

Mrs. R. L. Bennett, the chairman of Enrollment Committee, made a partial report. Upon motion, the report was adopted. See report.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. A. J. Abington. A motion prevailed to adopt report as a whole. See report.

Mrs. Edna Strickland was asked to continue the collection of money from states. Itemized report was made by Mrs. Green, Texas, Treasurer of the committee. Total \$1,231. 11. Mrs. McPherson, Texas, spoke of an Old Folks Home. An offering was taken for the institution. Amount \$5.68.

Benediction, Rev. E. T. Martin, Chicago, Ill.

#### SATURDAY—Afternoon Session

Devotional Services conducted by Sisters R. X. Arthur, Mo., and A. J. Bryant, Mich. Song, "Blessed Assurance." 23rd Psalm repeated. Prayer by Sister Bryant. Report of Mrs. L. I. Craig, National Director of Young People.

38 Local Junior missionary societies

11 state junior organizations

2 districts junior

47 Young women enrolled.

Total amount raised \$336.00

A motion prevailed to adopt the report.

The Report on Vital Statistics read by Mrs. Irene Maxwell, Ill., Chairman. This report was full of helpful information that all should know. See report. Upon motion, the report on vital statistics was adopted.

Mrs. Gertrude Rush, Chairman of Citizenship Department, made her report. Read it as given in pamphlet form.

#### RELIGION IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

##### ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

BY MRS. GERTRUDE E. RUSH

DES MOINES, IOWA, 1926

Christ came not to destroy the law nor the government, but to fulfill, to give them depth. He came to fulfill all the deep thoughts of men about their conduct here on earth—their conduct publically as well as spiritually. Therefore, you should not call yourself a servant of God, unless you are willing to try to do away with some of the evils in the administration of the law, and to promote the welfare of the government.

The main difference between civilization and barbarism is in the presence of the law and government in civilization. And, the

only way our civilization can be maintained and made more general, is by bringing the influence of religion to bear with more energy and directness in our civic and political life.

#### Politics

Politics is not something separate and apart from the people. "It is the practice of managing or directing the affairs of the people. It is the science dealing with the ethical relations and duties of social organizations—with the organization, regulation, and administration of a state in both its internal and external affairs."

Now, the management of the work necessary for the administration of public affairs so as to insure the welfare of the nation puts a burden upon every one, which he or she should be willing to bear because of the benefits he or she derive therefrom.

We need to increase the number of Christian people who are willing to shoulder the responsibility of public affairs; or publically speaking increase the number of Christian people in politics, for they are sure to carry into politics sounder thinking and higher ideals and to open more inlets to those religious influences which make for a Christian nation.

#### Public Opinion

There was a time when the destiny of this nation was wielded by a few men—by the king and his governors. But the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States put an end to that form of government in America, and vested the power and control in the people.

Technically, the control of the government is in the hands of the majority, but practically, it is in the hands of the few—the few who are alert to the conditions, to the needs, and who mould public opinion.

The influence of public opinion practically governs this country. The president, congressmen, judges, politicians, preachers, and business and professional men, all await the mandate of the public before making any decided move. Therefore, if public opinion is to assume such responsible eminence, we should see to the moulding of such opinion based upon justice and right. This can be done only by disseminating religious principles in political affairs, by putting more religion in politics.

#### The Church

People of all religions have found freedom of worship in this country. Under our Constitution, no law can be passed which deprives one of the free exercise of his or her religious duty. For this reason, if for no other members of the church should be willing to do their part in trying to keep the laws in harmony with God-given rights of everyone, regardless of race or religion.

It is a religious duty to do one's part in helping to make the laws, and in trying to see to it that public affairs are conducted in keeping with the principles of justice. This duty belongs as much to the church as to its members.

A church is a religious organization, comprising two distinct entities—an ecclesiastical or spiritual existence, amenable to God, and a legal existence, amenable to the civil law; and it exists for all

the purposes for which it was organized. It was certainly organized for the purpose of spreading Christianity, and of improving the general character of the community, socially and politically. One of the surest ways to do this effectively is for the church and its members to use their influence in putting more religion in public affairs—more religion in politics.

#### The Law and the Courts

Under our system of government, we have rules and laws which the majority of the people, who are interested in the management of the government and in public affairs generally, have made and think are best to keep things going right.

Now, the law is the will of the body politic expressed by their vote, and is the rule of conduct which all must observe. The objects of the law is to prevent people from interfering with the rights of others. No one would be safe without rules or laws to govern them in their relations to each other.

The courts were established to protect the individual rights of the individual citizens from the tyranny of the majority. Congress or state legislatures may pass a law infringing upon individual rights, but the courts will protect your constitutional rights by declaring such a law invalid. But, of course, you must present the case to the court.

Respect for law and the courts carries with it the surrender of individual freedom of action for the good of the community or the country. Lack of respect for law and the courts causes mobs and riots.

We must respect the law, and the law must respect us by protecting us in the right. God gave us certain inalienable rights to life, liberty, enjoyment of property, and equal justice. The Constitution of the United States gives these rights to all within the jurisdiction of the United States. It is the duty of the courts to preserve these rights and to see that justice is done between people.

The people make the laws. You and every other citizen, either directly or indirectly, actively or passively make the laws. It is your duty, then, to be active and to see to it that the laws are made with due regard for the God-given rights of everyone.

#### Citizenship and the Ballot

It is a reproach to the government that in some of the states of this great union, the constitutional guarantee of citizenship is not enjoyed by all of its citizens; and that in this respect, the authority of the government is held for naught.

The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution are a part of the law of this country, and should not be violated by any act of state legislatures. Yet, this right IS infringed upon through the passage of certain primary laws and by other acts to legalize its violation.

This violation of the right of political freedom has been brought about through your carelessness in not exercising your right of franchise at all times; or by not informing yourself as to the character of the candidates; or by not trying to create public sentiment against such unjust measures. You were too con-

tent to let THEM run things, because, as you say, "THEY will do as they please." Of course THEY will do as they please, when neither your vote nor your activity is put forth to prevent them.

#### The People's Part

The voters of this nation, who make and repeal the laws, transmit their sovereign rights to future generations. If these generations come into possession of this high authority corrupted by injustice, unfair discrimination, prejudice and hatred, our democracy is a failure, and you are, in a large measure, to blame. For democracy, through you, must show its capacity for producing the highest type of citizenship.

It is a high privilege and a sacred duty for you to set the example as a loyal citizen. First, by exercising your right of franchise at all times. For there is not one thing that is done by the government, the state, or the city from which nearly all of the people do not derive some benefit. Therefore, your first duty, as a citizen, is to help run the government by your vote at every election. Thus, you help to make the laws, and to elect the people who are to act as your agents in executing the laws thus made, and in conducting public affairs.

Second, you should take the time to learn what measures are up for passage. In fact, study public questions, and so, be able to vote intelligently.

Third, study the men and women in office, the men and women aspiring for office. Know their attitude toward religion, toward your nationality, toward improving the general condition of the citizens—in regard to education, environment, industrial opportunities, and the full enjoyment of citizenship.

Fourth, you should not hesitate to ask for needed civic improvements, and be willing to bear your part of the cost.

This country belongs to the people. This is a government by the people. But, in what proportion you shall enjoy them, depends upon you and your willingness to do your part, and to assume your civic and political responsibilities.

Your activity in public affairs, a little more of the spirit of Christ in our dealings with each other, and a sprinkling of brotherly love in political life will bring about respect for the rights of others, and regard for the law; and in time will bring into realization equal justice, equal citizenship, and common opportunity for all.

#### REPORT

##### First District

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

##### Second District

MRS. RUTH BENNETT, Pa., Director

New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia.

## Third District

MRS. VIOLA T. HILL, Fla., Director

Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida.

## Fourth District

MRS. MATTIE BLEDSOE, Ill., Director

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan.

## Fifth District

MRS. N. C. MARSHALL, Iowa, Director

North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming.

## Sixth District

MRS. IDA FRAZIER BATES, Kansas, Director

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado.

## Seventh District

Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho.

## Eighth District

Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi.

## State Chairmen

The following state chairmen have accepted the work:

Arkansas	Mrs. A. G. Kendrick
District of Columbia	Mrs. Madge Marshall
Florida	Mrs. M. C. McIntosh
California	Mrs. C. D. Robinson
Illinois	Mrs. Scurry
Indiana	Mrs. Alice Kelley
Kansas	Mrs. Ida Frazier Bates
Iowa	Mrs. N. C. Marshall
New Jersey	Mrs. O. Kelley Cooke
Pennsylvania	Mrs. M. Tilmon
Oklahoma	Mrs. A. M. Smyth
Georgia	Mrs. Mary Nelson Jones

Several of the states have city chairmen.

Mrs. J. C. Mapp and Mrs. M. B. Clark have carried on the work in Chicago, Ill.

I have delivered three addresses on citizenship, during the year. Have written about fifty letters.

Respectfully,  
GERTRUDE E. RUSH

## A PAGEANT WAS PRESENTED

"The Six Outstanding Features," Mrs. Ella House.  
 "The Outstanding Feature in N. J.," Mrs. Cook.  
 "The Outstanding Feature in Des Moines," Mrs. Marshall.  
 "Recognition of Negro Women."  
 "Six Outstanding Features in Kansas," Mrs. Bates.  
 "Six Outstanding Features in California," Mrs. Robinson.  
 "Six Outstanding Features in Oklahoma," Mrs. A. M. Smith.

"Six Outstanding Features in Illinois," Mrs. Mapp.  
 Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tennessee, made a splendid report on Home Missions. A motion prevailed to adopt report. See report.

Mrs. C. C. Cullars, Chairman on Temperance, made report. She reported:

Bethlehem Ass'n	\$7 50
State of Kansas	3 00
Evanston M. Circle	2 00

Mrs. A. C. Williams, District of Columbia, reported her penny money, from sale of soap, \$5.00. She gave them a penny to invest, last year.

President Layten announced that we would have an "Acquaintance Meeting" and Board meeting, Monday at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

Meeting adjourned by repeating "Mizpah."

## SATURDAY—Evening Session

Song Service conducted by Mrs. W. L. Petty, Ill. A medal was presented to Mrs. Covington, Miss., National Director of Y. W. A., for organization and raising funds. Miss Jessie D. Holman, Texas, received a second prize for organization. Honorable mention made of New Jersey. Mrs. Sarah Fisher Brown, Ga., awarded a medal, for sending in the largest amount of money, during the year.

Dr. J. C. Austin, Chairman of Foreign Mission Board was introduced. He made remarks concerning the Foreign Mission Work.

Solo, "What Can It Be, but Jesus."

PAGEANT, "The Stained Glass Window," written by Mrs. S. W. Layten, was well rendered to the satisfaction of all present. Prayer by Rev. L. G. Jordan. Dr. J. C. Austin made the appeal for Foreign Missions. The following gave:

Alabama	\$100 00
Mt. Moriah Missionary Society, per Mrs. W. L. Petty, Mich. Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	15 00
Jones Watkins Club, Baltimore, Md., per Mrs. Lula Richard	10 10
Woman's Aux., Mt. Bethel	45 00
1st Bapt. S. S. Washington, D. C., per Mrs. Lillian Robinson	50 00
Total Collection	\$220 10

Mrs. M. A. Clark, Chairman of Bazaar, New Era Association presented Mrs. W. L. Petty a banner for bringing in the largest amount. Mrs. Clark reported raised from Art Department \$183.97.

Louisiana received second prize, which was \$5.00; third prize to Kansas, which was three pins.

Solo, "Lord It Is I," by Mrs. Wallace, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Lillian Robinson, Washington, D. C., on Hospital Committee, reported she raised \$50.00.

Mrs. Mapp reported the Rummage Sale. Total raised from that source, \$811.48

First prize given to Mrs. A. C. Williams, D. C.  
 Second prize given to Mrs. Janie Mason, Ill.  
 Third prize given to Mrs. A. J. Bryant, Mich.  
 Mrs. Jackson, Okla., presented Mrs. S. W. Layten a donation of \$12.50 from the Oklahoma Delegation.  
 Meeting adjourned. Doxology.

#### SUNDAY—Morning Session

Song Service conducted by Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Mrs. A. J. Abington at the piano. Songs: "Glory to His Name," "Saviour, More Than Life to Me."

Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tenn., conducted the devotional service, Miss Mattie Fisher, Pianist; Miss Stell House, Tenn., Musical Director. Songs: "In the Garden," "Think of His Goodness." Sister Flowers asked for Bible Quotations. Exodus twentieth chapter was read in concert. Song, "Count on Me." Prayer by Mrs. C. R. McDowell. Song, "Higher Ground." Sister Flowers announced her subject, "Service." She read Ps. 40:8 and said we should love to serve, as He would have us serve. Ps. 19:14. We desire to have our service acceptable in his sight. He has called

us to faithful service. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10. Song, "Count on Me." Sister Flowers offered a fervent prayer, that God might count on us, and that our service might be acceptable to him.

Sister Lillie Gordon stated that God could count on her. Sister Robinson read "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Mrs. Elmira Anderson, Okla., testified. Prayer by Mrs. Annie Slater. Song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Sisters Westbrook and others testified. Song, "Life is Like a Mountain Railroad."

President Layten appointed Sisters Abington, Amos, Bennett, and Brockway to conduct the rally for the National Training School. Sister S. W. Butler, Chairman made report of the Committee on Obiluary. See report. A motion prevailed that the beautiful report be adopted. Prayer by Sister M. V. Parrish.

At 11:45 a. m., the morning service at the Mt. Gilced Baptist Church began promptly. Rev. A. L. Boone, Texas, Rev. J. A. Bingaman, La., and Rev. B. L. Merchant, Kans., ascended the rostrum. Song, "Come, Holy Spirit." Scripture lesson Psalm 107, was read by Rev. J. A. Bingaman, La., he also led in prayer. Solo by Mrs. Mattie King, Kans., "Bye and Bye, I'm Going to Lay Down dis Heavy Load." The song was true to the Christian Life; it was rendered very effectively.

Rev. B. L. Merchant, of Wichita, Kans. the preacher of the hour, was introduced by Mrs. Lea Frazier Bates, President of the Western Baptist State Convention. Rev. Merchant, in his introductory, expressed regrets that his fellow ministers of Kansas were absent; but he was pleased to be present to give a message. Text, 2 Tim. 2:21. He led in singing "Saviour More Than Life to Me." He then said that Paul was the champion apostle of victory. Theme: "Fit for the Master's Use." God is the believer's master; has exclusive right over our time, talents, labors, and entire life. Men have dreamed of ruling by divine right; but God alone is the divine Master. The reason that the Christian army is standing still today, is because man feels that he belongs to himself; never will we march to victory until we realize that Jesus Christ is our Master. Man was built for Christ and Christ needs him. Christ was built for man, and man needs him. Men cried to God in the dark days, and man needs him. Men cried to God in the dark days, saying, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Strut Away to Jesus," etc., because God had touched their hearts. We have

experienced great sorrow, by trying to serve God by some power within us; rather than by the Master's power without. Take God as our Master and let him use us in his vineyard, anywhere we can work to help put over his great plan of salvation. At the conclusion of the sermon, Mrs. W. L. Petty sang a solo, "I Want to See Jesus, Don't You?" The Holy Spirit was manifestly present and we all rejoiced as she sang that lovely song.

President Layten bade us empty our hearts and let the dear Saviour fill them to the overflow with his gracious presence.

Mrs. Jessie Mapp, Ill., requested that the Convention join in singing "Are You in the Inner Circle?"

The Committee on Training School. Mesdames A. J. Abington, Mo., J. Amos, Texas, Alice Tucker, Pa., M. J. Brockway, Okla., J. E. Trice, Ill., R. L. Bennett, Pa., M. E. Goins, Mo., reported collection \$150.00 cash; pledges—\$1,205.00.

Benediction, Dr. D. S. Klugh, Boston, Mass.

#### SUNDAY—Evening Service

Devotions were conducted by Sister L. A. Turner, Kans.; a Sister from Neb.; Sister Long, Gatin, Ind. Songs: "Count on Me," "Steal Away." Testimonies—C. Robinson, Calif., D. A. Austin, N. M., S. W. Layten, Pa., Viola Hill, Fla., W. O. McKinney, Ga., Walker, Miss F. E. Givens, Ky., Cook, N. Jersey.

Sister V. Hill suggested that all the delegates write Miss Burroughs a personal letter.

President Layten requested Mesdames L. L. Craig and B. C. Carter to conduct a Model Missionary Society. Mrs. Craig outlined the work of Committees:

Finance—Mrs. J. Mapp, Ill., who raised	\$1 46
Social Service—Mrs. M. J. Brockway, who raised	62
Survey—Mrs. Irene Maxwell, who raised	1 55
Program—Mrs. A. L. Trice who raised	1 10
Temperance—Mrs. J. L. Robinson, who raised	1 12

Total Collection of Model Missionary Society \$5 85

By request of the leader, Mrs. Brockway gave a talk on how she conducted a Model Missionary Society.

Mrs. Jessie Mapp, Ill., spoke of a membership drive; worked with two or four captains. "A Feast of Seven

Tables," "A Popularity Contest," "A Religious Birthday." She advised to celebrate your own birthday and have every one give a penny for each year they have been a Christian.

Mrs. B. C. Carter told of the Pencil Drive and Flag Drive. They were both good ways to raise money.

Mrs. Maxwell reported for Survey Committee. Go out and find how many people in the city don't go to church.

Mrs. Trice spoke for Program Committee. She would appoint the best talent in the church. Have special subjects discussed, study topics such as Home, Countries, Bible Characters, etc.

A motion prevailed that Mrs. W. L. Petty, Ill., be the musical director.

Collection for Mrs. Walker, La., \$6.00.

Mrs. E. A. Wilson, the Historian was presented. She read the history of the Woman's National Convention, which was extremely interesting; for twenty-six years we have been steadily advancing. Mrs. C. R. McDowell was the first champion of the organization; Mrs. S. W. Layten, the first and only President; Mrs. V. W. Broughton, Tenn., the only Recording Secretary. Miss N. H. Burroughs, the only Corresponding Secretary. The dates of the election of other officers were given. Some historical data was given by Mesdames Ruth L. Bennett and C. R. McDowell.

Miss Cook, N. J., remarks. Miss Wallace, Ky., remarks. Miss Crane, Ky., remarks. Miss Cook is preparing to practice law. She served as stenographer at the National Baptist Convention.

Installation of Officers by Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Okla.

Notice of the Executive Board Meeting given.

Mrs. Maxwell spoke a word to the Young Women.

Rev. Goins, Mo., spoke in a general way of our officers and our work, highly commending our corps of officers and the excellent work of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. He bade us a hearty God-Speed. Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Thus closed our twenty-sixth annual meeting. Benediction.

MRS. S. W. LAYTEN, President

MRS. M. E. GOINS, Acting Secretary

MRS. A. J. ABINGTON, Assistant Secretary

### NATIONAL BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Forth Worth, Texas, Sept. 13, 1926

Promptly at 10 o'clock, the meeting opened. Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Second Vice-President, sang "I Will Trust in the Lord." Prayer by Mr. E. D. Pierson, National Auditor. Songs: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "Just Think of His Goodness to You," led by Mrs. McKinney. Mrs. Edna Strickland, Vice-President, took charge. A motion prevailed to go into business session of the Board.

The minutes of the June Board meeting were discussed. On account of the absence of Mrs. Layten, the matter passed to be taken up at a later hour.

The final report of enrollment was read by Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett as follows:

State Conventions	26
District Conventions	35
Missionary Societies	117
Children's Bands	5
Young People's Dept.	1
Delegates Enrolled	600
Organizations	184

By motion, the report was adopted.

The report of the June Board meeting was read by Mrs. L. L. Craig, Atlanta, Ga. (See report of Board meeting held in Washington, D. C., June, 1926.)

A motion to receive the report by items, carried.

Motion by Mrs. Walker, Miss.: 1. That item on finance or budget be adopted. By substitute motion, the item was laid on the table. (See item in report.) 2. That Mrs. Broughton send minutes to Mrs. Layten and Miss Burroughs keep the records in tact so as to be used when needed. Carried. 3. That new officers' names be included in print.

The matter of expenses of the members of the Board meeting was referred to Committee on Constitution.

The President requested ruling by Mrs. B. C. Carter, Parliamentarian. Mrs. Carter stated that the matter could not be considered unless brought before the Convention in session, and taken up in this meeting as unfinished business. Sustained.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported. Mrs. R. L. Bennett reading the Preamble in original form. Mrs. I. F. Bates reading the revision made by the commit-

tee. (See the report as given by Committee on Revision of Constitution.)

A motion that the Convention pay all expenses of the first vice-president and second vice-president, carried. All expenses of the recording secretary be paid, the assistant Secretary to be considered. Motion of Sister A. J. Abington, that all expenses of the assistant secretary be paid, carried. The parliamentarian be paid \$25.00.

The Report of Finance was read by Mrs. A. C. Williams. Total amount of money raised \$5930.53.

By motion, \$65.63 was paid Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Chairman, Expenses for National Campaign.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. F. E. Givens, Ky., that the Board meeting be early in the session.

### RESOLUTION

That the Executive Board shall meet the first thing at our annual meeting.

FANNIE R. GIVENS

A motion by Mrs. McNorton, that we pay Mrs. A. J. Abington, appointed to assist in the absence of Mrs. Broughton, \$10.00 for service, carried.

A motion by Mrs. I. M. Pope, Mich., that Mrs. W. L. Petty, Chorister, be paid \$15.00, carried.

A motion that the Chairman of Finance and Enrollment Committees be allowed \$4.00 per day, carried. The present chairmen, Mrs. A. C. Williams and Mrs. R. L. Bennett.

By motion, Mrs. E. A. Wilson was paid \$25.00 on expenses.

Motion by Mrs. W. L. Petty to adjourn to meet in Detroit, Mich., 1927. Closed with "Mizpah."

MRS. S. W. LAYTEN, President  
MRS. MARY E. GOINS, Acting Sec.  
MRS. A. J. ABINGTON, Acting Assistant Sec.

### LIST OF THOSE WHO GAVE IN RALLY FOR MISS BURROUGHS' SALARY

Mrs. M. V. Parrish, Ky.	\$ 1 00
Mrs. S. E. Bailey	10 00
Mrs. A. J. Abington, Mo.	1 00
Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tenn.	5 00
Florida State Sunday School Convention	10 00

Mrs. Viola Hill, Fla.	1 00
Mrs. L. A. Turner	1 00
Mrs. M. J. Brockway, Okla.	50
Mrs. J. M. C. Amos, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Edna Strickland, Texas	1 00
Mrs. D. D. Crawford	1 00
Mrs. S. H. Sheemaker, Ga., per Mrs. S. F. Brown	1 00
E. H. Holmaney Mission Circle New Hope Baptist Church, Denver	5 00
Mrs. E. V. Allen	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Minor	1 00
Mrs. N. C. Marshall, Ia.	1 00
Mrs. Albert Shackelford	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Goins, Mo.	50
Mrs. M. J. Thomas, Ga.	1 00
Mrs. Estella Diggs, Mo.	1 00
Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Tenn.	1 00
Mrs. C. J. Kennedy, Tenn.	1 00
State Convention, Kansas	28 00
Mrs. True	1 00
Mrs. Forrest	1 00
Miss Branch	1 00
Miss Fisher	50
Mrs. Collins	1 00
Mrs. Bowen	1 00
Mrs. W. L. Petty, Ill.	1 00

## PLEDGES MADE

Shiloh Bapt. Church, Philadelphia, per Mrs. S. W. Layten	\$100 00
Missouri	100 00
Mrs. M. V. Parrish	25 00
Mrs. Lucy B. Hill	100 00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	100 00
Mrs. Viola T. Hill, Fla.	5 00
Mrs. Anna S. Brown, St. Louis, Mo.	50 00
Young People, Ga. (Per Mrs. Balfie Harrist)	50 00
Mississippi State Convention (Per Mrs. M. J. Walker, Yazoo City)	100 00
Mrs. Nannie Childress (Mt. Calvary Institution, Muskogee, Oklahoma)	25 00
Mrs. M. H. Flowers, Tenn.	100 00
Mrs. A. A. Cosey, Vicksburg, Miss.	10 00
Mrs. R. X. Arthur, Cape Girardeau, Mo.	25 00
St. Paul Missionary Soc., San Angelo, Texas (Per Mrs. J. H. Herron)	15 00
Georgia, (Per Mrs. S. F. Brown)	100 00
Mrs. R. L. Bennett, Pa.	10 00
Illinois	100 00
Calvary Bapt. Church, Okla. City, (Per Mrs. M. J. Brock- way)	25 00
Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia	100 00
Pennsylvania (Per Mrs. Alice Tucker)	100 00
Mrs. M. T. Wells, La.	25 00
Mrs. E. Anderson, Muskogee, Okla.	10 00
Michigan (Per Ida Pope)	100 00
Arkansas, (Per Mrs. E. A. Phillips)	100 00

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT

President, Mrs. S. W. Layten, salary and expenses	\$252 85
Vice-President, Mrs. Edna Strickland, expenses	110 00
Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, expenses	39 00
Treasurer, Mrs. M. V. Parrish, expenses	125 00
Ass't Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. V. W. Broughton, salary and expenses	110 00
Ass't Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. M. E. Goins, expenses	72 85
Attorney Rush, legal services	200 00
President Young People's Dept., Mrs. L. L. Craig, expenses	38 00
Pianist, Mrs. W. F. McKinney, expenses	25 00
Parliamentarian, Mrs. B. G. Caster, expenses	65 00
Mrs. J. C. Mapp, for Rummage Campaign	22 25
To expense of art and needle work	
Finance Committee	
Enrollment Committee	15 00
The Chorister, Mrs. W. L. Petty	25 00
The Historian, Mrs. E. A. Wilson	

## HOSPITAL RALLY RECEIPTS

Mrs. O. C. Maxwell reported:	
From B. Y. P. U., First Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.	\$20 00
Mrs. O. C. Maxwell, President	
From S. S. First Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.	5 00
Dr. James M. Bracey, Superintendent	1 00
From Mrs. M. F. Scrum, Warren, Ark.	5 00
From Mission Circle, Gillfield Bapt. Church, Memphis, Tenn.	3 00
From Temple Ave. Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.	1 00
From Mrs. Diggs, Jefferson City, Mo.	
	\$35 00

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Receipts, Special Fund

Salary Rally	\$1,242 14
Training School	151 00
Model Missionary	1 36
Sunday School	267 60
Hospital Drive	336 00
Young People's Meeting	6 00
To Mrs. Walker for Charity	34 70
Table Collections	611 50
Rummage Sale	183 97
Art and Needle Work	
Total Special Fund	\$2,840 12
Annual Members and Letters	3,045 41
Additional Hospital Tax	45 00
Grand Total	\$5,930 53

STATE	SALARY	F.	M.	H.	M.	E.	F.	S.	N.	T.	S.	C.	E.	DON.	TOTAL
Alabama	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00
Arkansas	32.50	3.00	17.00	15.00	85.00	25.00	237.50								
Colorado	1.00			13.00	15.00		30.00								
Connecticut				29.50	20.00		65.00								
Florida	10.50	5.00	11.00	32.00	41.50		165.00								
Georgia	22.50	8.00	5.00	7.00	12.00		54.50								
Indiana	10.00	13.00	5.00	10.00	17.00		55.00								
Iowa	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00		50.00								
Iowa and Dakota	33.00	5.00	30.00	35.00	72.00		195.00								
Kentucky	74.50	2.50	6.95	32.50	116.45		236.90								
Kansas	42.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	69.00		148.00								
Missouri	15.00	3.00	2.00	55.00	75.00		150.00								
Minnesota	2.00	3.00	3.00	90.00	108.00		216.00								
Mississippi	1.00		3.00	4.00	8.00		16.00								
Michigan	1.00	3.00		4.00	8.00		16.00								
New York	1.00	3.00		4.00	8.00		16.00								
New Jersey				5.00	15.00		30.00								
North Carolina															
South Carolina															
Ohio															
Oklahoma	20.50	6.00	10.00	12.50	59.00		120.00								
Oregon	15.00	5.00	5.00	37.00	62.00		124.00								
Pennsylvania	18.00														
Tennessee	65.00	37.00	32.00	107.00	241.00		482.00								
Texas															
Wisconsin	25.00			20.00	45.00		90.00								
Washington				3.00	9.00		18.00								
West Virginia															
California	5.00														

-----\$73.00 \$510.61 \$139.50 \$173.25 \$1613.75 \$1256.50 \$1278.80 \$3045.41

**EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE**

Report blanks ----- \$3.00  
 Paper for signs ----- \$3.25  
 Enrollment paper, carbon paper, ink ----- 2.00  
 Total ----- \$8.25

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. A. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman  
 MRS. M. BANKS  
 MRS. LILLIAN ROBINSON, Acting Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 11, 1926

Madam President and Members of the National Baptist Convention of America

We beg leave to make the following report:  
 First, we

and recommend that this Convention will stand by temperance, for we find in the scriptures that "strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is lost soul." And, may we all keep the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Pledge: "We know that strong drink will leave the nation down and whisky, moonshine, and bootlegging have wrecked many a home and have caused many mothers to be widows and many children to be orphans, also many automobile wrecks, because the drivers were drunk. Always keep in mind one phrase, reading thus:—'I solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all evils pertaining to intemperance.'" We recommend that we firmly stand by the 18th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. We further recommend that we shall have a temperance hour in this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Your committee,  
 MRS. C. C. CULLERS, III,  
 MRS. W. B. THOMAS, Fla.  
 MRS. ANNIE BROWN, Mo.  
 MRS. M. J. THOMAS, Ga.  
 MRS. L. E. THOMPSON, Okla.  
 MRS. JESSIE ROBINSON, Ga.  
 MRS. E. U. HAMBY, Ala.  
 MRS. B. E. GREEN, Miss.  
 MRS. EDNA MARTIN, Ind.  
 MRS. LAURA BRYANT, Ill.  
 MRS. MARY DIAL, Kansas  
 MRS. MAMIE S. SCOTT, Ky.  
 MRS. O. P. CLAXTON, Ia.  
 MRS. I. M. C. AMOS, Tex.  
 MRS. DELIA SIMMONS, Fla., Sec.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 11, 1926

To the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of U. S. A.

We, your Committee on Recommendations, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, the women of the National Baptist Convention have as their special work, the erection of a hospital in Liberia, West Coast, Africa, THEREFORE, be it resolved that each state will send all money for the Hospital to the Woman's National Convention. If collected during the year, send to the Treasurer, Mrs. Mary V. Parrash, Louisville, Ky., 492 1/2 Sixth Street.

And Whereas, the Administration building of the National Seminary and Trades School for Women and Girls, of the National Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention, was destroyed by fire, be it resolved that states be asked to talk no more before, to raise money to rebuild the same, the money to be brought to the Convention and a certain hour be set aside for the report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That each State will make record of all money brought to this Convention in annual meeting, designating the amount for representation, contests, drives, etc., and this record be put into the hands of the secretaries and the same printed in the minutes.

Since we are living in an age of advanced ideas and modern methods, and an age in which our resources are greater, hence the demand for more and better workers is greater and we are forced to improve, women from all over the country are demanding a greater organization and saying, "Here am I, send me." Organization is system, the lack of it is confusion. The difference between a mob and a trained army is simply organization. Organization secures results in the best and quickest way, with the least expenditure of time and effort. As two persons properly cooperating, can have more than twice as much power as one, so can a better organization of the Woman's Convention multiply its power.

Whereas, the distribution of responsibility is a great advantage to any organization of purpose,

Whereas, the Woman's Convention has a definite task to perform and one of tremendous importance and every thing possible should be done to make sure of the accomplishment of this task and whereas organization is essential to great accomplishments,

**THEREFORE,** Be it resolved, that the National Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention organization into four sections, known as the Eastern, Western, Northern, and Southern Sections, and a committee be appointed at this meeting to divide the states into sections and that leaders be appointed to head each section.

Respectfully submitted,  
 MRS. A. A. COSEY, Chr., Miss.  
 MRS. A. J. ABINGTON, Sec., Mo.  
 MRS. C. M. WELLS, Ala.  
 MRS. HATTIE HARRIS, Ga.  
 MRS. M. J. BROCKWAY, Okla.  
 MRS. J. A. BOOKER, Ark.  
 MRS. F. E. GIVENS, Ky.  
 MRS. W. H. FULLER, Tenn.  
 MRS. C. C. CULLERS, Ill.  
 MRS. S. E. J. WATSON, Ill.  
 MRS. H. M. GIBBS, Ala.  
 MRS. ESSIE SCOTT, Kans.  
 MRS. R. J. HARRIS, Ark.  
 MRS. D. A. AGSTIN, New Mexico  
 MRS. E. D. MCGOWAN, Miss.  
 MRS. S. C. WILLIAMS, La.  
 MRS. A. D. PETTIS, Ark.  
 MRS. MARY M. SCOTT, La.  
 MRS. ELLA PETERS, Ind.  
 MRS. AMANDA DAVIS, Ind.  
 MRS. T. O. FULLER, Tenn.  
 MRS. E. C. CULP, Tenn.  
 DR. F. KNEELAND, Tenn.  
 MRS. E. M. SMITH, Pa.  
 MRS. NINA JOHNSON, Ill.  
 MRS. E. E. HARPER, Tex.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

We realize that for many years, we have had mistaken ideas of our duty to the neglected ones in our homeland, and, we have made our church work—home missions. Now, we are awakening and will try to do more of the real home mission work which our Lord and Master has outlined for us, when he said "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon us and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Our Lord enounced in this verse what we could do in the home and reaching unto the uttermost parts of the earth. We are trying to do this, but we should be systematic. We should not begin at the uttermost part, but let us endeavor to do something in each part. The committee is therefore suggesting that we begin now to do something definite for our own school, which recently suffered. And, that each of the members of the committee will return to her states and encourage more liberal giving for the support of the school. And, this year we will report as much as ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for this special work. We also encourage the work in home that there might be more Christianity existing in the home and that our adopted plan of the Fireside School be more encouraged.

Respectfully,

Your committee:

MRS. J. A. PETERSON, Ill.  
 MRS. MARY H. FLOWERS, Tenn.  
 MRS. MAMIE JOHNSON, Mo.  
 MRS. PATSY HILL, Fla.  
 MRS. M. A. JONES, Okla.  
 MRS. JULIA WOODBUDD, Ga.  
 MRS. BEATRICE BURTON, Calif.  
 MRS. B. V. PERSON, Ala.  
 MRS. J. E. HASKIN  
 MRS. CORA ABERNATHY, Ind.  
 MRS. LILLIE GORDAN, Pa.  
 MRS. L. F. LUNNER, Kans.  
 MRS. HATTIE WRENN, Ky.  
 MRS. W. A. ALEXANDER, La.  
 MRS. G. L. HILL, E. Miss.  
 MRS. S. R. BLACKBURN  
 MRS. MAMIE MORRIS, Ky.  
 MRS. BELL PHELPS, Ark.  
 MRS. DORA LEWIS, Mich.  
 MRS. S. J. FLUKER, Ga.

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Madam President and Members of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention:

We are assembled here this morning to commemorate the home-going of our coworkers of this Convention. Sisters we are passing not slowly, but with rapid pace, ere we can say a fond farewell. It touches the tenderest chords of our hearts, yea we drop our silent tears, as we view our roll and find the missing links from our Conventional Chain. We mourn not as those without a hope, but our spirits droop because of the "vacant seats." Dr. Jos. A. Booker, President of Arkansas Baptist College and bus-

band of our Sister Mary C. Booker; Dr. J. R. Bennett, the husband of Sister Ruth Bennett; Dr. E. B. Topp, husband of Sister E. B. Topp, who were staunch supporters and sympathizers in our work, have gone on just before, rejoicing in the fulfillment of that promise to those who are faithful unto the end.

Miss Ada Morgan, Supt. of the Fireside School, so familiar among us, with her gentle, loving spirit, has also entered in. Mrs. Harris, First Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Bethlehem Association of Illinois, an ardent worker, has answered the call. Mrs. E. Duckinfield, Treasurer of the Woman's State Convention of Texas, a sister of our vice-president, Sister Edna Strickland, has gone to be with him who said, "I go to prepare a place for you." These, with the following list, have run their race and have left to us a sweet example of loving services.

MRS. DORA HENRY  
MRS. G. W. HILL  
MRS. E. DAY  
MR. JAMES AMEY  
MR. LILES  
MR. JAMES LEE  
MRS. E. UNDERWOOD  
MR. KERRIE WILLIAMS, III.  
MRS. ANNIE BRADFORD, III.  
MRS. ADA JOHNSON, III.  
MRS. AUGUSTA HORTON, III.  
MRS. MAMIE DRUMMAN, III.  
MRS. MATILDA PATTERSON,  
Ind.  
MRS. JULIA LEWIS, Ind.

As a convention, as sisters in Christ, we mourn with you, whose homes have been visited by the Death Angel, but there is one who sees and cares: "'Tis Jesus. He will make all things plain some day. Let us all look to him and labor on. They cannot return to us, but we can go to them." Rev. 22:5, "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever."

"Far from this world of toil and strife,  
They're present with the Lord;  
The labors of their mortal life,  
End in a large reward."

Humbly submitted,  
Your committee:  
MRS. INDIA E. BUTLER, Ind.,  
Chairman  
MRS. OLA NEAL, Mo.  
MRS. R. T. JACKSON, Okla.  
MRS. NINA JOHNSON, III.  
MRS. D. A. WILLIAMS, Ga.  
MRS. L. M. DAVIS, Ala.  
MRS. L. C. BALLARD, Miss.  
MRS. CARRIE KEITH, Tenn.  
MRS. W. R. JACKSON, III.  
MRS. J. MASON, III.

## REPORT OF RUMMAGE DEPARTMENT

## Cash Receipts for Foreign Missions in Rummage Campaign

Georgia—Mrs. E. G. Thomas, Savannah	\$ 14 00
Mississippi—Mrs. L. Amos, Laurel	5 00
Tennessee—Pleasant Green Miss. Soc. Per Mrs. Dickerson, Nashville	10 00
Summit, N. J.—Fountain Bapt. Church, Per Mrs. V. A. Johnson	5 00
Mrs. L. Baxter Hopewell Baptist Church, 19 Broom St.	10 00
Pennsylvania—Shiloh Bapt. Church, Per Mrs. S. W. Layton	3 00
Miss. Society Union Baptist Church	2 00
Oklahoma City, Okla.—Mrs. L. J. Mack, 650 E. 4th St.	16 00
Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett	1 25
Washington, D. C.—Metropolitan Bapt. Church	110 00
Kansas—Kansas State Convention, Per Mrs. M. Dial	25 00
Iowa—Mrs. G. Rush, 1547-27th St., Des Moines	1 00
Mrs. Marshall	50
Illinois—Mrs. Mary Taylor, Per Mrs. J. Mason	186 38
Michigan—Mrs. A. J. Bryant, 1464-15th St., Detroit	50 00
Alabama—Woman's State Convention, Per Mrs. R. P. Anderson	10 00
Missouri—Autoch District Convention, Per Mrs. Pinky Arleb 2915 Market Street, St. Louis, Mo.	13 00
Indiana—Mrs. C. H. Gaddy, 733 Edmont Ave., Indianapolis	5 15
Denver, Colo.—Woman's City Union	5 00
Iuler Mt. State Convention, Per Mrs. I. S. Puwell	1 00
Mrs. B. Burden	7 00
E. B. Delaney Missionary Society	3 00
Queen Esther Circle, Mt. Pleasant Bapt. Church	2 00
Pueblo, Colo.—Miss F. Grant	1 00
Florida—Mrs. V. T. Hill	50 00
Louisiana—Mrs. S. P. Mayfield	21 00
Texas—Mrs. L. B. Watson	4 35

Total Cash \$660 78  
Sent Up 156 00

\$816 78

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. J. C. MAPP, Chairman  
MRS. I. F. BATES, Secretary

## REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 13, 1920

Greetings:  
We, your Committee on Enrollment submit the following as our report:

State Conventions Represented	26
District Conventions Represented	35
Missionary Societies Represented	117
Children's Bands Represented	5
Young People's Departments Represented	1

Delegates Enrolled	600
Total Number of Organizations Enrolled	184
Respectfully submitted,	

MRS. RUTH L. BENNETT, Chair-  
man, Pennsylvania  
MRS. ALICE TUCKER, Penn  
MRS. ADELE GADSDEN, Ga.  
MRS. C. D. ROBINSON, See,  
Calif.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR WOMEN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY  
TO NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, FORT WORTH,  
TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1926

Irene B. Maxwell, Chairman 4127 Prairie Ave. Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. Hettie L. Fishback, Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Co-worker:—

Every child born in the world is a social debtor; for everything that has gone before enters into his life—the sum of all the past is his—all that has been felt, thought, and done.

As Christian workers, we have a wonderful opportunity to impress this fact upon our young people—especially those who are expecting to rear families. To do this we cannot just go to church, for

"Tis only a half truth the poet has sung  
Of a house that sits by the way,  
Our Master had neither a house nor home;  
But he walked with the crowd day by day.

I think when I read of the Poet's desire,  
That a house by the way would be good,  
But service is found in its tenderest form,  
When we walk with the men in the road.

Then I say, let me walk with the men in the road,  
Let me lighten the burdens that crush,  
Let me speak a kind word of good cheer to the weak,  
And the man in the road by the side of his friend,  
Is the man who has learned how to live."

Have you learned how to live friends? Let us study the needs of the men as we travel. Housing is a big factor, which promotes or mars health. Theodore Roosevelt said, "Good Citizenship depends on the house a man lives in." But let us add, it depends on the healthful condition of the house a man lives in. A strong nation is built up of healthy, happy people. Health is a basic quality in the building of a nation. Environment, especially during childhood and growth modifies many inborn tendencies. Dark, gloomy, unsanitary hovels which submerge the thoughts of the occupants to the level of beasts are not conducive to health or good citizenship—sickness and poverty take up most of their time. Overcrowding in homes breeds immorality and criminality which flourish in dark

overcrowded rooms where there is no privacy, which is needed with the young to encourage modesty, a strong aid to healthful thinking. "The tough gangster," it is said, "is not born, but the product of the tenement houses, alleys, and streets."

Poor houses, with little or no sunshine, poor ventilation and no play spaces produce a stunted, anemic, pauperized citizenship of good prospective material for criminals. A family whose income is far below the standard should be housed as human beings in homes where there is sunshine, fresh air and play space for children.

In a house to house survey in Chicago, near one of our large churches three years ago, we found a white woman renting three or four houses of 12 or 14 rooms each and subrenting the rooms to people of our race for \$9.00 and \$12.00 per room per week. The occupants were laboring classes and where there were children in school so crowded that there were odd shifting hours to accommodate all the children, gave them much time at home which we feared would bring a new problem which soon developed and the complaint came in that idle men of the street were meeting high school girls not only destroying character but exposing them to the deadly "social diseases" of which we shall speak later for we feel we cannot sound this "funeral dirge" too often. In many rooms, we found the occupants, mother, father and son sleeping, cooking, eating, washing and drying clothes all in the same room in the winter time. All in the building used the same bath room and toilet. In one room about 12 by 14 we found the wife and husband who sublet a corner to a lady friend of their age and all slept at the same time, nights.

**Smoke**—Science has shown that sunlight is a powerful agent for promoting health and that air fouled by smoke and cinder dust is largely responsible for the increase in respiratory diseases during winter season. Smoke and soot cause \$32,000,000 worth of property damage in Chicago each year. A human adult inhales 30 pounds of air per day or four times as much as his intake of food and water combined. "Smoke filters out the life giving ultra-violet rays from sunshine." There is a necessity of reform in air sanitation.

**Accidents**—It is good to live in this age, when convenience in travel is so modern as the automobile which transports us in so short a while, but "with good there is evil." The man or woman who sits at the steering wheel in the car and speeds it unmindful of human life is a menace.

While visiting in a small town I saw an aged woman almost blind and deaf, try to cross the street. While she was watching a car eastbound and evading its path, a car of joy riders westbound ran her down. (story)

A couple in Chicago bought a "Buick Seilan" and the "strain on the family tie was evident every time they went for a ride so the other day when they went for their usual ride the husband at the steering wheel began to drive unsteadily, when the wife snatched it from him and in her anger turned the car over 5 times in the path of an Indiana Ave. street car. No one was killed, but the husband was put out of commission for several days—the wife was unhurt, but the husband said he wished she had broken her neck. Driving a car is no time for a "scrap." Cars are for pleasure and comfort, fools should stay out of them.

Carbon-monoxide poison, developed by exploding of burning air and gasoline or benzine is a waste material and deadly. In 1924 eleven persons in Chicago were found dead in their garages and in 1925, there were twelve deaths caused by carbon-monoxide poisoning. If while working or standing near an engine you begin to feel an indefinite feeling of illness, accompanied by throbbing of the blood vessels, burning sensation in the face, a sudden severe headache with dizziness or nausea, or a feeling of drowsiness; get as far from the auto as you can and out in the fresh open air. If you are near a case of monoxide poisoning, get a doctor at once and take the patient in the open air and give artificial respiration by lifting the arms over the head and down again, pressing gently on the chest. Give carbonated drinks such as soda pop and seltzer water. No matter how cold it is when you start your car, open the garage doors and windows—before you start. There were 2,050 accidental deaths in 1924.

Heretofore we have talked about a large number of diseases, but this year we will talk more on prevention of diseases. In 1924, the death rate of world cities of 1,000,000 and over were as follows:

Population	Deaths Per 1,000
Chicago, 2,939,605	11.2
New York, 6,015,504	11.8
Detroit, 1,619,333	12.6
Paris, 2,906,472	14.3
Berlin, 4,018,000	14.7
London, 7,476,168	12.1
Philadelphia, 1,951,076	12.9

Chicago leads the multi-million, or population class in good health.

Deaths in 20 principal cities were as follows in 1924:

Heart disease	3,441
Cancer	3,177
Congenital defects and accidents	1,423
Cerebral Hemorrhage	1,832
Diabetes	509
Manslaughter	309
Bronchitis	263
Diphtheria	210
Whooping Cough	108
Typhoid Fever	45
Nephritis	3,232
Diarrhea and Intoxication	997
Appendicitis	443
Suicide	184
Syphilis	254
Influenza	184
Scarlet Fever	75
Pneumonia	2,892
Accidents	2,050

A total of 27,831  
Heart disease, cancer, nephritis, congenital defects, cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes, appendicitis and manslaughter show an

increased death rates since 1900. Pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrhoea enteritis, suicide, bronchitis, diphtheria, influenza, whooping cough, scarlet fever, and typhoid fever have declined. Deaths from syphilis showed increase since 1920 and '24. Nephritis since 1900 has increased. This is a disease of adult life caused as follows:

1. Overeating. 2. Poor elimination. 3. Hurry and worry. 4. Sedentary living. 5. Nervous wear and tear. 6. Neglected kidney trouble caused by contagious disease in childhood.

The kidneys are vital organs without which we cannot live more than two weeks. We should not take more than a certain amount of fluid; this includes water, milk, coffee, and all fluids. Eat plenty asparagus, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, lettuce, mushrooms, string beans, fresh tomatoes, onions, squash, turnips, apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, grapefruit, grapes, muskmelon, watermelons, maplesugar, syrup, honey, candy, arrow-root, cornstarch, tapioca, butter, and olive oil. An examination of the urine at intervals will show significant signs long before too late, and the kidneys though damaged, can be salvaged and prolonged. Cancer has shown increase from 58.0 to 108.1 or 86 per cent increase since 1920. It is a dreadful killer and the cause is uncertain and it remains a hidden enemy.

Irritation such as caused by chemical heat and mechanical means and chronic pus infections may be starting points. Science is hard at work to find the cause and improve the method of discovering early signs of this disease. Dr. Mayo, of Rochester, in an interview in Chicago, stated that when discovered in time especially on exposed parts of the body, it can be eradicated and even in a later stage there is hope. In the X-ray or radium treatment its spread is stopped, and delay is the conspirator of cancer.

Cerebral Hemorrhage (Apoplexy) is on the increase. The problem of advanced years is the arterial tragedy, hardening of the arteries. Some causes are:

1. Over-eating. 2. Sedentary habits. 3. Too violent physical labor. 4. Alcoholism. 5. Syphilis. 6. Excessive strain of modern conditions of living.

Hardening of arteries may exist a long time until suddenly a brain hemorrhage occurs. Testing the blood pressure is the test for arterial hardening. One may live long with this trouble by using precaution, and what one of us in our right mind does not want to live long? If a man is persistently dizzy and has head-aches not due to eyestrain or constipation, care should be taken. Tabulated below is the average blood pressure of 50,000 people. 15 to 19 years, 120; 20 to 24 years, 122; 25 to 29 years, 128; 30 to 34 years, 124; 35 to 39 years, 126; 40 to 44 years, 128; 45 to 49 years, 130; 50 to 54 years, 132; 55 to 59 years, 134; 60 to 64 years, 135; 65 and over 136.

The pressure in each case can run 12 more. Persons with low blood pressure have low death rate. For high blood pressure, "greens in the pot with a hunk of bacon, ham, hock, or hog jaw" is a fine diet, but don't forget the old time pot-liker. They contain iron, phosphorus, and lime.

Deafness. Enlarged and diseased tonsils and swollen adenoids are a source of ear infection which may lead to deafness. Scarlet fever, measles, common colds with nasal obstructions may cause

deafness also blowing the nose violently is not advisable. Hold the handkerchief a quarter of an inch from the nose and do not press either nostril while blowing.

During February and March last there was a highly infectious respiratory disease in Chicago which spread rapidly and there were 201 deaths in nine days. There was present the so-called influenza bacillus but not the same as war time Flu. The alarm caused precaution and it was soon checked.

**Typhoid Fever.** "Statement has been made that for every case of Typhoid, some one should be hanged." Most cases are attributed to neglect or ignorance. It is an object of sanitation and is justly termed a disease of defective sanitation. In Chicago its control is due to adequate supply of water and proper disposal of waste. In July a man was reported to the health department as having Typhoid Fever, and he stated his uncle and aunt were both sick in bed and investigation proved that an elderly lady, the grandmother had been a victim of it during childhood and had married and at the age of thirty her husband died of the disease. She was a typhoid carrier for fifty years. In 1925 there were 2,328 who availed themselves of free vaccinations in Chicago. In January there were 120 cases and sixty per cent of them were treated in hospitals where they could be isolated. Twenty-five of these cases could be traced to asylums.

**Syphilis.** In my report in 1920 in Indianapolis, I used this sentence: "If civilization spell syphilization, then write demoralization and ultimately eradication of our race." The sign post bearing this inscription should be placed wherever people pass—Stop! Listen!! Danger!!! This is a present day warning, for despite vigorous measures of repression, this disease, records show has attacked half of the boys under 30 years of age, a large number of young women, and many little babies. There is too much suppression of facts about this disease. Unless you give your co-operation, there will be more victims of this contagion within a year than were numbered for the U. S. Casualty list in France during the World War. If you have a baby, a wife you love, a son or daughter leaving for college, you should co-operate with your health department in suppressing this monster. We have fire insurance and fire extinguishers to safeguard us against loss from fire; cyclone cellars and tornado insurance to protect us from loss by storm, but we are not protecting ourselves against our most deadly enemy, "social diseases." Lurking behind the protecting screen of ignorance, fear, timidity, and false modesty, these assassins play havoc. We don't hesitate to discuss other diseases but the mere mention of this disease is an offense to society. If this disease, as prevalent as it is, were small pox, we would fear to leave home. It attacks not only the guilty but the innocent. Five out of every ten boys become infected. At least 800,000 people of New York have been or are now infected. Be a "pal" to your son and daughter. Know their associates. Your son will probably keep away from the professional fallen woman, but don't forget that the loose girl associate who is highly sexed, emotional, undisciplined, a reader of trashy literature, and a seeker of thrills, is almost as bad as the woman of sin. She permits liberties and soon the inevitable happens to her. Let your boy understand this and let your girl understand that five out of ten young men have been or are now infected. Perhaps you are one of those who think it perfectly legitimate for boys to "sow a crop of wild oats"

before they settle down. "Wild oats for your sons means wild oats for other people's sons and our daughters must share in the reaping of the harvest." Twenty-four per cent of blindness in children is due to gonorrhoea, and thirty per cent to syphilis, making a total of fifty-five per cent due to "social diseases."

"Wild oats" of yesterday are watered by the tears of today over the childless cradle or the operation table for the wife. There can't be any wild oats if these diseases are to be checked. "Pal" with your children and above all set the proper example by yourself practicing what you preach. Two and one half million cases of venereal diseases are treated annually in the United States—one person to every forty. If your daughter knew this she would not be hasty in giving her love. She will see to it that the man she marries is as fit as she. Normal life demands marriage and there is no substitute for it.

People should be taught that morally it is assault with intent to kill for a man knowingly to infect a woman, or a woman to infect a man. "We are a link in a chain of human beings that reaches as far forward in the future as backward in the past. Instead of investigating a man's standing with beadsweat, or looking up his social standing, or the college from which he graduated or his scientific degree, let us see if he is one of the "five out of ten" free from diseases. Let us require health certificates from both contracting parties. Every institution for the feeble minded, both contracting parties. Every institution for the feeble minded, the blind, the insane, the epileptic, is a monument to our indifference to our carelessness in the waste of human life. A conservative estimate shows that these diseases cost at least \$300,000,000 a year in reduced efficiency. "Expose the facts to the cleansing light of knowledge, for these diseases thrive on ignorance. Study the nature of your children's interests and secure and retain their confidence and affection that you may better hold and control them and keep them nearer to your heart."

The discussion of alcohol is rapidly going out of fashion. Much of our ill health is mental and many times it is an unconscious bid for sympathy. The poor health enjoyer is a great annoyner. There are some people who turn every social gathering into a clinic, even at the dinner table, when you hope to enjoy a good meal, she begins by saying—"Since my last operation, etc. She tells how many hospitals she has been in and how many operations, how many stitches, etc., to the minutest detail in the annoyances of all who listen in. Let us remember to be sick, though ungraceful, is nothing to brag about. Get health habits. Sound sleep, good digestion, proper exercise at all seasons of the year, plenty of fresh air, sufficient sunlight, and a cheerful disposition, as well as good food, are good health habits. "Health is wealth."

Do you know a grouch? He is a sulky, grudge-holding, bad tempered, discontented, scowling person. He poisons the air, the man with a smile is the one who wins. If you get the grouch habit you'll have a grouch face. Sunshine, fresh air, and suitable exercise will prevent and cure any case of grouch. "Laugh and the story to somebody every day is a good cure. Laugh and the world laughs with you, etc." He keeps best from anguish who remembers God is always looking upon him. "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance." There are those in pain night and day, some are helpless; others are trying to shoulder their burdens, swinging a wooden arm or carrying an artificial leg;

whose fingers and toes ache continually, who are harnessed or strapped up in order to walk erect, yet they are always smiling. In the Piney Woods school in Mississippi is a little legless boy who pedals his chair, but he is the sunshine of the school. I knew a woman, a mother in Chicago whom I met on my missionary field, who had been confined to her bed, a helpless invalid for four years and her cheerful spirit and sweet smile lifted me from a depressed spirit every time I visited her. If these can smile why not you with your headache and indigestion? "Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns." I thank God thorns have roses. Hot house plants don't thrive outdoors. People who are accustomed to going to football games, never take colds when caught in a rain.

**Dust and Germs.** Two important ways of avoiding diseases are to do the things which promote health and keep up resistance and the other way, try to destroy disease germs. Take care of yourself, keep personally clean, eat right, sleep right, live right, and think right. "Eternal cleanliness is the price of health."

**Fresh air.** Nature is a great doctor; give her a chance. We must have fresh air day and night to keep well, we must have plenty of God's glorious sunshine. A youngster without sunshine is like a flower kept in the shade; it is pale and soon wastes away. Cod-liver oil is like bottled sunshine for children.

**Food.** Right food is health food. There was a time when every child had to take sassafras tea or sulphur and molasses, but now that we have vegetables the year around, it is not necessary to take tonics. "Eat your tonic with a fork instead of a spoon." Fresh vegetables the green leafy kind, and fruits contain mineral to harden the bones and teeth and they contain life-giving, life-maintaining substances called vitamins, eggs and meats as required, milk in right proportions, are health givers and wealth growers.

**Rest and Play.** Take a little time off your work to rest. Do something you enjoy. Rest plays an important part in your life and that of your children. Be sure to get eight hours sleep.

Play a little every day, you and your husband. Play yourself and see that your husband relaxes from his strenuous work to play. We are never too old to play and it is not undignified either. Walk a great deal. When you walk miles and miles it brings smiles and smiles. If you eat your tonic with a fork instead of a spoon, plenty of oxygen, plus a liberal diet of green vegetables, plus the right kind of outdoor exercise and fun, will bring bright cheeks and the smiles that won't come off. The fountain of youth resides within yourself. Keeping young is a matter of thinking, feeling, and acting. If you eat rightly and throw off waste properly, you needn't go to a health resort for youth and health.

A food worth mentioning is ice cream, which helps to build muscle, teeth, and bones.

Prepare food in such a way that the smell will help to make it palatable, keep the nose clean and free from disease that you may enjoy the advantage of smell to the end of your days. In youth lay aside health reserve for later years.

**Make your surroundings cheerful.** Bear with your children. Remember they are as God made them, and they will love you and their home and there will be love and understanding. Old men weep when they hear the song "Home, Sweet Home,

because it brings thoughts of a cheerful, happy home. Live a hundred years.

1. Take nourishing foods in proper amounts.
2. Get fresh air day and night, in the house and out of doors in all sorts of weather.
3. Get sunshine directly or by taking Codliver oil.
4. Wear suitable clothing for the occasion and season.
5. Take proper rest and sleep.
6. Establish thorough elimination habits.
7. Think of life in pleasant terms, to worry is to fritter life away. Let your life be helpful.

"Then tell me no more of a house by the way,  
There is only one place I can live;  
'Tis there in the road by the side of men  
Who are needing the cheer I can give.

"'Tis pleasant to live in the house by the way,  
And befriend as the poet has said,  
But our Master is bidding us  
"Bear ye their load;  
For your rest waiteth yonder ahead."

#### REPORT OF ATTORNEY FOR WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY OF NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls held at the Training School, Sept. 14, 1925, after the attorney for the National Baptist Convention and the attorney for the Woman's Convention were called upon to explain the status of the Training School relative to the Woman's Convention, the Board of Trustees voted to amend the charter of the school so that all trustees hereafter shall be of the Woman's Convention.

A proposed amendment to the by-laws was passed, vesting in the Woman's Convention the power to select the Trustees to be elected.

After the meeting of the Trustee Board of the Training School in June, 1926, I received a proposed resolution to amend charter and by-laws. (See resolution.)

#### Conflict in Resolution and Proposed Amendment to Charter

The proposed amendment of the Charter states that all of the trustees hereafter shall be of the Woman's Convention. The resolution states that five be white and four influential colored.

Now the resolution, if passed, would be of non-effect, in this respect, if the charter is amended as proposed, unless the five white and four influential colored are of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention.

#### Opinion of Resolution

Under the Code of Law of the District of Columbia a corporation has the power to elect its trustees as prescribed in its by-laws or charter. It also has the power to amend the by-laws and the

charter. So, if the Board of Directors or Trustees vote to reduce the number of trustees, it can do so and keep within the law. A small board may do more efficient work.

As to a mixed board of white and colored, this mixture removes the administration from entirely racial. There is nothing in the charter to prevent electing white trustees.

The resolution states that the fourteen nominated by the state conventions, recommended by the committee of three of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. but the resolution proceeds to name the committee (viz. President of Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, Chairman of Board of Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls; and the President of the National Training School for Women and Girls only one of which committee is legally of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention. It is true at present that the other two members named in the resolution happened to be connected with the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, but the resolution places no restriction as to future presidents of the National Training School for Women and Girls and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls being connected with Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention.

The fact that two of the members of the committee are representatives of the Training School, and not of the Woman's Convention, vests the control of said institution in the Training School Board, and not in the Woman's Convention.

By naming the committee of three, the resolution, thus, removes from the Woman's Convention the right to name said committee.

I suggest the committee be named with respect to their connection with the Woman's Convention, thus harmonizing that part of the resolution stating said committee of three be of the Woman's Convention.

The resolution does not restrict the fourteen to be nominated by Baptist state conventions connected with National Baptist Convention of U. S. A., Incorporated.

Under said resolution there is a probability of the control of said institution being removed entirely from the Woman's Convention and from the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., Inc.

Regarding the proposed by-law: any funds remaining in the hands of the Trustees in case of discontinuance of the school may or may not be turned over to the Woman's Convention, as the words "may be transferred to the Executive Board of the Woman's Convention" leaves the transfer optional with the trustees of the Training School.

A copy of this opinion was sent to the President of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention and a copy sent to the President of the National Baptist Convention of S. S. A., Inc.

I recommend adoption of amendments proposed by Board of Trustees of Training School, Sept. 14, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE E. RUSII, Attorney for W. C. Aux. N. B. C., Inc.

### ROLL OF DELEGATES CLASSIFIED BY STATES

#### NAMES

#### GEORGIA

MISS ANNA E. MAXWELL  
MRS. ROSA BURROUGHS  
H. E. HARRIS  
S. J. FLUNKER  
A. D. GADSON  
S. E. BROWNE  
HATTIE HARRIS  
L. L. WASHINGTON  
L. L. CRAIG  
W. F. MCKINNEY  
J. C. WOODRUFF  
MATILDA GRANT  
MARY N. JONES

A. D. WILLIAMS  
BESSIE FOSTER  
HATTIE FORREST  
CORA WILLIAMS  
BEULAH JOHNSON  
D. D. CRAWFORD  
HATTIE BERRY  
W. M. NABRITT  
W. M. FLETCHER  
J. C. WILLIAMS  
MRS. CRAWFORD  
H. F. HARRIS  
JESSIE ROBINSON

#### ILLINOIS

L. R. EDDINGS  
W. L. PETTY  
H. GREGORY  
L. GOZA  
H. J. WELLS  
A. L. BRYANT

E. M. SCOTT  
MATTIE BLEDSOE  
I. B. MAXWELL  
S. J. HUTCHINS  
EVA T. DEAN

#### NEW JERSEY

VIRGINIA GILMORE  
MARY WALKER

H. E. HARRIS

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Per Capita	Education of Delegates	National Convention	General	Home Missions	Miss'ns Salary	Total
<b>ALABAMA</b>								
Baptist Woman's State Convention.....	Mrs. H. M. Gibbs, Mrs. R. E. Pitts Anderson, Mrs. C. M. Wells, Mrs. V. B. Pearson, Mrs. B. N. Campbell, Mrs. E. V. Hanby, Mrs. Altra C. Gilmore, Mrs. S. A. Bell, Mrs. E. J. McCarroll, Mrs. P. J. Watkins, Mrs. Mary Baker, Mrs. Octavia Weatherby.....	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$10 00		\$50 00
New Era Woman's State Convention.....	Mrs. L. A. Freeman, Mrs. Nevada Davis.....							
Dexter Avenue Missionary Society.....	Mrs. C. M. Wells, Montgomery.....				5 00			5 00
Jefferson County District Association.....	Mrs. Katie Jones.....				5 00			5 00
First Baptist Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Mary E. Baker, Carbon Hill.....							
Woman's Missionary and Educational Society of Rushing Springs Association.....	Mrs. E. G. Eastley, Mrs. J. B. Wright.....				10 00			10 00
Macedonia Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Connie Ward.....				5 00			5 00
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Society.....	Mrs. S. A. Bell, Birmingham.....							5 00
<b>ARKANSAS</b>								
Woman's State Convention.....	Mrs. E. H. Phillips, Mrs. Alabama Kendrick, Mrs. M. C. Booker.....	10 00		30 00	10 00			50 00
Ozan Woman's District Association.....	Mrs. L. C. Delaney, Miss G. A. Fuller.....				5 00			5 00
C. W. R. District.....	Mrs. Fannie Harris.....	5 00		10 00	10 00			25 00
P. L. M. and D. Women's District Association	Mrs. H. J. Harris.....	20 00	2 00		5 00	3 00		25 00
St. Marion District.....	Mrs. A. D. Pettis, Grady.....				6 00	5 00		10 00
Antioch District Woman's Association.....	Mrs. Ella Ross, Mrs. Willie D. Jackson, Mrs. Pinkie Bean, Mrs. Mary Wheeler.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
Missionary Union, Roanoke Baptist Church.....	Mrs. Roberts Barnett, Hot Springs.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
The S. E. D. W. A.....	Mrs. Lillie E. King.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
Walnut Grove Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Amanda Howard, Marianna.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
M. V. U. District.....	Mrs. Belle Phelps, Mrs. M. L. Broadnax, Cain.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
St. Paul Band.....	Mrs. M. J. Parker.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
Chicago District Association.....	Mrs. Della Springer, Eldorado.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
First Baptist Missionary Society.....	Mrs. V. E. Brown, Mrs. Golden Beary.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
Ouchita District Woman's Association.....				10 00	10 00			20 00
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>								
Woman's Convention of So. California.....	Mrs. V. J. Robinson, Mrs. Lucy W. Hill, Mrs. R. N. Holt, Mrs. A. R. Roder, Mrs. Corinne Carter, Mrs. E. C. Sneed.....	5 00		5 00				10 00
<b>COLORADO</b>								
E. B. Delaney Missionary Society.....	Mrs. E. L. Ward, Mrs. B. Thrashley, Burton.....			5 00	5 00			10 00
Queen Esther Missionary Society.....	Mrs. I. S. Powell, Denver; Mrs. Myrtle Williams, Denver.....			5 00	5 00			10 00
Bethlehem Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Florence Grant.....	1 00		4 00	5 00			10 00
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>								
Mt. Carmel Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Crate, Washington.....			5 00	5 00			10 00
Metropolitan Woman's Club.....	Mrs. Emma Allen, Mrs. Bertha King, Mrs. Sarah King.....			5 00	5 00			10 00
Mt. Carmel Senior Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Hattie Haines, Mrs. A. C. Williams, Washington.....				5 00			5 00
Women's Auxiliary, Mt. Bethel Bapt. Asso.....	Miss Lula Richardson, Miss Lillian Robinson, Washington.....			10 00	10 00			20 00
<b>FLORIDA</b>								
Florida Baptist Women's Convention.....	Mrs. Viola T. Hill, Mrs. Jennie Morris, Mrs. A. J. Brown, Mrs. T. E. Knight, Mrs. M. L. Regie, Mrs. Beatrice James, Mrs. R. L. Grant, Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. Patsy Hill, Mrs. Della Simmons, Mrs. Cora Royler.....	5 00		20 00	10 00	5 00		45 00
New Mt. Zion Women's Home Missionary Society	Mrs. Annie E. Slater, Mrs. Beatrice L. James, Daytona Beach.....	2 00		2 00	2 00			10 00
St. John Home Missionary Society.....	Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Miami.....	2 00		2 00	2 00			10 00
<b>GEORGIA</b>								
Reed Street Missionary Society.....	Dr. E. P. Johnson, Mrs. E. F. Johnson, Atlanta.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		10 00
Wheat Street Senior Missionary Society.....	Dr. P. Jaa Bryant, Mrs. W. F. McKinney, Mrs. J. L. Robinson, Mrs. L. L. Craig, Mrs. C. A. Williams.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		10 00
Zion Hill Missionary Society.....	Miss R. L. Brown, Atlanta; Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Atlanta.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		10 00
First Missionary Society.....	Mrs. J. H. Gadsden, Macon.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		10 00
Metropolitan Missionary Society.....	Mrs. Aris Mullens, Mrs. Petronia Henderson, Mrs. Evelyn M. Taylor, Columbia.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		10 00



STATISTICAL TABLE (Continued)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Exp- -len -Min- -is-	Educ- -ation -of -Fore- -ign- -mis-	National -T- -rain- -ing -Sch- -ool	Gen- -eral -Ex- -pen- -se	Home -Mis- -sions	Mis- -sion- -ary -Sal- -ary	Total
Southeastern Woman's District Convention	Mrs. Mary Dial, Mrs. Millie Anderson, Mrs. Susan Pennell, Rev. J. W. Elias, Mrs. Bessie Radcliff							
The New Hope Missionary Society	Mrs. Afee Wichita, Mrs. C. Tillman, Miss H. Mc-	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	6 00		25 00
St. Mary's Missionary Society	Mrs. Ora Evans, Mrs. J. Douglas	3 00		5 00	2 00			10 00
KENTUCKY								
Baptist Woman's State Convention	Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, Mrs. Mamie Morris, Mrs. F. R. Given, Mrs. Elnora Wallock, Mrs. Carrie Crain							50 00
The King's Daughters of Calvary Baptist Ch.	Mrs. Alleria Shanklett, Mrs. Hattie Wrenn, Mrs. Mary Morris, Mrs. Mary Scott, Louis-							10 00
Green Street Missionary Society	ville	10 00		2 50	2 50			10 00
LOUISIANA								
Woman's Auxiliary of Calcasieu U. District	Mrs. Octavia Captain, Mrs. M. Barber, Mrs. Eva Bryant, Mrs. B. Jefferson, Mrs. Artie Patterson	5 00	6 25	6 25	5 00	2 50		25 00
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. G. L. Williams, Mrs. V. Jarvis Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. I. J. Rodgers, Mrs. W. W. Jones			15 00	10 00			50 00
Texas and Louisiana District Convention	Mrs. Mary Jones							25 00
MICHIGAN								
Woman's Auxiliary of Michigan	Mrs. Ida Pope, Mrs. W. L. Scott, Mrs. A. J. Bryant, Mrs. I. Brown, Mrs. Hattie Whel-							50 00
	stone, Mrs. J. H. Jackson, Mrs. Lucille Wash- ington, Mrs. Wm. Banks, Mrs. Ruth James,							25 00
Woman's Auxiliary Metropolitan Baptist Asso- -ciation	Mrs. Ann Higgins, Mrs. Ida Rollins, Mrs. Katie Bell, Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Mrs. Dora Lewis, Mrs. Ida B. Shaw, Mrs. Annie Wil- -son, Mrs. J. S. Williams, Mrs. A. J. Bryant, Mrs. Willie Mae Banks, Mrs. Ruth James			25 00	25 00			50 00
Hartford Avenue Mission Society	Mrs. Pearl Colbert, Detroit	1 00		3 00	10 00	1 00		25 00
Tabernacle Missionary Society	Mrs. A. J. Bryant, Mrs. Hattie L. Whelstone			3 00	10 00			5 00
Second Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. Mabelle Hammond, Detroit			6 00	10 00			15 00
Eastern District	Mrs. A. J. Bryant			10 00	5 00			15 00
Mt. Olive Missionary Society	Mrs. Wm. Banks, Mrs. A. L. Higgins, Mrs. I. B. Rollins, Detroit			5 00	5 00			10 00
Corinthian Missionary Society	Mrs. Dora Lewis, Hamtramck			5 00	5 00			10 00
Calvary Missionary Society	Mrs. Nellie Scott, Mrs. Lydia Brown, Detroit	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 00		10 00
St. James Missionary Society	Mrs. J. H. Jackson, Detroit			5 00	5 00			10 00
Antioch Missionary Society	Mrs. Ida B. Shaw, Detroit			5 00	5 00			10 00
Shiloh Missionary Society	Mrs. Annie Wilson, Mrs. Ruth James, Detroit			5 00	5 00			10 00
MISSISSIPPI								
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. E. D. McGowan, Mrs. I. H. Casey, Mrs. S. R. Blackson, Mrs. H. A. Green, Mrs. M. J. Walker			30 00	2 00			50 00
Woman's Convention	Mrs. G. L. Hill, Mrs. Ida Velton, Mrs. T. J. Wilson			10 00	10 00			20 00
East Mississippi Convention	Mrs. M. A. Overstreet, Mrs. M. E. Pflanz	15 00	2 00	20 00	10 00	3 00		50 00
Coast Woman's Convention								5 00
MISSOURI								
Baptist Woman's State Convention	Mrs. Mary E. Coens, Mrs. C. R. McDowell, Mrs. A. J. Abington, Mrs. Estella Digna, Mrs. Mary Mason, Mrs. Mamie Johnson, Mrs. R. X. Arthur, Mrs. Anna B. Brown, Mrs. Fukey Pitch, Mrs. O. C. Maxwell	10 00		10 00	30 00			60 00
First Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. Louise Cook, Mrs. Pinkie Pitch	2 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	1 00		14 00
Antioch Woman's District Convention	Mrs. C. R. McDowell	5 00	6 00	6 00	5 00			25 00
North Missouri District		25 00			25 00			50 00
MARYLAND								
Jones Watkins Memorial Missionary Club	Mrs. Lida S. Richardson, Baltimore				5 00			5 00
Woman's Auxiliary of Mt. Bethel	Baltimore							20 00
First Baptist Dorcas Missionary Society	Baltimore	25 00			5 00			30 00

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	Members	Education of Foreign	Students National Training School	General Expense	Home Missions	Miss Burroughs' Salary	Total Sent
First Colored Dorcas Missionary Society	Rev. Albert Green, Baltimore	25 00			5 00			30 00
Zion Missionary Society	Rev. C. B. Burton, Minneapolis							5 00
Lizzie Morris Missionary Society	Mrs. Annie D. Jordan, Miss C. Dequence Jordan, St. Paul	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00
<b>NEBRASKA</b>								
Women's Convention Auxiliary to New Era District	Mrs. L. F. McIntosh, Mrs. Georgia Thomas, Mrs. L. E. Griffith, Lincoln	5 10	2 00		25 00			32 10
Mary Magdalene Missionary Society	Mrs. Catherine Jackson, Mrs. Mabelle Mills, Omaha				10 00			10 00
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>								
Hopewell Missionary Society	Mrs. Bertha Borders, Newark				10 00			10 00
Zion Hill Missionary Society	Mrs. Mary Childs, Newark			5 00	5 00			10 00
<b>NEW YORK</b>								
Concord W. T. Dixon Progressive Missionary Society	Mrs. Laura E. A. Jones, Mrs. Lottie Henderson, Brooklyn							
First Shiloh Missionary Society	Mrs. E. Jacobs, Mrs. L. Allen, Buffalo	1 00	1 00	3 00	5 00	2 00		10 00
<b>OHIO</b>								
Second Missionary Society	Mrs. Eduah Lewis, Akron				5 00	1 00		6 00
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>								
Oklahoma Women's Convention Auxiliary	Mrs. E. W. Sedy, Mrs. M. J. Brookway, Mrs. D. S. A. Davidson, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. M. L. Hatchler, Mrs. J. Jackson, Mrs. M. K. Mrs. L. E. Thompson, Mrs. L. M. K. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. N. Childers, Mrs. P. H. Shaw, Mrs. A. Feroman, Mrs.							
Tabernacle Missionary Society	Porter, Mrs. Ella Scott, Mrs. M. H. Foreman, Oklahoma City	5 00						5 00
St. John Missionary Society	Mrs. Nannie Childers, Mrs. E. Anderson, Rev. E. O. Crockett, Muskogee				5 00			5 00
Mt. Calvary Missionary Society	Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. A. Foreman, Mrs. M. Hoyatt, Oklahoma City	10 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	5 00		25 00
East Zion District Woman's Convention	Mrs. L. E. Thompson, Mrs. L. E. Hall, Mrs. Elvora Smith, Miss M. Jackson, Mrs. Gaylard, Mrs. Garson, Nowata				10 00			10 00
St. Paul District Association	Mrs. M. L. Barthler, Ardmore	5 00		5 00	5 00			15 00
Star Light Band	Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Fannie Morgan, Mrs. Gertrude Howell, Mrs. Darlie Owens, Tulsa			5 00	5 00			10 00
First Home Mission	Mrs. M. V. Chinn, Mrs. J. T. Pierson, Mrs. Laura Hardiman, Mrs. Jamie H. Davis, Mrs. F. A. Weathers, Mrs. L. C. Harris, Mrs. Hannu Roberts							13 00
Northwest Creek Woman's Convention	Mrs. M. L. Griddle, Mrs. C. E. A. Henry, Mrs. Ella Scott							12 00
Southeastern District Woman's Convention	Mrs. J. R. Goff, Mrs. D. S. A. Davidson, Mrs. Nellie Young							12 00
Chickasaw District Woman's Convention	Mrs. L. E. Thompson				10 00			10 00
St. Paul District Woman's Convention	Mrs. Callie Hall, Mrs. Katie Johnson	5 00			5 00			10 00
Paradise Missionary Society	Mrs. Alma Kilgore, Mrs. N. L. Logan, Mrs. Fannie Bryant, Oklahoma City	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		10 00
Calvary Missionary Society	Mrs. Malcol Little, Mrs. Olive Davis, Mrs. Gertrude Grayson, Mrs. Meandi Carter, Tulsa	6 00	3 00	2 00				10 00
Mt. Zion Home Missionary Society	Mrs. Fannie B. Shaw, Sandarko							3 00
First Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. Laura Hardiman, Mrs. Levenia McKinney, Cushing							10 00
Mt. Olive Missionary Society	Mrs. H. W. Jackson, Mrs. E. Anderson							10 00
Creek Woman's Convention, Mt. Calvary Missionary Society								10 00
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>								
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. Alice Tucker, Mrs. S. W. Layten, Mrs. S. W. Bennett	10 00		5 00	20 00	15 00		60 00
Mallinck Mission Society	Mrs. S. W. Layten, Rev. W. H. E. Powell, Philadelphia	10 00			5 00	5 00	6 00	26 00
Lydia Missionary Society of Union Baptist Church	Mrs. Alice Tucker, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Little Gordon, Mrs. Julia Graham, Philadelphia			2 00	5 00	3 00		10 00
Providence Missionary Society	Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, Chester			5 00	5 00			10 00

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DELEGATES AND NAME OF PLACE	District	Number of Delegates	Total	National	Foreign	District	Home	New	Total
<b>TENNESSEE</b>										
State Missionary Convention	Mrs. M. F. Cooper, Mrs. Marie Lawrence, Mrs. Carrie Keith, Mrs. T. O. Dickerson, E. W. D. Isaac, Sr., Mrs. E. W. D. Isaac, Jr., Mrs. M. Eddings, Mrs. Culp, Hurd, Mrs. H. Flowers									
Keyne Avenue Missionary Society	Mrs. Marie Lawrence, Mrs. Maggie Lawrence		10 00	10 00	13 00	10 00	10 00			53 00
Metropolitan Bible Band					5 00	5 00				10 00
Spruce Street Missionary Society	Mrs. M. Isaac, Mrs. Josie E. Isaac, Mrs. Wansend, Nashville				5 00	5 00				10 00
<b>TEXAS</b>										
Woman's State Convention	Mrs. Edna Strickland, Mrs. M. G. Watkins, Mrs. J. A. Boone, Mrs. H. U. Nelson, Mrs. Laura Baker, Mrs. A. Brown		2 50		2 50	5 00				10 00
Cypress Baptist District Convention					25 00	25 00				50 00
Old Landmark Association	Mrs. H. E. Scott, S. I. Phareson, Mrs. L. Simons, Mrs. M. A. Shapkin		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00				25 00
Union District Convention	Pollock, Mrs. J. C. Lane, Mr. J. M. C. Arns, Mrs. M. S. Jones, Mrs. E. E. Nott, Mrs. A. Miss, Mrs. Russell		5 00		10 00					25 00
Northwestern Women's Convention			5 00							25 00
N. Eighth Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. B. Owens, Miss Minnie Jones, Mrs. A. E. McPherson, Waco				2 00					5 00
St. Paul Missionary Society	Mrs. A. Herron, Sawangle						5 00			5 00
Jerusalem Missionary Society	Mrs. E. L. Wilson									5 00
Mt. Gilend Missionary Society	Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. I. L. Boone, Mrs. L. J. McNorton, Fort Worth				10 00					10 00
Friendship District Association	C. Polk, Mrs. A. Howard, Mrs. M. E. Calvin, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. C. D. Hunt, Mrs. E. Stephenson, Mrs. Ella Still, Mrs. G. C. Sampson		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00			35 00
St. John's Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. M. E. Brown, Deatur									5 00
Sixth Avenue Missionary Society	Mrs. N. L. Perry, Corsicana									5 00
St. John Missionary Society	Mrs. C. C. Harper, Dallas		2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	3 00			10 00
East Texas Bethel Woman's District Convention	Mrs. Willie James, Mrs. M. J. Orice, Mrs. Mary Williams				5 00					5 00
Lorraine District			2 00		15 00	10 00				27 00
Northwest Women's Convention	Mrs. Laura Baker, Wichita Falls				2 00	10 00	15 00			27 00
St. John Woman's Home Missionary Society	Mrs. M. G. Watkins, Houston				5 00	5 00				10 00
Antioch Missionary Society	Mrs. Rosa Klok, Tezakona				5 00					5 00
Union Hill Missionary Society	Mrs. Azonno Wilson, Mrs. P. Houghs, Mrs. M. E. Nuckols, Mrs. Emma Kirkwood, Mrs. O. G. Taylor, Mrs. L. E. Pre John, Mrs. R. J. Watson, Mrs. V. Edwork, Mrs. M. Butler		2 00	3 00	5 00		15 00			25 00
Salem Baptist Missionary Society	Mrs. Cora Petty, Mrs. Nora Adley, Mrs. M. B. Hibrew, Dallas				2 00	3 00				5 00
West Texas District	Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. H. O. Nelson, Mrs. Laura Baker, Mrs. A. Herron, Mrs. A. Menzo		5 00		10 00	10 00				25 00
Mt. Olive Woman's District	Mrs. J. D. Hollman				5 00					5 00
New Hope Missionary Society	Mrs. M. S. Reed, Mrs. V. A. Hall, Dallas				5 00					5 00
Texas-Louisiana District Association	Mrs. Mary Jones				15 00	10 00				25 00
Teahada Missionary Society	Mrs. Willie Howard, Marshall									5 00
Coast Woman's Convention of the G. C. Association	Mrs. Irene Alfred									5 00
East Texas District	Mrs. A. B. Swann, Mrs. A. E. Johnson		1 00	1 00	5 00	2 00				10 00
Second Baptist Home Missionary Society	Mrs. H. C. Jowers, Mrs. H. A. Rogers, El Paso									5 00
WISCONSIN										
Mt. Zion Missionary Society	Mrs. M. E. Sanders, Milwaukee					10 00				10 00
Galilee Missionary Society	Mrs. Emma Jackson, Rev. B. L. Mathews					5 00				5 00
<b>WESTERN STATES</b>										
Western Baptist Convention	Mrs. Ida F. Bates, Mrs. Mary E. Goins, Mrs. V. L. Fenick, Mrs. Gertrude Ruah, Mrs. Eva T. Dean		10 00	10 00	10 00	20 00				60 00

WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO NATIONAL  
BAPTIST CONVENTION

Mrs. D. A. Austin, New Mexico	2 00
Mrs. L. O. Wright, Commerce, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Frankie Crowder, Box 213, Commerce, Texas	1 00
Mrs. J. R. Rivers, 815 E. Magnolia St., Fort Worth, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Ethel Wilson, 767 Poplar St., Beaumont, Texas	1 00
Mrs. A. Houston, 1716 Hall St., Dallas, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Emma Hall, 1716 Hall St., Dallas, Texas	1 00
Mrs. A. Greene, 1716 Hall St., Dallas, Texas	1 00
Mrs. M. D. Bolbrew, 3528 Myers St., Dallas, Texas	1 00
Miss Minnie Jones, 820 N. Thirty-second, Waco, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Sallie Robertson, Commerce, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Patsie Hughes, 815 Lincoln Ave., Port Arthur, Texas	1 00
Mrs. A. McPherson, 621 Indiana Ave., Waco, Texas	1 00
Mrs. A. P. Lacy, 1108 Gary St., Marshall, Texas	2 00
Mrs. C. S. Shoemaker, 729 N. Madison St., Thomasville, Ga.	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Colvin, 208 Rochester St., Terrell, Texas	1 00
Mrs. C. S. Booker, 403 South Virginia St., Terrell, Texas	1 00
Mrs. H. A. Rodgers, El Paso, Texas	2 00
Mrs. Minnie Basket, 2916 State St., Chicago, Ill.	2 00
Mrs. Mary Smith, 218 Leroy St., Shreveport, La.	2 00
Mrs. E. L. Harrison	1 00
Mrs. Bettie Graves	1 00
M. Ecle, R. 5, Box 82, Grandview, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Minnie Smith, Box 412, Rusk, Texas	1 00

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Mrs. William Jernagin, 1343 Third Street, N. W., Wash- ington, D. C.	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Cook, 1017 E. Pecan St., Sherman, Texas	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Brown, Decatur, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Susie Brown, 2083 Olive St., Stanford, Texas	1 00
Mrs. A. G. Menogan, 215 Duffie Ave., Ranger, Texas	1 00
Mrs. M. S. Reed, 1022 Ball St., Dallas, Texas	1 00
Mrs. A. P. Lacy, 1108 Garrett St., Marshall, Texas	2 00
Mrs. Vanilla Hall, 3515 Meyers St., Dallas, Texas	1 00
Miss Elnora Wallace, 510 N. Twenty-sixth St., Louis- ville, Ky.	2 00
Mrs. L. E. Clinton, Greenville, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Edith Tave, Greenville, Texas	1 00
Mrs. J. A. Delaney, Route 4, Quitman, Texas	1 00
Mrs. H. A. Rogers, El Paso, Texas	1 00
Mrs. C. Huston, Dallas, Texas	1 00
Mrs. M. T. Waters, Pittsburg, Texas	1 00
Mrs. J. A. Jordan, Box 1304, Breckenridge, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Rosie King, Texarkana, Texas, P. O. Box 284	1 00
Mrs. Oliva A. Gilmore, Wolfe City, Texas, R. F. D. 4, Box 50	1 00
Mrs. Lane, Texarkana, Texas	1 00
Mrs. C. C. Harper, Dallas, Texas	1 00
Mrs. Louisa J. Rogers, Louisiana	2 00
Mrs. Susie Houser Jordan, 847 Browning Ave., Chicago, Ill.	2 00

Total for Annual Members ..... \$56 00

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REV. A. W. PRYOR, Pastor

Fort Worth, Texas

September 8-10, 1926

## Proceedings

### FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

Ft. Worth, Texas, Sept. 8, 1926  
The National Baptist Laymen's Movement Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., assembled its Third Annual Session with Mt. Zion M. B. Church, Rev. A. W. Pryor, Pastor, Rosedale and Evans Avenues, with President Jno. L. Webb in the chair.

At two o'clock p. m., the president called the house to order and prayer was offered by Prof. W. W. Phillips Kosciusko, Miss. After making some brief introductory remarks, expressing hope for great results of the meeting, the president announced the house in order for business. Enrollment was as follows:

Hon. Jno. L. Webb, Prof. L. B. Turner, Prof. P. M. Smith, Prof. M. C. Averhart, each \$2.00. Prof. C. H. Thurston, Prof. J. M. Horn, Prof. Wm. H. Falconer, Prof. J. H. Smiley, Bro. G. T. Smith, each \$1.00. Bro. W. M. Sulcer, 50c. Total, \$13.50.

After some very encouraging remarks by Prof. Smith and others the meeting stood adjourned.

### SECOND DAY—Morning Session

The National Baptist Laymen's Movement met in regular session at nine o'clock with the president in the chair.

Devotions were conducted by Prof. Smiley with Prof. C. H. Thurston at the piano. Psalms 121 and 123 were read and were followed by a series of fervent prayers.

The president next made some brief remarks and announced the house in order for business.

Previous day's journal was read and adopted.

The Laymen's Sphere in "Christian Work was then ably discussed by Prof. W. M. Sulcer, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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## MINUTES

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Many good thoughts were presented by the brethren in connection with the splendid address.

Miss Alice Austin, Kosciusko, Miss., who had enrolled with us, made some very encouraging remarks and expressed hope for great accomplishments by the movement.

Enrollment as follows:

J. L. Sanders	\$ 2 00
T. L. Lucas	1 00
F. F. Evans	1 00
George Washington	1 00
G. A. Kinyon	1 00
W. M. Martin	1 00
Porter Aikens	1 00
A. W. Weatherford	1 00
H. T. Simmons	1 00
Miss M. A. Austin	1 00
W. W. Phillips	1 00
W. M. Coleman	1 00
M. M. Thurman	1 00
State Laymen's Movement, Arkansas	1 00
Ave. B. C. L. M.	5 00
State of Florida	20 00
W. H. Hover	1 00
S. H. Fowler	2 00
J. E. Kuykendall	5 00
I. H. Phillips	1 00
Mt. Zion Local Movement	5 00
Chas. M. Roberson	2 00
E. A. Graham	2 00
H. J. Monroe	1 00
Rev. J. Dever	1 00
R. P. Player	5 00
Local Movement, Durant, Mis.	13 60
Brought Forward	

\$178 50

Total Amount  
The meeting adjourned. Benediction by Prof. Smiley.

### SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened promptly at two o'clock. Song service was conducted by Prof. Smiley, Prof. C. H. Thurston at the piano. The president announced the house in order for business.

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"Object and aim of the Baptist Laymen's Movement" was ably discussed by Mr. G. T. Smith, Dallas, Texas, President of the State Laymen's Movement. The address was interesting as well as elevating. Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. Report of secretary and treasurer were read and adopted.

The amount raised last annual session, at Baltimore, Md. is as follows:

Amount	
Disbursement	\$279 00
Sept. 30th Nat'l Baptist Convention	200 00
Oct. 7th Printing	6 50
Mar. 17th Cor. Sec'y Remittance	5 35
Aug. 12th St. Louis Button and Badge Co.	37 20
Total	249 05
Balance	29 95

Rev. W. H. Jones of Ky. was introduced by Prof. Smiley as a friend to man and to the Laymen's Movement. Rev. G. W. Hampton of Ky., was also introduced and complimented for his interest and support of the Movement. By motion of Rev. J. H. Horn, Prof. Smiley was elected Gospel Singer for the National Baptist Laymen's Movement and authorized to represent same.

Dr. E. A. Graham, who was programmed to respond to welcome, being indisposed, Mr. L. R. Russell was offered substitute and accepted.

"What is the Laymen's Place in the B. Y. P. U.?" was to be discussed by Rev. W. F. Graham. His being absent because of duties evolved at the National Convention, general discussion became the feature of the Movement, by R. P. Payer, P. M. Smith and others.

C. H. Thurston rendered a musical selection after which S. H. Fowler and Rev. Ross spoke briefly on the above subject. Mr. Prattis, Chicago, Ill., member of the Associated Negro Press, was introduced. The audience was graced with the presence of several ladies all of whom were introduced.

Rev. Sanders, of Augusta, Ga., was introduced who did not attempt to speak, but asked information stating, that we may expect him next meeting. He enrolled two local organizations.

Rev. H. M. McCoy, was also introduced, and spoke freely, briefly and to our delight.

## ENROLLMENT

Rev. H. M. McCoy	\$ 1 00
L. R. Pernel	1 00
J. W. Sweet	1 00
M. S. Bennings	1 00
H. B. Sweet	1 00
Green St. Local L. M. Brotherhood 5263 Breckenridge St., Louisville, Ky.	5 00
Total	10 00
Brought Forward	178 50
Grand Total	188 50

After announcements by the president, Prof. Smiley led in singing "I Need Thee."  
Benediction by Rev. Jones.

## SECOND DAY—Evening Session

The service opened promptly at eight o'clock. After a very splendid song service conducted by Prof. Thurston, the president announced that the moment had arrived for the Welcome Program at which time Mr. G. T. Smith came forth as master of ceremonies. The program was as follows:

On Behalf of Mt. Gilead M. B. Church and other religious bodies, T. H. Tabb

On Behalf of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Bro. S. H. Fowler

On Behalf of the State of Texas, Dr. M. H. Leach

Response was made by L. R. Russell, of Florida. Song was led by M. C. Averhart, followed by remarks from the president.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, of Nashville, Tenn., spoke along general lines also introduced his historical pamphlets for which President Webb gave personally \$2.50.

Public offering was taken to the amount of \$2.20, one dollar of which was donated to the sexton and one dollar and twenty cents was given to the church.

Enrollment:  
T. H. Tabb ----- \$ 1 00

B. G. Smith .....	1 00
Total .....	2 00
Brought Forward .....	188 50
Grand Total .....	190 50

Announcements by the president. Benediction by Dr. L. G. Jordan.

### THIRD DAY—Morning Session

The meeting opened at ten o'clock with devotions conducted by Prof. Smiley, consisting of singing and sentence prayers. President made some opening remarks as to the order of the day and announced the house in order for business.

Journal of previous day was read and adopted. Dr. E. A. Graham, having been indisposed during the meeting made his arrival to the delight of all present.

Responding to the call of the president to the platform, he expressed his regret for being absent and spoke very interestingly and encouragingly of the work that had been accomplished.

Committees were appointed as follows: Enrollment, State of Country, Resolution, By-laws and Constitution.

Address, "What Is the Laymen's Place in the Church?" was to be discussed by Atty. Roberson. He being absent, general discussion followed which was led by Bro. Smiley, followed by P. M. Smith, W. W. Phillips and many others who made the hour worth while. The closing remarks were made by President Webb who was delighted with the matured thoughts expressed.

Editor P. P. Davis was introduced who spoke favorably on same subject. Atty. Roberson came on the scene, wide awake on the subject and left not a stone unturned.

Address, "The Possibilities of the Baptist Laymen," by Prof. F. F. Evans. The address was masterly and instructive. The following recommendations were offered by President Webb (1) That \$100.00 be turned over to the National Convention for the publishing house for publicity to the advantage of the National Laymen's Movements. (2) That \$100.00 be turned over to the National Convention to be placed in the Baptist Theological Seminary for Scholarship to aid some minister attending said institution



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President, Baptist Movement

and who is an ardent friend and supporter of the Laymen's Movement. (3) That each officer absent be sent a badge requesting his enrollment which is essential to his remaining an officer. Said recommendations, by motion, were adopted unanimously.

On motion by Dr. Graham that a vote of thanks be turned to President Webb for untiring and invaluable service rendered the organization—carried unanimously.

It was motioned and carried that the reporter be allowed \$25.00 for service.

It was suggested by Prof. Falconer that a public offering be taken for Bro. Smiley which was agreed to and the amount of \$3.05 was raised. On motion by W. W. Phillips that same become a part of the treasury and \$10.00 be donated Bro. Smiley. Carried.

## ENROLLMENT

Prof. J. C. Stokes	\$ 1 00
Jonathan Rolle	1 00
J. H. Washington	1 00
P. D. Davis	1 00
W. A. Wheeler	1 00
Rev. N. W. Newson	1 00
V. G. Gavel	1 00
J. H. M. Whitehead	1 00
Prof. M. S. O. Ruffin	1 00
Adam Smiley	1 00
W. M. Tucker	1 00
G. W. Hill	1 00
H. B. Brett	1 00
Ala. State L. M.	20 00
C. H. Hannah (Board Member)	2 00
Total including public offering	8 05
Stated above	43 05
Brought forward	190 50
Grand Total	233 55

Announcements by president and benediction by Bro. Smiley.

## FOURTH DAY—Morning Session

After an impressive devotion consisting of songs, scripture reading, and prayer, conducted by Bro. Smiley, the president, Hon. Jno. L. Webb, arose and expressed him-

self as favorably impressed as to the future achievements of the organization, based largely upon interest and enthusiasm manifested in the session now assembled, ministers included. Mr. H. S. Davis, La., was introduced by the president and Dr. Munches was introduced by Bro. Fowler; each expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the meeting.

## ENROLLMENT

H. S. Davis, Sr.	\$ 1 00
H. S. Davis, Jr.	1 00
L. Ross	1 00
Rev. W. M. Thomas	1 00
Joseph Johnson	1 00
T. P. Haralston	1 00
Rev. Ernest Still	1 00
Rev. J. W. Goldston	1 00
W. C. Brown	1 00
Sam Wells	1 00
Calvin Armstrong	50
Reed Moorehead	50
State L. M. Ky. by B. F. Reed	5 00
Centemel Local L. M.	5 00
State L. M. of Miss.	20 00
State L. M. of Okla.	5 00
Total	61 00
Brought forward	233 55
Grand Total	294 55

Stood adjourned

## FOURTH DAY—Afternoon Session

The session was opened at the general assembly of the National Baptist Convention.

The Convention suspended business and President Webb was given the gavel at four o'clock.

After some opening remarks by way of introducing the organization, President Webb introduced Dr. Spurgeon Davis, Pastor of Columbus St. Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., who delivered the principal address of the evening.

Mr. Nix, the great gospel singer, entertained with "I Need Him, Don't You." Prof. F. M. Smith, Mississippi,

was then introduced. He made a strong appeal for greater support of the Movement.

Secretary M. C. Averhart was next presented who submitted the report, turning over to the Convention one hundred dollars for the Publishing House for publicity, and one hundred dollars to the Baptist Theological Seminary for scholarship.

## ENROLLMENT

Mrs. E. B. Topp	\$ 1 00
J. R. Evans	1 00
James McGraves	1 00
F. M. Banker	1 00
J. G. Andrews	1 00
Washington Diggs	1 00
Clement Richardson	1 00
T. B. Watson	1 00
Rev. G. D. Griffin	1 00
Rev. W. W. Thompson	1 00
S. F. Grimes	1 00
Ralph Franklin	1 00
P. W. Echols	1 00
W. T. Daniels	1 00
Charles Brooks	1 00
E. W. D. Isaac, Jr.	5 00
Mt. Gilead Local L. M. of Texas, Ft. Worth	20 00
State L. M. of Texas	41 00
Total	294 55
Brought Forward	335 55
Grand Total	

After an expression of appreciation for space given for the session in the general assembly, the president returned the gavel to Dr. L. K. Williams, and the laymen returned to their headquarters for closing session.

With the president in the chair the work was continued as follows: The following committees made report: State of Country, Program, By-laws and Constitution. It was agreed that space be left in the program subjected to president's suggestions.

Committees' reports were adopted. The president suggested an extra session of the National Laymen and an executive board meeting in connection be held at Nashville, Tenn., during the National Congress 1927, all of which was unanimously agreed to.

By suggestion of the president it was agreed to buy two dozen pictures of the Laymen Delegation which had been made and the same be sold by the corresponding secretary, the proceeds of same be returned to National Laymen's Movement Eighteen (\$18.00) Dollars was turned over to Mr. S. Fowler for the purchase and delivery of said pictures to Corresponding Secretary P. M. Smith, Mississippi. Received of Mr. Fowler on pictures sold to J. M. Horne, R. P. Player, G. A. Kenyon \$ 2 50  
Brought Forward 335 55  
Grand Total 338 05

Dismissal being in order, all joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" followed by prayer offered by Bro. P. M. Smith. Stood adjourned to meet in Nashville Extra Session, 1927.

HON. JNO. L. WEBB, President  
M. C. AVERHART, Secretary

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

By Enrollment	5325 30
By Public Offering	10 25
By Special by Hon. Jno. L. Webb to Dr. L. G. Jordan	2 50
Brought Forward 1925	29 95
<b>Total</b>	<b>5368 00</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

To Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.	100 00
To Theological Seminary, for scholarship	40 00
To salary of officers	25 00
To Reporter	12 00
To Donations	2 50
To Special by Hon. Webb to L. G. Jordan	18 00
To Pictures by S. H. Fowler	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>2304 50</b>
Balance in Treasury	63 50
In hands of Treasurer	29 95
In hands of Secretary	33 55

## REPRESENTATION BY STATES

## ARKANSAS

State Laymen's Movement	\$100 00
Hon. Jno. L. Webb	2 00

W. H. Falconer	1 00
George S. Washington	1 00
Rev. J. W. Goldston	1 00
Rev. V. N. Kingston	1 00
W. T. Daniels	1 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107 00</b>

## TEXAS

State Laymen's Movement	\$20 00
S. H. Fowler	1 00
A. W. Washington	1 00
T. Smith	1 00
W. H. Hooker	1 00
W. H. Thurmond	1 00
F. F. Evans	1 00
J. M. Dever	1 00
H. M. McLeoy	1 00
T. H. Tabb	2 00
V. G. Garn	5 00
C. H. Hannah	1 00
Mt. Gilead Local L. M.	1 00
S. T. Grimes	1 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40 00</b>

## MISSISSIPPI

State Laymen's Movement	\$20 00
Durant Local L. M.	5 00
M. C. Averhart	2 00
L. B. Turner	2 00
P. M. Smith	1 00
C. H. Thurston	1 00
W. W. Phillips	2 00
J. L. Sanders	1 00
Miss M. A. Austin	1 00
Porter Akins	1 00
Rev. N. W. Newsom	1 00
W. M. Thurmond	1 00
W. A. Wheeler	1 00
Mrs. E. B. Topp	1 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41 00</b>

## TENNESSEE

J. M. Horne	\$1 00
E. W. D. Isaac	1 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2 00</b>

## INDIANA

W. M. Martin	\$1 00
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## MINUTES

## OKLAHOMA

G. A. Keyon	\$1 00
W. M. Sulcer	00
B. G. Smith	00
J. H. Washington	00
W. T. Tucker	00
G. W. Hill	00
James McCraven	00
State Laymen's Movement	20 00
Total	\$27 00

## FLORIDA

State Laymen's Movement	\$20 00
E. A. Graham	2 00
S. H. Phillips	00
T. L. Lucas	00
New Mt. Zion Local Laymen's Movement	5 00
L. R. Russell	00
J. W. Sweet	00
W. M. Johnson	00
Prof. J. O. Stokes	00
J. H. M. Whitehead	00
Rev. W. C. Brown	00
Rev. J. E. Evans	00
F. M. Hooker	00
G. D. Griffin	00
Total	\$38 00

## GEORGIA

M. S. Bennings	\$1 00
H. B. Sweet	1 00
Total	\$2 00

## KANSAS

H. T. Simmons	00
H. I. Mobroe	00
J. L. Anderson	00
Ralph Franklin	00
J. L. Anderson	00
Total	\$5 00

## KENTUCKY

J. E. Kuykendall	\$ 5 00
Prof. Jno. H. Smiley	1 00
Brotherhood Green St. Laymen's Movement	5 00
Adam Smiley	00
Prof. H. B. Brett	00
Rev. R. F. Reed	00

## MINUTES

T. J. Lewis	00
Lelan Clark	00
Rev. B. M. Milton	00
Sam Wells	00
T. P. Haralston	00
Rev. Ernest Estill	00
Bud Moorehead	00
Total	\$21 00

## LOUISIANA

Ave. Local Laymen's Movement	\$ 2 00
Chas. M. Roberson	1 00
R. P. Player	1 00
H. S. Davis, Sr.	1 00
H. S. Davis, Jr.	1 00
J. B. Watson	00
Total	\$11 00

## ALABAMA

States Laymen's Movement	\$20 00
P. D. Davis	1 00
M. S. C. Huffin	1 00
P. W. Echols	1 00
Total	\$23 00

## NEW YORK

Deacon L. Ross	\$1 00
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## CALIFORNIA

Calvin Armstrong	\$1 00
Rev. W. M. Thomas	1 00
Joseph Johnson	1 00
Total	\$3 00

## MASSACHUSETTS

Washington Diggs	\$1 00
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## MISSOURI

Clement Richardson	\$1 00
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Chas. H. Banks

1 00

## States Organized:

- 1—Florida
- 2—Texas
- 3—Alabama
- 4—Arkansas
- 5—Oklahoma
- 6—Mississippi

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF COUNTRY

Baptist Laymen's Movement of the the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.:

We, your Committee on State of Country, beg to submit the following:

We realize in the fullest measure that much remains to be done to bring about the complete salvation of the Negro in America, that under the Constitution he may enjoy unchallenged, the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuits of happiness.

The agencies at work for the betterment of our social, civil, and industrial life, constitute a colorful rainbow or hope that beckons us to a future of roseate promise.

We deplore the fact that there has been an increase of lynching of Negroes during the present year over last year. However there is a "rift in the clouds" and we point with delight to Texas, the host of our Convention, assembled, for presenting a lynchless record for the present year, 1926, to this good date, September 11. And it is worthy to note in this connection that such record is made for Texas under the administration of a woman governor.

Therefore, we the Laymen of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., implore the evidencing of the law without fear of favor. We wish to inquire, why some of our sister states are continuing to stain their fair names by foul play? We wish to ask, are not our state laws ample to adjudicate and redress for all crimes committed? If not why not?

## Industrial

The greatest part of the population of our group dwell in the southland, the agricultural section, the vegetable kingdom of America. As a matter of course, we find here our most perplexing industrial problems.

By the casual observer, it will be discovered that large areas of this alluvial territory is allowed to lie idle and waste from year to year. This condition is accounted for as the result of unfairness in treatment of landlord to tenants. The major cause why much of this land is now unoccupied, is that many southern landlords have not bestirred themselves to give the tenants suitable accommodations for living, schools, and churches.

We regard the south the best, and most logical place after all for our group, if an equitable conclusion might obtain which would guarantee fair and impartial treatment. We implore the strong arm of the law to give us no favors because we are black but accord us that only which we merit.

When we think of the "Lone Star State" where we are assembled today, with an area equal to that of New England, and with buried fortunes which when developed will attract the eyes of the world and repopularize the slogan of Horace Greely: "To the West, young man, to the West."

## Education

We, your committee, wish further to entreat our group to more analytically interpret the little latin word, "Education" which merely means to draw out. The great first cause, so little understood by man in the creative period, gives to man mind and for mind matter.

Now let us see to it that we give to these minds sufficient working matter to enable us to depict from cause to effect. From which the realization may obtain which will broaden our vision for social and economic uplift.

## Civic

We entreat the Interstate Commerce Commission in its survey of interstate traffic to canvass, please, the buying qualities of a dollar. And please explain, if possible, why a sixty dollar transportation ticket for Negroes cannot be associated in the thoroughfares of the Commission providing facilities of protection and the accommodations which money should insure.

We, the laymen, bow in perfect acquiesce to the separate coach system in the south, but implore the equalness of room and other facilities thereon. Again we ask, why reservations obtained in New York are lived up to until we get into "Dixie," where the Commission seems to terminate into local control?

We wish to invite the attention of the Commission to the fact that the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., is now assembled in its forty-sixth annual session in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, with every state in the union well represented. We have a delegation of easily 8000 or 10,000 and with transportation certificates, to and fro which will easily aggregate \$2000.00. Again, we wish to suggest, that our group is the biggest contributor to this cause of traffic. This we mean locally as well as generally. Therefore we ask that the buying qualities of the transient one hundred cents of Negro money be so merged with other group money that the amalgamation will be a guarantee of equal and untrammelled justice to either and both.

We wish to invite the civilized world to the South to canvass our soil. Nowhere in the world, has nature kissed a soil and germs of abundance which only have to be tickled to produce germination, more than here in the South. The Nile Valley must doff her hat to acreage yielding qualities of the Mississippi Delta and the Rio Grande Valley. And when we think of this soil where fresh vegetables are obtainable for twelve months in the year we can see that even here, crowned heads would do honor to themselves to promulgate the old slogan of the Golden Rule.

## Commercial

We wish to advise that we are becoming more concerned about production and less concerned about consumption. We are striving to become a well balanced book of assets to this section and

less a liability. We feel, and we trust it is being observed, that we are a part of this national fabric. And if accorded that which the loom of nature intended, we will see an unique spool of human effect being given off by human energy.

#### Religion

Finally, allow us to admonish the reading world to lend us your strong arm of assistance in pulling on and pulling over the program of religious furtherance. When we speak of religion, and we recognize the Primeval Promotor of it, we find him to have been a Jewish boy of only twelve years of age, initiating a universal fraternity. The Master instructed and encouraged human brotherhood. We, in like tone, ask that the agency of peace become and be our tower by day and by night.

If there be anything worthy, if there be anything loyal; if there be anything of good report to the reading world, think ye on these things.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. PHILLIPS, Chairman, Miss.  
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